

## REPORT

To: CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL - MOTION ON ROYAL MAIL CLOSURES	
From: HEAD OF CENTRAL SERVICES			
Date: 15 January 2013	Ref: MS/MR		

1. **Purpose of Report**

To advise of correspondence received from Glasgow City Council regarding the way in which Post Office consult regarding any changes to Post Office services.

2. **Background**

At its meeting on 13 December 2012, Glasgow City Council approved the following motion:-

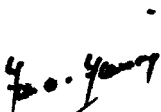
"Council is opposed to Royal Mail's planned closure of the Cubie Street sorting office. Glasgow City Council is also concerned that Royal Mail's communication in relation to this issue, with elected representatives of all parties as well as the general public, has been very poor.

Council agrees that the Chief Executive write to Royal Mail, to express concerns over the planned closure, to ask that an alternative solution be proposed and to request that elected representatives, community councils and other interested parties are consulted over this and any other closure plans in Glasgow.

Council also believes that there is a disparity between the need for consultation over the closure of post offices, but not Royal Mail sorting offices. Council agrees that the Chief Executive write to the relevant UK government minister to ask that legislation be amended, to make formal consultation over any planned Royal Mail closures affecting front line services in communities compulsory. Furthermore, Council approves the distribution of this letter to other councils in Scotland to highlight the issue."

3. **Recommendation**

Members are asked to give consideration to the foregoing.



Head of Central Services

Members seeking further information on the contents of this report are asked to contact Margaret Shankland on extension 2726.