

**WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY DECISION
CABINET MEMBER (COMMUNITY SERVICES)**

ITEM:	WEOBLEY AND LEINTWARDINE LIBRARIES
Date of Decision:	21st July 2005
Purpose:	Seek approval to proceed with community consultation at Weobley and discuss a joint management pilot with the Leintwardine Village Hall Committee.
Decision:	THAT (i) Community consultation is undertaken in respect of the future of Weobley Library. (ii) A joint management pilot be discussed with Leintwardine Village Hall Committee in respect of Leintwardine Library.
Reasons for the Decision:	<p>Leintwardine and Weobley Libraries are both identified in the library strategy as ‘..unsuitable for offering a modern library service and are priorities for either re-location or delivering in partnership with the local community.’ Evaluating options for the future of both facilities is included in the 2005/6 Library Service action plan.</p> <p>Both facilities were included in the Council’s proposals to reduce expenditure for 2005/6.</p> <p>Following attendance at a recent Weobley Parish Council meeting by the Library Policy & Development Manager to talk about the future of the library and subsequent correspondence, carrying out a formal consultation with all stakeholders is required before any further decisions are taken.</p> <p>Officers responded in May 2005 to the local community’s proposals to redevelop the village hall (and library space) at Leintwardine – no further response has been received to date.</p>
Options Considered:	Not Applicable
Declaration of Interest:	None

COUNCILLOR RV STOCKTON:..... Date:.....
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