



Haringey Council

NOTICE OF MEETING

Scrutiny Review – Post Office Closures

WEDNESDAY, 26TH MARCH, 2008 at 15:00 HRS - CIVIC CENTRE, HIGH ROAD, WOOD GREEN, N22 8LE.

MEMBERS: Councillors: Bull (Chair), Winskill (Vice-Chair), Alexander, Allison, Beynon, Dobbie, C. Harris and Vanier

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair will consider the admission of any late items of urgent business. Late items will be considered under the agenda items where they appear. New items will be dealt with at item 11 below.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A member with a personal interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered must disclose to that meeting the existence and nature of that interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent.

A member with a personal interest in a matter also has a prejudicial interest in that matter if the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the member's judgment of the public interest **and** if this interest affects their financial position or the financial position of a person or body as described in paragraph 8 of the Code of Conduct **and/or** if it relates to the determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to them or any person or body described in paragraph 8 of the Code of Conduct.

4. CHAIR'S WELCOME, OPENING REMARKS AND EXPLANATION OF PROCESS (PAGES 1 - 2)

The meeting will be in two parts – an afternoon and an evening session. The afternoon session will focus on general issues relating to the proposed closures. If residents have any questions that they wish to ask either the Post Office or Postwatch, these can be submitted to the Chair in writing, either in advance or at the meeting. The evening session will, within two separate groups, look at specific issues relating to the effects of individual closures and provide an opportunity for local residents and organisations to put their views forward. A more detailed schedule for the meeting is attached.

5. SCOPING PAPER - SCRUTINY REVIEW OF POST OFFICE CLOSURES IN HARINGEY (THE NATIONAL NETWORK CHANGE PROGRAMME) (PAGES 3 - 72)

To note the scope, process and terms of reference for the review, as approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (report attached).

6. PRESENTATION BY POST OFFICE LTD

To receive a presentation from Post Office Ltd. on:

- The criteria and selection process for the six sub post offices in Haringey planned for closure
- How conclusions were reached
- What modelling was undertaken to assess the impact of the proposed closures
- What the consequences will be of not undertaking some or all of the proposed closures
- What the consultation programme with local people is.

7. PRESENTATION BY POST WATCH

To receive a presentation from Postwatch on their role and input into the proposals and how local residents can influence them.

8. EVIDENCE FROM THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF SUB POSTMASTERS

Following this item, there will be a short break.

9. EFFECT OF INDIVIDUAL CLOSURES ON LOCALITIES

The meeting will split into two separate groups, each chaired by a Member of the Panel. Each group will look at 3 particular closures and include local stakeholders relevant to them. They will, in particular, look at the following:

- How easy will it be to get to alternative post offices
- Possible other ways of obtaining services currently provided
- How the closures will affect local businesses, particularly shops
- The impact on vulnerable groups

The groups will be split as follows:

Group 1:

100, Alexandra Park Road, N10
Page Green, 100 Broad Lane, N15
434, West Green Road, N15

Group 2:

Salisbury Road, N22
69, Weston Park, N8
Ferme Park Road, N4

Pleased note that proposed closures within the same ward will be considered together

10. PLENARY SESSION

The Scrutiny Panel will reconvene to consider;

- General evidence from the afternoon session
- Feedback from each of the two groups on specific closures
- Appropriate conclusions and recommendations to Post Office Ltd.

11. ANY LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

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