

INFORMATION ITEM



REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	TOURISM AND LEISURE COMMITTEE	8 SEPTEMBER 2016	8
LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REVIEW OF PROPERTY STRATEGY (NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRES)			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

Lancashire County Council (LCC) has recently been consulting on the rationalisation of its property base through the county. Consultation ran from 18th May to 12th August 2016. This included proposals to close the following Lancashire County Council buildings in Fylde Borough:

- Ansdell Library
- Freckleton Library
- Kirkham Library
- Kirkham Young People's Centre
- Lower Lane Young People's Centre
- Lytham Children's Centre
- Lytham Library and Registration Office
- Orchard Children's Centre (Freckleton) (designated)
- Pear Tree Children's Centre (Kirkham) (designated)

Buildings proposed to be retained to deliver specific LCC services are:

- Adult Disability Day Services (Sunnybank) - Adult Disability Day Services
- Milbanke Day Centre - Library Service and Older People's Daytime Support Service
- St Anne's Library - Library Service and Registration Service
- The Woodlands Resource Centre - Community Mental Health Service
- The Zone in Fylde - Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Service (0-19+ years)
- Children's Social Care (Sydney Street) and Oak Tree Children's Centre- Children's Social Care and Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Service (0-19+ years) (designated)
- Weeton Children's Centre - Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Service (0-11 years) (designated)

Following consideration of the consultation responses a report has been published on the agenda of the LCC Executive Scrutiny Committee for the meeting of 6th September which proposes a number of changes to the original proposals. The only change to the proposals in Fylde is to delay the closure of Ansdell Library whilst works are carried out to St Annes Library to ensure the provision of a full library service is available to the community whilst works to St Anne's Library are completed.

The report proposes that the full library service will cease between 1st October and 30th November 2016 but states there may be a period of transition as satellite libraries are delivered.

These revised proposals are to be considered by the LCC Executive Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday, 6th September. LCC Cabinet then meets on 8th September to consider the comments/recommendations of Scrutiny and to make a final decision on the matter.

Officers will update members of the Tourism and Leisure Committee at the meeting on the outcome of the decision taken by LCC Cabinet.

LCC is considering a number of expressions of interest for possible asset transfers to ensure some services continue under alternative arrangements. LCC has received the following numbers of expressions of interest from groups in respect of the following buildings in Fylde:

- Ansdell Library 2
- Freckleton Library 1
- Kirkham Library 2
- Lytham Library and Registration Office 2

LCC propose to consider the viability of the expressions of interest received in relation to the transfer of Council premises and to bring back a further report to the next meeting of Cabinet for consideration.

Lytham Library is owned by Fylde Borough Council subject to a shared use agreement with Lancashire County Council.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Lancashire County Council

LINK TO INFORMATION

LCC Executive Scrutiny Committee Tuesday, 6th September, 2016 2.00 pm

<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=878&MId=5442>

LCC Cabinet Thursday, 8th September, 2016 2.00 pm

<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=122&MId=5414>

WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?

Although the provision of the library service is a function of Lancashire County Council the terms and reference of the Tourism and Leisure Committee include arts, culture and heritage and may be of interest.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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