

ANGUS COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENTAL & LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE - 16 OCTOBER 2003

CHRISTMAS EVE AND HOGMANAY LIBRARY HOURS 2003

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This report seeks permission from the Committee to amend late evening opening hours at all full-time, part-time and mobile libraries within Cultural Services on Wednesday 24 December 2003 and Wednesday 31 December 2003.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee agrees to amend the opening hours at all the libraries as outlined below.

2. INTRODUCTION

It has been customary in previous years for library service points which are normally open beyond 5.00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and Hogmanay to close at 5.00 p.m. Staff scheduled to work at these times work additional hours during the Christmas and New Year weeks. In the case of part-time libraries alternative opening hours are offered earlier in the day to meet the needs of library users although this year this will not be required as none of the part-time libraries are scheduled to be open beyond 5.00 p.m. In addition we would terminate the mobile library delivery timetable at 5.00 p.m. on both routes.

Accordingly Cultural Services seeks approval from the Committee to amend library opening hours on Christmas Eve and Hogmanay as follows: -

Arbroath Library to close at 5.00 p.m. instead of 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday 24 December 2003 and Wednesday 31 December 2003.

Brechin Library to close at 5.00 p.m. instead of 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday 24 December 2003 and Wednesday 31 December 2003. (Unless the library is already closed for renovations).

Carnoustie Library to close at 5.00 p.m. instead of 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday 24 December 2003 and Wednesday 31 December 2003.

Forfar Library to close at 5.00 p.m. instead of 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday 24 December 2003 and Wednesday 31 December 2003.

Monifieth Library to close at 5.00 p.m. instead of 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 24 December 2003 and Wednesday 31 December 2003.

Montrose Library to close at 5.00 p.m. instead of 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday 24 December 2003 and Wednesday 31 December 2003.

Both mobile library vans will return to their base in Forfar for 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday 24 December 2003 and Wednesday 31 December 2003.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no Financial Implications associated with this report.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights associated with this report.

5. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration and the Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

NOTE: No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report.