

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, YOUTH, FAMILIES AND CULTURE**RESPONSE TO PETITION: SAVE OUR SERVICES – JACKSDALE AND
SELSTON LIBRARIES****Purpose of the Report**

1. This report informs Committee of the Council's response to the issue raised in a petition presented to the Chairman of the County Council at the Full Council meeting on 14 January 2016.

Information and Advice

2. A petition of 59 signatories was presented to Full Council on 14 January 2016 by Councillor David Martin titled 'We the undersigned urge you to reject plans to close the Libraries in Jacksdale and Selston. We want rural services protecting'.
3. The County Council has a statutory duty to provide a comprehensive and efficient library service and discharges this in part through a network of 60 static libraries and 3 mobile libraries.
4. The Strategy for Nottinghamshire Libraries provides the long term basis for the delivery and development of the service and this was agreed by the County Council in December 2011. The strategy outlines the development of the Community Partnership Library (CPL) concept in order to sustain the delivery of the service in smaller communities.
5. A CPL is a form of community involvement and support of small libraries that maintains the professional library service, reduces costs and prevents the threat of closure. This is a bespoke approach to each community and situation, and can include volunteering, fund raising, co-location and re-location with a partner or partners.
6. The programme of developing CPLs continues following the establishment of successful partnerships for Collingham and Tuxford communities in late 2015. A further partnership will be delivering a library in Annesley Woodhouse from 19th March 2016.
7. Discussions are ongoing across Nottinghamshire to develop sustainable partnerships, including Jacksdale, where the parish council are likely to be the partner, with potential co location of the library into the community centre.
8. There has been no threat of closure or plans to close Jacksdale or Selston Libraries.

Other Options Considered

9. No other options have been considered.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

10. To inform Committee of the Council's response to the issue raised in a petition presented to the Chairman of the County Council at the Full Council meeting on 14 January 2016. The Committee's recommendation will be reported to the next available Full Council meeting.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That the Committee confirms the Authority has no plans to close Jacksdale or Selston Libraries, as outlined in the report, and that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

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Constitutional Comments (LM 04/02/16)

12. The recommendations in the report fall within the Terms of Reference of the Culture Committee.

Financial Comments (CDS 03/02/16)

13. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

A Strategy for Nottinghamshire's Libraries – report to County Council on 15 December 2011

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Selston – Cllr David Martin

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