

# Consultation on the future Delivery of Library Services

Sandra Mitchell  
Head of Programmes  
People Services Directorate

Economy and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee

# Background

- Consultation on the future delivery of library services
- Builds on the vision and principles set out in the first phase review in 2013
- Overall funding pressures
- Decline in visits and book issues
- Reductions to the Library Services residual budget

# Consultation Process (Details in Scrutiny Report)

- Publicity and online promotion
- Hardcopy survey
- Engagement sessions with elected members, voluntary sector organisations and networks and other stakeholders
- Engagement with young people via schools and the participation network
- Consultation closed 21<sup>st</sup> October

# Consultation Process Outcomes

- **Headline Numbers**

- 937 responses

- 749 from Adults (65% female)

- 188 from Children (58% female)

- 87% Sunderland Residents

- 68% of adults had visited a library within the last 2 weeks

- 63% of adults stated the main reason for visiting was to borrow books

## **Detailed Results**

# Consultation Timetable

Cabinet approval to consult	July 2016
Consideration of consultation by Scrutiny	13 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 2016
Consultation process and analysis of consultation outcomes	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept. – 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
Report outcomes of consultation process to Scrutiny Committee	November 2016
Report outcomes of consultation and consideration of proposals by Cabinet	December 2016
Further consultation / engagement on proposals for a new delivery model	January – March 2017
New service operational	April 2017

Economy and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee



# Questions and Considerations

Consider the consultation process. Does it feel appropriate. Is there anything more we should have done?

Consider the outcomes from consultation. Are there any conclusions you feel should be drawn?

What are the key issues you feel should influence proposals for future delivery both from consultation and more generally?