

Further to your recent letter to Swansea Tourist Information regarding the MCA's – Modernising Coastguard Proposals and passed to me to comment. I would like to refer you to the motion that was approved in Council on the 4th August 2011, which outlines the City & County of Swansea's position in relation to the proposals

Council 4 August 2011. Two notices of motion were on the agenda.

73. **NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLORS A C COLBURN, M H JONES, J B HAGUE, R D LEWIS, D P TUCKER, P R HOOD-WILLIAMS, C M R W D THOMAS AND M SMITH**

This Council believes that the decision to close Swansea Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre is short sighted and fundamentally flawed as the decision is being taken on the grounds of the availability of public sector jobs in the area and not for safety reasons.

Council agrees to ask The Leader and Chief Executive to write to Transport Secretary Rt Hon Philip Hammond MP to ask him to reconsider his proposal to close the Rescue Co-ordination Centre (Mumbles Coastguard Tutt Head). This is in light of the overwhelming evidence to support keeping open the Centre for the clear safety benefits for all professional and recreational users of this busy waterway.

Councillor M C Child proposed an amendment. The amendment was seconded by Councillor D Phillips. The amended Notice of motion reads as follows:

This Council believes that the decision of the Conservative led Government to close Swansea Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre is short sighted and fundamentally flawed as the decision is driven solely by the Westminster Government's desire to cut costs too quickly and too deeply, and not for safety reasons.

Council agrees to ask The Leader and Chief Executive to write to Transport Secretary Rt Hon Philip Hammond MP to ask him to reconsider his proposal to close the Rescue Co-ordination Centre (Mumbles Coastguard Tutt Head). This is in light of the overwhelming evidence to support keeping open the Centre for the clear safety benefits for all professional and recreational users of the Bristol Channel.

We also agree to the Council formally submitting an objection in the current consultation process”.

On being put the amendment was lost.

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“This Council believes that the decision to close Swansea Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre is short sighted and fundamentally flawed as the decision is being

taken on the grounds of the availability of public sector jobs in the area and not for safety reasons.

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We also agree to the Council formally submitting an objection in the current consultation process via:-

http://www.dft.gov.uk/mca/mcga07-home/shipsandcargoes/consultations/mcga-currentconsultations/consultation_proposals2011.htm

<http://feedback.mcga.gov.uk/v.asp?i=38227kwygj>

RESOLVED that the amended Notice of Motion be approved.

CHAIR OF COUNCIL

Regards

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