

FENLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Council extends Citizen's Advice service

Fenland District Council has extended its dedicated Citizen's Advice service to ensure residents continue to have access to free financial and employment advice as the Government furlough scheme begins to come to an end.

The service, which is available through the Council's Covid-19 Community Hub, was launched in March to help people to access more specialist support, more quickly.

Now the service has been extended until the end of October to make sure support is available as the Job Retention Scheme, known as furlough, is phased out.

Cllr Sam Clark, the Council's Cabinet member responsible for vulnerable people support, said: "As Covid restrictions come to an end and Government support for businesses starts to wind down, we may see an increase in the number of people in Fenland looking for employment or with financial concerns.

"If your circumstances change and you need help please don't think that there is no support available as we are here to help. It's important to get in touch as soon as possible to prevent issues from getting worse."

The service can provide free, independent, and impartial advice to help with a number of concerns including money worries, debts, rent arrears, benefits, Universal Credit claims, access to funding, pensions, looking for work, employment issues and much, much more.

- **Just call the Hub on 01354 654321 or email covid19@fenland.gov.uk**

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