

Items tabled at meeting, Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee, 9th Oct 19
Item 4, Lewisham Libraries.

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I write to you today, having meant to do so for some time; my health had deteriorated, so I beg your pardon for the delay.

The Home Visit by Lewisham Library has been a lifeline to me for many years, more so recently, due to my aforementioned health difficulties.

That I have access to the Library (while stuck in the house) at all is surely a wonderful thing, but this service to the disabled comes with an added benefit, & that is the relationship between myself & the librarian, which has developed to such an extent that he, knowing my taste, or preference, can provide books that interest me when I am unable to provide him with my own choices. This really is somebody who is intelligent & sensitive.

I have no hope of recovery which can be hard to come to terms with, but keeping my mind occupied with reading is a great, if not the greatest benefit as the right book can take me away from pain & despair.

I write to you not only from myself, but for those disabled who, perhaps, cannot write for themselves to tell you just how important the home Visit Librarian are nothing short of essential to the disabled in this day & age: the alternative is quite simply unthinkable.

My last words are for David Webb. He combines not only books, but good humour. I look forward to seeing him each time.

Please consider all that I have written, because this service to the disabled & housebound is truly necessary for the well-being of those who cannot access the library. If it was to end, I like many others would be worse off by far for its absence.

Yours,

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