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Dear Sir/Madam

IDENTITY AND PASSPORT SERVICE

I write to inform you that the West Lothian Council, at its meeting held on 6 May 2008, agreed the terms of a motion by Councillor Anderson, Executive Councillor for Services for the Community, which stated the following:

"This Council is alarmed at proposals by the Identity and Passport Service to make around 100 staff redundant at Scotland's Passport Office, Glasgow. This will lead to a quarter of the workforce being lost as a result of this remodelling. It will also lead to the Glasgow office stopping passport processing by the end of the year. It is understood that the processing work will be transferred to other sites in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Council condemns the lack of consultation with both workers and the trade unions. Council resolves:

- 1. To write to the Scottish Government asking them to make representation to the Identity and Passport Service to maintain Passport processing within Scotland.*
- 2. To write to the Westminster Government asking them to reconsider plans to reduce passport processing in Glasgow.*
- 3. Write to all Scottish Councils seeking their support for this motion and inviting them to write, in similar terms to both the Scottish and Westminster Governments."*

Please note in particular the terms of paragraph 3 of the motion, where the Council has resolved to seek your authority's support for this motion and to invite your authority to write in similar terms to both the Scottish and Westminster Governments.

Yours faithfully

Alex Linkston
Chief Executive

