



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
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Library Public Value Review

7 February 2011

Summary – Information only

1. Cabinet met on February 1st 2011 and agreed a number of recommendations arising from the Library Public Value Review. The most significant was to consult with Parish Councils, community organizations, and groups on the introduction of Community Partnered Libraries in Surrey. Cabinet looks to local committees to lead in driving the community partnering approach at the following libraries and to identify community groups willing and able to take responsibility for the local management and running of community partnered libraries. Eleven have been identified of which two are in Runnymede: New Haw and Virginia Water.
2. Progress on consultation is due to be reported back to Cabinet in June and the Council intends that discussions with interested parties are underway by September 2011.
3. Cabinet also agreed that the mobile library service should be removed but that existing users should be contacted and asked how they would like to access the library service in the future. Alternative means include community transport, volunteer drivers as well as e-readers.
4. The Council will consult about co-design of a local library service at selected libraries through a **community partner approach**. Likely partners could include a broad range of local organisations, community groups, businesses, Parish Councils and local charities. The Council will continue to provide ongoing support to these libraries – through premises, stock and IT provision, as well as training and other support from the service.

5. The review recommends that the Council should establish community partnerships at selected libraries. The Local Committee (Runnymede) is asked to assist the Library Service in consulting with and engaging with local community groups and organisations on the viability of establishing a community partnership at Virginia Water and New Haw libraries.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: Public Value Review of Surrey Library Service: Report to Cabinet, 1 February 2011
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