

# COUNCIL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

## Future Ownership of Royal Mail 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2009

### Report of the Head of Democratic Services

#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise Members of a request from Ryedale District Council for support on the issue of retaining a publicly owned mail service.

This report is public

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

**That the Committee consider the request from Ryedale District Council on the issue of retaining a publicly owned mail service.**

##### 1.0 Report

1.1 The following motion was recently debated by Ryedale District Council:

1.2 *'The importance of a universal postal service is beyond question. Six day delivery is vital and the role of local post offices is key to community cohesion throughout Ryedale.*

*These will only be possible by having a wholly publicly owned mail service.*

*So as to support the above, this Council resolves to:-*

- *Call upon her Majesty's Government to stick to its election promise and*
  - (i) *keep the Royal Mail in 100% public ownership*
  - (ii) *return the 'profitable' parts of the service to Royal Mail.*
- *Call upon the Local Government Association to support this motion*
- *Circulate this motion to all other Local Authorities asking for their support*
- *Write to the MP for Ryedale asking him to oppose the part privatisation of the Royal Mail.'*

1.3 This Council is therefore being asked to consider supporting this motion.

##### 2.0 Options

2.1 The Terms of Reference of the Council Business Committee provide for this Committee to determine the method of response and where necessary ratify responses on behalf of full Council to consultations.

2.2 Whilst a process is in place to deal with government and other consultation exercises in an efficient manner, these more 'ad hoc' issues are best considered on an individual basis.

2.3 The Committee is therefore requested to consider whether:

Option 1 – to take no action regarding the request from Ryedale District Council Declaration.

Option 2 – to refer the matter to full Council for debate by all Members.

### 3.0 Officer Preferred Option

3.1 There is no officer preferred option.

#### **CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

**(including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)**

None.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications as a result of this report

#### **SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

The S151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

None as a direct result of this report.

#### **MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Letter from Ryedale District Council – 27<sup>th</sup>  
March 2009

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