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Christina Harrhy
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Dear Ms Harrhy,

I am writing concerning the financial support that Caerphilly County Borough Council currently provides to Citizens Advice in Caerphilly. I understand that it is proposed that there should be a funding cut from April 2020 of 40%. This follows a reduction in 2015 of 15% when Caerphilly CBC ended its cover on the CA's lease on its Bargoed premises, in addition to a 17% cut last year.

I am told that if the current proposal is enacted, the Citizens' Advice will have lost nearly 60% of its core grant over a period of five years. Such a huge reduction now, following significant cuts in the recent past, would have a huge impact on the ability of the general public to have face-to-face advice throughout the Caerphilly Borough.

Only the local authority currently supports universal access to advice. The direct practical result of such a cut by the local authority would mean the closure of Citizens' Advice's Risca office.

I would therefore respectfully ask that the above be taken into account when the local authority agrees its budget for the next financial year.

Yours sincerely

Wayne David
Labour MP for Caerphilly

Thank you for your letter dated 18th December responding the proposed reduction in funding for Citizens Advice.

I note the concerns that you have raised and these will be considered as part of the ongoing consultation on the Draft Budget Proposals for 2020/21.

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