

ITEM 3 - Appendix 1 - Annex 11

Petitions received in response to the Library Consultation which ended 8 February 2015

- **Save North Yorkshires Libraries**
Signatories - 2,433
- **Calling for Stokesley Library to remain within County provision and not be a community library and instead be a hybrid model library**
Signatories – 2,047
- **Against the changes/cut backs and proposed cut back of professional staff at Whitby Library**
Signatories - 1,677
- **Save Knaresborough Library**
Signatories – 2,035
- **Protest at the imminent dismissal of the Settle Library staff and request that the County Council retain the present staffing levels at the new library at Limestone View**
Signatories - 146
- **Starbeck Library: I strongly object to Starbeck Library being downgraded to a library run only by volunteers with the local community having to raise running costs. I would like Starbeck Library to remain as a library funded by the County and retaining its experienced staff**
Signatories - 444

Response: Thanks are recorded to all those who have taken the time to coordinate and forward these petitions, this feedback is important to the County Council. It will be taken into account in the analysis of all the responses to the Library consultation and will help inform the final proposals which will come forward to Overview and Scrutiny in June, and then proceed to the Executive for decision making in July. Full details of these will be posted on the County Council's website in due course.

Petitions received in response to the Library Consultation after the consultation period ended.

- **Bedale Library is a vital community asset and resource without which the Bedale Area would be seriously diminished. We do not find the proposal that Bedale Library is to become a community-managed library (run by volunteers) acceptable, as without paid staff the continuity and professionalism of the present service would be lost.**
Signatories – 2314
- **We demand that the proposal to make Eastfield Library into a Community Library (volunteer only) is altered to a Hybrid Library with at least one full-time member of staff employed by North Yorkshire County Council.**
Signatories - 88

Response: Whilst the Library Consultation closed 8 February 2015, receipt of this petition is noted. The analysis of all the responses to the Library Consultation is underway and this feedback will help inform the final proposals which will come to Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee 5 June 2015, and then proceed to the Executive for decision making 7 July 2015. Full details of these meetings will be posted on the County Council's website.