

## MOTION ON NOTICE NO 18 (11/12)

### ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY WELFARE BENEFIT AND TAX CREDIT REFORMS

This Council notes that a number of changes in welfare benefits and tax credit systems will be implemented over the next 12 months.

The Government intends to make the following savings through these changes:

- CPI indexation (£5.8 bn)
- Tax Credit changes (£4.51 bn)
- Housing Benefit reform (£2.02 bn)
- Child Benefit (£2.42 bn)
- Contributory Employment Support Allowance (ESA) time-limit (£2bn)
- Disability Living Allowance reform (£1.2 bn)
- Council Tax Benefit (£0.49 bn)
- Benefits cap (£0.27 bn)
- End to 'asset –based welfare' (£0.6 bn)
- Social Fund reforms

Inevitably there will be confusion and distress caused to people who have their benefits cut, whilst the cost of living continues to rise.

This Council resolves to –

Actively promote information about the changes in welfare benefits and tax credits and signpost those likely to be affected to appropriate organisations such as the CAB in order that they may provide advice and support.

**Proposed by Councillor Williams**

**Seconded by Councillor Rennie**