**Retail Crime CLP Draft Motion**

‘[insert constituency Labour Party 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 Important role of MPs, Metro Mayors, Police and Crime Commissioners In tackling retail crime and strengthening protections for shopworkers.

Acknowledges the campaign work of the Co-operative Party In partnership with the Co-op Group, Co-operative Societies and USDAW trade union In highlighting the Issue of retail crime as well as working to secure further legislation to safeguard shopworkers and notes the support that has been given to the campaign from Labour & Co-operative elected officials, Labour Party members and Co-operative Party members.

Therefore this CLP commends the ongoing work being done to tackle retail crime, commits to supporting that work by;

- Writing to [Insert Police and Crime Commissioner/Candidate] asking them to Include retail crime In their Police and Crime Plan as included the pledge circulated by the Co-op Group.

- Engaging with the consultation process in regards to the Police and Crime Commissioners Plan and making the case for retail crime to be a priority.

- Working with local Co-operative Party branches to raise awareness of retail crime and the Importance of strengthening protections for shopworkers.