

**AMENDMENT TO MOTION A**

Delete all after “this council” – and insert below -

This Council -

- Recognises the importance of local post offices to decent neighbourhoods and strong communities.
- While welcoming any extra funding for post offices from the Government, condemns their decision to back track on a manifesto pledge to set up a post office bank to sustain the post office network and make financial services more accessible.
- Criticises the recent decision to allow a rise in the price of first and second class stamps by 14p and the extra costs now faced particularly by older residents in Haringey
- Expresses concerns about the plans for the privatisation of substantial parts the postal service without thorough debate or consultation and asks the Government to consider co-operative models for the future running of the postal service.

Council notes -

- The recent request from the Post Office Minister for councils to enter into strategic relationships with the Post Office.
- The strong relationship between the council and Post Office in Tottenham as demonstrated by the successful relocation of the Post office on the High Road and the financial and officer support provided by the council.
- The council’s continued attempts to deal with problems of financial exclusion including providing support for the local credit union.

The Council resolves -

- To write to the Government asking that they continue to look at further options for the future sustainability of the postal service including utilising co-operative models, building relationships with credit unions and expanding the range of services provided.
- To write to the Government asking they look again at their decision to allow a 14p increase in the price of stamps and the particular financial impact this is having on older residents.

Proposer - Cllr Strickland

Secunder - Cllr Peacock