

Decision taken by: **Ward Member for Hythe Rural – Councillor
John Wing**

Subject: Citizens Advice Shepway

Executive/non-executive decision: Non-executive

Date decision taken: 13 January 2020

Name and address of applicant(s):

Sue Day
Chief Officer
Citizens Advice Shepway
Unit 4 – 6 Princes Gate
Folkestone
Kent CT20 1RH

Name and description of project:

Upgrading and replacement of IT equipment in client interview rooms to ensure and enhance our ability to provide advice and assistance to clients. The upgrade will ensure the charity's ability to meet its IT requirements and also supports the training and development of volunteers.

DECISION:

To provide funding of £600 to the above project.

Reason for decision:

As an organisation we see over 2000 clients per year helping them to deal with over 4000 problems, ensuring that they secure their rights and entitlements. Demand for advice is high and up to date IT resources are critical to our ability to deliver advice services to all those who need them. Efficient and up to date PCs ensure that we can maximise our capacity to advise and assist as many people as possible.

Over 50% of enquiries relate to Debt and Benefits which means that we are helping the most deprived residents in the district and working to reduce poverty. Assisting people to manage their debts and maximise their income also supports the wider socio-economic wellbeing of the local community.

Declarations or disclosable pecuniary interest/any other significant interest:

None

The decision set out above was made by me.


Signed:
Councillor John Wing
Hythe Rural

13 January 2020