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Dear Faye

North Prospect Library

Thank you for your e-mail dated 7 March regarding provision of a library service at the Beacon.

As we discussed, we believe that North Prospect library provides a valuable community resource, and are keen to work with you to maintain a library service in the building. We have now had the opportunity to review the use of the building and identify a range of potential options that could assist you in meeting your specification for continued library provision:

- The Café and atrium area of the Beacon along with the public area outside of the library itself offer public space and free wifi access. While this wouldn't support additional fixed IT provision, it would enable significantly more people to access services online through their own devices than 12 PC's would. And of course the café culture is growing and could be seen and promoted as a really positive addition to the library offer in the Beacon.
- The Beacon includes three meeting rooms and the communal hall which are available for hire on a sessional basis. If you wished to make a regular booking in advance, we would of course be happy to accommodate that.
- PCC already leases offices currently used by the FIP team at the Beacon. If your wider review of service provision and accommodation through the Transformation Programme reduces the demand for this space, you could utilise it for additional PC access points.
- Finally, in respect of the first option presented, we have a number of contacts who may be able to assist with the provision recycled laptops should this be of any interest.

For information, we will also be submitting a response to the wider library consultation, and we look forward to hearing further from you as your plans progress.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Clark', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Clark
Chief Executive