

<b>COUNCIL</b>		
<b>Report Title</b>	Motion 8 in the name of Councillor Daby to be seconded by Councillor Morrison	
<b>Key Decision</b>		Item No.
<b>Ward</b>		
<b>Contributors</b>	Chief Executive (Head of Business & Committee)	
<b>Class</b>	Part 1	Date: November 27 2013

“Council notes that the Coalition Government plans to privatise the majority of probation services including handing community supervision of 200,000 serious and violent offenders to private companies, such as, G4S and SERCO.

Council notes that a growing number of experts, probation staff and management have raised serious concerns about these proposals, as probation services have good performances in public protection, reducing reoffending and are a valued partner in community safety by their management of offenders.

Council further notes that when the Council’s Safer and Stronger Communities Select Committee considered this at their meeting in July they were also opposed to the privatisation of these services as they were not based on any sound evidence, scrutiny or piloting. The Safer Lewisham Partnership also raised the same concerns at its meeting in September.

On 11<sup>th</sup> November an amendment to the Rehabilitation Bill, which would have stopped these plans going ahead was defeated which means the proposals will go ahead despite wide ranging concerns about the effect they will have on keeping communities safe.

Council therefore resolves to:

- ask the Mayor to write to the Justice Secretary highlighting our opposition to these plans