

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Nicola Horsey, Assistant Director Community and Regulatory Services
Date:	24 th December 2018
Title:	Temporary Closure of New Milton Library for refurbishment

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. To temporarily close New Milton Library for a refurbishment. The programme of works will span 11th February – 7th April

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. To enable the refurbishment of New Milton Library including; General redecoration, upgraded furniture, revised layout to create a more accessible children's library and new spaces for income generation. The refurbishment will create a modern vibrant community space, bringing the Library in line with the ambition of the future Library Strategy to 2020.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Phased refurbishment is not possible, due to the increased costs this would incur and the complexities of trying to do so in such a site.
- 3.2. Alternative provision of library services can be found at surrounding libraries: Lymington, Milford-on-sea (community) and Ringwood. Books will be available for an extended loan over the closure periods, will not incur fines and all online services will not be affected.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. None.

5. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service:

- 5.1 None

6. Supporting information:

6.1 Library service customers will be able to borrow up to 30 books prior to 11th February and books will not be subject to fines or charges during the period of closure. Prior to the closure staff will be using social media to promote the broad range of free online resources, including e-books and e-audiobooks via [BorrowBox](#) along with e-magazines and reference guides included within the [Digital Library](#).

Approved by:

Date:

Nicola Horsey
Assistant Director Community and Regulatory Services

(on behalf of the Director of Culture, Communities and
Business Services)