

Get **more** out of Libraries

Presentation to Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs Select Committee

Library Service Opening Hours Proposal

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Original Proposal

- Need to make savings of £450,000
- Reduce opening hours in a consistent way by 145.5 hours a week, - 7.5%
- 11 Key libraries identified, one per district council area
- Most other libraries to close one day a week
- Change opening hours in 37 libraries, no change in 16

Public Consultation 28 Sept – 28 Dec 2011

- After one month changed the proposals for Alresford, Eastleigh, Leigh Park, Totton and Whitchurch
- Over 5,500 responses received, 1,000 via email
- Mainly constructive (!)
- Resulted in further changes to the proposals in 26 libraries
- Moved away from closing one day a week in some libraries, reinstating some late night closures in others
- Total savings of £446,000

Consultation with District/Town/Parish Councils

- Meetings with Totton TC, Alton TC, Hedge End TC, West End PC, Hythe PC and Eastleigh BC.
- Funding provided for installation of self service in Hedge End, West End and Hythe libraries
- Extension and refurbishment of West End Library, mainly funded by Eastleigh BC and West End PC
- Refurbishment of Hythe library, funded by HCC
- Difference of opinion on the key library in East Hampshire