

**NOTICE OF MOTION****GREEN GROUP  
AMENDMENT****PAYDAY LENDERS**

To insert the text as shown in bold italics in points 1) and 3) below and to add a further point 4).

“This council notes the increasing use of payday lenders charging interest rates of up to 5,800% by families in Brighton and Hove.

This council notes that 20,000 people called the National Debtline last year with problems arising from payday loans, with typical debts of £,1500 on average.

This council notes that the Office of Fair Trading has ordered the Competition Commission to investigate bad practices in the industry, worth £2.2billion in the UK, with 8.2 million loans taken out in 2011/12.

This council resolves:

- 1) To ask the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Business and the Chancellor of the Exchequer calling for a cap on loan rates imposed ***by payday lenders and other high interest lenders.***
- 2) To ask the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to establish a Scrutiny Panel to explore options on limiting the number of payday loan shops in the city using examples of best practice in other authorities and reporting to the relevant committees.
- 3) That this authority ***continues to*** use every means available to promote the use of credit unions and other responsible lenders by residents.
- 4) ***To continue with its work of creating a Community Banking Partnership that will include local lending and advice agencies and the high street banks.***

Proposed by: Cllr Randall

Seconded by: Cllr Buckley

