

## Stockport Central Library

This Council Meeting objects to the permanent removal of library services from Stockport Central Library under the “Future High Street Fund – StockRoom” decision (CAB339).

This Council Meeting notes:

- the public consultation conducted by this Council found a majority of respondents were against the permanent removal of library services from Stockport Central Library;
- petitions with over 8,000 signatories received by this Council opposing the move; and
- the formal recommendation made by three scrutiny committees not to proceed with the move.

This Council Meeting believes that:

- Cabinet should rescind the decision to move Central Library from its current location to Merseyway;
- This Council should proceed with StockRoom, keep Central Library open and seek clarity with the Department of Levelling Up on the formal change procedure to vary the final mix of uses and spend profile; and
- a cross-party working group should be established to review and secure the long-term viability of Central Library in its historic home.

This Council Meeting requests that the decision is referred back to Cabinet for reconsideration along with the opinion of this Council Meeting as set out above.

Proposed by: Cllr. John McGahan

Seconded by: Cllr. Lisa Smart