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**RECORD OF URGENT DECISION OF THE LEADER OF THE
COUNCIL**
**(in accordance with Section 3A of Part 3 (Paragraph 3) of the
Council's Constitution**

SUBJECT: Closure of Rhydyfelin Library following Cabinet Decision of 8th January 2014 –
Judicial Review Proceedings

DELEGATED DECISION (Date): 10/06/2014

On the 8th January 2014, following an extensive consultation process, Cabinet took the decision to close Rhydyfelin Library. The decision notice, dated 9th January 2014, sets out the basis for this decision.

On the 7th April 2014, the Council received notification that judicial review proceedings had been commenced by an individual who sought to challenge this decision.

The Council has since received legal advice in relation to these proceedings which has highlighted that developments in case law following the decision of 8th January cast some doubt as to the validity of the decision to close Rhydyfelin Library.

Following my appointment as Leader on 28th May 2014 I made a commitment that I wanted to explain the rationale for the tough decisions we currently need to make more effectively and openly with the public.

It is on this basis, and in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education and Chief Officers, I have taken the decision as Leader of the Council to re-open Rhydyfelin Library. I have instructed officers to re-open the library as soon as practicably possible and that it operate for the same hours as it did prior to 31st May 2014.

The judicial review claim is therefore conceded by the Council.

I will now ensure a thorough and frank dialogue is undertaken with local residents and users around the future of this facility and how the revised Library Service may support this community.

This decision is made subject to all necessary third parties consenting to the course of action outlined herein in particular the consent of the Court and the claimant who has brought the judicial review proceedings withdrawing their claim.

For the avoidance of doubt there would be no impact on other libraries that have been closed.

 Leader Signature	Print Name	Date 10.6.14.
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