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Impact on Outcomes **Library Service**

Outcomes	Weight	B7b Library Service	Score	Notes
People in Darlington are healthy and supported	1	Medium negative impact		<p>Update 28/1/11: Extensive survey work has been undertaken to gather the views of the public about what they want from a library service. This Needs Analysis will inform how the service will look with a 25% reduction in budget. The impacts of the proposals will impact across the community and detailed impact assessment work is required to drill down into the impacts of specific proposals.</p> <p>Initially some groups have been identified as having the potential to be impacted upon disproportionately with reduced service. These are:</p> <p>Older People and those with mental health issues who use the libraries as a means of social engagement and to prevent isolation. Children and young people who in certain schools are regular library users e.g. Cockerton CE Primary School, Branksome Science College and Corporation Road Community Primary School. Disabled people have already expressed concerns about reduced services in libraries and a detailed Disability Equality Impact Assessment is required on the proposal following the Needs Analysis.</p>
People in Darlington are educated and skilled	1	Medium negative impact		<p>17/12/10: This will impact on a number of individuals and groups who work closely with library services in a number of venues. See note above re schools engagement with libraries.</p> <p>A number of individuals and groups use the Library as a venue for training and other activities and as such alternative venues may be found but the costs associated may need external funding to be developed.</p>
People in Darlington are financially secure	1	No impact		<p>A number of individuals and groups use libraries as a way of displaying event information and discussions with eVOLution could minimise the impact of this and also increase linkage there with smaller groups.</p>
Individuals are not disadvantaged by their family circumstances at birth, nor by where they reside. People live in cohesive and resilient communities	1	No impact		No specific impact identified at this stage
People in Darlington live in sustainable neighbourhoods	1	No impact		No specific impact identified at this stage.
Our communities are safe and free of crime	1	No impact		No specific impact identified at this stage.
Darlington is an ambitious, entrepreneurial place in which businesses thrive and create wealth	1	No impact		No specific impact identified at this stage.
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Financial Impact **Library Service**

Considerations	Weight	B7b Library Service	Score	Notes
What are the potential monetary efficiency savings?	1	Medium Saving - £100K-£500K		Saving proposed is 25% approximately £250,000
How much of an investment is needed to realise the saving?	1	Small investment - £0-£20k		
How easy is it to implement the option?	1	Potential difficulties to implement		Sensitive service area which has been subject to significant change in the last few years.
When will the savings be realised?	1	Savings to be made over 6 months		Consultation required with public and service users on any proposals.

Council-Wide Impact **Library Service**

PESTLE	Considerations	Weight	B7b Library Service	Score	Notes
Economic	Will jobs be lost by the change?	1	More than 5 jobs lost by change		To be determined following Needs Analysis and confirmation of the proposal.
Socio-Cultural	Will the change detrimentally affect vulnerable groups or Equality Act 2010: Protected Characteristics such as below:				The feedback from Talking Together event (15/11/10) specifically for older people highlighted the following impacts around Library Services proposals. Review of library services. <ul style="list-style-type: none">There will be an impact on older people if Housebound Services, Mobile Service and Residential Services are cut. Letters received from visually impaired older people describing the potential removal of the mobile service as 'cutting their lifeline to the outside world' – huge impacts on vulnerable and frail older people.These services all provide a chance for someone who doesn't get out very often or see other people to have a chat etc. It may be only contact they get all week.Library service seen as haven for the older people in town, especially in winter. They can get free access to papers, internet etc.Some people use library as chance to meet other people socially. Its one of the only free access points in town where an elderly person can stay all day if they want.If library services were cut it may mean IT services disappeared. IT courses would be affected and these are very popular with older people.Library is used for lots of different activities like, reading groups, so
	Older People	1	Medium negative impact		17/12/10: The library services are used by several schools e.g. Cockerton CE Primary School, Corporation Road Primary School and will impact significantly on the pupils use of the facilities. Specific work required with schools who use library services significantly.
	Children	1	High negative impact		Update 01/02/11: Young people at the Talking Together Event (15/1/11) expressed the view that the Library was seen as a safe haven which is welcoming and non judgemental. If they feel unsafe in the town centre they can seek assistance and advice from the Library.

