

## REPORT 20.058

### Draft response to Briefing Note 20-23 Consultation

#### **Briefing Note 20-23 Consultation on libraries reopening safely during COVID-19 pandemic**

Laverstock and Ford Parish Council notes that this briefing paper's three options do not include the Mobile Library Service although we acknowledge that the Home Library Service for the most vulnerable is continuing.

Laverstock and Ford Parish Council believes that there is a good case for opening the **Mobile Library Services** as soon as possible.

As most of the WC library employees have been furloughed, we see no valid reason for any delay to the opening of this vital service. This service meets the needs of the parish's less able residents who are often unable to travel or afraid to use public transport.

This service should start again immediately, subject to necessary safety measures, with bookings at ten/15-minute slots to allow single customer use. Cleaning, as necessary, to be regular and maintained for safety of all against the COVID 19 virus.

This is a premium service that many of the parish residents rely on especially during these social isolation and restricted times.

Laverstock and Ford Parish Council

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