
NOTICE OF MOTION – DOWNGRADING OF CROWN POST OFFICES

To: **Council – 3 October 2013**

By: **Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **All Wards**

Summary: To consider a Notice of Motion submitted in relation to the downgrading of Crown Post Offices

For Decision

1.0 Introduction and Background

1.1. Council Procedure Rule No. 16 governs the process for motions on notice being submitted to Council.

1.2.1 The following motion on notice has been received from Councillor Johnston:

“Thanet District Council supports the Communication Workers Union in their efforts to stop the privatisation and down grading of 70 Crown Post Offices, including our Margate office, and the further closure of 6 offices with a total loss of over 800 jobs.

We welcome the wide support of many local people who wish to keep the Crown Post Office in it's existing historic building in Cecil Square. The nearest will be at Ashford and Faversham should this service be franchised out.

We request the Leader writes a letter of concern to:

Paula Venells, Post Office Chief Executive, 148 Old Street, London, EC1 9HQ.

We would further request the Leader to write to the Under Secretary of State with Parliamentary responsibility for Post Offices informing him of the detrimental impact on services to the public in a franchised facility and include the MP for North Thanet Sir Roger Gale in that correspondence.”

2.0 Options

2.1 To debate the motion

2.2 Not to debate the motion

3.0 Corporate Implications

3.1 Financial

3.1.1 None arising from this report

3.2 Legal

- 3.2.1 Council Procedure Rule 16.3 states that the Member whose name appears first on the notice will move the motion during his or her speech and call for a seconder. If seconded, a Member from the controlling political group will be entitled to a reply, after which the motion shall stand referred without further discussion to the Cabinet or appropriate committee for determination or report unless the Council decides to debate the motion in accordance with Rule 19 (*rules of debate*). As only Council can adopt the motion on notice, the motion will fall should Council not agree to debate it.

3.3 Corporate

- 3.3.1 Council Procedure Rule 16 provides the opportunity for Councillors to give advance notice of motions to be put to Council.

3.4 Equity and Equalities

- 3.4.1 None arising at this stage.

4.0 Recommendation

- 4.1 Council is invited to consider whether to debate the motion.

5.0 Decision Making Process

- 5.1 It is for Council to decide whether or not to debate the motion.

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Annex List

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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	

Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	n/a
Legal	n/a