

THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THIS DECISION EXPIRES AT 5.00PM ON FRIDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2011. THE DECISION CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED UNTIL AFTER THAT DATE.

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS AT COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT ON FRIDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2011

Present: Cllr Barry Abraham - Cabinet Member for Fire, Culture and Resident's Services

Jon Baker – Democratic Services Officer

Item	The Library Review: Concluding Stage
Decision reference	38/11
Notice of Decision Published	22 September 2011
Decision taken	Option A - To cease funding the libraries in Bembridge, Brighstone, East Cowes, Niton and Shanklin on 30 September 2011. Option B - To grant leases or tenancies-at-will to East Cowes Town Council, the Edward Edwards Library Ltd, Shanklin Theatre & Community Trust and the RCC.
Reasons for decision	To increase community-led engagement in libraries, whilst continuing to provide a comprehensive and efficient library service on the Island. To deliver services in a more cost effective way by engaging with local communities and partners.
Additional reasons	To align with the following Eco Island Sustainable Community Strategy themes: A healthy and supportive Island (because the opening of community libraries is offering volunteering opportunities which will lead to more people playing an active role in their locality). A thriving Island (because it sees local communities establishing enterprises to operate the community libraries),
Options considered and rejected	Option C - To continue funding all eleven libraries
Declarations of interest	None declared
Additional advice received	None received
Appendices Attached	APPENDIX - Equality Impact Assessments for Brighstone, Bembridge, East Cowes, Niton and Shanklin libraries – FINAL VERSION In making the decision, the Cabinet Member took into account the above appendix.