

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 18 December 2018

Decision No: (CAB 18/19 21844)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	HOMES & CULTURE
SUBJECT:	DISABLED ADAPTATIONS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY
AUTHOR:	ROSIE ZAMBRA

THE DECISION

- (i) To consider and approve the proposed policy, attached as Appendix 1.
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Director of Transactions and Universal Services to make minor amendments to the policy.
- (iii) To delegate authority to the Director of Transactions and Universal Services to approve applications for financial assistance in accordance with the Disabled Adaptations Financial Assistance policy.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Mandatory DFGs are prescribed by law but are inflexible which means that some vulnerable disabled people do not meet the criteria. The proposed discretionary financial assistance will enable the council to provide flexible financial assistance which will enable many more people to have adaptations made to their home. This will promote their wellbeing, prevent their needs escalating and enable them to live in their homes independently with less reliance on others for care and support.

The discretionary financial assistance will also support delivery of a strengths-based approach to adult social care by helping to reduce reliance on funded care packages and will contribute to a reduction in emergency hospital admissions and length of stays in hospital.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Having no discretionary financial assistance and relying solely on mandatory DFG's was considered and rejected as the council already has a large number of vulnerable people who for many reasons do not qualify for the DFG e.g. the works are greater than the maximum amount permitted. This would mean that a significant number of people would not be able to have adaptations carried out, which is likely to result in further pressure on the local health and social care system.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 18th December,
2018

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Claire Heather

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*