

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Culture and Recreation
Date:	8 March 2011
Title:	Restructure of the Library Service, Phase 2 - Review of the Mobile Library Service, Final Proposals
Reference:	1610
Report From:	The Director of Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs

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1. The decision:

That the Executive Member for Culture and Recreation approves the final proposals for the Mobile Library Service, as set out in Appendix 1 and 6.1 to 6.6 of the report, subject to the removal of:

- Weale Court, Vyne Road, Basingstoke
- Fletchers Field and Hanover Court, Liphook
- Jenkins Place, Farnborough

This will result in providing a service to 361 stops around Hampshire, mainly on a four-week schedule with a target of at least 10 customers per 20-40 minute stop and 50 customers at longer stops of 2-3 hours. The new Service also will increase the number of volunteers in the Home Library Service, but will cease visits to Care Homes and to sheltered accommodation within two miles of a static library. A total of eight vehicles will be required and 10 full time equivalent staff. The new Mobile Library Service will start on 4 July 2011 and will be reviewed after 12 months.

It was also reported that the figures quoted in paragraph 6.5.1. of the report should read £15,000 - £71,000 each.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. The Mobile Library Service has probably never been reviewed in its entirety and certainly not since 1997. It was not efficient nor sustainable. The additional need to make savings contributed to the final proposals.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. To do nothing – this is not an option because the service is neither efficient nor sustainable in its current format.

3.2. To franchise the service – this may be an option in due course, but, in order to make changes and savings quickly, it has not been investigated at the moment.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

None

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

None

5. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

8 March 2011

**Executive Member for Culture and Recreation
Councillor K. Chapman**