

MOTION TO EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL  
17<sup>th</sup> December 2019

**Bank Closures**

This Council notes the decision by TSB to close its branch in Dunbar in May 2020.

Council is aware that this action will leave Dunbar with only one bank and result in the local community planning area of Dunbar having very limited banking facilities.

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

Council is disappointed that the TSB has chosen to 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 TSB to express this Council's extreme concern at their decision.,
- The Chief Executive to seek to establish all facilities available to the Council and the local community to allow the community of Dunbar to have access to banking (such as through libraries etc) and to then report back to a Cross Party Group set up by Council in relation to this motion.

Proposed by:



Paul McLennan

Date:

5<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Seconded by:



Neil Gilbert

Date:

5<sup>th</sup> December 2019