**Retail Crime Branch Draft Motion**

‘[insert Co-operative Branch name] notes the growing Issue of retail crime across the UK as highlighted in a recent report from the Co-op Group which stated that crime, shoplifting and anti-social behaviour have jumped 35% year on year, with more than 175,000 Incidents recorded in the first six months of 2023 - almost 1,000 Incidents every year

Acknowledges that a majority of those committing crimes are repeat and prolific offenders as well as those Involved In local organised criminal gangs.

Understands the Impact this criminal activity Is having on shopworkers - with employees feeling demoralised and in danger at their workplace after facing verbal abuse and experiencing threatening behaviour.

Notes the campaign work of the Co-operative Party who continue to work in partnership with organisations such as the Co-op Group, Co-operative Societies and USDAW trade union to tackle retail crime and work to strengthen the rights of shopworkers.

Therefore this branch notes the pledge circulated to Police and Crime Commissioner Candidates and commits to supporting that work by writing to [Insert Police and Crime Commissioner/Candidate] urging them to commit to Including retail crime in their future Police and Crime Plans to ensure that this Issue remains a priority."