

## **5 PROPOSED CHANGES TO MOBILE LIBRARY ROUTES (AN43-2004)**

The routes taken by the Mobile Library vehicle are regularly reviewed to ensure that the service keeps pace with demographic changes in the City and with the changing needs of service users.

Recent research has pointed up an opportunity to provide the service to even more people by making only minimal changes to the timetable of stops (copy of timetable available in the Councillors' Lounge).

Sixteen new stops have been incorporated. Several of these are near sheltered housing complexes and/or nurseries. One new stop is at the Royal Victoria Hospital Brain Injury Unit, where patients will benefit from the therapy of choosing books and interacting with the library staff.

The only stop that has been dropped is Rosebank Street, as residents of this complex prefer to use the books we provide in their lounge.

The new wheelchair access on the vehicle now ensures that equal access is available for everyone.

Publicity about the changes will be effected through local radio and posters and flyers in appropriate community locations. The proposed dates for implementation is Monday 1st March, 2004.