



# Buckinghamshire County Council

## Report

Cabinet Member for  
Community Services

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<b>Date:</b>	21 May 2001	<b>Decision to be taken on or after: 28 May 2001</b>
<b>Title:</b>	Wing Library: relocation within the Village Hall	<b>CM Decision No: CS 9/01</b>
<b>Author</b>	District Librarian (Aylesbury Vale and Chiltern)	
<b>Electoral Divisions Affected</b>	Wing	

### Summary

**Recommendation** To agree to continued negotiations with the Trustees of the Wing Village Hall Committee in line with the principles outlined in the report.

Wing Library is the smallest in the County, located within Wing Village Hall in space that is inadequate to provide a full library service, for which, however, the Village Hall charges a minimal rent. As a part of improvements to be made to the facilities at the Hall, the library has been offered just over three times the existing space in a new extension to be constructed along the side of the building. This would be adequate to provide a community library giving a service comparable to other villages of a similar size in the county.

A lease is currently being negotiated by Bruton Knowles with the Trustees of the Village Hall in accordance with the decision of the Lifelong Learning Sub-Committee of 26 September 2000 to approve the relocation of the library within the village hall and continue negotiations for the relocation of the library. Consent in principle is sought for the County Council taking the lease, subject to approval of the terms by the Cabinet Member (Resources).

The library service is asked to commit to the following in principle:

- An anticipated increase in rent to enable the Hall to cover their running costs.
- Use of the library by community groups outside normal opening hours, subject to agreement with the library service that the use does not conflict with the objectives of the service and that sufficient security arrangements are in place

- Extension of County Council funded opening times by three hours at a cost of £1000 - the Parish Council funds three hours of opening time and may wish to continue this arrangement in addition

All extra revenue costs will be funded from increased audio-visual and other income resulting from the anticipated increase in library use following the extension of the service. Fit out costs will be met from existing budgets.

The long term aim of the project will be to provide a foundation for partnership working with local community groups to extend the range of library services and the use of library facilities.

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**Decision Taken:**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (General Manager/Head of Service)

in consultation with

\_\_\_\_\_ (Cabinet Member)

Date:

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**Background Papers**

**Representations**

Any representations regarding this proposed decision should be made to Head of Cabinet Support by 5.00 pm on Friday 25 May 2001 be done by telephone (to 01296 382966), Fax (to 01296 383441), or e-mail to cabinet@buckscc.gov.uk

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