

**LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW**

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 1 APRIL 2008**

**REPORT OF COUNCIL – 21 FEBRUARY 2008**

**POST OFFICES IN HARROW**

In accordance with Rule 15.2, the Council received an Urgent Motion in the names of Councillor Navin Shah and Councillor Graham Henson, which had been circulated in the tabled papers

The Motion was the subject of a cross party amendment in the names of Councillor Navin Shah and Councillor Chris Mote which amended the Motion to read as follows:-

“This Council notes with grave concern the recent announcement by the Post Office that they plan to close 20% of post offices in Harrow. Council further notes the social importance of post offices to the well being of both the community and individuals in Harrow and a lifeline for the elderly, the disabled and those without their own transport who rely heavily on local Post Office services and also for local shopping centres.

Council reiterates its stance against the proposed closure of local post offices in Harrow; seeks an extension to the consultation period from 6 to 12 weeks and resolves the following:-

- (1) The Chief Executive Harrow Council writes to Alan Cook, Managing Director Post Office Ltd and Allan Leighton, Chairman Royal Mail Group.
- (2) We respectfully ask the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to undertake an urgent review of the proposed closures; the effect they will have on the community; the provision and access to Post Offices in Harrow”.

**RESOLVED: That the Urgent Motion be adopted as amended and set out above.**