

## Post Office Closure Programme Sub-Committee

**Minutes** of a meeting of the **Post Office Closure Programme Sub-Committee** held in **The Chamber, Pelham House, St Andrew's Lane, Lewes** on **Tuesday, 4 December 2007** at 6.17pm.

### **Present:**

Councillor A C De Vecchi (Chair on election)  
Councillor I A Nicholson

### **Apology Received:**

Councillor J H Freeman

## Minutes

## Action

### **154 Election of Chair**

#### Resolved:

**154.1** That Councillor De Vecchi be elected Chair of the Post Office Closure Programme Sub-Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2007/2008.

#### Reason for the Decision:

To elect a Chair of the Sub-Committee.

### **155 Urgent Items**

The Chair advised that she had agreed, in accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, that all the items set out on the Agenda relating to the Post Office Closure Programme, which had been circulated to all Members of the Sub-Committee on 28 November 2007, be considered as matters of urgency in order that the Sub-Committee could take its decisions based on the most recent information which was available.

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**156 Post Office Closure Programme**

The Sub-Committee considered:

- (a) Report No 222/07 entitled "Post Office Closure Programme" which had previously been considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 21 November 2007;
- (b) a letter and attachments which had been circulated to Members of the Cabinet by the Head of Democratic Services on 14 November 2007 relating to the closure programme;
- (c) the contents of an e-mail entitled "Fwd: Post Office Closures" which had been circulated to all Members of the Council by the Head of Democratic Services on 30 November 2007; and
- (d) the decision of the Council at its Meeting held immediately before the commencement of this meeting of the Sub-Committee, at which the Council had authorised the three members of the Sub-Committee to seek a meeting with Post Office officials for further consultation and information, before the Council responded to the consultation which was being undertaken by the Post Office in respect of the proposed Post Office closure programme (Council Minute No 149 entitled "Notices of Motion" refers).

Resolved:

**156.1** That, in accordance with the decision of the Council at its Meeting held on 4 December 2007 (Council Minute No 149 entitled "Notices of Motion" refers), the Head of Democratic Services be requested to arrange, at the earliest opportunity, a meeting between Members of the Sub-Committee and Post Office officials, for further consultation and information, before the Council responds to the consultation which is currently being undertaken by the Post Office in respect of the proposed Post Office closure programme; and

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**156.2** That, following the meeting with Post Office officials referred to in 156.1 above, the Head of Democratic Services, in consultation with the Members of the Sub-Committee, be authorised to respond to the Post Office consultation by the deadline of 24 December 2007.

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In accordance with paragraph 17 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules, the Sub-Committee agreed that Resolutions 156.1 and 156.2 above were urgent in order that the meeting between Members of the Sub-Committee and Post Office officials could be held within a timescale so as to enable the Council to respond to the consultation relating to the proposed Post Office closure programme by the deadline of

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24 December 2007.

Reason for the Decision:

To enable the Council to respond to the consultation relating to the proposed Post Office closure programme by the deadline of 24 December 2007.

The meeting ended at 6.27pm

A C De Vecchi  
Chair