

SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Old Town Library Extended Opening Days.

Full Council – 18 June 2019

1. Introduction

This report is to discuss the option to extend the opening days of Old Town Library. The library is currently open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Since the Parish took over management of the Library there has been increased lending and attendance of themed events such as Story Time. The service provision is viewed widely as a service success.

2. Report Details

- 2.1** The Parish Council has committed to keeping Old Town Library open to the public and in doing so directly employed a Librarian to manage the day to day service delivery.
- 2.2** With such good lending numbers, the proposal is to open the library on a Monday at the same opening times as the previous established days. The extra day will help increase lending numbers and attendance as opposed to extending the existing opening hours, increased hours only would likely spread the current numbers over the same period.
- 2.3** The cost of adding Monday to the current opening times would add 5.5 hours per week and cost approximately £2,500.00 per annum. There is currently an underspend in the library budget of £5,500.00.
- 2.4** All staff are to be directly employed by Swindon South Parish.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1** That the staffing strategy detailed in 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 be considered and approved.