

Decision taken by: **Ward Member for Folkestone Harbour –  
Councillor Michelle Keutenius**

Subject: Citizens Advice Shepway

**Executive/non-executive decision: Non-executive**

Date decision taken: 18 February 2020

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**Name and address of applicant(s):**

Sue Day  
Units 4 to 6 Princes Gate  
George Lane  
Folkestone  
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**Name and description of project:**

Upgrading and replacement of IT equipment in client interview rooms.

**DECISION:**

**To provide funding of £100 to the above project.**

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**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 that 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 incomes also supports the wider socio-economic wellbeing of the local community.

**Declarations or disclosable pecuniary interest/any other significant interest:**

None

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**The decision set out above was made by me.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Keutenius', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

**Signed:**

**Councillor Michelle Keutenius  
Folkestone East**

**18 February 2020**