

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 28 MAY 2019**

**PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING GRANTS 2018/19 – QUARTER 4 TO 31 MARCH 2019**

**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 appendix lists Grant Applications in respect of Improvements and Adaptations which have been approved under delegated authority for the period 1 January 2019 to 31 March 2019 as well as presenting the estimated year end outturn.

**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 January 2019 to 31 March 2019 is outlined below:

**Table 1 – 2018/19 Grants Approved**

Description	Number	Grant Approved (£)
Applications	17	£55,652

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 accruals and final year end accounting procedures:

**Table 2 – 2018/19 Summary Position**

Description	Total Budget (£)	Estimated Outturn (£)	Variance Adv / (Fav) (£)
<b>Capital</b>	350,000	254,448	(95,552)
<b>Revenue</b>	103,114	56,859	(46,255)
<b>Total</b>	<b>453,114</b>	<b>311,307</b>	<b>(141,807)</b>

### 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	399,653	254,448	(95,552)
<b>Total</b>	<b>350,000</b>	<b>399,653</b>	<b>254,448</b>	<b>(95,552)</b>

\* 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 end procedures.

\*\* Total grant approved exceeds the 18/19 Budget, per usual agreement to forward committing from the 19/20 budget.

The total grant approved sum (£399,653) detailed in the table above includes commitments of £90,136 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 £399,653 (£309,517 + £90,136) total grants approved, £224,945 has been paid out to 31 March 2019. The estimated accrual is in the region of £29,503, which will increase the estimated outturn to £254,448. Final year end accounting procedures have not been completed at the time of writing, and the final expenditure is still subject to variation. 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 estimated revenue spend to 31 March 2019 equates to £56,859 and the following table gives further information. Final year end accounting procedures have not been completed at the time of writing, and the final expenditure is still subject to variation. Variation is mainly due to staff slippage.

**Table 4 – 2018/19 Revenue Budget Monitoring**

Description	Total Budget (£)	Estimated Spend to Date (£)	Estimated Outturn (£)	Variance Adv / (Fav) (£)
Staff Costs (incl. travel)	67,114	56,202	56,202	(10,912)
Supplies & Services	1,000	657	657	(343)
Third Party Payments:				
• Occupational Therapist	35,000	0	0	(35,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,114</b>	<b>56,859</b>	<b>56,859</b>	<b>(46,255)</b>

**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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