
REPORT TO:	Community Scrutiny Committee	AGENDA ITEM:	7
DATE OF MEETING:	11th September 2006	CATEGORY:	DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	Deputy Chief Executive		
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SUBJECT:	Progress Report – Possible changes to the rural Post Office network,	REF:	
WARD (S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE:	

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To note the progress made to date

2.0 Background

2.1 At it's meeting on the 31st July 2006, (Minute No. CYS/6) Members of the Committee were made aware of the possible changes to the rural Post Office network in March 2008, and proposals to withdraw funding for the Post Office Card Account after 2010

2.2 As a result, Members agreed a way forward, and details of progress made to date is outlined below.

3.0 Progress

3.1 The following steps have been undertaken: -

- All Heads of Service, have been consulted on the proposed changes, and if any Council services, are currently delivered by the Post Office. In addition, Heads of Service were asked for their views on what other Council services could be delivered by the rural post office network, in order to improve the network's viability
- All rural sub-postmasters in the district have been asked how the Council and it's Partners could assist them, in supporting and developing services for delivery by the rural post office network
- Views have been sought from Parish Councils, which have a large number of residents living within the parish areas, in order to establish whether a demand for a Post Office exists in the Parish, and if any representations have been made to secure any local post office services. Feedback is The closing date for responses
- A meeting with the local Member of Parliament has been arranged for Monday 5th September 2006

4.0 The Way Forward

- 4.1 Since the feedback from the consultation exercises will not be completed until the 22nd September 2006, a baseline position and the arrangements for the reporting of findings will be made at the next meeting of this Committee which is scheduled to take place on the Monday 23 October 2006 .