

## **Tidworth Area Board 21 March 2011**

### **Chairman's Announcements**

#### **Library Service Review**

The Wiltshire Library Service Review has culminated in a decision by cabinet on 25 January to accept the proposals outlined in the Library Service review paper.

A summary of the proposals is available in the document provided tonight which has a section for comments that can be completed and returned to the council.

The proposals include inviting members of the community to get involved in volunteering in their libraries and the document has a reply section for those interested to get in touch.

The key points for libraries in this area are:

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- All mobile library stops will continue to operate
- Tidworth library which is operated in partnership with the army will retain its current opening hours
- Netheravon and Ludgershall which are amongst Wiltshire's 10 smallest libraries, accounting for 3% of visits overall, will be operated in partnership with volunteers, and supported by the library service.
- New self service technology will be introduced to all libraries to improve efficiency and help communities extend library opening hours through support from volunteers, who will be trained and supported by Wiltshire library staff