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**Review of Whitechurch Library**

Whitechurch Library closed in August 2016 due to the retirement of the branch librarian. As outlined in the charts below there was a decrease in books/items loaned in Whitechurch Library from 4,600 in January 2014 to 300 items in July 2016. Visitors to Whitechurch Library has also decreased over the period from 6,236 visitors in March 2014 to 2,064 in July 2016. Average monthly books/loans in Ballyroan Library is 30,000 per month with monthly visitors of 24,000.

The Mobile Library commenced serving the Whitechurch community on Wednesdays from 5th of October, visiting Whitechurch Green from 2.30 to 3.30pm and Palmer Park from 3.40 to 4.40pm. Issues to date at both stops have been very poor. (37 items were issued over 3 weeks, i.e. 6 hours). In addition a scheduled service is operated to Scoil Mhuire NS on a four week rota on Wednesdays. Children from 2nd, 3rd, 4th 5th and 6th classes use the mobile library; a total student population of 124. At present there are 232 items on loan to the school.

The WEB Project is continuing to work out of the library building. The project provides adult education classes and tailored holistic therapies for people with intellectual disabilities.

It is planned to continue to monitor the uptake of the mobile service to the Whitechurch area so that an informed decision can be made on the library.