

**SNP GROUP MOTION TO EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2013**

**POLICE PUBLIC COUNTER SERVICE IN TRANENT**

This Council is concerned that the proposal by Police Scotland to end the public counter facility in Tranent Police Station has not been subject to full discussion and full consultation with both the community and East Lothian Council.


Council believes that having no public access to face to face reporting of crime or other incidents in the Town will not be of help to the public perception of policing and crime reduction.

This Council therefore agrees to:

1. Write to the Chief Constable and Chair of Police Scotland making clear our concerns at the proposal to end public counter provision in Tranent and seeking their reversal.
2. Submit a cross party Council response to the current consultation by Police Scotland by the October deadline.
3. Open immediate discussions with Police Scotland about potential Council led alternatives within the Town to allow face to face public reporting of non-emergency crime.
4. Establish a specific cross party Police and Fire Board for East Lothian in order that this proposal and future issues can be subject to full consultation, transparency and scrutiny by elected members and the community.



**Moved by Councillor Stuart Currie  
9<sup>th</sup> October 2013**



**Seconded by Councillor Kenny McLeod  
9<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

**EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL  
SUPPORT SERVICES**

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