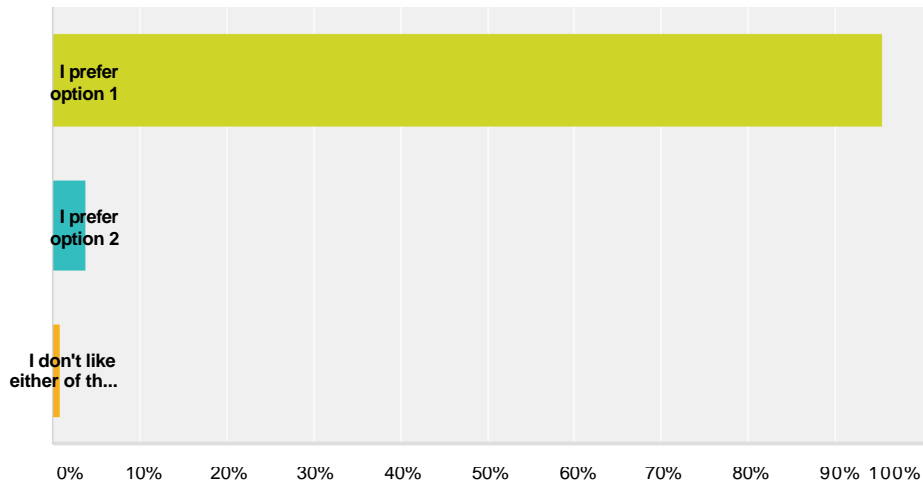


Q1 Having read all the information provided (this should still be available on a separate tab), please let us know which is your preferred option from those being proposed. Option 1 - Management of the library and customer service point to transfer to Albrighton Parish Council Option 2 - Library and customer service point to stay under the management of Shropshire Council with reduced opening hours for the library

Answered: 214 Skipped: 0

Answer Choices	Responses
I prefer option 1	95.33% 204
I prefer option 2	3.74% 8
I don't like either of these options and have an alternative one that still meets the savings detailed	0.93% 2
Total	214

#	Use this space to explain the reasons for your preferred choice or to detail an alternative option.	Date
1	it should be noted that in the on-going financial pressures nationwide there will continue to be pressure on the library service under option 1 as well as option 2 if further financial pressure forces the closure of the library in the future will option 1 put the financial burden of redundancies on the parish council will option 1 mean that the library staff will continue to get professional support / training from the county service. Will trained cover be provided for sick/annual leave	12/8/2015 4:20 PM



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2	in part because i prefer the Shropshire council concept of library management by community hubs. In Albrightons case this would be by four parish councils - the LJC - giving a better funding base a larger no if stakeholders and better governance potentially freed from wrangling at individual parish councils. Plus shared use of meeting room if this is not immediately possible (timescale) it should be a declared objectives of Shropshire council as soon as possible at worst a 3 year review Because of reduced opening hours and poorer overall use of the building. Also the customer service point should address local issues etc as perceived by local people. Management of local services by local people might eventually produce better parish councillors. Management by a small team of people nominated by the four parish councils (the LJC) It might also be feasible to employ a professional librarian as consultant this avoiding the HR costs and potential problems arising from delegating HR functions to inexperienced Albrighton Parish Councillors or employing a non professions as libraian	12/8/2015 4:14 PM
3	end wall of meet room to be not fixed - sliding or similar and where existing slide partition is	12/8/2015 4:05 PM
4	i believe that it would be more like a village library that a county building hopefully a feeling of ownership might bring in more readers	12/8/2015 4:02 PM
5	likely to face further reduction of closure and parish council would not have an accessible office at ground level	12/8/2015 4:01 PM
6	Albrighton Parish Council does not have staff available to man library and service point and money handling and staff cover additional staff would have to be employed in addition to any volunteers with associated costs and consequences. Your estimate of Albrighton PC saving of £930 pa is not valid. Any saving of rent (£700) would be swamped by other expenditure the only saving will be to Shropshire Council option 2 only realistic alternative - mobile library	12/8/2015 3:59 PM
7	layout plan wall at end of the meeting room next to library should be a folding wall to give flexibility	12/8/2015 3:55 PM
8	use of folding door btrween meeting room and library	12/8/2015 3:53 PM
9	library opening hours reduced by 7.5 hrs risk of further cuts, better to have [arish council in library	12/8/2015 3:52 PM
10	make meeting room smaller but compensate buy having a concertinna wall which fold back	12/8/2015 3:44 PM
11	layout wall between meeting room and library should be movable to increase size of meeting room when and if necessary but to be positioned near existing sliding screen	12/8/2015 3:38 PM
12	don't see this as an answer to years to come and future cuts	12/8/2015 3:33 PM
13	The library would not be staffed for enough hours per week and would probably close altogether eventually I hope that the provision of disabled parking would still remain with any changes	12/8/2015 3:29 PM
14	option 1 offers longer library opening hours which will almost maintain the level of access provided now. It will also allow for a modenization and upgrading of the library layout	12/8/2015 3:27 PM
15	use sliding wall at end of meeting room in same place as partition is now	12/8/2015 3:26 PM
16	The move of the parish council office reduces the costs to the council, but reduces the income to the red house (the Albrighton Village Halls Trust) This is a charity whose purpose is to provide rooms for use of the community, the loss of income is consequently a direct loss of benefit to the community. There are alternative options which could include use of the red house, providing broader community benefit and these should be explored prior to any final decision being made	12/8/2015 3:25 PM
17	I feel a folding door between the library a meeting room would be a better idea	12/8/2015 3:19 PM
18	left within the hands of Shropshire council the library would ultimately be closed due to cost cutting exercise regardless of village requirements for access to a library and its facilities	12/8/2015 2:42 PM
19	i feel that the majority of people simply wont use the freephone facility and this does little to encourage future library use. In my opinion it would spell the beginning of the end for our libraries	12/8/2015 2:40 PM
20	We feel that its a good idea to have the Parish Council office as part of the library site. We feel that the library will then have a bigger focus in the village. We are happy to keep an library open. It is well used and a definate asset to the village	12/8/2015 2:38 PM
21	option 1 provides more opening hours and makes more use of the building for the community	12/8/2015 2:34 PM
22	i believe fewer open hours will make the public view the library as closed/unavailable therefore leading to decline further	12/8/2015 2:30 PM
23	prefer option 1	12/8/2015 2:28 PM
24	lose too many opening hours	12/8/2015 2:27 PM
25	Again i hope the library service is still as good as it has always been - the library service has always been good	12/8/2015 2:25 PM

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26	less hours for the public no financial benefit to the Parish Council savings to shropshire council will not especially benefit Albrighton	12/8/2015 2:23 PM
27	option i is my preferred proposition	12/8/2015 2:22 PM
28	Transfer to Albrighton parish council as above	12/8/2015 2:20 PM
29	will be opened longer option 1 anticipated saving to Albrighton council £930 pa if Albrighton Parish council moved in it would be more visible if the public access services and get information	12/8/2015 2:18 PM
30	This seems to be an option which might result in the closure of library in the longer term	12/8/2015 2:14 PM
31	as active members of the library we see that if they close/cut down on the hours it would make a massive disadvantage to all the members. Every Friday evening i come to get a film out and to get books to help with my homework which is very useful. It plays a massive part in the community. because cutting down on the library hours would reduce the amount of customers and because many elderly people need to use it i think that the council should keep the hours the same but modify the building to help the community. If they did this they should ask the community so that they have a say in their library	12/8/2015 2:02 PM
32	Parish council more able to recognise and assess the needs of local residents and to tailor service accordingly	12/8/2015 1:57 PM
33	the future of the library more certain better access to the parish council	12/8/2015 1:56 PM
34	fewer opening hours danger of future financial pressures	12/8/2015 1:53 PM
35	the library is not private enough to discuss items with the council (ie by telephone)	12/8/2015 1:50 PM
36	because it would still have an on-going review because the hours would be dramatically reduced because it is less likely to be permanent	12/8/2015 1:49 PM
37	less hours available to users less local investment in the libraries future	12/8/2015 1:47 PM
38	Albrighton library should be open a maximum numbers of hours serving the general public	12/8/2015 1:46 PM
39	reduced opening hours less initial overall savings less local influence	12/8/2015 1:45 PM
40	But i would prefer the LJC councils to take over running the library - greater pool if expertise in management, greater pool of people owning the library, greater use of all the facilities here	12/8/2015 1:44 PM
41	option 1 is better as both councils will be available in the library in person rather than by phone/interent. Better to talk to somebody in person	12/8/2015 1:42 PM
42	In order to obtain better use and value of the library in the public service; I would much prefer the four LJC councils to take up "ownership" of library and customer service point, sharing the cost on the basis of relative rates incomes, via a management team of reps from each Parish Council. The reasons for this are: less likelihood of the library becoming a political football - too easy in one small PC; larger pool of expertise available in terms of management expertise (singularly lacking in APC; greater no. of people (potential customers) having a sense of ownership and of footfall; potentially greater potential for use of meeting rooms etc. The proposed opening hours for the customer service point are insufficient if tied to library hours - should be 9 to 5, 6 days per week. I acknowledge the difficulty of achieving agreement of all four PCs in the time scale dictated by the availability of Government money, but believe that this is a very worthwhile objective which the Shropshire Council should pursue vigorously, if absolutely necessary, deferring this to the triennial review.. Space should be made (in APC store?) for the local history archives; these and APC records to be converted to electronic storage when practicable. Flexibility in the use of space is vital to the longer term use of the building; movable partitions especially are necessary, particularly between the library and the meeting room; this should remain in its present position, but be openable for public use in meetings of the parish councils.	11/30/2015 11:07 AM
43	As this is the only option that both gives predicted saving for both Shropshire county council and the Albrighton parish council whilst saving a valuable village asset .	11/29/2015 8:52 PM
44	Alternatives available eg Option 2 or Mobile library service which you have not included in consultation No evidence provided for your "anticipated savings" Why not. Where do figures come from only savings to Albrighton PC would be rent for office and this is not as much as £930 pa now that they have moved to Red House facility. Mobile Library	11/23/2015 3:01 PM
45	I think library hours have already being cut far too much it is a vital hub for people in the village	11/23/2015 2:53 PM
46	All under one roof makes sense!	11/23/2015 2:52 PM
47	A lot of local people use this library and if it closed not everyone is able bodied to go to one somewhere else make cuts to a lesser provider service i sure there are some!	11/23/2015 2:49 PM
48	Fewer hours Council office should be more accessable No saving for the council. Maybe savings in option 1 will go towards the swimming pool	11/23/2015 2:46 PM

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49	The future of the library will be safe if taken over by the Parish Council. Money will be saved, because everything will be centralized. The parish council will be more accessible and accountable	11/23/2015 2:44 PM
50	no long term plan	11/23/2015 2:40 PM
51	Reduced hours	11/23/2015 2:40 PM
52	Option 1 would be more likely for the library service to be retained and sustained The future of the library may be less secure under option 2	11/23/2015 2:39 PM
53	No savings to Albrighton PC Continuation of unsatisfactory council office in Red House Cant the garden space be better utilised	11/23/2015 2:37 PM
54	I dont think 16 hours a week is acceptable given the size of the community which it serves particulary as it provides much more than book lending	11/23/2015 2:32 PM
55	i feel it leave the library vulnerable to further cuts and even possible closure, which would be disastrous for the community	11/23/2015 2:31 PM
56	it offers a large reduction in service, further reductions may follow	11/23/2015 2:29 PM
57	not enough open hours	11/23/2015 2:27 PM
58	Preferred for Albrighton Parish Council to run it	11/23/2015 2:26 PM
59	I think the library will run better and have a more sympathetic hearing from local parish councillors	11/23/2015 2:25 PM
60	it seems to be best option 1 to protect the library service and for local parish council to oversee its development Too much of a reduction in opening hours which are already quite bitty and risk of further financial pressure/cuts	11/23/2015 2:23 PM
61	i prefer option 1	11/23/2015 2:23 PM
62	Reduced hours - not good - no difference for Shropshire Council saving	11/23/2015 2:16 PM
63	I think we should keep with option 1 The library is focal point for the community in Albrighton, not only for exceptional library service (book borrowing and DVDs) but very much for the children of the village with activities arranged during their holidays. Computer access is very much appreciated by those who don't have access to the internet PLEASE we need our library	11/23/2015 2:14 PM
64	The library would be open fewer hours therefore there would be less opportunity to visit NB - 2nd form submitted - TJ	11/23/2015 2:10 PM
65	Fewer available hours to visit	11/23/2015 2:08 PM
66	Concerns about reduction in opening hours and likey further cuts in the future	11/23/2015 2:05 PM
67	Think it is better for Albrighton Parish Council to move into a more prominent place and also retain current opening hours of library	11/23/2015 2:04 PM
68	This will enable the library to remain at the heart of the village and also with the parish office in (it should never have gone to the Red House - what a waste of money) it will hopefully encourage both facilities to be used more frequently For all the reason that option 1 is the best	11/23/2015 2:02 PM
69	we need the library open and accesible	11/23/2015 1:59 PM
70	The library will be open fewer hours than in option 1 This is not to do with the library, but could we have a pedestrian crossing in the High St and Station Road. The through traffic is very heavy in the High Street very fast	11/23/2015 1:57 PM
71	This option 2 would not be beneficial for the continuation of library facilities in the village	11/23/2015 1:52 PM
72	I consider the library to be of huge benefit to myself, the village and the nearby rural community. We've seen no significant investment for years under the control of the county council; I hope that transfer to the parish council will stop the steady decline in this valuable service.	11/21/2015 8:15 PM
73	Prefer Option 1 as I want the library to stay open for a similar amount of hours. I do not want the library hours to be reduced, as I feel this will be detrimental to the local community.	11/16/2015 4:57 PM
74	Option 1 has the nearly the same opening hours as before.	11/13/2015 2:17 PM
75	I prefer the library to remain open longer hours	11/12/2015 3:04 PM
76	We feel that the village of Albrighton would benefit most if the Parish Council ran the library as they would have the interests at heart and it makes sense to we the building for the Parish Council	11/12/2015 3:03 PM
77	the person ticked option 2 as well Please just keep the library open. I dont mind which option is taken or reduced opening hours	11/12/2015 2:52 PM

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78	the person also ticked option 2 as well	11/12/2015 2:46 PM
79	To relocate council offices would seem better for the community, as it is visible and more easily located re access . ie no stairs or lifts	11/12/2015 2:45 PM
80	This would mean a considerable reduction in library hours with little security as to its future as well as the loss of a highly valued face-to-face customer service. Furthermore there would be no additional financial benefit for Albrighton Parish Council not sure that there are any alternatives	11/12/2015 2:44 PM
81	The person also ticked option 2	11/12/2015 2:38 PM
82	i would like access to the same hours to enable my children to attend. This option does not also guarantee access to the library in the long term - its important for my family	11/12/2015 2:36 PM
83	Parish council office need to be more easily accessible than it is at present	11/12/2015 2:34 PM
84	option 2 with be a reduction of service with no benefit is saving to Albrighton Parish Council nor the local residents who use the facility: in long term it will be more costly to maintain.	11/12/2015 2:27 PM
85	This options offers a more sustainable solution which I hope will see the library to continue to be open for a similar number of hours each week long into the future.	11/11/2015 6:29 PM
86	Refurbishment and rebranding of the library to widen it's market would be brilliant. In my opinion, I could be a central point of focus for all young moms looking for clubs, activities and community interactions. I have tried but never found the library provides this. That's not to say we don't love the library and it's staff though, I just feel they could be more central to village life.	11/11/2015 6:28 PM
87	It would be a shame for the library to drastically reduce it's opening hours. This option seems to create the best outcome f everyone.	11/11/2015 2:05 PM
88	As the council will now be using part of the existing library for their own use, the space for books will be reduced. However, with a regular turnover, this should not be detrimental to borrowers. The up-side is that the library will be open longer than it would be under the alternative option (although not for as many hours as it is at present).	11/11/2015 9:39 AM
89	I feel this option gives the library a better chance of surviving in future.	11/8/2015 4:53 PM
90	Seems the obvious choice, saving money and maintaining the original opening hours.	11/6/2015 5:41 PM
91	Seems the obvious cost saving option. My only concern is that the standards of this excellent library ie staff, superb selection of books regularly updated and a quiet spacious environment are maintained.	11/6/2015 3:52 PM
92	I really like having the library in Albrighton it is a very valuable resource. Not all of us have free bus passes and time to travel to either Telford/Wolverhampton to use the larger libraries. For me it is a much loved and useful part of Albrighton as is the lady behind the Library desk! Option 1 appears to be 'the lesser of the two evils'.	11/5/2015 4:13 AM
93	The library is an essential part of the village community - losing just 2 hours opening time would be the best option. Incorporating the parish council into the premises would not cause a great deal of disruption.	11/4/2015 3:18 PM
94	I feel this would only be a temporary measure and would result in eventual closure	11/4/2015 3:12 PM
95	and i wish you good luck	11/4/2015 3:07 PM
96	Combining Parish Council office and library makes sense and with only slight reduction in opening hours were still keeping our valuable facility	11/4/2015 3:04 PM
97	1) the service to the village will be reduced with less opening hours 2) There us no guarantee that Shropshire Council service may at some point in the future propose further cuts or even close the Library	11/4/2015 3:02 PM
98	I don't agree with the reduction of hours	11/4/2015 2:56 PM
99	i prefer option no 1	11/4/2015 2:54 PM
100	in the present financial situation i do not consider option 2 the answer	11/4/2015 2:53 PM
101	option 2 seems to offer "less of the same" and arguably will lead to further decline of the library's pivotal community role in Albrighton. This pivotal role is clearly enhanced by adopting option 1	11/4/2015 2:50 PM
102	The need to cut expenditure is appreciated and the need for a library particularly in a rural area is paramount. The service is second to none provided by the existing staff and this hidden vein of information is a focal point of the village. There is a children's section which must be invaluable to moving population of Cosford There are plans to extend housing in the village which will increase its use. Older residents and local book groups appreciate its existence	11/3/2015 9:25 PM
103	The library is a valuable community resource, which I believe we are more likely to retain if management is transferred to the Parish Council.	11/3/2015 12:54 PM

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104	I prefer option 1 modified as follows, and strongly oppose the shorter open hours option. I strongly support the extended use of Albrighton library to include an office for the Parish Clerk and meeting room for both Albrighton and Doninton Parish Councils. However, I am concerned that the Parish Councils do not have the HR expertise to directly employ a librarian, and would prefer this (HR function to be carried out by SC at the expense of the (LJC?) parish councils. Alternatively, it may be feasible to use a self-employed person to run the library day to day He/she would be required to operate within parameters set by the SC Library Service. In either case, the library and staff including volunteers would be overseen by a small team comprising Parish Councillors, and co-optees with library experience and/ or library users. This group would also be charged with finding new sources of income.	10/30/2015 10:50 AM
105	The more local the management of our library, the closer will be the interest in retaining and, as far as possible, enhancing it. I would add that siting the council office in the library would bring that facility more into the public eye as opposed to the small shop premises used in recent years and often unmanned as far as Shropshire Council is concerned.	10/30/2015 10:19 AM
106	Smaller reduction in opening hours and some financial saving in the Parish although the alterations may reduce book shelf space	10/27/2015 10:51 PM
107	I am happy to see the plans made to Albrighton Library open, both for my personal; use as a regular user, but also for the other residents - old and young - whom i see enjoying the range of facilities at the library	10/27/2015 6:40 PM
108	we feel will have more say in the running of the library if the council have the run of this service	10/27/2015 5:45 PM
109	I think options 1 provides a better opportunity to grow the services provided at the library site; under the management of the parish council they are more likely to understand the needs of the local community rather Shropshire Council ability to.	10/27/2015 4:00 PM
110	I am all in favour of more local control so it would make sense to transfer to a more locally consultative body. I am against any reduction in the existing service i.e a reduction in the opening hours	10/27/2015 2:16 PM
111	Any reduction in opening hours could be the "thin end of the wedge" and may well lead eventually to termination of the service	10/27/2015 12:50 PM
112	I feel that this option will prolong the life of the library, which provides an excellent service. I use the library regularly and cannot imagine Albrighton without it. I feel it is essential to the local community and wider area. I think it is an excellent idea to bring Albrighton council into the building. It will bring them more into the public eye and make them more accessible and accountable to the local community. Services will be centralized and therefore more efficient,	10/26/2015 6:41 PM
113	This option would appear to guarantee a more settled future for a library service in Albrighton.	10/25/2015 10:42 AM
114	Option 1 seems to be the safest solution with some guarantee of continuity. The idea of a central hub to include the parish council seems sensible. In many respects, Albrighton library is an information hub both formally and informally thanks Margaret Leech, our Mrs Library. I agree with the suggested decrease in hours, cutting the Friday late opening. Also a cut in some reference stock would make sense with Internet access but, obviously not the local studies section. The retention of inter library loans and out of area loans is a service that has been a boon in my researches and general reading and am pleased that this will continue. Although a wish for the status quo is what we would all prefer, option 1 does seem for the best.	10/23/2015 5:22 PM