

## **Beaumont Leys Community Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> March**

Following a consultation on neighbourhood buildings in north-west Leicester a decision was taken on 17 June 2016. A number of projects were undertaken for buildings in Beaumont Leys ward as a result.

The decision for Beaumont Leys Library and offices was

- To retain the building and relocate a number of offices into the vacant area to reduce building running costs.
- Install self-service equipment for library and customer service use
- Refurbish community space for use by groups in the wider area.

The project to refurbish the library was completed in January. Services moved in from Mowmacre and Home Farm Housing offices and from the STAR office on Marwood Road at the end of January. Housing and library services are offered from a new shared reception desk.

Some further work is to be undertaken to complete the community rooms, including new energy efficient LED lighting and a new flexible partition wall.

The decision for Home Farm Neighbourhood Centre was to make the building available under the council's community asset transfer policy.

Community organisations were invited to submit a business case during the autumn last year. A decision was taken in January to grant a lease of the building for 5 years to the Beaumont Leys Muslim group who currently meet at the centre.

The decision for Beaumont Leys (Home Farm) Neighbourhood Housing Office was to move services into the improved Beaumont Leys Library. This took place in January of this year.

Lee Warner, Head of Neighbourhood Services, 7 March 2017