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2	Alsager	Current	10:00 - 17:00	10:00 - 18:00	10:00 - 17:00	10:00 - 13:00	10:00 - 17:00	9.00 – 13:00
		Final	10:00 - 17:00	10:00 - 18:00	10:00 - 17:00	CLOSED	10:00 - 17:00	9:00 – 13:00
		<p>Notes: Alsager Town Council were approached for funding to retain Thursday morning opening however at an extraordinary meeting on Tuesday 8 October it was resolved TC24/108 that Alsager Town Council will not be supporting the extra funding to stop reducing the library opening hours.</p> <p>Final recommendation: Reduction of opening hours by 3 hours each week by removing current half day opening on Thursday morning opening 10:00 – 13:00. This complements pattern of hours at Congleton, Crewe and Holmes Chapel libraries. Community group impacts are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Baby Bounce, Friday each week, 2:00-2:30pm – no impact 2. Children’s Book Club, Tuesday each week, 4:00-4:30pm – no impact 3. Children’s Games Club, Friday each week 3:30-4:30pm – no impact 4. Coffee Morning, Wednesday each week, 10:00-12:00 Noon – no impact 5. Colour & Chat Circle, Monday each week, 2:00-4:00pm – no impact 6. Family Stories & Songs, Saturday each week, 11:00-11:30am – no impact 7. Lego Club, Monday each week, 3:30-4:30pm – no impact 8. Memory Cafe, Friday monthly, 11:00am-12:45pm – no impact 9. Monday Chess Club, Monday each week, 2:00-4:00pm – no impact 						

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2		10. Rhymetime, Monday each week, 11:00-11:30am – no impact 11. Pop-up Work Club, Wednesday twice monthly, 10:00-12:00 Noon – no impact 12. Stories & Songs, Friday each week, 11:00-11:30 – no impact 13. 2 nd Tuesday Murder Book Club, Tuesday each week, 2:30-3:30pm – no impact 14. IT Buddy, Thursday each week, 10:15-12:15pm – potential to change to another weekday						
		Current	10:00 - 17.00	10:00 – 17:00	CLOSED	10:00 – 18:00	10:00 - 17.00	09:30 – 13:00
		Final	10:00 - 17.00	10:00 – 17:00	CLOSED	10:00 – 18:00	10:00 - 17.00	09:30 – 13:00
	Holmes Chapel	No proposed changes as already closed for one full day during the week						

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2	Knutsford	Current	10:00 – 17:00	10:00 – 18:00	10:00 – 13:00	10:00 – 17:00	10:00 – 17:00	9:00 – 13:00
		Final	10:00 – 17:00	10:00 – 17:00	CLOSED	10:00 – 18:00	10:00 – 17:00	9:00 – 13:00
		<p>Knutsford Town Council are exploring the option of delivering a volunteer led service on Wednesday mornings. This dialogue is ongoing.</p> <p>The community group impacts would be as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Baby Bounce - Monday each week, 11:00-11:30am – no impact 2. Current Affairs Discussion Group – Monday each week, 2:00-3:00pm – no impact 3. IT Buddy & Learn My Way, by appointment – minimal impact, no appointments available on Wednesday 4. Rhyme-time - Thursdays each week 2:15-2:45pm – no impact 5. Knit & Natter – Wednesday each week, 10:15am-12:15pm – this would be impacted however potential to re-schedule or may be able to run during volunteer run session 6. Lego Club – Tuesday each week, 3:30-4:30pm – no impact 7. Rhyme-time – Tuesday each week, 11:00-11:30am – no impact 8. Stories & Songs – Friday each week, 11:00-11:30am – no impact 						

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2	Middlewich	Current	10:00 – 17:00	10:00 – 17:00	CLOSED	10:00 – 18:00	10:00 – 17:00	9:30 – 13:00
		Final	10:00 – 13:00	10:00 – 17:00	CLOSED	10:00 – 18:00	10:00 – 17:00	9:30 – 13:00
		<p>Final recommendation – That library opening hours are reduced by one half day each week and that the library closes at 1:00pm each Monday. This opening aligns to the opening hours at Sandbach, Holmes Chapel and Crewe libraries.</p> <p>Community group impact would be as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check It Out – children’s book group – Friday, monthly, 3:30-4:15pm – no impact 2. Crafter Days for Adults – Saturday, monthly, 10:30-12:30pm – no impact 3. Knit & Natter – Thursday each week, 1:30-3:30pm – Thursdays each week, 10:15 – 10:45am – no impact 4. Learn My Way – computer course, Monday and Thursday each week, 2:00-4:00pm – this would be reduced to Thursday only. 5. Lego Club – Saturdays each week – 11:00 –12:00 Noon – no impact 6. Mini Builders – Monday each week, 10:30-11:00am – no impact 7. Morsbags craft sessions – Fridays monthly, 10:30-12:00 Noon – no impact 8. Rhyme-time – Tuesday each week, 10:30-11:00am – no impact 9. Stories & Songs – Thursday each week, 10:30-1:00pm – no impact 10. Teenage Knitting & Crochet Group – Thursday each week, 3:00-5:00pm – no impact 11. Toddler Time – Friday each week, 10:30-1:00pm – no impact 						

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2	Poynton	Current	10:00 – 17:00	10:00 – 18:00	10:00 – 13:00	10:00 – 17:00	10:00 – 17:00	9:00 – 13:00
		Town Council funded hours			10:00 - 13:00			
		Final (ALL)	10:00 – 17:00	10:00 – 18:00	10:00 – 13:00	10:00 – 17:00	10:00 – 17:00	9:00 – 13:00
		<p>Notes – Poynton Town Council at a meeting on 30.10.2024 agreed to provide top up funding to retain Wednesday morning opening on a reduced staffing contingent (4 staff members) which will impact the number of customer service appointments available on this morning and potentially impact the delivery of events when staff are absent.</p> <p>Final recommendation - hours to be revised due to top up funding from Poynton Town Council.</p> <p>Therefore, the impact on the community groups would be as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Book Chat – Tuesday monthly, 2:00-3:00pm – no impact 2. Lego Club – Tuesday monthly, 3:30-5:00pm – no impact 3. Rhyme-time – Thursday each week 10:30-11:00am – no impact 4. Stories & Songs – Wednesday each week 10:30-11:00am – no impact 						

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2	Sandbach	Current	10:00 – 17:00	10:00 – 17:00	10:00 – 18:00	10:00 – 13:00	10:00 – 17:00	9:00 – 13:00
		Final	10:00 – 17:00	10:00 – 17:00	10:00 – 18:00	CLOSED	10:00 – 17:00	9:00 – 13:00
		<p>Final recommendation – Thursday morning closing to align to opening hours at Middlewich, Holmes Chapel and Crewe libraries.</p> <p>If the library closes on Thursday, the impact on the community groups would be as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lego Club, Tuesday each week, 3:45-4:30pm – no impact 2. Sandbach Library Art Club, Tuesday fortnightly, 11.00-12:00 Noon – no impact 3. Baby Bounce, Tuesday each week, 2:00-2:30pm – no impact 4. BSL Conversation Class, Monday monthly, 2:00-3:00pm – no impact 5. Chess Club, Saturday each week, 10:30-12:30pm – no impact 6. Family History Help, Wednesday each week, 2:00-4:15pm – no impact 7. Knit & Natter, Friday each week, 10:30-11:30am – no impact 8. Rhyme-time, Wednesday each week, 10:30-11:00am – no impact 9. Shared Reading, Friday monthly, 10:00-11:00am – no impact 10. Signed Storytime, Friday monthly, 10:30-11:00am – no impact 11. Stories & Songs, Monday each week, 10:30-11:00am – no impact 12. Story & Craft, Thursday each week, 10:30-11:00am – this group would cease 						

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3	Alderley Edge	Current	CLOSED	09.30 - 13.00**	09.30 – 13:00 14:00 - 17.00	CLOSED	09.30 – 13:00 14:00 - 17.00	09.30 - 13.00
		Parish Council funded hours	/	/	/	/	/	09.30 - 13.00
		Final (ALL)	CLOSED	10:00-13:30	10:00-13:30	CLOSED	13:00 – 17:00	09.30 - 13.00
		<p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - current volunteer operation Tuesday 13:00 – 17:00 each week to be retained, allowing 30 minutes cross over - Saturday morning opening funded by Alderley Edge Parish Council via top up funding agreement <p>Final recommendation: hours adjusted in dialogue with Parish Council to ensure better spread of opening and continuing to complement pattern of hours at Wilmslow. Community group impacts are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Friday Lego Club – Friday each week, 3:30-4:45pm – no impact 2. Saturday Lego Club – Saturday each week, 9:30-12:00 Noon – no impact 3. Rhyme-time – Wednesday each week, 10:00-10:30am – this group would start 15 minutes later 4. Stories & Songs – Friday each week, 2:30-3:00pm – no impact 						

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3	Handforth	Current	10:00 - 17.00	10:00 - 18.00	CLOSED	10.00 - 17.00	10.00 - 17.00	09:30 – 13:00
		Town Council funded hours	14:30-18:00	\	\	\	\	\
		Final (ALL)	14:30-18:00	14:00-18:00	CLOSED	10:00-13:30	10:00-13:30	CLOSED
		<p>Notes – Handforth Town Council to provide top up funding for Monday afternoon/early evening opening.</p> <p>Final recommendation – hours to be revised due to top up funding from Handforth Town Council. Community group impacts are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lego Club - Tuesday each week, 4:00 – 5:00pm – no impact 2. Lego Club - Saturday each month, 10:00 – 11:00am – alternative session already operating on Tuesday 4:00-5:00pm 3. Coffee Morning – Fridays each week, 10:30 – 11:30am – no impact 4. Crochet Knit & Natter – Saturdays each week 10:00 -12:30pm –offer alternative on Tuesday 2:30-3:30pm 5. IT Buddy Sessions – Fridays each week 1:30 – 2:30pm – offer alternative slot on Friday 10:15-11:15am 6. Baby Bounce - Thursday morning each week 11:00 – 11:30am – no impact 7. Rhyme-time - Tuesdays each week 11:00 – 11:30am – offer alternative slot on Thursday morning 10:00-10:30am 8. Stories and Songs - Mondays each week 11:00 – 11:30am – offer alternative slot on Tuesday afternoons 2:00 – 2.30pm 						

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3	Disley	Current	CLOSED	09:00 – 13:00	09:00 – 13:00	14:00 – 18:00	14:00 – 18:00	09:00 – 13:00
		Parish Council funded hours	/	/	/	/	/	9:30-13:00
		Final (ALL)	CLOSED	CLOSED	9:30-13:00	14:00-17:30	14:00-18:00	9:30-13:00
		<p>Notes – Disley Parish Council to provide top up funding for 1 member of library staff to work alongside parish council volunteers on Saturday mornings. Reduced level of service.</p> <p>Final recommendation – hours to be revised due to top up funding from Disley Parish Council combined with Disley Parish Council volunteers working alongside a member of library staff on Saturday mornings. Community group impacts are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lego Club - Friday each week, 3:30 – 5:00pm – no impact 2. Coffee Morning – Saturdays each week, 10:00 – 12 Noon – no impact if facilitated by volunteers 3. Baby Bounce - Wednesday morning each week 10:30 – 11:00am – no impact 4. Rhyme-time - Thursdays each week 2:15 – 2:45pm – no impact 5. Keen Cooks book group – first Friday of the month, 2:00 – 3:00pm – no impact 6. Kids Craft Club, Saturday monthly, 10:00-12:00 Noon – would reduce to an activity on a weekday during school holidays 						

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3	Bollington	Current	CLOSED	10.00 - 18.00	10.00 - 17.00	10.00 - 17.00	10.00 - 17.00	09:30 - 13.00
		Consultation	CLOSED	14:00 – 18:00	CLOSED	10:00 – 13:00	13:00 - 17.00	CLOSED
		Final proposal – CE reduced staffing	CLOSED	14:00-18:00	13:00-17:00	13:00-17:00	13:00-17:00	
		Final proposal – Bollington Town Council funded	CLOSED	10:00-14:00	10:00-13:00	10:00-13:00	10:00-1:00	9:30-13:00
<p>Notes – Bollington Town Council to provide top up funding to retain existing opening hours. Staffing levels will be reduced after 13:00 hours as Cheshire East funded staffing has been “stretched” over more days than originally consulted on, therefore there will be no Cheshire East Council customer service functions in the afternoon.</p> <p>Final recommendation - hours to be maintained through partnership working with Bollington Town Council supported by The Friends of Bollington Library group.</p>								

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		<p>No impact to existing community groups as shown below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adult Reading Groups – First and Third Tuesday evenings of each month, 4:30pm to 5:30pm – no impact 2. Adult Reading Group – First and Third Tuesday mornings of each month, 11:30am to 12:30pm – no impact 3. Baby Bounce – Thursdays each week, 10:15am to 10:45am – no impact 4. Childrens Book Group, Tuesdays each week, 4:15pm to 4:45pm – no impact 5. Lego Club – Saturdays each week, 10:00am to 12 Noon – no impact 6. Rhymetime – Wednesdays and Fridays 10:15am to 10:45am – no impact 7. Stories and Songs - Tuesdays each week, 10:15am to 10:45am – no impact 8. Story and Tea – one Thursday each month, 2:00pm to 3:00pm – no impact 9. Young Adult Book Group – Tuesdays 5:00pm to 5:45pm – no impact 						