

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 7 (ii)
13 APRIL 2011	PUBLIC REPORT

NOTICES OF MOTION

The following notices of motion have been received in accordance with Standing Order 15.2:

1. Motion from Councillor John Fox:

That this Council:

- (i) Recognises the extent of the work being carried out at the hydrotherapy pool, located at St George's Centre, and its benefits to all the communities across Peterborough;
- (ii) Requests that the Leader of the Council considers amending the Community Leadership Fund (CLF) criteria to cover city wide projects, and if agreed:
- (iii) Requests that all Councillors be asked to make a donation of £500 from their annual CLF allocation towards the running costs of the hydrotherapy pool.

2. Motion from Councillor Sandford

That this Council:

- (i) Notes that the last Labour Government closed over 5,000 post offices, including several in the Peterborough area;
- (ii) Welcomes the Coalition's Governments plans for post offices, which involve:
 - Post offices becoming a one-stop shop;
 - Investment of £1.3 billion in the post office network;
 - Post offices opening longer;
 - 80% of bank accounts being accessible in your local post office;
 - Post offices remaining a central point of our community life;
 - Post offices offering information for jobseekers;
 - Post office services being offered at the shop till; and
 - Small, local shops providing some post office services.
- (iii) Will endeavour to put as much business through Peterborough's post office network as possible, i.e. council tax payments and other council services;
- (iv) Instructs the Chief Executive to write to Postal Affairs Minister, Ed Davey MP, giving this Council's full support to the Government's proposals.

3. Motion from Councillor Fower

That this Council:

- (i) Recognises the litter problems created, especially in those areas designated District Centres, where there are a high proportion of takeaway food outlets;
- (ii) Requests that, unless there are pressing logistical reasons not to do so, a standard planning condition for planning applications for such developments will be automatically imposed for provision of a litterbin at the applicant's expense in the vicinity of the development.

4. Motion from Councillor Fower

That this Council:

- (i) Supports moves to change our parliamentary voting system, which will see Peterborough Members of Parliament elected under a fairer system;
- (ii) Calls on the Returning Officer to take steps to promote participation in the Referendum.

5. Motion from Councillor Fower

That this Council:

- (i) Notes that the Government wants to have directly elected police commissioners with the intention also to axe police authorities, and that the LGA is opposing this change;
- (ii) Expresses deep concern that this will lead to the politicisation of Cambridgeshire Police and jeopardise their operational independence. Such a radical change would be a diversion, at an estimated cost of hundreds of thousands of pounds, in precious resources away from front-line policing;
- (iii) Believes accountability of the police in Peterborough would be best served in strengthening the ties, by other means, between our local neighbourhoods and Councillors;
- (iv) Requests that the Leader of the Council write to our local MPs informing them of this motion and asking them to oppose the Government's proposals for elected Police Commissioners.