

Outcome of Final Consultation

Revised Option 4 (Recommended) Proposal

23rd October - 3rd November 2024



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Revision to Option 4

We have carefully considered feedback from the final phase of libraries consultation and found it very valuable. It highlighted the need for more equitable hours across the city, and in response, we are now proposing a revision of Option 4.

This proposal is directly based on input during the **final phase** of consultation and will be the recommendation to cabinet.

We now want to hear views on the revised Option 4 and the proposed hours for each Library. This will be incorporated into the final report.

Revised option 4 (recommended) proposal

Following the analysis of feedback from the final phase of the Libraries Consultation, Option 4 has been revised. Key changes are as follows:

- Hub location for Ladywood
 - Feedback from the final in-person consultations shared that Library of Birmingham did not represent a Library Community Hub. **Small Heath Library** is now the proposed Library Community Hub for Ladywood.
- Hours per Library for Hubs and Part-time Libraries
 - Feedback from the final consultation was that the disparity of 5-day and 2-day opening was too great and did not offer high footfall Libraries enough provision.
 - Hours have been redistributed on a **4-day (Hub), 3-day and 2-day basis**.
 - As with all Libraries there will be an opportunity for full time opening, supported by internal and external partners, groups and the community.

High-level overview of the revised proposed offer (Option 4*)

BCC is committed to ensuring library services are provided in the designated Ward. However, this may not involve the existing library building. The decision will depend on the condition of the building, and efforts will be made to explore co-location options or alternative locations.

Library	Previous Proposed hrs per week	Revised proposed hrs per week	Reason for change in proposed hours per week	Library	Previous Proposed hrs per week	Revised proposed hrs per week	Reason for change in proposed hours per week
Acocks Green Library	35	28	To allow increased hrs across the city	Northfield Library	35	28	To allow increased hrs across the city
Aston Library	14	14	No change	Perry Common Library	14	14	No change
Balsall Heath Library	14	14	No change	Quinton Library	35	28	To allow increased hrs across the city
Bartley Green Library	Partner Led	Partner Led	No change	Selly Oak Library	14	14	No change
Birchfield Library	14	21	Increase of hours based on usage	Shard End Library	14	21	Increase of hours based on usage
Bloomsbury Library	Partner Led	Partner Led	No change	Sheldon Library	14	14	No change
Boldmere Library	Partner Led	Partner Led	No change	Small Heath Library	14	28	Increase in hours–Ladywood Constituency Library Community Hub
Druids Heath Library	35	28	To allow increased hrs across the city	South Yardley Library	14	21	Increase of hours based on usage
Erdington Library	35	28	To allow increased hrs across the city	Sparkhill Library	14	21	Increase of hours based on usage
Frankley Library	Partner Led	Partner Led	No change	Spring Hill Library	Closure	Closure	No change
Glebe Farm Library	Partner Led	Partner Led	No change	Stirchley Library	14	21	Increase of hours based on usage
Hall Green Library	14	21	Increase of hours based on usage	Sutton Coldfield Library	Partner Led	Partner Led	No change
Handsworth Library	35	28	To allow increased hrs across the city	Tower Hill Library	14	14	No change (Co-location)
Harborne Library	14	21	Increase of hours based on usage (Co-location)	Walmley Library	Partner Led	Partner Led	No change
Kings Heath Library	35	28	To allow increased hrs across the city	Ward End Library	35	28	To allow increased hrs across the city
Kings Norton Library	14	21	Increase of hours based on usage	Weoley Castle Library	14	21	Increase of hours based on usage
Kingstanding Library	14	14	No change	Yardley Wood Librarv	14	21	Increase of hours based on usage
Mere Green Library	35	28	To allow increased hrs across the city	* Detail of option 4 is shown in the appendix			

Libraries-Outcome of Final Consultation proposal

Birmingham City Council is asking for all those who live, work or study in Birmingham for their views, comments and feedback on the proposed changes outlined in this communication. Following the feedback from the final phase of the consultation, we have revised Option 4 and encourage comment from both current library users and nonusers.

The revised Option 4 model will be presented to Cabinet for their decision in January 2025. We invite you to share your thoughts and comments on the revised Option 4 model and the feedback will be included in the Cabinet paper.

Period for final comments : 23rd October 2024 - 3rd November 2024

- Comments survey link -<https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/bcc/revised-option-4-proposal>
- Paper versions at all Birmingham Libraries, community language and other formats are available on request

You can also send comments to the existing Libraries Public Consultation email inbox:

LibrariesPublicConsultation@birmingham.gov.uk

For more information and links to the First Phase and Final Phase of Libraries Consultation please go to: www.birmingham.gov.uk/budgetconsultations

Appendix- Option 4



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Proposed Model –Option 4 (shared as part of Final phase of consultation 23rd Aug- 27th Sept 2024)

28 x BCC funded Library buildings (including LoB)

This option provides citywide provision and part-time libraries are open for approx 14 hours per week with the opportunity for more hours with community and partner led provision. All current building- based provision to remain open, with savings delivered through reduced staff hours in some Libraries and the introduction of partner-led provision.

Offer	Definition
10 X BCC Full time community library hub offer (includes hub in Library of Birmingham)	Full-time BCC staffed Library in each constituency. Co-location of additional services. Operating 35 hrs per week
14 X BCC Part-time library offer	Part time BCC staffed Library operating an approx. 14hrs per week. Opportunity for full time opening supported by internal and external partners, groups and the community.
4 X Co-location library offer (2 buildings closed and relocated)	Part-time BCC staffed library provision in a non-BCC building operating an approx.14hrs per week. Opportunity for full time opening supported by the community.
7 X Partner led library opportunities	The building remains open through partner-led service provision* with no BCC funding <i>*conversations are being held with partners - some progressed in detail and some in initial stages</i>
1x Additional library vehicle	Additional 21 mobile library stops (total of 45 stops with current vehicle)
1X Library remains closed	Building currently closed unable to reopen due to building condition

Proposed Model –Option 4 (revised version- shared 23rd October – 3rd November 2024)

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Offer	Definition
10 X BCC 4-day community library hub offer	4-day BCC staffed Library in each constituency. Co-location of additional services. Operating 28 hrs per week
14 X BCC Part-time library offer	Part-time BCC staffed Library operating an approx. 14hrs or 21 hours per week (based on library access and usage data). Opportunity for full time opening supported by internal and external partners, groups and the community.
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4x Additional provision	Building provision through partner-led service provision in non-BCC buildings