

CYNGOR SIR CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Cabinet

Date of meeting: 17 July 2024

Title: Petitions received

Purpose of the report: To inform Cabinet of any petitions received

For: Information

Cabinet Portfolio and Cabinet Member:
N/A

Introduction

The following Petition has been received by the Council:

Petition Title	Number of signatories	Cabinet Member	Local Member (if applicable)
“Save our Library! Achubwch ein Llyfrgell!”	Approx. 800	Cllr Catrin M S Davies	Cllr Ann Bowen Morgan

The relevant service will now consider the contents of the petition.

Wellbeing of Future Generations:

Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed? If not, please state why.

N/A – this report informs Cabinet of the receipt of petitions only.

Summary of Integrated Impact Assessment:

Long term: N/A

Collaboration: N/A

Involvement: N/A

Prevention: N/A

Integration: N/A

Recommendation(s):

For Cabinet to note receipt of the following petition – “Ceredigion County Council are threatening to move our Library from its purpose built home. This will leave us with another empty building and likely force a reduction in its use. Help us to stop this proposal!”

Reasons for decision:

To inform Cabinet of the receipt of petition, for further consideration by the relevant service.

Overview and Scrutiny:

N/A

Policy Framework:

Council Constitution and Petitions Protocol

Corporate Well-being Objectives:

N/A

Finance and Procurement implications:

N/A

Statutory Powers:

N/A

Background Papers:

N/A

Appendices:

Appendix A- Copy of petition & letter

Corporate Lead Officer:

Lowri Edwards, Corporate Lead Officer: Democratic Services

Reporting Officer:

Lowri Edwards, Corporate Lead Officer: Democratic Services

Date:

29th May 2024

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Ceredigion County Council

Canolfan Rheidol

Rhodfa Padarn

Llanbadarn Fawr

Aberystwyth, Ceredigion

SY23 3UE

Thursday 23rd May 2024

Dear Ceredigion County Council,

I would like to call on the Council to reconsider the plans to relocate Lampeter Library from it's current location to the Well-Being Centre. I have petitioned the local community and as you will see, there is a complete and utter lack of support for the proposals being made by yourselves.

We recognise the need to save money, however the plans to relocate the library will adversely affect the large majority of Lampeter's library users. Our library is an absolute rarity of its kind; so many libraries struggle to find a place in their communities, yet ours truly is the heartbeat of Lampeter. The consideration to move the library appears to have been made by people who don't actually understand the way in which our town works and the vitality of such a well used resource.

If the library was to move, it would further detriment not only the users of the library, many of whom have issues with getting to the Well Being centre, but also to the viability of the high street as a functioning business hub. The high street relies on the footfall of the library, bringing people through Lampeter to complete their shopping and other jobs. This proposal will be the death knell for Lampeter on so many levels.

Again, I urge you, on behalf of Lampeter, it's library, the people who reside and have built their livelihoods here – do not move the library!

Please accept this petition on behalf of the community.

With many thanks,

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