

**THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THIS DECISION EXPIRES AT 5.00PM ON
FRIDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2011. THE DECISION CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED UNTIL
AFTER THAT DATE.**

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS AT COUNTY
HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT ON FRIDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2011

Present: Cllr Barry Abraham - Cabinet Member for Fire, Culture and Resident's Services

Jon Baker – Democratic Services Officer

Item	The Library Review: Concluding Stage
Decision reference	38/11
Notice of Decision Published	22 September 2011
Decision taken	Option A - To cease funding the libraries in Bembridge, Brighstone, East Cowes, Niton and Shanklin on 30 September 2011. Option B - To grant leases or tenancies-at-will to East Cowes Town Council, the Edward Edwards Library Ltd, Shanklin Theatre & Community Trust and the RCC.
Reasons for decision	To increase community-led engagement in libraries, whilst continuing to provide a comprehensive and efficient library service on the Island. To deliver services in a more cost effective way by engaging with local communities and partners.
Additional reasons	To align with the following Eco Island Sustainable Community Strategy themes: A healthy and supportive Island (because the opening of community libraries is offering volunteering opportunities which will lead to more people playing an active role in their locality). A thriving Island (because it sees local communities establishing enterprises to operate the community libraries),
Options considered and rejected	Option C - To continue funding all eleven libraries
Declarations of interest	None declared
Additional advice received	None received
Appendices Attached	APPENDIX - Equality Impact Assessments for Brighstone, Bembridge, East Cowes, Niton and Shanklin libraries – FINAL VERSION In making the decision, the Cabinet Member took into account the above appendix.