

**APPENDIX 1**

**OPTION 3 (a) – Fair Opening Hour Distribution Tapering Model**

Designation	Library	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Total Hours per week (current hrs)	Comments
<b>Portal 46 Hours per week, 6 day opening</b>	<b>Blackwood</b> Population 30,659	9.30 – 5.00	9.30 – 5.00	9.30 - 5.00	9.30 – 6.00	9.30 – 6.00	9.30 – 4.00	46 (46)	<p><b>Portal Library (46 hrs per week opening over 6 days)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Population in excess of 14,000</li> <li>Library located in main shopping centre</li> <li>Floor space in metres square (400m<sup>2</sup> to 1000m<sup>2</sup>)</li> <li>Coffee shop or vending facility</li> <li>Minimum of 25,000 items of stock in wide variety of formats. Inclusion of specialist collections e.g. – Family, Local History, Health &amp; Wellbeing, Reading Group sets, and School/Homework resources</li> <li>Minimum of 20 Public Access Computers (dedicated provision for learners, adults, children, and young people)</li> <li>Gaming area within Children and Young Persons space including consoles and screens</li> <li>Free Wifi access</li> <li>Self Service Points near Ground Floor entrances</li> <li>Community and arts event space</li> <li>Co-located with Customer Service Centre or equivalent public facing partner.</li> <li>Wide range of information, link to E-Government</li> </ul>
<b>Portal 46 Hours per week, 6 day opening</b>	<b>Caerphilly</b> Population 33,727	9.30 – 5.00	9.30 – 5.00	9.30 – 6.00	9.30 – 6.00	9.30 – 5.00	9.30 – 4.00	46 (50)	
<b>Portal 46 Hours per week, 6 day opening</b>	<b>Bargoed</b> Population 16,075	9.30 – 5.00	9.30 – 6.00	9.30 – 5.00	9.30 – 5.00	9.30 – 6.00	9.30 – 4.00	46 (46)	
<b>Portal 46 Hours per week, 6 day opening</b>	<b>Risca</b> Population 14,958	9.30 – 6.00	9.30 – 5.00	9.30 – 6.00	9.30 – 5.00	9.30 – 5.00	9.30 – 4.00	46 (50)	
<b>Town 30 Hours per week, five day opening</b>	<b>Newbridge</b> Population 9,456	9.30-1.00 2.00-5.00	9.30 - 1.00 2.00 - 6.00	2.00 – 5.00	9.30 - 1.00 2.00 – 5.00	9.30 - 1.00 2.00 - 5.00	<b>Closed</b>	30 (30)	
<b>Town 34.5 Hours per week, five day opening</b>	<b>Rhymney</b> Population 8,845	9.30 - 1.00 2.00 – 6.00	9.30 – 1.00 2.00 – 5.00	9.30 - 1.00 2.00 - 6.00	9.30 - 1.00 2.00 - 5.00	9.30 - 1.00 2.00 - 5.00	<b>Closed</b>	34.5(37)	
<b>Town 34.5 Hours per week, five day opening</b>	<b>Ystrad Mynach</b> Population 12,833	9.30 – 1.00 2.00 – 5.00	9.30 – 1.00 2.00 – 6.00	9.30 – 1.00 2.00 – 5.00	9.30 – 1.00 2.00 – 5.00	9.30 – 1.00 2.00 – 6.00	<b>Closed</b>	34.5 (43)	
<b>Joint Use / Village 28 Hours per week, 4 day opening</b>	<b>Abertridwr</b> Population 6,799	9:30 - 1.00 2.00 - 6.00	9.30 – 1.00 2.00 – 5.00	<b>Closed</b>	9.30 – 1.00 2.00 – 6.00	9:30 - 1.00 2.00 - 5.00	<b>Closed</b>	28 (35.5)	
<b>Joint Use / Village 28 Hours per week, 4 day opening</b>	<b>Bedwas</b> Population 6,455	9.30 – 1.00 2.00 – 5.00	9.30 – 1.00 2.00 - 6.00	9:30 – 1.00 2.00 – 6.00	<b>Closed</b>	9:30 – 1.00 2.00 - 5.00	<b>Closed</b>	28 (30)	
<b>Joint Use / Village 20.5 Hours per week, 3 day opening</b>	<b>Abercarn</b> Population 5,352	9:30 - 1.00 2.00 – 5.00	<b>Closed</b>	9:30 - 1.00 2.00 - 6.00	9.30 – 1.00 2.00 – 5.00	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>	20.5 (21)	
<b>Joint Use / Village 20.5 Hours per week, 3 day opening</b>	<b>New Tredegar</b> Population 4,966	9:30 – 1:00 2:00 – 6:00	<b>Closed</b>	9.30 – 1.00 2.00 – 5.00	<b>Closed</b>	9:30 - 1.00 2.00 – 5.00	<b>Closed</b>	20.5(37)	
<b>Joint Use / Village 20.5 Hours per week, 3 day opening</b>	<b>Oakdale</b> Population 5,251	<b>Closed</b>	9:30 - 1.00 2.00 - 6.00	9:30 - 1.00 2.00 - 5.00	<b>Closed</b>	9.30 – 1.00 2.00 – 5.00	<b>Closed</b>	20.5 (20.5)	
<b>Community Linked 15 Hours per week, 2 day opening</b>	<b>Aberbargoed</b> Population 3,642	<b>Closed</b>	9:30-1.00 2.00-6.00	<b>Closed</b>	9.30 – 1.00 2.00-6.00	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>	15 (25)	
<b>Joint use/Village 20.5 Hours per week, 3 day opening</b>	<b>Nelson</b> Population 4,647	9.30 – 1.00 2.00 – 5.00	<b>Closed</b>	9.30 – 1.00 2.00 - 6.00	<b>Closed</b>	9:30 - 1.00 2.00 - 5.00	<b>Closed</b>	20.5 (31)	
<b>Community Linked 15 Hours per week, 2 day opening</b>	<b>Pengam</b> Population 3,848	<b>Closed</b>	9.30 – 1.00 2:00 – 6:00	<b>Closed</b>	9:30 – 1.00 2.00 – 6.00	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>	15 (20.5)	
<b>Community Linked 15 Hours per week, 2 day opening</b>	<b>Deri</b> Population 2,607	9:30 - 1.00 2.00 - 6.00	<b>Closed</b>	9.30 – 1.00 2.00 - 6.00	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>	15 (15)	
<b>Community Linked 15 Hours per week, 2 day opening</b>	<b>Llanbradach</b> Population 4,383	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>	9.30 – 1.00 2.00 - 6.00	<b>Closed</b>	9:30 - 1.00 2.00 - 6.00	<b>Closed</b>	15 (16)	

**Joint Use / Village Library (Two sub tiers, 4 day per week 28 hr delivery for larger community sites and 3 day per week operation at 20.5 hrs for others)**

- Population in the range 4,500 – 8,000
- 3 day/20.5 hour sites single staffed.
- Library located near village centre/shopping area
- Floor space in metres square (120m<sup>2</sup> to 215m<sup>2</sup>)
- Small vending provision for beverages where achievable
- Minimum of 5,000 items of stock in variety of formats. Inclusion of collections that support a wide range of recreational interests and learning needs - School/Homework resources
- Minimum of 10 Public Access Computers
- Self Service kiosks as part of staffing solution
- Community meeting and event space where possible
- Co-located with other community or Council partners where possible
- Range of online and paper information sources

**Community Linked (15 hour per week, 2 day delivery – serving smallest communities)**

- Population less than 4,500
- Single staffing
- Minimum of 5 Public Access Computers
- Self Service kiosks as part of staffing solution
- 1,500 to 5,000 resources for loans and study

<b>Community Linked 15 Hours per week, 2 day opening</b>	Machen Population 4,303	<b>Closed</b>	9.30 – 1.00 2.00 - 6.00	<b>Closed</b>	9.30 – 1.00 2.00 – 6:00	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>	15 (17)	<b>Opening Hours 496.5 pw Aggregate 138 per 1,000 pop.</b>
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