

## CABINET'S FAILURE TO DEFEND THEIR DECISION AT LIBRARY INQUIRY

Moved by Councillor Tom Anderson

Seconded by Councillor Paul Hayes

Council condemns the Leader of the Council's failure to give oral evidence in front of the public at the Library Inquiry.

Council notes that not one Labour or Liberal Democrat Cabinet member chose to give public testimony at the Inquiry and denounces the Council's Cabinet for hiding behind officers leading to a gross failure of transparency and accountability for the closure process and the decisions they have taken.

Council notes that the administration found it necessary to hire a barrister at Council Tax payer's expense to defend the Cabinet's decision and is concerned at the indicated costs.

This Council believes that the decision of the Labour/Liberal Democrat Cabinet not to defend their decision to close 11 Wirral Libraries in person at the Inquiry demonstrates contempt for the users of those libraries.

Council believes that the public of Wirral have lost confidence in the Leader of Wirral Borough Council and its Cabinet and therefore demands their immediate resignation.