

## **FULL COUNCIL (18 JULY 2016)**

### **LIB DEM AMENDMENT TO LABOUR MOTION B (2016/17)**

**Proposer: Cllr Pippa Connor**

**Secunder: Cllr Viv Ross**

#### **This Council notes:**

- The Post Office has announced this year its plans for a further franchising programme, which means that up to 100 Crown Offices in the UK are vulnerable to closure or will be franchised via 2 tranches.
- Tranche 1 -
  - 39 Crown Offices to be franchised
  - 3 actual closures
  - The proposed franchised Crown Offices in tranche 1 include those in Crouch End and Muswell Hill.
- Tranche 2 -
  - A further 40-50 Crowns to be franchised which could include other Haringey offices.

#### **This council further notes:**

- That if no franchisee is found to take on the Muswell Hill and Crouch End Post Offices, there is a danger they could close.

#### **This Council believes:**

- Closure and franchising of our High Street Crown Post Offices is detrimental to our local communities.
- ~~The plan to move Post Offices into shops such as WH Smiths will mean a worsening of services, a potential loss of experienced staff and a possible deterioration of workers conditions such as pay and pensions.~~

#### **This Council resolves:**

- To support local residents and community groups and businesses, ~~the Communication Workers Union and other relevant local unions~~ who are campaigning to save the Haringey Crown Post Offices services and helping to protect decent local jobs.
- To write to Baroness Neville-Rolfe, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills and Minister stating the council's opposition to local the Crown Post Office closures. ~~and franchising programme.~~
- To write to local MPs informing them of our position and encouraging them to oppose the loss of Crown Post Office services closure and franchising programme and ensure that we keep post offices in Muswell Hill and Crouch End with the same or better services and opening hours.

~~Proposed by Cllr Liz McShane~~

~~Secundered by Cllr Jennifer Mann~~

## **Amended motion reads as follows:**

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