

MOTION TO COUNCIL
28 June 2016

This Council notes the decision by the Royal Bank of Scotland to close its branch in Prestonpans and transfer all accounts to Tranent.

Council is aware that this action will remove the only bank in Prestonpans and result in the local community planning area of Preston/Seton/Gosford having no banking facilities at all, completely disregarding the needs of local businesses and the community, many of whom prefer to discuss financial matters face to face rather than electronically or through a Call Centre.

Council believes the decision by the Royal Bank takes no account of the fact that East Lothian is one of the fastest growing areas in Scotland.

Council is appalled that the Royal Bank has chosen to ignore the convention of not closing the last bank in any community and instead put profits before the needs of communities, particularly the elderly and vulnerable who will suffer disproportionately.

Council therefore agrees to instruct:

- The Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council to seek an urgent meeting with the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Royal Bank of Scotland to express this Council's extreme concern at their decision.

Proposed by Margaret Liberton Seconded [Signature]
Date 13 June 2016 Date 14/6/16

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