MOTION ON NOTICE

1.1 The Proper Officer reports that, pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 13, the following motion has been received from Cllrs M J Steptoe and T G Cutmore:-

'This Council has noted the review and public consultation that has been launched by Essex County Council in regard to the library provision across the County, including the District of Rochford.

The District Council also recognise that the current library service is outdated and needs modernising.

We encourage all to respond to the consultation as this will shape the way the future service will be delivered.

However, we are mindful that the County Council also has a duty under the 1964 Libraries and Museums Act to provide a library service for our residents. We are largely rural communities and we will endeavour to ensure that Essex County Council also considers this within its review, taking into account the Equality Act 2010 and access to services.

Therefore, this Council pledges to work alongside Essex County Council and the local community in both shaping and delivering future library provision throughout the District and will support the retention of a library service in all the current five existing areas in the District.'

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Assistant Director, Democratic Services

Background Papers:-

None.

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