

COUNCIL		
Report Title	Motion 1 in the name of Councillor Curran to be seconded by Councillor Handley	
Key Decision		Item No.
Ward		
Contributors	Chief Executive (Head of Business & Committee)	
Class	Part 1	Date: July 17 2017

“Lewisham Council believes that co-operatives play a vital role both in our borough and across the UK in strengthening communities and giving members a say in how their businesses and organizations are run. Almost 17.5 million people own the UK's co-operatives and co-operatives contribute £34.1 billion a year to the UK economy.

The Council supports Co-operative Fortnight which runs this year from 17 June to 1 July 2017 and takes the opportunity to welcome the work done by all cooperatives in the borough including Phoenix Community Housing which is to be congratulated for being recognized as an Investor in People, for being a London Living Wage employer, for being nominated as a Top Ten Landlord in the 24housing magazine awards and also winning the award for the UK's best landlord for tenant involvement in the UK Housing Awards 2017.

We call on everyone to share the power of coops by following the co-operative movement's campaign to encourage people to post and share theirs and others' stories of co-operation on social media using the hashtag #coopstories and we also ask the Mayor to fly the Cooperative Flag during Co-operative Fortnight to publicly celebrate the achievements of co-operatives.”