

APPENDIX 2 Shifnal library

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 - The transfer of assets and the management of the library to

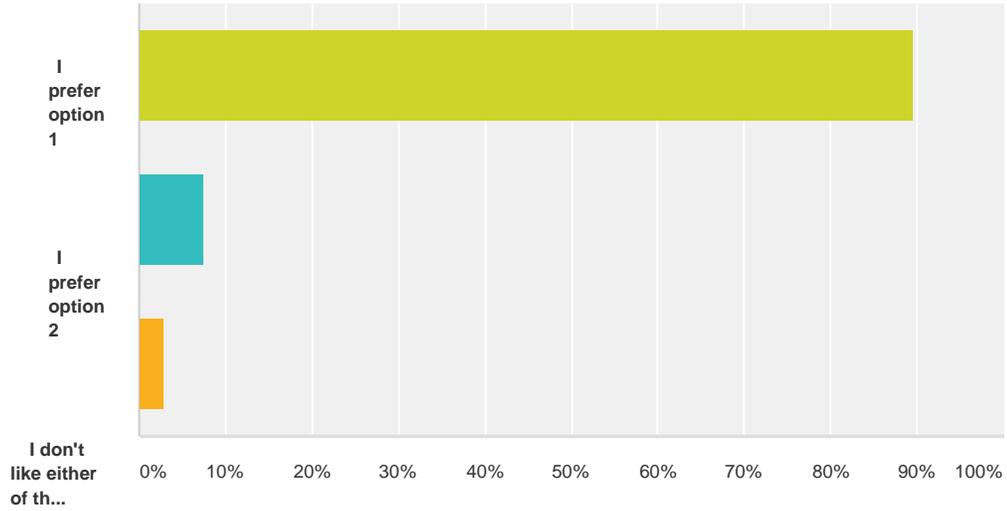
#	Use this space to explain the reasons for your preferred choice or to detail an alternative option.	Date
1	if the STC take over running of there facilities how can STC save with the costs of ongoing maintenance. Also will the car park be bought up to an acceptable level before handover currently Aston St car park surface is in very poor condition Reduced service/opening hours and no benefit in cost savings	10/27/2015 6:34 PM
2	because we agree with option1 ! it is important to keep libraries open for as many hours as possible, especiall for encouraging children/ running reading events	10/27/2015 6:30 PM
3	it would be good if the village hall\ co op car park would resurface by Shropshire Council before Shifnal Town Council took it over. We have been paying them enough each year!	10/27/2015 6:27 PM
4	option 2 is the greater of two evils It would reduce the library hours from 20.5 hrs weekly to 12 and also affect the library staff hours	10/27/2015 6:25 PM

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5	Option 2 is the lesser use of library facilities option 1 is the better option on offer by concerned about next 2 years Shifnal rates to us	10/27/2015 6:24 PM
6	It seems that option 1 would be much better proposition for the residents of shifnal	10/27/2015 6:18 PM

Shifnal Town Council Option 2 - Library and assets stay under the management of Shropshire Council

Answered: 106 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
I prefer option 1	89.62%	95
I prefer option 2	7.55%	8
I don't like either of these options and have an alternative one that still meets the savings detailed	2.83%	3
Total		106

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7	it makes sense that one building is used for multi-purpose - this saving on rent, heating etc. At the moment the library building is only used on certain day and the Town Council is not used full time.	10/27/2015 6:12 PM
8	Reducing library hours would make it unviable	10/27/2015 6:10 PM
9	The library hrs would reduce - not acceptable	10/27/2015 6:08 PM
10	12 hours is rather limited, we should be encouraging more people to use the library not making it more difficult.	10/27/2015 6:03 PM
11	Extra car parking is urgently needed in Shifnal for the present and the future. The Aston Stree allotment should used for extra parking 3 hours limit should apply and charges above 3 hours	10/27/2015 6:02 PM
12	Best solution for shifnal - more control and lower costs will mean that Town Council will have more responsibilites does this mean more staff and expense?	10/27/2015 5:59 PM
13	I am a regular user of the library and have noticed that it is always being used whatever time I go. The amount of customers using the wcomputer work stations is particularly noticeable.	10/24/2015 2:10 AM
14	None of the options are my preferred choice as I would like further clarification before making a decision, however, the form could not be submitted without one of the boxes being ticked. I have written in detail to both Councils.	10/23/2015 9:48 AM
15	Town planning huge housing developments yet Library hours cut to save £7000?	10/21/2015 11:34 AM
16	The Library facility in Shifnal would eventually disappear due to lack of funding if the service remains as it is	10/21/2015 11:25 AM
17	Only concern is that in future council staff may wish to take over more of the library space shorter opening time no money saving	10/21/2015 11:21 AM
18	I dont want the opening hours to be reduced	10/21/2015 11:19 AM
19	The reduced opening hours would seriously effect my use of the library lending service. With the closing of the police station, I feel that the volunteer running of the station could have been encompassed within the new library as only one desk and telephone would be necessary for passing on information to the police force	10/21/2015 11:12 AM
20	Shifnal Town Council is not fit for purpose and should be permitted to take on any extra responsibilities. For the 5 yrs 2004/9 the average Shifnal Town Tax was £58.09; for the 6 yrs 2009/15 it was £111.92, a 92.7% increase. At the height of the deepest recession since WW2 in just 1 year alone in 2008/9 they raised the tax from £60.75 to £126 in 2009/10, a 108% increase. This evidence shows the profligate, spendthrift empire building nature of Shifnal TC. Shropshire Council must take regard of the evidence Shifnal TC should be disbanded and all it responsibilities taken over by Shropshire Council. I am uncertain as to how this can be achieved but it would remove an unnecessary and unwanted layer of bureaucracy on Shifnal taxpayers. Localism as described is merely a means of passing the buck but if option 1 is agreed then the very well-off Shifnal Town Councillors, based on previous irrefutable evidence will latch onto it an excuse to extend empires further and the Town Council tax will go through the roof	10/21/2015 11:03 AM
21	We would like to keep the existing opening hours of the library. Car parking should be free for a reasonable time for local shopping We would wish to keep the library and car park under Shifnal Council Control	10/21/2015 10:49 AM
22	I believe that it is important that our community has some control of our resources especially since Shifnal will have an additional of 2000 houses which will support our library (unintentionally) and having local council that will be of help to the population. The saving to Shifnal council in proposal 1 out weight what is on offer in option 2	10/21/2015 10:06 AM
23	1. Library hours reduced 2. Customer service point withdrawn both 1&2 v.important to many people who don't have transport and don't use internet	10/21/2015 9:53 AM
24	Shifnal Town Council office is totally inadequate and not noticable	10/14/2015 3:01 PM
25	No brainer!	10/14/2015 2:59 PM

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26	No benefit to community	10/14/2015 2:57 PM
27	No comment	10/14/2015 2:55 PM
28	Reduced library hours not acceptable Much ti be said for local administration of services as outlined in option 1	10/14/2015 2:53 PM
29	Although I live over the border in Telford, I prefer to use Shifnal both for its library and its shops. A visit to the library invariably involves shopping and/or coffee. I appreciate the free car parking - we have to use the car as there is no longer a direct bus service between Priorslee and Shifnal - but would support a small car parking charge	10/11/2015 11:21 AM
30	I would strongly prefer local assets to be under local control. Rather than paying Shropshire council a large amount of money to keep the car park free Shifnal can use that money more wisely in maintaining the car park. The alternative including slashing more hrs from the already parttime library is also unacceptable.	10/5/2015 5:45 PM
31	I would hope it would mean the library would extend its opening hours and organise more community events	10/5/2015 2:59 PM
32	I prefer that the people of Shifnal will have a say in the future running of the library. I think the reduced opening hours will be s problem- as a working mum I find it hard to get there as it is but hope if the library is in the hands of the council we may have more of a say. The library is very important for the town and future literacy of its children. The holiday activities and schemes are great.	10/2/2015 7:49 PM
33	It keeps the library open.	10/2/2015 6:52 PM
34	At the moment I feel that some of the facilities in Shifnal are in a poor state whilst they are currently under Shropshire Council control. I give Aston Street Car-Park as an example with a patchy road surface, missing bins and an overall poor appearance. I think that giving this and local green spaces to Shifnal Town Council will allow a more local control over the future of these sites. I also want to see the Library maintain a similar level of service as it does now.	9/30/2015 9:19 PM
35	Shifnal is growing. We need to retain our library and utilize this building better	9/30/2015 9:28 AM
36	It's the common sense option.	9/27/2015 5:36 PM
37	Shifnal is about to increase in size by 50 % - not the time to reduce access to the bibrary by 50%. The library is a key communicating , particulary for the young, old and the disadvantaged	9/24/2015 2:34 PM
38	Due to reduction of staff hours and removal of CS point	9/24/2015 1:49 PM
39	Possible future financial constraints may jeopardize the long term future of the provision of the library service , and other local amenities.	9/24/2015 1:47 PM
40	No on-going guarantee and limited savings. Library need to be open now. 12 hours would not be enough. I need computer access for job searching	9/24/2015 1:40 PM
41	I believe option one is the better of the two options for the people of Shifnal	9/24/2015 1:37 PM
42	I believe that the people of Shifnal should have responsibility as per Option 1 - however am reminded of the problems when the previous Town Clerk appeared to take control of the Town Council with disastrous results but sincerely hope this could never happen again.	9/22/2015 5:19 PM
43	Services provided by Shropshire will be reduced as they look for more budget savings. If the Town Council can provide these services without an increased cost to the local council tax payer this transfer makes sense? However, there is no information here on the costs to the Town Council going forward? Local involvement in providing these services should mean that services meet local needs effectively. Lets hope that is the outcome.	9/22/2015 1:01 PM
44	We pay our council taxes to Shropshire Council and get very little in return!	9/21/2015 6:44 PM
45	Local management. Longer hours.	9/20/2015 6:19 PM

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46	It seems a very sensible move for Shifnal. We have used the library and First Point is very useful.	9/20/2015 8:46 AM
47	I have looked through the frequently asked questions and cannot see who would be responsible for paying the staff if they transferred to the town council. At the moment we receive a professional service and I would not want it left to unpaid volunteers. Shifnal is a rapidly growing town and needs a quality library service which is easily accessible. If the County Council wants to save money why not close the Central library in Shrewsbury which is nowhere near residential accommodation and transfer the staff to services in Towns like Shifnal.	9/19/2015 2:03 PM
48	The important thing is that we do not lose this facility - it is not only a place to borrow books from!	9/19/2015 12:21 PM
49	Shifnal people would have control over what is happening to the library, car parks and other assets. Ideas are already being put together for a Green Park. The library is important for adults and children to have a much access as possible. Having the Town Council offices there would make them more accessible and visible. Only reservation is a question of whether there is enough space for all the services planned there.	9/18/2015 7:55 PM
50	To hopefully safeguard the library and community services for Shifnal. This could be a real boon to have all services in one place. I would hope that the staff of the library would be consulted about the rearrangement of the premises and that it would be done sympathetically to allow privacy for any delicate interviews that might need to take place. Also there is a real opportunity to have outside agencies to promote and work with the town council and library service and make Shifnal a model of efficiency that other councils could aspire to.	9/18/2015 9:21 AM
51	Keep it with Shropshire council as Shifnal council can devote more to other things	9/17/2015 10:01 PM
52	I honestly think that a great opportunity is being missed for the site at the bottom of Haughton Road. I have been thinking that it would be wonderful to get a Leisure, Health and Education Centre, similar to the ideas in Telford and Wellington and have an integrated Library Service, Adult Education Service (and NEET service) and a Swimming Pool Leisure Centre (could there be funding available for these options?). This could even include the Medical Centre, a Pharmacy and Dentist. There are endless options that could ultimately save money by encompassing several services under one roof. I do realise that the outlay may not be cheap, but if Shifnal is continuing to grow and there are now many people here, the service provision and infrastructure needs to be much more and much further improved than this. It's going to be a large cut-off town, with no services for any of it's residents otherwise, other than shops and a small Drs surgery and Library. This simply isn't adequate on its own any more.	9/15/2015 8:05 PM
53	Do not want further reductions to library hours.	9/15/2015 7:48 PM
54	This option appears to be in the best interests of the people of Shifnal for ensuring the same location, hours and services provided. As the Council are going to be located in the same building perhaps extra cover when required could be provided from their resources. When considering the new lay out for the Library/Council offices perhaps the addition of a coffee shop may provide revenue needed to help with the running costs. This may also encourage people who don't use the Library to try it and by asking any of the existing coffee shops to become involved it could be a joint venture.	9/15/2015 5:01 PM
55	Local services should be managed locally	9/15/2015 12:42 PM
56	It is more Personal to Shifnal as I imagine it used to be.	9/15/2015 12:27 PM
57	Surely the council tax local precept will increase to cover the additional costs IE the library staff etc being employed by Shifnal Town Council. The assets being transferred will not generate any additional income.	9/15/2015 11:18 AM