

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 12 NOVEMBER 2019

PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING GRANTS 2019/20 – QUARTER 2 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

**1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

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 in 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 Adaptations which have been approved under delegated authority for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 September 2019 as well as presenting the estimated year end outturn.

**3. 2019/20 BUDGET ALLOCATION**

3.1 The 2019/20 total base budget allocation is £420,441, split £350,000 capital (report 59/19 refers) and £70,441 revenue (per info from Finance – includes estimated costs for OT support).

**4. GRANTS APPROVED**

4.1 A summary of the grants approved covering the period 1 July 2019 to 30 September 2019 is outlined below:-

**Table 1 – 2019/20 Grants Approved**

| Description  | Number | Grant Approved (£) |
|--------------|--------|--------------------|
| Applications | 21     | £85,017            |

In addition, 25 grants were approved in 2018/19 but were carried forward to be paid out during 2019/20. 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 and payment

**Table 2 – 2019/20 Summary Position**

| Description    | Total Budget (£) | Estimated Outturn (£) | Variance Adv / (Fav) (£) |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Capital</b> | 350,000          | 350,000               | 0                        |
| <b>Revenue</b> | 70,441           | 65,999                | (4,442)                  |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>420,441</b>   | <b>415,999</b>        | <b>(4,442)</b>           |

5.2 Capital

**Table 3 – 2019/20 Capital Budget Monitoring**

| Description                      | Total Budget (£) | Total Grant Approved (£) | Estimated Outturn* (£) | Variance Adv / (Fav) (£) |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Improvements & Adaptations Grant | 350,000          | 317,837                  | 350,000                | 0                        |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>350,000</b>   | <b>317,837</b>           | <b>350,000</b>         | <b>0</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.

The total grant approved sum (£317,837) detailed in the table above includes commitments of £125,431 for grants approved during 2018/19 but due to the timescales within which grants may be drawn down (1 year) these were carried over to be paid out during 2019/20.

Of the £317,837 (£125,431 + £192,406) total grants approved, £145,520 has been paid out to 30 September 2019. Any grants approved during 2019/20 but not paid out by 31 March 2020 will be carried forward and funded from the 2020/21 budget allocation.

5.3 Revenue

The revenue spend to 30 September 2019 equates to £31,436 and the following table gives further information. The estimated outturn is still subject to variation, and will be reported to future committees.

**Table 4 – 2019/20 Revenue Budget Monitoring**

| Description                | Total Budget (£) | Spend to Date (£) | Estimated Outturn (£) | Variance Adv / (Fav) (£) |
|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Staff Costs (incl. travel) | 44,859           | 19,303            | 40,417                | (4,442)                  |
| Supplies & Services        | 582              | 63                | 582                   | 0                        |
| Third Party Payments:      |                  |                   |                       |                          |
| • Occupational Therapist   | 25,000           | 12,070            | 25,000                | 0                        |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>70,441</b>    | <b>31,436</b>     | <b>65,999</b>         | <b>(4,442)</b>           |

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