

(b)(ii) Economic Climate – Advice for Residents

“That the Council notes:

(a) the growing economic crisis and the impact it is having on individuals in the District;

(b) the increasing number of people struggling with mortgage repayments and the record levels of personal debt;

(c) the increasing demand placed on the Council's Benefits Section and on local organisations such as the Citizens' Advice Bureaux; and

resolves to:

(i) ask the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to work with relevant local public and voluntary sector bodies to undertake a review of current debt and money advice service provision;

(ii) ask the Cabinet to review the support that the District Council offers the Citizens Advice Bureau and similar services and consider whether this support should be extended, and to incorporate the outcome of the review into the budget process”.

Mover: Councillor Jon Whitehouse

Seconder: Councillor Ann Haigh