

Risk Description	Potential Impact	Treatment (if not already in place, state implementation date)	Risk Owner
1. Implementing Key Decision			
Legal challenge	A legal challenge could give rise to costs to the Council, negative publicity and delay in implementing changes, which would impact on the delivery of the Medium-term Financial Plan (MTFP)	Legal advice has been sought and followed throughout the preparation of this report and the proposals. A robust consultation process has taken place, so that the rationale for the changes should be understood by key stakeholders; the report summarises the feedback from the consultation, and there has been some change to the final proposals in respect of the mobile service.	Corporate Director AWH & Head of Social Inclusion
Community concerns about proposed reduction in level of service	The proposals lead to a reduction in access to service, in terms of opening hours or proximity to a halt for the mobile library service and expenditure on new books.	The community concerns raised during the consultation process are summarised in the report, and a detailed consultation feedback report is available. The Cabinet report includes an equality impact assessment which considers the impact on particular sections of the community – this has been updated following consultation. As a result of the consultation, there has been some change to the final proposals in respect of the mobile service.	Corporate Director AWH & Head of Social Inclusion
2. Not Implementing Key Decision			
Failure to meet MTFP targets	The shortfall in savings would need to be met by the Council by reducing expenditure in other ways, across services. Alternative proposals for the library service may be required which would also require consultation and present the same risks as above but with potentially greater impact.	By supporting the recommendations in the report, Cabinet will be able to make a final decision on the future shape of the library service and the implementation of the MTFP savings having considered the views of local people.	Corporate Director AWH & Head of Social Inclusion