

**APPENDIX 2**

**OPTION 3 (b) – Fair Opening Hour Distribution Tapering Model (Saturday access retained)**

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> <p><b>Town Library (30-34.5 hrs per week over 5 day, Monday to Friday delivery)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Population in the range 8,000 -14,000</li> <li>Library located in town centre</li> <li>Floor space in metres square (215m<sup>2</sup> to 400m<sup>2</sup>)</li> <li>Vending facility</li> <li>Minimum of 15,000 items of stock in wide variety of formats. Inclusion of collections that support a wide range of recreational interests and learning needs - School/Homework resources</li> <li>Minimum of 15 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 – where floor space and site design allows</li> <li>Free Wifi access</li> <li>Self Service Points near main entrance</li> <li>Community meeting and event space</li> <li>Co-located with Customer Services or equivalent public facing partner</li> <li>Range of information services, link to E-Government</li> </ul> <p><b>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)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Population in the range 4,500 – 8,000</li> <li>3 day/20.5 hour sites single staffed.</li> <li>Library located near village centre/shopping area</li> <li>Floor space in metres square (120m<sup>2</sup> to 215m<sup>2</sup>)</li> <li>Small vending provision for beverages where achievable</li> <li>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</li> <li>Minimum of 10 Public Access Computers</li> <li>Self Service kiosks as part of staffing solution</li> <li>Community meeting and event space where possible</li> <li>Co-located with other community or Council partners where possible</li> <li>Range of online and paper information sources</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Linked (15 hour per week, 2 day delivery – serving smallest communities)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Population less than 4,500</li> <li>Single staffing</li> <li>Minimum of 5 Public Access Computers</li> <li>Self Service kiosks as part of staffing solution</li> <li>1,500 to 5,000 resources for loans and study</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 35 Hours per week, six day opening Includes Saturday 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	9.30 – 1.00 2.00 – 6.00	9.30 – 1.00	35 (43)	
<b>Joint Use / Village 26 Hours per week, 5 day opening Includes Saturday 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>	2.00 – 6.00	9:30 - 1.00 2.00 - 5.00	9.30 – 1.00	28 (35.5)	
<b>Joint Use / Village 26 Hours per week, 5 day opening Includes Saturday opening</b>	<b>Bedwas</b> Population 6,455	9:30 – 1.00 2.00 - 5.00	2.00 - 6.00	9:30 – 1.00 2.00 – 6.00	<b>Closed</b>	9:30 – 1.00 2.00 - 5.00	9.30 – 1.00	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, 4 day opening Includes Saturday opening</b>	<b>Nelson</b> Population 4,647	9:30-1:00 2:00-5:00	<b>Closed</b>	2.00 - 6.00	<b>Closed</b>	9:30 - 1.00 2.00 - 5.00	9.30 – 1.00	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)	

<b>Community Linked 15 Hours per week, 3 day opening</b> <b>Includes Saturday opening</b>	<b>Machen</b> Population 4,303	<b>Closed</b>	9:30 – 1.00 2.00 - 6.00	<b>Closed</b>	2.00 – 6:00	<b>Closed</b>	9.30 – 1.00	15 (17)	<b>Opening Hours 496.5 pw</b> <b>Aggregate 138 per 1,000 pop.</b>
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