# **Financial Review**



- Please complete as much of this form as you can and return it to us with the documents listed below.
- Once we have all the information we need, we will work with you to produce a budget plan and discuss the best options for you.

### Your details

| Title:           | First name: | Surname:       |
|------------------|-------------|----------------|
| National Insurar | nce no:     | Date of birth: |

### **Documents to provide**

| ESSENTIAL:   |  | Provided |
|--|--|----------|
| •  | Identity verification - we need to see photo ID  |          |
| •  | Bank statements - for the last 3 months for ALL your accounts  |          |
| AS MUCH AS YOU CAN GATHER (not essential at this time but will be needed): |  |          |
| •  | Wage slips - for the last 3 months   |          |
| •  | Benefit letters - latest award letters and current UC statement  |          |
| •  | Rent statement or mortgage details   |          |
| •  | Latest Council Tax bill  |          |
| •  | Latest utility bills - gas/electricity/water   |          |
| •  | <b>Debts</b> - details of <b>ALL</b> of your debts - copies of letters/statements from everyone you owe money to |          |

## **Household details**

| Your contact details   |                |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Address:               |                |
|                        |                |
| Town/City:             | Postcode:      |
| Home phone:            |                |
| Work phone:            |                |
| Mobile                 |                |
| Your partner's details |                |
| Title: First name:     | Surname:       |
| National Insurance no: | Date of birth: |
| Children               |                |
| No of children:        |                |
| Child date of birth:   |                |

### Your income

| Earnings & income   | Weekly | Monthly |
|---|--------|---------|
| Your take home pay  |        |         |
| Partner's take home pay   |        |         |
| Other earnings (including self-employment after tax and expenses)                         |        |         |
| Tota  | al:    |         |
| Other income  |        |         |
| Maintenance/child support   |        |         |
| Student loans & grants  |        |         |
| Other income e.g. lodgers, family member contributions, share dividends, savings interest |        |         |
| Tota  | al:    |         |
| Benefits and tax credits (tick which apply)   |        |         |
| Universal Credit  |        |         |
| Jobseekers Allowance (JSA)  |        |         |
| Income Support (IS)   |        |         |
| Working Tax Credit  |        |         |
| Child Tax Credit  |        |         |
| Child Benefit   |        |         |
| Employment & Support Allowance (ESA)  |        |         |
| DLA/PIP/Attendance Allowance  |        |         |
| Carer's Allowance   |        |         |
| Housing Benefit   |        |         |
| Council Tax Support   |        |         |
| Other benefits (maternity, sick pay)  |        |         |
| Tota  | al:    |         |
| Pensions  |        |         |
| State Pension   |        |         |
| Private or Occupational Pension   |        |         |
| Pension Credits   |        |         |
| Other   |        |         |
| Tota  | al:    |         |
| Assets  |        |         |
| Car - value   |        |         |
| Savings   |        |         |
| Other (eg shares)   |        |         |
| Tota  | al:    |         |

**Notes:** 

## Your expenses

| Home & contents                    | Weekly | Monthly |
|------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Rent                               |        |         |
| Ground rent & service charges      |        |         |
| Mortgage payments                  |        |         |
| Mortgage endowment/insurance       |        |         |
| Secured loans                      |        |         |
| Council Tax                        |        |         |
| Appliance/furniture rental/HP      |        |         |
| TV licence                         |        |         |
| Other fixed costs                  |        |         |
| Total:                             |        |         |
| Utilities                          |        |         |
| Gas (or combined fuel bills)       |        |         |
| Electricity                        |        |         |
| Other costs (coal, oil etc)        |        |         |
| Total:                             |        |         |
| Water                              |        |         |
| Water supply <b>Total:</b>         |        |         |
| Care & health Costs                |        |         |
| Childcare costs                    |        |         |
| Adult care costs                   |        |         |
| Child maintenance                  |        |         |
| Prescriptions & medicines          |        |         |
| Dentistry & opticians              |        |         |
| Other care & health costs          |        |         |
| Total:                             |        |         |
| Travel & transport                 |        |         |
| Public transport (for school/work) |        |         |
| HP payments for car                |        |         |
| Car Insurance                      |        |         |
| Road Tax                           |        |         |
| Servicing/MOT/Repairs              |        |         |
| Breakdown cover                    |        |         |
| Fuel, parking, toll charges        |        |         |
| Other costs (including taxis)      |        |         |
| Total:                             |        |         |
| School costs                       |        | _       |
| School uniforms                    |        |         |
| After school clubs, school trips   |        |         |
| Other school costs                 |        |         |
| Total:                             |        |         |
| Pensions & insurance               |        |         |
| Personal Pension payments          |        |         |
| Life Insurance                     |        |         |
| Mortgage payment protection        |        |         |
|                                    |        |         |
| Buildings & contents insurance     |        |         |

| Professional costs                | Weekly | Monthly |
|-----------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Professional courses              |        |         |
| Union fees                        |        |         |
| Professional fees                 |        |         |
| Other professional costs          |        |         |
| Total:                            |        |         |
| Other essential costs             |        |         |
| Court fines                       |        |         |
| Other                             |        |         |
| Total:                            |        |         |
| Communications & leisure          |        |         |
| Home phone/internet/TV/films      |        |         |
| Streaming service subscriptions   |        |         |
| Mobile phone                      |        |         |
| Hobbies/leisure/sport/eating out  |        |         |
| Gym membership                    |        |         |
| Gifts (birthday, xmas, festivals) |        |         |
| Pocket money                      |        |         |
| Newspapers/magazines/postage      |        |         |
| Other costs                       |        |         |
| Total:                            |        |         |
| Food & housekeeping               |        |         |
| Groceries/pet food/cleaning       |        |         |
| Baby items, including nappies     |        |         |
| School meals and meals at work    |        |         |
| Laundry & dry cleaning            |        |         |
| Alcohol                           |        |         |
| Smoking products                  |        |         |
| Vet bills & pet insurance         |        |         |
| House repairs & maintenance       |        |         |
| Other costs                       |        |         |
| Total:                            |        |         |
| Personal costs                    |        |         |
| Clothing & footwear               |        |         |
| Hairdressing                      |        |         |
| Toiletries                        |        |         |
| Other personal costs              |        |         |
| Total:                            |        |         |
| Regular Savings                   |        |         |
| (£20 maximum)                     |        |         |
|                                   |        |         |
|                                   |        |         |
| Debt Management Fees              |        |         |

### Who you owe money to

Please provide details of everyone you owe money to (your "creditors") in the spaces below. You can attach copies of statements with the companies' contact details and the account numbers if that's easier.

| Creditor name: | or name: Your account number: |       |
|----------------|-------------------------------|-------|
| Address:       |                               |       |
|                |                               |       |
| Phone no:      |                               |       |
|                | Amount owed:                  | £     |
|                |                               |       |
| Creditor name: | Your account nur              | mber: |
| Address:       |                               |       |
|                |                               |       |
| Phone no:      |                               |       |
|                | Amount owed:                  | £     |
|                |                               |       |
| Creditor name: | Your account nur              | mber: |
| Address:       |                               |       |
|                |                               |       |
| Phone no:      |                               |       |
|                | Amount owed:                  | £     |
|                |                               |       |
| Creditor name: | Your account nur              | mber: |
| Address:       |                               |       |
|                |                               |       |
| Phone no:      |                               |       |
|                | Amount owed:                  | £     |
| Creditor name: | Your account nur              | mh au |
|                | Your account nur              | nder: |
| Address:       |                               |       |
| Phone no:      |                               |       |
| Priorie no.    | A                             |       |
|                | Amount owed:                  | ±     |

| Creditor name: | Your account number: |       |
|----------------|----------------------|-------|
| Address:       |                      |       |
|                |                      |       |
| Phone no:      |                      |       |
|                | Amount owed:         | £     |
|                |                      |       |
| Creditor name: | Your account nu      | mber: |
| Address:       |                      |       |
|                |                      |       |
| Phone no:      |                      |       |
|                | Amount owed:         | £     |
|                |                      |       |
| Creditor name: | Your account nu      | mber: |
| Address:       |                      |       |
|                |                      |       |
| Phone no:      |                      |       |
|                | Amount owed:         | £     |
|                |                      |       |
| Creditor name: | Your account nu      | mber: |
| Address:       |                      |       |
|                |                      |       |
| Phone no:      |                      |       |
|                | Amount owed:         | £     |
| Creditor name: | Your account nu      | mber: |
| Address:       | . our account nu     |       |
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| Phone no:      |                      |       |
|                | Amount owed:         | £     |
|                |                      | _     |

# **Client agreement**



### Citizens Advice Esher & District will provide you with:

- Confidential advice. We will not tell anyone about your case and will not pass on anything from our
  records to anyone outside the Citizens Advice service without your permission, unless we are required
  to do so by law or it is the right and necessary thing to do. Our records are subject to quality checks.
  We will respect your data protection rights for any information you provide to us. Please ask to see our
  Privacy Policy if you would like to know more.
- **Follow-up work**. Any follow up work will be agreed between your adviser and you. This may include, with your permission, negotiating on your behalf with other organisations by letter or phone. We will discuss any offer with you before accepting it, unless you have specifically told us what to do.
- **A complaints procedure**, if you are not satisfied with the service we have provided. If you wish to complain, please see the section "Do you have a complaint about Citizens Advice?" which explains how to make a complaint.

We cannot guarantee to take on all cases, even if someone is already a client.

### In return, we expect you to:

- Keep appointments you have made with us or let us know in advance if you can't make it.
- Inform us of any changes in your circumstances which may be relevant to your case. Examples of relevant changes are change of address, birth of a child, additional income.
- Bring in all the papers relevant to your case which your adviser asks for. This includes notification of court or tribunal dates etc.
- Provide written evidence of your income, debts or other financial matters where appropriate. Your adviser will let you know what is needed.
- Be honest with us about the circumstances of your case, for instance by telling us about all your debts and income or what led up to your being asked to leave your employment.
- Always treat our staff and volunteers with dignity and respect.

We reserve the right to stop advising you if you do not follow the expectations listed above.

## Do you have a complaint about Citizens Advice?

#### Tell us if we've let you down

We want everyone who uses Citizens Advice's services to be happy. If you're not, we want to know why. We'll always try to put things right, but if we can't, knowing where we've gone wrong will help us to do better in the future.

If you make a complaint, we'll still try to advise you. However, if we can't, we'll try to find another adviser or organisation to help you.

#### Ask us to informally resolve the problem

If you're unhappy with the service you've received from us or the way we've treated you, ask to speak to a Manager. It's important that we know what we've done wrong as soon as it's happened so that we can try to put it right. If the Manager can't put it right or you're still unhappy, you can make a formal complaint about us.

However, you don't have to talk to us first to make a formal complaint.

#### Making a formal complaint about us

There are several ways you can make a formal complaint. You can either send a letter to our Chief Officer or the Chair of the Trustees explaining what's happened, or you can give details of your complaint to Citizens Advice's Client Services team. When they receive your complaint, they'll send it to us to investigate.

Once we've got your complaint, we might talk to you informally about it instead of starting the formal complaints process. This may be quicker and less stressful.

However, we may decide to formally investigate your complaint without speaking to you.

Your complaint will be investigated by someone who isn't involved with it, usually a manager or our Chief Officer. The Chair of the Trustees will send you a formal response once it's been investigated, usually within 8 weeks of us receiving your complaint. If it's going to take longer, we'll let you know why.

If we uphold your complaint, we'll say sorry for what we've done wrong and will let you know what we'll do to put things right.

#### **Review by national Citizens Advice**

If you're unhappy with our response or the outcome to your complaint, you can ask for our decision to be reviewed. To do so, you must contact Citizens Advice's Client Services team within 4 weeks of receiving our formal response. You need to explain to the Client Services team why you're unhappy with our formal response.

The Client Services team will review the complaint on behalf of national Citizens Advice's Chief Executive. The review checks that we properly investigated your complaint, we responded to all of your issues and our reply was fair and reasonable. Their review is not a reinvestigation of your complaint.

#### Review by an independent adjudicator

If you're unhappy with national Citizens Advice's review, you can ask for your complaint to be reviewed by an independent adjudicator. This is someone from outside Citizens Advice who will decide whether your complaint was dealt with fairly.

If you want an independent adjudicator review, you must contact the Client Services team within 4 weeks of receiving your review and explain to them the reasons why you're unhappy with the review.

The independent adjudicator's decision is final and is the last stage of the complaints process.

#### Advice about debt or your credit record

If we gave you debt or credit card advice, you can complain about us to the Financial Ombudsman Service. However, you can only do this once we've let you have a formal response to your complaint or if we don't respond to you within 8 weeks of receiving it. Alternatively, you can ask the Client Services team to review your complaint after we've sent you our formal response.

#### **Immigration advice**

If we gave you immigration advice, you can complain about us to the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner (OISC). You should complain to the OISC within 12 months of receiving our advice.

You can make a complaint to the OISC at any stage of the complaints process.

All contact details are shown below.

### Who to contact if you want to complain

#### **Citizens Advice:**

Address your letter to The Chief Officer or the Chair of the Trustees at the address below:

Citizens Advice Esher & District Civic Centre High Street Esher KT10 9RP

#### Citizens Advice's Client Services team:

Phone: 03000 231 900

E-mail: feedback@citizensadvice.org.uk

More information about making a complaint about Citizens Advice can be found on our website here:

www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/contact-us/contact-us/make-a-complaint-about-us

#### **Financial Ombudsman Service**

You can complain online (for complaints about debt or credit advice) at:

www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk/contact-us/complain-online

Phone: 0800 023 4567 - calls to this number are free; or 0300 123 9123 - you need to check if you will incur a charge or if the call is free depending on your mobile phone package. Free if you use a mobile phone and pay a monthly charge for calls to numbers starting 01 and 02.

Our Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) Firm Reference Number (FRN) is 617603

Email: complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk

### Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner (OISC)

Details about how to complain can be found on their website at:

www.gov.uk/find-an-immigration-adviser/complain-about-an-adviser

Phone: 0345 000 0046 E-mail: complaints@oisc.gov.uk

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