

RECORD OF DECISION BY CITY MAYOR OR INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER

1.	Decision title	Future provision of libraries and community centres
2.	Declarations of interest	
3.	Date of decision	11 March 2026
4.	Decision maker	Assistant City Mayor - Health, Culture, Libraries and Community Centres
5.	Decision taken	1. To note the activity that has taken place to date 2. To agree the model as presented in the report to move into implementation as stated in the recommendations 4.13 to 4.36. 3. To recognise that this level of library provision is considered to fulfil the City Council's statutory obligations. 4. To note the extent to which the proposals will support the delivery of the Council's savings requirements as set out in the revenue budget for 2025/26. 5. To approve the release of the £1m Library Investment policy provision to be added to the capital programme as an immediate start for building alterations and improvements, and to note the availability of a further £1m within the current capital programme to support this work.
6.	Reason for decision	The reason for the decision is to transform library and community services to ensure communities have the right type of service offering for the future, based on robust evidence gathering and delivered within the constraints of a significantly reduced divisional budget.
7.	A) KEY DECISION Yes/No? b) If yes, was it published 5 clear days in advance? Yes/no	Yes
8.	Options considered	Options considered can be found in sections 4.38 to 4.43 of the Executive Decision Report.

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9.	Deadline for call-in • 5 members of a scrutiny commission or any 5 councillors can ask for the decision to be called-in. • Notification of call-in with reasons must be made to the monitoring officer	18 March 2026
10.	Signature of decision maker (City Mayor or where delegated by the City Mayor, name of executive member)	<i>Via Dempster</i>