

REPORT

To: GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE		Subject: POST OFFICE – BROOMFIELD BRANCH, 15 GARTLEA ROAD, AIRDRIE
From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION		
Date: 18 October, 2004	Ref: GP/MS/MT	

1. **Introduction**

To advise Members of correspondence received from Post Office indicating that Morrisons have made them aware that they no longer wish to operate the Post Office branches they had acquired during their takeover of Safeway.

2. **Background**

2.1. Towards the end of June 2004 Morrisons had indicated to the Post Office that they no longer wished to operate the Post Offices in the branches of the former Safeway.

2.2. Morrisons have therefore tendered their resignation in respect of the Broomfield Post Office Branch effective from the end of June 2004. The notice period for Broomfield is 12 months.

3. **Proposals**

3.1. Post Office Limited's aim, after considering the network in this area, is to seek to maintain a Post Office Branch within the vicinity of the current branch. This of course is dependent upon them attracting a suitable partner who is able to provide premises and they have twelve months in which to do so.

3.2. Post Office indicate that they will seek potential partners through external advertising and by following local leads and are hopeful that they will be able to establish a new branch without a break in the service. Post Office will provide further information when they are in a position to do so.

4. **Recommendation**

Members are asked to note the foregoing information.


Director of Administration

Members seeking further information are asked to contact Margaret Shankland on extension 2726.