



Libraries Staffing Review

Surrey County Council Local Committee (Woking) 21 June 2007

KEY ISSUE:

The Library Service is currently undertaking a fundamental staffing & structural review.

SUMMARY:

The Review has demonstrated that genuine efficiency gains result from enhanced automation and the introduction of self-service technology for library users. The benefit for library users is a measurable improvement in hours of access in Surrey County Council libraries. These proposals will have a positive effect on Library opening hours in each Borough/District. This report itemises in Section 7 the changes for Woking.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to:

1. Support the approach of seeking improvements to opening hours and services through efficiency gains from Self-service new technology:
2. Support the proposed new Group structure – three Groups of libraries, A ('Town' centre), B ('District' Centre) and C ('Local' Centre), with a geographic / strategic approach
3. Support the resulting improvements in opening hours in Libraries in Woking.

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Safer and Stronger Communities Select Committee 23/05/07

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**Background Papers: Safer and Stronger Communities Select Committee
Report "Libraries Staffing Review 2007 Phase 1" 23 May 2007 and
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