

Item 15.2 Future of Library Services

Cr Bowman moved Cr Groote seconded

- (1) The 'Library Services to the Future' Project report (Attachments 2-25) is endorsed and the following recommendations (taken from the report) are adopted:
 - a. Planning for a new library to commence immediately
 - b. Financial provision of up to \$8m be made in the Long Term Financial Plan for a new library, (subject to updates on construction costs, fit out costs, and professional fees). Note – Lease options to also be considered in detail, for further discussion.
- (2) Staff to commence the process of exploring new sites that meet the building size and layout requirements as outlined in the report.
- (3) Staff to continue discussions with the Department of Education and Child Development (DECD) regarding the end of lease at 1 Thomas Street, Nailsworth to reach mutually agreeable outcomes regarding timing.
- (4) Staff to continue discussion with neighbouring Councils to continue to explore what services may look like more broadly across the region and how this may influence future planning of Library Services.

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