LIBRARIES NI
The Northern Ireland Library Authority
20 January 2016

Minutes of a special meeting of the Board of the Authority held on
Wednesday 20 January 2016 at 1.00 pm in Lisburn City Library

PRESENT

Professor Bernard Cullen Chairperson
Alderman Tom Campbell Vice-Chairperson
Councillor Dr Janet Gray
Councillor Garath Keating
Mrs Deirdre Kenny
Councillor Cathal Mallaghan
Alderman Stephen Martin
Ms Angela Matthews
Mr Alastair McDowell
Councillor Séan McGuigan
Councillor Jenny Palmer
Mr Harry Reid
Alderman Marion Smith
Ms Jane Williams

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms Irene Knox Chief Executive
Mr Terry Heron Director of Business Support
Ms Helen Osborn Director of Library Services

1. APOLOGIES FOR NON ATTENDANCE

Alderman Thomas Burns
Councillor Stephen Mcllveen
Dr Margaret Ward

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

2.1 The Chairperson reminded Members and Officers of the need to declare any
actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest associated with any item on
the agenda either now or at the relevant stage during the meeting. No
interests were declared.
3. BUDGET 2016/17

3.1 The Director of Business Support drew attention to the letter received from DCAL dated 21 December 2015 asking that all Arms’ Length Bodies (ALBs) develop revised Savings Delivery Plans to deliver budget reductions of 5.7% against the 2015/16 baseline budget which would equate to a cash saving of £1,677,000.

3.2 He reminded Members that Libraries NI also faced an unavoidable National Insurance pressure of £220,000 and inflationary pressures of £246,000 which added to the 5.7% cut, equated to total savings of £2,143,000 (7.28%) against the baseline budget in the 2015/16 year.

3.3 The Director of Business Support drew attention to each of the Savings Delivery Plans and the associated High Level Impact Assessments providing explanations as necessary.

3.4 On a suggestion from Ms A Matthews, Officers agreed to reflect in the relevant High Level Impact Assessments the impact that a reduction in library services would have on Section 75 individuals and on Good Relations. Suggestions were also made for some minor changes to wording in the Savings Delivery Plans.

3.5 After a lengthy discussion, and with great reluctance, on a proposal by Ms D Kenny, seconded by Ms J Williams Members approved the Savings Delivery Plans 2016/17.

4. ANY OTHER NOTIFIED BUSINESS

4.1 The Chief Executive asked Members to note the following dates in their diaries:

- Monday 22 February, 12.30pm – 2.00pm, Ormeau Library, Health in Mind end of project Celebration Event
- Wednesday 24 February, 11.00am, Official Opening, Carnlough Library
- Wednesday 2 March, 11.30am, Belfast Central Library, Launch of Two Cities, One Book Programme
- Thursday 10 March, 10.30am, Finaghy Library, Launch of Rub-a-Dub-Hub

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

5.1 Members noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Board would take place on Thursday 11 February 2016 at 10.30 am in Lisburn City Library.
6. **MEMBERS ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES**

6.1 The meeting ended at 2.00 pm.

6.2 All Members arrived for the commencement of the meeting and remained until it ended with the following exceptions:

Councillor G Keating arrived at 1.09 pm  
Councillor C Mallaghan arrived at 1.56 pm

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 11th February 2016