

URGENT ITEM

POLICY, FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

1 DECEMBER 2015

REPORT OF HEAD OF COMMUNITIES & NEIGHBOURHOODS

FRISBY ON THE WREAKE POST OFFICE PROPOSALS

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update members of the proposed changes to the Post Office Mailwork Services in Frisby on the Wreake and seek members view on whether the Council should make any representation to the Post Office on the proposals.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:-

- 2.1 **Members note the proposed changes to the Post Office Service in Frisby.**
- 2.2 **Members instruct officers on the next course of action in response to the proposed Post Office changes.**

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Currently the Post Office in Frisby on the Wreake also provides the mailwork for a number of villages in the area.
- 3.2 The Post Office have written to the Sub Postmaster of the Post Office who runs this service informing him that they are considering the removal of mailwork from Frisby on the Wreake Post Office branch.
- 3.3 The Sub Postmaster wrote to the Post Office outlining his concerns with this proposal in a letter dated 18 October 2015.
- 3.4 The Post Office have considered the comments made by the Sub Post Master, however, they have agreed to the Royal Mail's request and intend withdrawing the mailwork from the Post Office and have provided the Sub Postmaster with the relevant notice required.
- 3.5 A full copy of the correspondence is attached for member's attention as Appendix A.
- 3.6 The Sub Postmaster has approached the local Parish Council for support for objecting to this proposal for a range of reasons as outlined in their letter to the Parish Council on 9 November 2015. (part of Appendix A)
- 3.7 Members are asked to note the proposals and to instruct officers on the next course of action, which could include a letter from this Council outlining the Council's concerns, should the proposals go ahead.

4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are both people and place links relating to this around, supporting the local economy, a well-connected borough and living independent lives.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no direct financial implications identified in this report

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS

6.1 There are no legal implications identified in this report.

7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

7.1 No direct implications have been identified in this report.

8.0 EQUALITIES

8.1 No Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken.

9.0 RISKS

9.1 This is not a council; service and any risks relate to the impact of the mailwork being removed from the Frisby on the Wreake Post Office.

10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

10.1 .No direct impact has been identified

11.0 CONSULTATION

11.1 Appendix A shows the consultation with the parish Council undertaken by the Sub Postmaster

12.0 WARDS AFFECTED

12.1 This mainly affects the Frisby Ward

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Appendices : A- Copies of correspondence between Post Office and Sub Postmaster

Background Papers: None

Reference : X drive/Cttee/PFA/2015-16/011215/HR- Frisby on the Wreake Post Office changes/Urgent

