

**REPORT TO:** CABINET

**DATE:** 10 DECEMBER 2015

**TITLE:** REFERRAL FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –  
REVIEW OF PAY DAY LOAN PREMISES

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**This is not a Key Decision  
Call-in Procedures may apply  
This decision will affect no ward specifically.**

**RECOMMENDED** that the construction of an appropriate development management policy aimed at controlling, in so far as planning powers will allow, pay day loan shops in Harlow is pursued as part of the future Local Plan.

## **REASON FOR DECISION**

- A** The Scrutiny Committee considered an interim report on the review of Pay Day Loans at its last meeting. The Committee has asked the Cabinet to agree the inclusion of an appropriate development management policy in the future Local Plan to control pay day loan shops in Harlow.

## **BACKGROUND**

1. At its meeting on 20 October 2015, the Scrutiny Committee received an interim report on its review of Pay Day Loans. The review is due for completion in February 2016 and has focussed primarily on powers available to the Council to control the existence of pay day loan business premises.
2. The Committee has asked that a new development management policy to control pay day loan shops in Harlow is included in the future Local Plan and has made a recommendation to Cabinet accordingly.

3. The Committee has also expressed a desire to examine the appropriateness of controlling pay day loan shops and betting offices in neighbourhood centres through the Council's land ownership powers and will receive a report in February 2016 on this matter.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

Implications of the recommended decision are outlined in the 'Implications' section of the original report, which is attached as Appendix 1.

## **APPENDICES**

**Appendix 1** – Original report to the Scrutiny Committee, 'Review of Pay Day Loans, Interim Report.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

All original reports to the Scrutiny Committee can be viewed from <http://modern.gov.harlow.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=119&MId=652&Ver=4>