

West Wiltshire District Council

Council

23 June 2004

Notices of Motion

<p>To receive notices of motion received in accordance with the Constitution</p>
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(a) Closure of Sub Post Offices – Councillor Osborn

“Ever mindful of its responsibility for community well being, this Council publicly expresses its considered opposition to the closure of Community Post Offices.

It is most concerned that the latest wave of these closures will be the direct result of a corporate decision of the immensely profitable PLC, TESCO.

Apparently TESCO acquired the share capital of T & S Stores, the parent company of a chain of convenience outlets, trading as One Stop Shop.

Various of these outlets have well-established Community Post Offices. TESCO has made the decision to close the Community Post Offices in approximately forty of these outlets. This decision was made because it calculated that marketing its own products was more profitable than providing a Community Post Office.

At least two of the Community Post Offices so scheduled for closure are in the district of West Wiltshire.

This Council is to communicate its public opposition to the loss of these Community Post Offices to all the relevant authorities, including TESCO, Central Government, the Post Office and the LGA.

Furthermore, the Council will use the acknowledged expertise of its Corporate Communications Unit to mount a planned campaign of opposition to these closures, using the national, regional and local media. It will also utilise the pages of “West Wilts Matters” in this campaign.

The relevant Portfolioholder is to report back to all elected members and the public, the progress that has been made in preventing this further loss of Community Post Offices.”

(b) Closure of Sub-Post offices – Cllrs Chivers & Barker

“As a matter of urgency this Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to Tesco Stores with regard to their national policy of closing sub post offices at the community based stores that they have recently acquired from “One Stop”.

Council urges Tesco to consider the affect that this policy could have on the less able, elderly and those without transport in closing sub-post offices in many of their community based stores.

This Council also invites Tesco to meet with ward members and the local community to discuss the affect the closure of Post Offices in Warminster and Trowbridge could have on the Community.”

For Members’ Assistance – Procedure for dealing with notices of motions at the meeting

- **A Notice of motion (NoM) must be moved and seconded by :**

the person who submitted it
a substitute nominated in writing before the meeting
or if they are unable to attend, due to unforeseen circumstances, by any Member
- If a NoM is seconded, the proposer has 5 minutes to speak to it
- If the NoM relates to a function exercisable only by Council, then the Council will debate the NoM and vote on it.
- If the NoM relates to a function delegated to another member body then the Council will vote on whether to refer it to that member body ***without debate**. That member body will consider the NoM at its next available meeting and report back to the Council.

*The Leader and Chair of Council may permit a NoM to be debated at the meeting. Any such debate will form a recommendation to the member body it is referred to and will be taken into account by that member body when considering the NoM.