**CONNECTING COMMUNITIES FORUM AREAS**

**EIA - Appendix A**

**COMMUNITY LIBRARY OPPORTUNITIES AND ISSUES**

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| **Forum Area** | **Existing provision: summary analysis** | **Existing discussions** | **Next steps** |
| **BATH** | Currently Bath City Area is the most well served Area with 3 Council run libraries; the Bath Central Library and 2 branch libraries (Weston Library and Moorland Road) with addition of 2 Community run libraries in Oriel Hall (Larkhall) and Southside Youth Hub. It is also served by the Mobile Library in Combe Down, Odd Down and Newbridge.  The overwhelming usage across all wards in the Bath City Area is at Bath Central Library. | Discussions are progressing regarding a library provision at Mullberry Park to serve the community. | The close proximity of Weston and Moorland Road to Bath Central and the user base of the branch libraries should be discussed further with the Bath City Forum. |
| **BATHAVON NORTH AND SOUTH** | Bathavon Area is currently served predominately by the Mobile Library which visits Batheaston, Bathford, Newton St. Loe, Bathampton, Wellow, Hinton Charterhouse, Freshford, Priston & Tunley. There is also a Community Library at Combe Hay Parish Church.  Usage of Bath Central library is high from all wards. |  | Discussions need to take place with the Bathavon North and South Forums as to whether their community is most appropriately served to meet their specific community needs. |
| **KEYNSHAM AREA** | Keynsham Area is currently served by 2 Council run Libraries 1 core library in Keynsham & a branch library in Saltford. The Mobile Library visits Chewton Keynsham, Marksbury, Compton Dando & Farmborough.  Usage of Keynsham library is extremely high across all wards with usage of Saltford predominately by a small group of regular Saltford residents. |  | Discussions need to take place with the Keynsham Area Forum as to whether their community is most appropriately served to meet their specific community needs. |
| **SOMER VALLEY** | The Somer Valley Area is currently served by 3 Council run Libraries Midsomer Norton, Radstock & Paulton. The Mobile Library visits Timsbury, Camerton, Peasedown St. John, Farrington Gurney, High Littleton & Writhlington.  Usage of Midsomer Norton is high across all wards with Paulton residents having the highest use in Paulton. | Following the initial Forum meetings, discussion have been continuing with Paulton Parish Council who are considering the transition from Local Authority management of Paulton Hub to be managed by the local community during the first year, with a view to becoming a Community Run Independent Library thereafter. We will offer a package of support to make this transition.  Discussions are also progressing with Timsbury who also want to look at a community run provision that may better serve their community rather than short mobile stops.  The proposed Healthy Living Centre at Radstock provides an opportunity for potential delivery of community library service. | Further discussions need to take place with the Somer Valley Area Forum as to whether other towns in their community are most appropriately served to meet those specific community needs. |
| **CHEW VALLEY** | The Chew Valley Area is currently served predominately by the Mobile Library which visits Bishop Sutton, Norton Malreward, Stanton Drew, Chew Magna, Pensford, Cameley, Temple Cloud, Clutton, Chew Stoke, West Harptree, East Harptree, Compton Martin, Ubley & Hinton Blewett. There is also a Community Library at The Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke. | Discussions are progressing with the local members and Chew Valley school as well as Stowey Sutton considering a local community provision. | Further discussions required with the Area Forum as to whether other towns in their community are most appropriately served to meet those specific community needs. |