

MOTION TO EAST LOTHIAN COUNCIL

22ND OCTOBER 2013

POLICE SCOTLAND REVIEW OF PUBLIC COUNTER AND TRAFFIC WARDEN SERVICES

- 1) Council notes that Police Scotland has launched a review of its public counter services and traffic wardens in the county, which includes proposals to close the public counter service at Tranent police station and withdraw all traffic warden services, and that the review will end on 31st October 2013.
- 2) Further notes the widespread opposition to these proposals, including a campaign by one local newspaper and at least two petitions having been launched against them.
- 3) Council believes that the proposals will have an adverse impact on local communities, particularly in the Fa'side ward, and that they do not command local support in the communities affected.
- 4) Further believes that these proposals highlight the lack of democratically elected and accountable representatives on the Police Scotland board.
- 5) Council agrees: To write to the Chief Constable of Police Scotland to highlight these concerns and urge him to rethink the closure of the public counter service at Tranent police station and the withdrawal of the county's police traffic warden services, and to engage in proper discussions with the council about the future of local police services.

Proposer: Shamin Akhtar *S. Akhtar*..... Seconder: Jim Gillies *Jim Gillies*.....

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