

EXECUTIVE, RESOURCES & CONTRACTS**POLICY DEVELOPMENT & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED FOR ORAL REPLY BY
THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR RENEWAL, RECREATION AND HOUSING****1. From Ms Kathy Smith to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and
Housing**

How do you intend to fit 7 floors of library services, including the museum, the book stack and the halls for hire, into 2 floors in the new building and guarantee no loss of these services? If not in the new building, then where?

Reply:

The Top Shop site is more than adequate to accommodate all of the customer facing elements of the current Central Library as well as some enhancement of services such as a changing places toilet. Storage facilities will be located in other nearby buildings to retain easy access. No degradation of customer services is anticipated as a result of the move.

Supplementary Question:

Is this a proposal to move the library into the Top Shop building or is the report seeking approval to go ahead?

Reply:

The move is currently not fully costed and only when we have a fully costed proposal will we be seeking a decision from the Executive.

Councillor Jeal Supplementary Question:

Will staff areas be provisioned within the Top Shop space?

Reply:

In the current building there are various areas for staff and in the new building there will be adequate and suitable staff provision and Officers will be engaging with staff.