

6 February 2020

Agenda Item:5

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, PLACE AND COMMUNITIES**BLIDWORTH LIBRARY - CHANGES TO OPENING HOURS****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval to change the opening hours of the Blidworth public library as outlined in the report

Information

2. Blidworth library is a level 3 community library currently open 14.5 hours each week and receives 11,600 visits per year.
3. Inspire is contracted by the County Council to deliver 14.5 hours of public access each week.
4. Through co location of Blidworth Parish council office accommodation into the library and the delivery of a 'front desk' information service by Inspire on behalf of the parish council it is proposed to increase the opening hours by 9 hours a week.
5. This change is due to be implemented in February 2020.
6. The arrangement with the Parish Council and the additional opening hours are agreed until May 2022.
7. Following public consultation on the extended pattern of opening hours the following is proposed.

	Proposed	Existing	Increase
Monday	9.00 – 5.00	9.00 – 12.30	4.5
Tuesday	Closed	Closed	-
Wednesday	1.00 – 5.00	1.00 – 5.00	-
Thursday	9.00 – 1.00	Closed	4
Friday	9.00 – 1.00	9.00 – 12.30	0.5
Saturday	9.00 – 12.30	9.00 – 12.30	-

8. Accommodation and service agreements will be formally agreed between the Parish Council and Inspire.

Other Options Considered

9. 3 opening hour patterns were offered in the consultation process.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

10. The revised opening hours provide increased access to library services and improved access to parish council services.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Implications for Service Users

12. Customers will be informed of changes in opening hours and the service offer.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1) That the opening times for Blidworth library be amended as laid out in paragraph 7.

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Constitutional Comments (LW 08/01/2020)

13. Communities & Place Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of the report.

Financial Comments (SES 08/01/2020)

14. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- Blidworth County Councillor Yvonne Woodhead