

**COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016**

**Question to Mr B. Adams  
Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills**

**By Mr. T. Finn**

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**Question**

“Can you please enlighten me with a full update regarding the future proposed plans for Lichfield Library?”

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**Reply**

Our proposed plans will ensure that the County Council will provide a first-class accessible library for now and future generations in Lichfield. We are ensuring that we provide a space which fits people’s changing needs and habits whilst representing the very best value for money for the taxpayer.

No final decision has yet been made; the proposed move to St. Mary’s in the Square would mean a ground floor and flexible library, which is located in the centre of the city, providing plenty of space for books, IT and meeting space alongside a range of services and activities which our libraries currently provide.

If I do approve the proposal, and I assure Members that I will thoroughly consider the options paper, the business case and the comments of the Select Committee which met on the 4 March 2016, the 30-year lease would be safeguarding the future of the Friary and St. Mary’s Centre injecting new purpose into the two landmark buildings.

I will ensure that all local elected Members are kept informed.