

BUDGET CUT ASSESSMENT FORM

W5

Budget Cut Assessment Form COCKERTON LIBRARY	Ref No W5	Responsible AD	Responsible Finance Manager	Responsible HR Manager	Responsible Lawyer	Responsible EIA Officer
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Description of Proposal:

Cockerton Library is the only branch library within Darlington and in recent years has had a reduction in opening hours and during 2014/15 into 2015/16 discussions have been carried out with the voluntary sector to try to develop a volunteer-led library within Cockerton. To date this has not proved successful and the Council continues to manage the library. There were approximately 86,888 books loaned from Cockerton during 2014/15 and alongside book lending there are 10 computer terminals for use by library members providing 280 hours of access per week. The total number of visits to Cockerton Library in 2014 was 42,050.

Proposal:
Cockerton Library would be closed.

Impact:
The closure of the library would impact significantly on residents who regularly use the service. There will be a requirement to complete a Library Needs Assessment and full Equality Impact Assessment prior to Members making any final decisions.

Human Resources Impacts		Asset Management Impacts	Decommissioning Costs	Cost Shunting
No. of posts to be deleted	1.6	Detail any released buildings/building space Identify disposal or requisition issues The building could be disposed of and land sold for other purposes.	In addition to HR and Asset costs identify any others e.g. early contract termination costs Demolition, to be confirmed. Boarding up, to be confirmed. There would be an annual cost of approximately £8,000 per year associated with rates, mothballing and maintenance until disposed of.	Is there any known or potential to increase costs elsewhere within Council budgets None.
No. of potential redundancies	4			
Estimated Redundancy costs	£28,896			

	Financial Summary				
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Estimated reduction to budget	0	52,000	52,000	53,000	53,000
Redundancy Costs	0	28,896	0	0	0
Asset Implication					
Decommissioning Costs	0	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
Known Cost Shunting					
Overheads	0	1,671	1,666	1,685	1,685
NET Budget Reduction	0	16,775	45,666	46,685	46,685

Equality Impact Assessment

Officers have considered the proposal's relevance to Darlington Borough Council's Public Sector Equality Duty and full Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken. A copy of this is available in 3 (b) Appendix 1.