

Church Stretton Library – future delivery

Summary of activity and decisions relating to the creation of proposals for the future

Date	Action
2013 -2014	Shropshire Council leads on locality commissioning and service redesign activity in Church Stretton – working with local partners wanting to look at other assets and services for opportunities of delivering services differently
March 2014	Church Stretton Asset and Service Working Group created
28 March 2014	Purpose of the group established – services and organisations involved asked to create statements of aspirations for future delivery – includes the library service
16 April 2014	Working Group meeting
9 May 2014	Working Group meeting. Church Stretton School shares a vision of co-locating the public and school library at the school
28 May 2014	Working Group meeting
13 June 2014	Working Group meeting
11 July 2014	Draft proposals for library, customer service point and visitor information services created and shared with the Working Group.
August 2014	<i>Decision made to not hold a county-wide formal consultation on the future of libraries and customer service points – solutions to be found locally instead</i>
5 Sept 2014	Working Group meeting
3 October 2014	The developed proposals for the redesign of the services currently being delivered from the library building agreed by the Working Group. Agreement to build these into a Community Conversation – a period of informal consultation
October 2014	Community Conversation engagement plan created
6 November – 19 December 2014	Community Conversation period. FAQs and answers created and updated on 2 December
6 Nov 2014	Drop-in information event and presentation at Strettondale Local Joint Committee (LJC) meeting
25 Nov 2014	Confirmation of Transformation Challenge Award funding that can be used to support the redesign of libraries and customer service points
28 Nov 2014	Working Group meeting
15 December	Engagement with the Church Stretton Library Support Group begins Representatives of the group meet with members and officers at Shirehall
17 Dec 2014	Working Group meeting
January 2015	Community conversation feedback analysis. 223 paper and on-line responses – the library proposal is generating the most comments. Decision made to hold a formal consultation on the future of the library service
20 th Jan 2015	Working Group meeting
2 nd February 2015	Formal consultation period begins (end date 16 th March) with accompanying ESIIA. Additional engagement plan created that addresses the need to engage specifically with the Protected Characteristic groups identified in the ESIIA.
4 th Feb 2015	Public meeting organised by the Library Support Group – Shropshire Council officers, representatives of Church Stretton School and local members attend
12 th Feb 2015	Update on library consultation at Strettondale LJC meeting
16 th Feb 2015	Petition opposing the relocation of the library delivered – triggering a debate at full Council meeting
26 th Feb 2015	Full Council meeting where petition is presented and debate held. Portfolio Holder decides ‘no action’ as consultation period still open.
26 th Feb 2015	Working Group meeting
2 nd February – 16 th March 2015	Additional engagement plan activity delivered FAQs updated to reflect issues identified during the consultation period.
16 th March 2015	Formal consultation period ended – consultation responses collated and analysed ESIIA updated to reflect feedback received through the consultation Alternative proposals assessed
27 th March 2015	Portfolio Holder Decision Making Session on the future of the library service in Church Stretton