



Review Board

Wednesday 16 April 2008 7.30pm

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

PART 1

6. POST OFFICE CLOSURES (DTS)
 1. Since the publication of the main agenda for the Review Board's meeting, a letter dated 7 April has been received from Post Office Ltd giving details of decisions taken in respect of proposed branch closures.
 2. Post Office Ltd confirms that they received approximately 6,100 pieces of correspondence and that they attended 25 meetings with customers and their representatives during the local public consultation.
 3. They have decided to proceed with the closure of 41 branches across Surrey, Berkshire and West Sussex. They have decided not to proceed with 3 proposed closures as a result of feedback received during the local public consultation.
 4. Post Office Ltd has decided to proceed with the two branch closures in Runnymede and a copy of their comments regarding this decision for each branch is attached at Appendix '1'.
 5. A copy of Surrey County Council's response to Post Office Ltd's consultation is attached at Appendix '2'. The County Council strongly objected to the shutting down of all of the 21 Post Offices earmarked for closure across the County, including the two in Runnymede, and set out the case for further consideration. The County Council also indicated its wish to be involved in further dialogue on the Network Change Plan, and possible alternative approaches. However, Surrey County Council has not committed itself to using Council Tax to support Post Offices. Mr Michael Jennings, Surrey County Council's Head of Policy and Public Affairs, will be attending and speaking at this meeting.
 6. Mr Kurshid Payabali, the Sub-Postmaster of Little Green Lane Post Office, will also be attending and speaking at this meeting.
 7. Regarding the matters for the Board's consideration at the end of the report, if the Board is minded to ask a Council Committee to consider offering trade waste collections to Post Office branches at a reduced rate, this should be referred to the Leisure and Environment Committee, rather than the Economic Development Committee.

Background Papers

Letter from Post Office Ltd dated 7 April 2008

Network Change Programme, Area Plan Decision Booklet, Surrey, Berkshire and West Sussex, Post Office Ltd