

MOTIONS

8.1 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR HARMSWORTH

Council recognises that, although the Cabinet system in local government has many merits, it is fundamentally flawed, in that it excludes all but a few councillors from the major decision-making process.

Council, therefore, instructs officers in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Leader of the Opposition to draw up proposals for a return to the committee system and to, also, consider a transitional scheme to allow change over time.

8.2 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR CURLING

This Council recognises that, whilst reform of crown post offices may be necessary, they do provide essential services to the public that are not available anywhere else. Council also notes that some Town Centres in the borough have already lost their crown post offices and there are now plans to close Eastcote Post Office.

This Council therefore calls on the Leader of the Council to write to the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State with responsibility for post offices to express the Council's concerns with the proposed closure of Eastcote Post Office and request that the Under-Secretary of State conduct a broader social & economic assessment of such proposed crown post office closures, focussing on the impact on customers and the general vitality of Town Centres.

8.3 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR ALLEN

This Council deplores the illegal practice of 'blacklisting' within the construction industry and will ensure that any company known to have been involved in blacklisting practices and not to have indemnified their victims will not be invited to tender contracts by the London Borough of Hillingdon.