

Addendum to the report to Cabinet: Library Contract Extension from September 2018 to August 2023

Since the publication of the report, the Council's contractor, Carillion Integrated Services Ltd has gone in to compulsory liquidation and the Official Receiver has been appointed by the High Court.

The Official Receiver's priority is to ensure the continuity of public services while securing the best outcome for creditors. All employees, agents and subcontractors are being asked by the Receiver to continue to work as normal.

In the short term, Carillion will continue to provide the services and LBE will work closely with them and the Official Receiver. At the same time, the Council will continue to work towards securing the most efficient and high quality library services in to the future through a contract with another provider or by considering bringing the service in-house. In order to provide maximum flexibility for the council to achieve this aim in a short timescale (as a consequence of the liquidation process), Cabinet is requested to delegate authority to the Executive Director to finalise the negotiations.

Current Recommendation:

Delegates authority to the Executive Director Environment & Customer Services, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Community and Libraries, to extend the current contract for the provision of Libraries Management Services for a further five years from 1st September 2018 to 31st August 2023, to be funded from the existing approved Library contract budget of £2.051m per annum.

Additional Recommendations:

Delegates authority to the Executive Director Environment & Customer Services, following consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Community and Libraries, to take all necessary steps to manage the liquidation process and in particular to have authority to:

- a) Novate the existing contract to a suitable alternative service provider
- b) Vary or terminate the existing contract as necessary
- c) Award a new contract to a suitable alternative service provider
- d) Investigate bringing the Library Services in house
- e) Enter into any necessary agreements to give effect to a) – d) and the liquidation process