

**11 September 2008**

## **13. NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **Notice of Motion 1 – Network Change Programme Area Plan Proposal for Worcestershire**

1. The Director of Corporate Services reports that he has received the following Notice of Motion. The Constitution provides that any submitted motion must be moved and seconded at the meeting. Otherwise, unless postponed with the consent of the Council, it will be treated as withdrawn.

2. If a motion relates to an **executive** function, whilst Council can discuss the issue and form a view, the motion will be referred to the Cabinet for decision (if applicable this will be indicated below). Otherwise the Council may decide itself to determine the Motion, or refer it to the Cabinet for advice before determining it at the next available meeting.

**3. This motion relates to the exercise of an executive function and will therefore be referred to Cabinet for a decision.**

4. Notice of Motion standing in the names of Mr T A L Wells, Mrs E B Tucker, Mr C T Smith, Mrs F M Oborski, Mrs P J M Morgan, Mr J R Webb and Mrs S Askin.

“This Council believes that local Post Offices provide a vital community service and objects to the proposed closure of Post Offices within the county.

It calls on the Government and Post Office authorities to withdraw the closure proposals and engage in meaningful discussion with the Council and local stakeholders regarding the viability of maintaining services at these locations.

Key concerns of the Council include:

- the loss of an important focus for local communities
- the loss of important local services both from the loss of the Post Offices themselves and from the loss of trade and so potential closure of other local shops and businesses associated with them:
- the resultant requirement for customers to make difficult and unnecessary journeys, creating not only

inconvenience but also generating additional traffic on the local road network and CO2 emissions;

- the particular and severe impact on those already suffering from financial exclusion and who depend on the local Post Office for financial services.

Council also wishes to express its concern that there was little contact with the authority prior to the publication of the Area Plan Proposal. This would have allowed a local perspective to inform the development of the proposals. It would also have allowed time and opportunity to verify the data which underpins your proposals."

## Contact Points

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