

NOTICE OF MOTION**CONSERVATIVE GROUP****70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU (CAB)**

“This Council congratulates the CAB on its 70th Anniversary which took place on 4th September 2009.

This Council recognises the vital contribution made by CABs in providing free, independent and confidential advice on a wide variety of topics including: debt, benefits, housing, employment, consumer issues, relationships, family matters, health, education, discrimination, immigration and the law.

The CAB provides a vital service to the residents of Brighton & Hove. During 2008/9 the local Brighton & Hove branch helped over 10,000 residents with advice and support, a 7% increase on the previous year. The CAB has been particularly invaluable to those who have been hit hard by the recession - personal debt is now the single biggest problem dealt with by the CAB.

Furthermore, this Council recognises that every CAB is a registered charity reliant on trained volunteers and public funds to provide these vital services for local communities.

Therefore, this Council resolves to ask the Chief Executive to write to the Director of the Brighton & Hove Citizens' Advice Bureau congratulating them on reaching this significant milestone and expressing the Council's sincere appreciation for the excellent work they carry out for some of Brighton & Hove's most vulnerable residents.”

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