

**NOTICE OF MOTION****LABOUR GROUP****KEEP ROYAL MAIL PUBLIC**

“This Council notes and supports the Early Day Motion 428, as supported by the Brighton MPs, which backs a;

*“supported vision of a wholly publicly-owned, integrated Royal Mail Group; welcomes the conclusion of the Hooper Report that the current universal service obligation offered by Royal Mail, including six days a week delivery, must be protected and that the primary duty of a new regulator should be to maintain it; further welcomes the recommendations in the Report that the Government should take responsibility for the pensions deficit which followed an extended contributions holiday; endorses the call for a new relationship between management and postal unions and welcomes the commitment of the Communication Workers Union to negotiate an agreement which would support the modernisation of the industry; observes that in 2007 the Government agreed to a £1.2 billion loan facility on commercial terms to modernise Royal Mail operations; rejects the recommendation of the Hooper Report to sell a minority stake in Royal Mail which would risk fracturing one of Britain's greatest public services; further notes that the Government is currently advertising for a new Chair of Royal Mail; and urges the Secretary of State to appoint a Chair and management team who are committed to the principles of a modern public enterprise.”*

This Council notes the cross party support that the EDM has received and wishes to express a non partisan and co-operative approach to an issue that may have repercussions for all of the City's residents and not just postal workers.

Asks that this Council seeks to assure postal workers in the City of its support to keep Royal Mail public by requesting the Acting Chief Executive and Leader of the Council write to BERR and the CWU stating the authority's position.

Proposed by: Cllr Gill Mitchell

Seconded by: Cllr Jeane Lepper

Supported by: Cllrs Les Hamilton, Warren Morgan, Mo Marsh

