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25<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Hugh,

We the undersigned write to notify you that we wish to call-in, in a limited fashion, the decision made at the Cabinet meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 on **Item 8 Library Management Contract Extension**. Specifically we wish to call in **Recommendation B and D**, we are content for the other recommendations to be implemented as soon as possible. We have done this to ensure that the current service is able to continue uninterrupted but that any future decision on outsourcing would need to go back to Cabinet. If anything we are doing in this call-in puts at risk the Library service, please let us know and we will look at withdrawing the call-in.

We wish to call-in the Recommendations B and D on the following grounds as stated in **Part 4B** Committee Procedure Rules, in the Harrow Council Constitution:

*45.5.1 inadequate consultation with stakeholders prior to the decision*

- The tabled addendum was only circulated to members in the audience at Cabinet as the item was reached during the meeting. This gave no opportunity and insufficient time to consult, ask questions or propose amendments. Whilst this is reasonable in the case of Recommendations A and C which deal with the short term issues and aim to bring stability to the Library Service, it is unreasonable in the case of Recommendations B and D which deal with the next 5-10 years and give the power to award a new contract with no further consultation with staff or service users.

*45.5.2 the absence of adequate evidence on which to base a decision*

- There is no substantial evidence presented on which to base a decision.
- There is no detail of what any new contract will look like or what the costs or length of the contract would be.

*45.5.4 the action is not proportionate to the desired outcome*

- The recommendations delegate unnecessary and undue power. Giving the power to take a key decision, with long term implications, without any further public scrutiny.

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