

**HOWLS OPTIONS EXERCISE MEETING – 19 JULY 2017**

**OPTION – MOVE TO HAY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

THEME	PROs – 12 Post Its & 3 emails	CONS - 24 Post Its & 6 emails
£	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No additional financial requirements</li> <li>More funded librarian hours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cost of moving from current site</li> </ul>
<b>MANAGEMENT &amp; ORGANISATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Line of least resistance – particularly long-term for responsibility of PCC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not good for a librarian to be alone in school after hours</li> <li>Loss of control over future planning for the library. Fear of the service being gradually reduced/phased out</li> <li>PCC can take the books away &amp; school gets extra room. LIBRARY GONE</li> <li>Library should be seen as a service in its own right. Show its importance</li> <li>Must stay as a <u>Powys</u> library (not independent) or we'll lose the huge number of Powys library books we have access to</li> <li>What if school capacity is exceeded – what will happen to the library – first thing to go</li> <li>Space insufficient – no <u>storage</u>, dependant on the whims of PCC</li> <li><i>If the school capacity needs to expand in the future then the library will be the first thing to go</i></li> <li><i>Library would be very easy to take away - simply load mobile bookshelves on a truck, and there would be a new empty room for the school with storage area</i></li> </ul>
<b>RESOURCES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School space provides a more flexible space for the future library</li> <li>We need to think what sort of space a community library needs in 2027</li> <li>May get more library customers due to school/car park which may make it easier to fight future spending cuts</li> <li>More accessible for people with disability issues</li> <li>More visible for parents</li> <li>Move to Hay primary more central for whole of Hay so long as facilities remain same or improve</li> <li>Access for more/different people &amp; school children who learn to use/value library. Parking</li> <li><i>The 'new library' in the school will be an empty room, with a storage area. When the library is closed, there'll be an empty room which can be used for other purposes.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No storage. If storage out in then space far too small</li> <li>Takes up community space that could be used for other groups</li> <li>Community space too small so if library was not there. Proposed new library floor space seems inadequate there would be more community space</li> <li>Difficult for many to get to school library</li> <li>School is not in centre of town where people have to do other things</li> <li>Lack of storage</li> <li>Space is too small in school</li> <li>Less space available overall</li> <li>You cannot run a library without storage!</li> <li>Security of equipment is an issue</li> <li>Nearby parking space are paid for (in car park) – no on-street parking nearby</li> <li>It is tucked out of the way – would be good for intentional visits, but unlikely to encourage casual drop-ins (location, location, location applies to retail – surely same applies to public services?)</li> <li><i>How will the library be "policed" with any member of the public access in school premises? Doesn't this leave the children vulnerable</i></li> </ul>
<b>SERVICE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Move would at least mean the service would continue with more hours</li> <li>Poss collaboration for library uses after school, at weekends &amp; in holidays</li> <li><i>Very feasible option as means school children will have access &amp; hopefully be encouraged to use</i></li> <li><i>My sister's library moved into the local school &amp; more parents came in &amp; all the spin off groups multiplied &amp; diversified &amp; has proved to be a great success for the community. Not the result they had expected</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not fit for purpose</li> <li>Can't we use the space for anything other than a library – no community activity space?</li> <li>We should encourage the development of library services not cut the hours</li> <li>A public library in a primary school may not be attractive to secondary students &amp; reduced space may not be able to cope with the footfall of customers</li> <li><i>Where are library users going to be able to access a PC if not in the new library in the school? Not everyone can afford broadband and safe un-scammed web access</i></li> <li><i>Where will the librarian sit? Is there going to be a library counter and chair that gets trundled out each time the library opens?</i></li> <li><i>What's being offered by PCC is not a proper library or community centre - no facilities for art or pottery classes, which used to take place in the old community centre</i></li> </ul>

