

REPORT TO:		Council	
DATE:		07 July 2016	
REPORT AUTHOR:		Helen Gee, Member Services Manager	
TITLE OF REPORT:		Motions for debate at Council - 1. Library Closures 2. Oswaldtwistle Library Closures	
EXEMPT REPORT:	No		
KEY DECISION:	No	If yes, date of publication:	n/a

Council will be asked to consider the following motions submitted under Council Procedure Rule A9:-

1. Library Closures

"This Council deplores the proposal by Lancashire County Council to close three out of five Hyndburn Libraries in the townships of Clayton-le-Moors, Oswaldtwistle and Rishton. Libraries are not merely lenders of books but serve as a community focus for a range of resident activities covering all age groups. This Council therefore resolves to write to Jennifer Mein, Leader of Lancashire County Council, asking her to reconsider the proposed Library closures Lancashire-wide, as local communities will suffer from the withdrawal of this valuable facility."

Proposer: Councillor Judith Addison

Seconder: Councillor Peter Britcliffe

Submitted on: 29th June 2016

2. Oswaldtwistle Library Closure

"Oswaldtwistle residents oppose the proposed closure of their local Library by Lancashire County Council on cost grounds. Last October the town was proud to commemorate the Centenary of its Carnegie Library, which not only lends out books but welcomes people of all ages to a range of free learning activities in a warm and friendly environment. If the County Council can no longer fund our Library we ask Hyndburn Borough Council to support our proposal for a resident group to take over the building and operate it as a Community Library so that this much-valued local facility is not lost."

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