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Dear Councillor

## **COUNCIL - THURSDAY 20TH APRIL, 2017**

I refer to the agenda for the above meeting and wish to inform you that in accordance with Section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Mayor has agreed that the following item be considered as a matter of urgency by reason of the need to enable the representations of the Council to be submitted in a timely manner on the proposed closure of Bootle Crown Post Office and the decision of the Post Office to downgrade the status and service of Bootle Crown Post Office by attempting to franchise it into a retail business.

### **Agenda No.**

### **Item**

#### **15. Motion Submitted by Councillor Dan T. Lewis**

To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor Dan T. Lewis:

“The Council condemns the proposed closure of Bootle Crown Post Office and the decision of the Post Office to downgrade the status and service of Bootle Crown Post Office by attempting to franchise it into a retail business and notes the opposition to these proposals by the residents of Bootle and South Sefton.

The Council believes this will lead to:

- the downgrading of vital services;
- the loss of dedicated highly skilled knowledgeable workers; and
- a detrimental impact on local businesses and the local economy in Bootle.

The Council resolves to:

- Request the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Skills) to approach the Post Office for full details as to the reasons for closure of Bootle Crown Post Office with a view to developing a proposal to keep the current Crown Post Office open;
- Write to Margot James, Government Minister BEIS with responsibility for Post Offices, to raise our concerns about the potential franchise of Bootle Crown Post Office; and

- Write to the Chief Executive of the Post Office, Paula Vennells, requesting that the Post Office reverse its decision to franchise the existing facility, by protecting and investing in our cherished Crown Post Office.”

Yours faithfully,

M. CARNEY

Chief Executive