

Press release  
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### **Public Statement – CAP and AdviceUK**

Christians Against Poverty has today announced that it will be ending its membership of support network AdviceUK at the end of May 2011.

In discussions around ethos and purpose, AdviceUK made it clear that they saw any form of promotion of faith to be incompatible with membership criteria.

Whilst CAP is committed to provide impartial help and advice to all members of society, as an expression of our care for clients we do offer to pray with people. We also have the furtherance of the Christian faith as a charitable objective. In order to protect the integrity of both organisations it was amicably agreed that CAP would not continue to be an AdviceUK member.

CAP maintains its commitment to provide the same level of money advice and debt management service to all who need it, regardless of religious inclination. CAP also continues to commit to address any issues of faith in a sensitive and understanding manner, and to respect the rights of all individuals who have no such interest.

AdviceUK confirmed they were impressed with many areas of our operation and our commitment to continuous improvement. Both organisations have committed to maintain ongoing positive relationships and CAP in particular would like to express their gratitude for the many benefits that AdviceUK membership has brought over the years.

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### **Notes for journalists**

#### **About Christians Against Poverty:**

Christians Against Poverty is a home-grown debt counselling charity which is determined to reduce poverty in the UK caused by debt. It partners its financial expertise with the care of the local church to offer free debt help and a solution to people through 160 centres. The fast-growing charity, celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> year in 2011, intends to have a debt-counselling CAP centre in 500 towns and cities across the UK by 2015. For more about CAP see [www.capuk.org](http://www.capuk.org)

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