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SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**



**MEETING OF SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Tuesday 2nd May , 2017**

**MOTION NO.5**

**MOTION: Councillor D. Looney**

That this Council rejects the "My Open Library" initiative and the concept of 'staffless libraries"; this Council instead pledges its support to a fully-funded, fully-staffed public library service, one which continues to expand and innovate in order to serve the people of South Dublin County.

**REPORT:**

The ‘My Open Library’ service has been operating very successfully for almost two years in Banagher Library, Co Offaly and Tullamore Library, Co. Offaly, and Tubbercurry Community Library, Co. Sligo.  The feedback from   members of the public is extremely positive, with users commenting that the library is now much more accessible for commuters, students and families. They are no plans to introduce an ‘Open Library’ facility at present in South Dublin County Council. A presentation was given at the Arts, Culture, Gaeilge, Heritage and Libraries SPC meeting in November.

The role of library staff is recognised as key to the expansion of the library service in local communities. ‘My Open Library’ does not involve any reduction of the existing staffed hours of service. During the regular staffed hours, library staff are available to provide expert and additional services and develop community engagement and programming

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