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TO ALL POSTAL BRANCHES

Dear Colleagues,

THE FUTURE OF THE POST OFFICE

The Government has today published a Green Paper on the future of the Post Office where it claims, among other things, it will consider future investment and new ownership models.

In response, the CWU has issued the below press release criticising the Government for emulating Tory policy and managing the politics of the Post Office, rather than genuinely setting out its vision for a positive future.

The CWU has also called for Royal Mail and POL to be reunited under a new joint venture model, urging the Government to now build on the golden share it has taken in Royal Mail.

PRESS RELEASE

Responding to the publication of the Government's Green Paper on the future of the Post Office, Dave Ward General Secretary of the CWU said,

"Successive Governments have failed the Post Office, its workers and customers-choosing to use Government subsidies for planned redundancies, closures and so-called transformation plans that are nothing more than managed decline. This Labour Government are unashamedly doing exactly the same as the Tories did, managing the politics of the Post Office, prioritising further cost-cutting and offering no vision for its future.

The CWU has long called for radical action that would enable the Post Office to become an ethical Post Bank, ending financial exclusion and investing in community wealth building, business growth and improved Government services, through a national network of banking hubs.

The only way to build a successful future is to bring Royal Mail and the Post Office back together through a new joint venture ownership model, building on the golden share the Government has recently taken in Royal Mail.

Postmasters deserve much higher remuneration, as well as major compensation for the appalling injustices suffered through the Horizon scandal. They also deserve to be represented by an independent trade union and have a greater say over the governance and direction of the company. The new ownership model we are advocating can achieve all of these things. Reuniting the Post Office with Royal Mail and utilising their natural synergies will create added social, commercial and economic value for both companies and the country - this is the vision the Government need and we will campaign for them to deliver it."


The Green Paper will now be open to a 12-week period of consultation and CWU will formulate a more detailed proposal in line with the above. We will also campaign for this policy to be enacted, alongside the Post Office becoming a national network of banking and community hubs, with Postmasters being afforded independent union representation, as part of a radical new governance structure that gives all workers a greater say over the future direction of the company.

Any enquiries on the content of the Green Paper and this LTB should be addressed to the General Secretary's Office, Dawn Lynch on dlynch@cwu.org.


Yours sincerely



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