

**DATE: 25 November 2013**

**Notice of Motion – Royal Mail proposal for the closure of the Crown Post Office in Willenhall**

**Portfolio:** Councillor A. Andrew

**Background:**

Councillor Tim Oliver submitted the Notice of Motion to Council on 23 September 2013:

"Council wishes to place on record its opposition to the process of privatisation taking place within the Royal Mail and the threat to the 'six day, one price goes anywhere' delivery. We believe that these proposals will lead to higher prices and a worse service for Walsall residents.

In particular, Council opposes proposals to franchise and/or close the Crown Post Office currently located in Willenhall. The downgrade of the status of Willenhall Crown Post Office by attempting to franchise it into another retail business will lead to an inferior customer service and will have a negative impact on the local economy.

Council urges all Walsall MPs to join the campaign to save these Crown Post Offices and to oppose the sell-off of Royal Mail."

**Details**

To understand the current position, Mr Richard Lynds at the Post Office was contacted. His response was that;

"The options for the Willenhall Post Office are still at consultation stage, with the Post Office remaining positive about the office remaining in the area, and see the key changes as being focused around improvements to the services, rather than creating a negative impact."

Richard added that;

"He is very happy to attend any meeting to answer any questions from Members, if this provides a helpful solution and to include the council in the consultation process moving forward".

## **Update**

As part of the process of responding to the Notice of Motion the Chair has agreed that this matter be considered by the Regeneration Panel at its meeting on 25 November 2013.

### **Contact Officer:**

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