

## COUNCIL – 11 DECEMBER 2013

### NOTICE OF MOTION

That East Herts Council:

- (A) notes that payday lenders are trapping millions of people, many of whom are vulnerable, in spirals of debt;
- (B) believes that the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)'s new proposals for regulating payday lenders are a step in the right direction, but considers that they do not go far enough;
- (C) further believes that the FCA's proposals would not:
  - (1) prevent payday lenders from drip-feeding new loans to people who already have payday debts and are struggling to pay them back;
  - (2) prevent people from being hit with escalating penalty fees, and
  - (3) stop payday lenders from raiding people's bank accounts without telling them;
- (D) welcomes that some of Britain's biggest debt, consumer and anti-poverty organisations – including Which?, Citizens Advice, StepChange Debt Charity, Church Action on Poverty and the Centre for Responsible Credit – and MPs from every Party represented at Westminster have come together to support the *Charter to Stop the Payday Loan Rip-Off*;
- (E) endorses the *Charter to Stop the Payday Loan Rip-Off* which calls on the FCA to introduce tougher regulation of payday lenders;
- (F) encourages residents of East Hertfordshire to support the Charter by signing the online petition at <http://www.change.org/paydayloancharter>
- (G) will seek to promote and support the development of local credit unions and more affordable lending;

- (H) will work with partners on campaigns against increasing levels of personal debt, and
- (I) will advise Martin Wheatley, Chief Executive of the Financial Conduct Authority and all local Members of Parliament of the decisions at (A) to (H) above.

Proposed by Councillor N Symonds  
Seconded by Councillor M Wood