

## **Changes to Library Services – Consultation by Somerset County Council**

Members and parishes are alerted to changes that SCC are proposing to make to the mobile library service and you are asked to encourage residents to respond to the consultation process. SCC will be arranging a consultation process from November until 10 January 2015.

The link to the SCC web site is below:

[http://www1.somerset.gov.uk/council/board43%20scrutiny%20place/2014%20October%2014%20Item%208%20Appendix%20a%20\\_%20List%20of%20stops%20and%20potential%20i](http://www1.somerset.gov.uk/council/board43%20scrutiny%20place/2014%20October%2014%20Item%208%20Appendix%20a%20_%20List%20of%20stops%20and%20potential%20impact.pdf)

[mpact.pdf](http://www1.somerset.gov.uk/council/board43%20scrutiny%20place/2014%20October%2014%20Item%208%20Appendix%20a%20_%20List%20of%20stops%20and%20potential%20impact.pdf)

### **Main changes**

- Reduce fleet of mobile libraries from 4 to 2 saving £60k per annum
- Introduce criteria to rationalise stops & only attend communities of highest need with strongest demand eg > 3 miles from fixed library etc. visit play and older folks homes etc.
- Encourage development of alternative provision

Scrutiny Committee will also be studying these proposals.

Attached is an extract for Area East communities and it will also be mentioned in the parish bulletin.

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