

To: LEARNING AND LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: WISHAW LIBRARY AND ENVIRONS, KENILWORTH AVENUE, WISHAW – SURPLUS TO OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS
From: HEAD OF COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND LEARNING		
Date: 5 August 2013	Ref: LM/EW	


**INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Learning and Leisure Services Committee to declare the building and site of Wishaw Library, Kenilworth Avenue, Wishaw surplus to Learning and Leisure Services operational requirements to facilitate the development of a modern purpose built joint facility between NHSL and the Council within Wishaw Town Centre. The proposed development will involve placing the facilities currently offered by NHSL within Wishaw Health Centre and the Council's First Stop Shop, Library and local Housing Office within the new building.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Learning and Leisure Services Committee agree to:-

- (i) declare the building and site at Wishaw Library, Kenilworth Avenue, Wishaw as detailed in the plan in Appendix 1, surplus to the operational requirements of Learning & Leisure Services; and
- (ii) refer this report to the Policy and Resources Regeneration Infrastructure Sub Committee for consideration.



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**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL – LEARNING AND LEISURE SERVICES**  
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**OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

**Report by Head of Community Information and Learning**

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**2.0 BACKGROUND**

At its meeting on 16 May 2013, the Policy & Resources (Regeneration & Infrastructure) Sub Committee approved the proposed disposal of land at Kenilworth Avenue, Wishaw extending to 0.8277 hectares or thereby for the purpose of developing a modern, purpose built joint facility between NHSL and the Council within Wishaw Town Centre. It had previously been agreed that the most suitable location for the new building would be in the town centre on the site of the existing North Lanarkshire Council Library. The proposed joint development will involve a new build which will encompass the facilities currently offered by NHSL within Wishaw Health Centre as well as the Council's First Stop Shop, Library and Local Housing Office services.

Planning Consent has been granted and provision made within the Council's capital programme for the funding of the Council element of the development.

Work is ongoing in preparation for the temporary transfer of the library facilities to the site of the former Wishaw Academy Primary School, East Academy Street, Wishaw. It is anticipated that this temporary accommodation will be available in the autumn. This site is located less than 200m from Wishaw Cross and is close to all bus routes.

Once the library has been relocated to East Academy Street the existing library building will be demolished. Thereafter work will commence on the new build which has an expected completion date of December 2015.

**3.0 CONSIDERATIONS**

Culture NL Limited currently has a licence to operate the library located at Kenilworth Avenue, Wishaw on behalf of North Lanarkshire Council. This agreement will be amended initially to cover the temporary operation of the library on the former Wishaw Academy Primary School site. Thereafter a revised arrangement will be put in place to allow Culture NL Limited to operate the library service on behalf of North Lanarkshire Council from the new facility.

#### **4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

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# LOCATION PLAN - For Information Only

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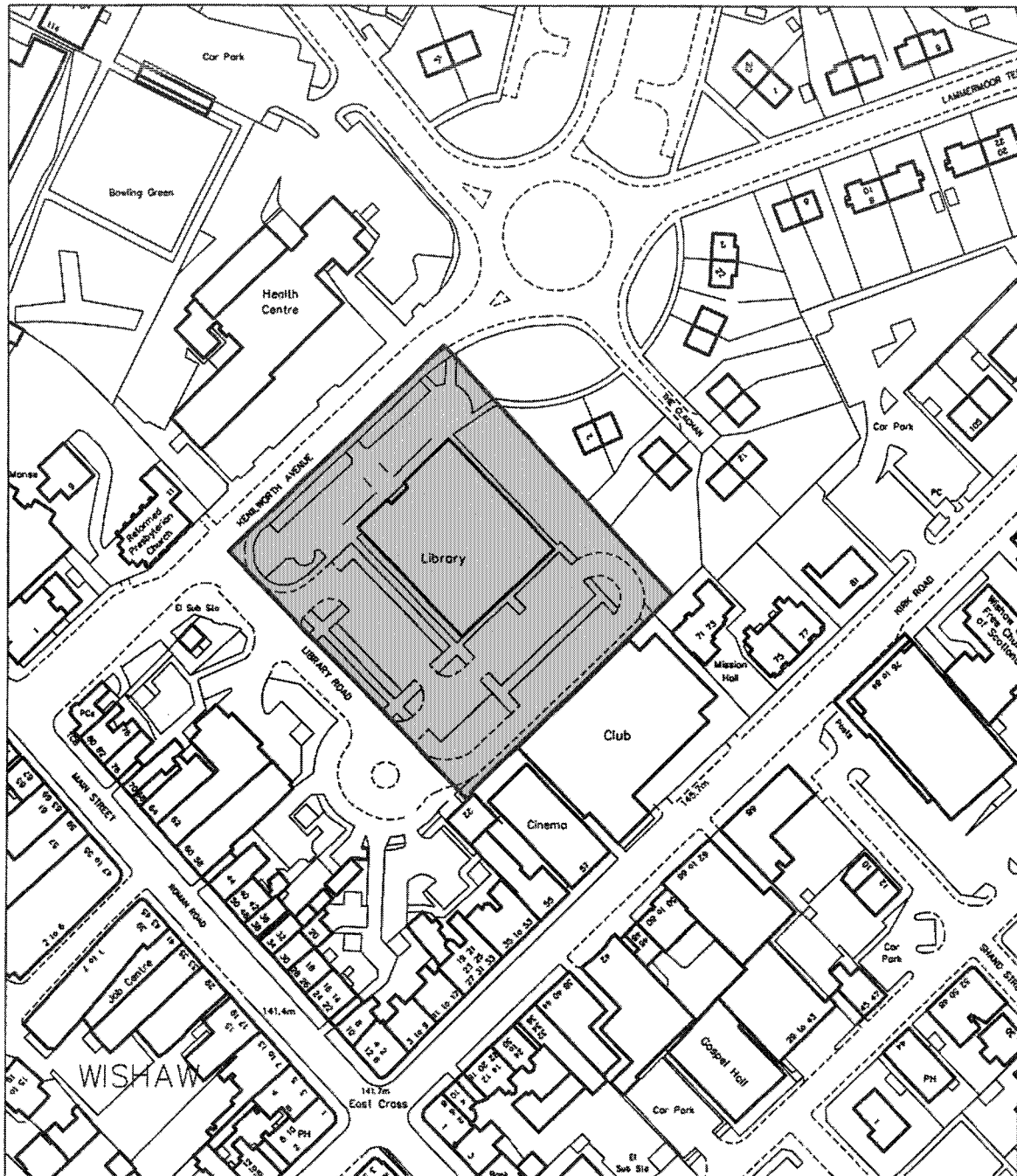
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Town: Wishaw

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