

ANGUS COUNCIL**COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 26 FEBRUARY 2019****PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING GRANTS 2018/19 – QUARTER 3 TO 31 DECEMBER 2018****1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The provision of major adaptations in the Private Sector (as required under the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006) is funded through the Scheme of Assistance. This assistance is contributing to the LHS 2017-2022 (Ref 329/17):
- People can access appropriate housing options and related services to meet their needs and enable them to live independently.
- 1.2 People living in private sector homes can apply for grant funding to help adapt their home, in order that it is more accessible, and so that they can continue to live there, as their medical conditions or mobility needs change. Following assessment by an Occupational Therapist, various types of adaptations are approved for funding, including, but not limited to, level access showers, external access ramps, stairlifts and provision of ground floor sanitary facilities. It should be noted that grant funding can only support the minimum alterations required to meet the assessed need.
- 1.3 This means that people can continue to live the place that they choose, and also in a safe environment that meets their needs. This is not only good for the health and wellbeing of the individual, but also saves the public purse by keeping people out of, or delaying admission to, expensive supported or acute health care accommodation.

2. CURRENT/FORECASTED POSITION

- 2.1 This Schedule lists Grant Applications in respect of Improvements and Adaptations which have been approved under delegated authority for the period 1 October 2018 to 31 December 2018 as well as presenting the estimated year end outturn. It should be noted that it is difficult to predict with any certainty the overall outturn position. This is likely to be subject to change, depending on the number and value of individual grants presented for approval/payment.

3. 2018/19 BUDGET ALLOCATION

- 3.1 The 2018/19 total base budget allocation is £453,114, split £350,000 capital (report 62/18 refers) and £103,114 revenue (per info from Finance – includes estimated costs for OT support). The budget for the revenue support to Angus Care and Repair now sits with Social Work (Report 206/17 refers).

4. GRANTS APPROVED

- 4.1 A summary of the grants approved covering the period 1 October 2018 to 31 December 2018 is outlined below:-

Table 1 – 2018/19 Grants Approved

Description	Number	Grant Approved (£)
Applications	23	103,947

In addition, 24 grants were approved in 2017/18 but were carried forward to be paid out during 2018/19. The value of grants approved is detailed at section 5.2 below.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Summary Position

The overall estimated outturn position of Private Sector Housing Grants is summarised as below. This position is subject to variation, depending on the amount of grants presented for approval/payment and an updated position will be reported to a future committee:-

Table 2 – 2018/19 Summary Position

Description	Total Budget (£)	Estimated Outturn (£)	Variance Adv / (Fav) (£)
Capital	350,000	290,000	(60,000)
Revenue	103,114	54,434	(48,680)
Total	453,114	344,434	(108,680)

5.2 Capital

Table 3 – 2018/19 Capital Budget Monitoring

Description	Total Budget (£)	Total Grant Approved (£)	Estimated Outturn* (£)	Variance Adv / (Fav) (£)
Improvements & Adaptations Grant	350,000	339,644	290,000	(60,000)
Total	350,000	339,644	290,000	(60,000)

* For the purposes of this schedule, estimated outturn reflects the current estimated outturn, and may be subject to change during the course of the financial year.

The total grant approved sum (£339,644) detailed in the table above includes commitments of £94,356 for grants approved during 2017/18 but due to the timescales within which grants may be drawn down (1 year) these were carried over to be paid out during 2018/19.

Of the £339,644 (£245,288 + £94,356) total grants approved, £166,460 has been paid out to 31 December 2018. Any grants approved during 2018/19 but not paid out by 31 March 2019 will be carried forward and funded from the 2019/20 budget allocation.

5.3 Revenue

The actual revenue spend to 31 December 2018 equates to £39,464 and the following table gives further information in respect of the spend to date and the year-end outturn position.

Table 4 – 2018/19 Revenue Budget Monitoring

Description	Total Budget (£)	Spend to Date (£)	Estimated Outturn (£)	Variance Adv / (Fav) (£)
Staff Costs (incl. travel)	67,114	38,909	53,434	(13,680)
Supplies & Services	1,000	555	1,000	0
Third Party Payments:				
• Occupational Therapist	35,000	0	0	(35,000)
Total	103,114	39,464	54,434	(48,680)

NOTE: The background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) which were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report are:

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