

Decision taken by:

**Ward Member for Sandgate & West
Folkestone – Councillor Gary Fuller**

Subject:

Kent Community Foundation – Folkestone and
Hythe Safe Haven

Executive/non-executive decision: Non-executive

Date decision taken:

16 January 2020

Name and address of applicant(s):

Natalie Smith
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Name and description of project:

Folkestone and Hythe Safe Haven – Capital funding is needed to upgrade and install accessible toilets and baby changing facilities at the new Safe Haven project in Folkestone which is being delivered in the Folkestone Rainbow Centre premises, evenings and weekends.

DECISION:

To provide funding of £300 to the above project.

Reason for decision:

A partnership consisting of the NHS and private funders will be launching the Folkestone & Hythe Safe Haven, early in 2020. It will offer a safe, welcoming, non-clinical café space to people in mental health crisis or distress. The Folkestone Safe Haven will be open 365 days a year in the evenings, at weekends and on public holidays when other services are closed. It will be open to all residents of Folkestone & Hythe district. This is an initiative that works well in other parts of the country, saving lives, helping recovery and reducing police and

health service costs. The Folkestone Safe Haven will be the first such service in Kent. Like others, it will help clients for as long as they need it. Even after they feel they have recovered, they can return at any time, and perhaps start to help others.

Declarations or disclosable pecuniary interest/any other significant interest:

None.

The decision set out above was made by me.



Signed:

16 January 2020

**Councillor Gary Fuller
Sandgate & West Folkestone**