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Sent: Thur 18/01/2024 12:48:53 PM (UTC)
To: Karen McEwar [GRO]; Benjamin Tidswell [GRO]
Subject: FW: Future of Post Office branches
Attachment: VotP-Press-Release-Jan-2024-1-v1-Copy.pdf
Attachment: VotP-letter to Henry.pdf
Attachment: Re: Project Pineapple

Apologies the attachments were not included on the email I forwarded which Nick has sent earlier this morning.

There are serious allegations about myself and others in the organisation (which, to say they are disputed would be an understatement, but in the circumstances it not appropriate to have that conversation though I find the timing of this interesting. It is disappointing for this document to have to been shared with others such as Tracy Marshall etc.

Obviously, I am conflicted and cant provide any further advice but given the serious allegations I think its appropriate that the CPO and the SID of Post Office is made aware (and also the Shareholder representative) but I think its best to flag through Ben T.

Kind regards
Ben



Ben Foat (He/Him)

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From: Nick Read [GRO]
Sent: 18 January 2024 08:00
To: Martin Roberts [GRO]; Ben Foat [GRO]
Cc: Owen Woodley [GRO]; Tracy Marshall [GRO]; Philippa Hankin [GRO]

Subject: FW: Future of Post Office branches
Importance: High

Please can you produce a suitable response for Henry.
You will be aware of my views from discussions we have had....
I assume there are GFA restrictions too ?
For this afternoon please.

Nick Read
Group CEO

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From: Henry Staunton [REDACTED] **GRO**
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 8:50 PM
To: Nick Read [REDACTED] **GRO**
Subject: Fwd: Future of Post Office branches

Nick ,
Could you please organise a response after our Board tomorrow ? At least one NED has said I should meet them but I think that would be a mistake . We do need something to say to them in our reply however . Many thanks .
Best ,
Henry

Sent from [Outlook for iOS](#)

From: Henry Staunton [REDACTED] **GRO**
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 7:41:09 PM
To: Henry Staunton [REDACTED] **GRO**
Subject: Fwd: Future of Post Office branches

Henry Staunton
Chairman

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Di ,
Please print out VÖP attachments .
Thanks ,
Henry

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From: Diane Blanchard [GRO]
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 10:23:53 PM
To: Henry Staunton [GRO]
Cc: Saf ismail [GRO]; Elliot Jacobs [GRO]
Subject: FW: Future of Post Office branches

Hello Henry,

This is the suggested email to send to Board (excluding Lorna and Nick), hopefully, I have interpreted all of your emails correctly – happy to discuss in the morning. I have a doctors appointment at 08.45hrs but should be back home by 09.15hrs.

Dear all

Ahead of our call on Thursday, please see attached a copy of the Voice of the Postmaster Press Release for January, together with the letter addressed to myself.

In addition, please see attached a file note I prepared following my conversation with Saf and Elliot on Sunday – they have agreed last night that I could share with you - TBC. They were very supportive of Nick, but you will see that the VÖP have made negative statements about Nick .

Let's talk about this on Thursday and to note I have not yet responded to VoP regarding their request for a meeting.

Regards,
Henry

PS Saf reminded me that I had omitted to mention the following :

- I have offered the investigations team time to get the tone right and advised them to get more PM's involved but this seems to have been missed.
- The comms has been poor throughout our tenure within the business.
- The GE have overlooked advice given to them by board members on several occasions without clear explanations.

From: Elliot Jacobs ([REDACTED] GRO)
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 8:02 pm
To: Henry Staunton ([REDACTED] GRO)
Cc: Saf ismail ([REDACTED] GRO)
Subject: Fw: Future of Post Office branches

Hi Henry

This echoes very much the comments that we discussed on Sunday - clearly we are not losing the plot and real action is essential.

Elliot

From: Voiceofthe Postmaster ([REDACTED] GRO)
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 3:13 PM
To: Henry Staunton ([REDACTED] GRO) >
Cc: Saf ismail ([REDACTED] GRO); Elliot Jacobs ([REDACTED] GRO)
Subject: Future of Post Office branches

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Hi Henry,

please, see attached letter to you from Voice of the Postmaster.
Also our latest release.

Current Postmasters are worried & need to see change in POL management culture.

thank you.
brent
Vice-Chair
Voice of the Postmaster