

COUNCIL MEETING – 30 NOVEMBER 2009

Amendment to Motion E (2009/10)

(Amendments are in bold and italics, deletions have been struck through)

Councillor Wilson has given notice that he will move in the following terms:

“This Council notes:

- The government’s proposal to scrap excess payments to local housing allowance claimants where their rent is lower than the rate of the allowance
- That this plan would see over 2,000 of the poorest families in Haringey up to £15 a week and £780 a year worse off
- As a result, £1.5million would be taken out of the local economy

This Council believes

- ***That it should remain committed to supporting those most in need in our society***
- ***That in tough economic circumstances the Council has an even greater responsibility to look at how it can help its residents through this difficult period***
- that these changes undermine the original objectives of local housing allowance which were to bring choice and fairness to the benefits system while combating poverty;

Therefore, this Council resolves

- To write to the Chancellor for the exchequer to reverse the government’s plan to scrap excess payments to local housing allowance claimants
- ***Continue to hold advice surgeries to help our residents claim all that they are entitled to***
- ~~Urges local MPs to sign Liberal Democrat Sarah Teather’s EDM 2069 to back the campaign against the change in policy.~~

Proposed – Cllr Mallett

Second – Cllr Adje

