



The purpose of this paper is to record the Town Council's submission to the Isle of Wight Council's Public Library Service and to ask Members to consider if any other action is appropriate at this time.

No. DETAIL

1) BACKGROUND

- a) The Isle of Wight Council's consultation on the future of its Public Library Service was launched on 6 July 2015 and closed on 6 September 2015.
 - b) Its proposals included the change from the current six sites forming its statutory provision to three with those of Cowes, Freshwater and Ventnor becoming Community Supported Libraries.
 - c) The impact of this for Ventnor Library would be a reduction from the current two members of staff to one and a reduction in opening hours from 24 to 21 with the Town Council becoming responsible for the building's running costs.
 - d) At its meeting of 10 August 2015 the Town Council resolved in minute 102/13: *to make a formal corporate response to the current Isle of Wight Council consultation on the future of the Library Service based on the case set out in sections 4-7 of Report 69/15.*
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2) SUBMISSION

- a) The document was submitted to Head of the Isle of Wight Council's Library Service Rob Jones and the Portfolio Holder on 28 August 2015.
 - b) Rob Jones acknowledged receipt the same day in an email which read:
I will add this to the consultation email address. I have had a quick look at it already. We did ask for people if they had any additional comments to email or send them through so this is much appreciated. It will be considered properly alongside the rest of the information but obviously the views of the Town and Parish Councils is very important and will have a specific section in the analysis of the consultation.
 - c) A copy of the submission is attached to this Report.
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3) RECOMMENDATION

Members are recommended to consider whether any further action on this matter is required at this stage.
