

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 25 FEBRUARY 2020

PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING GRANTS 2019/20 – QUARTER 3 TO 31 DECEMBER 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 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 October 2019 to 31 December 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).
- 3.2 Additional one-off monies is to be made available from Adult Services in the amount of £0.180million, giving a revised total budget allocation of £600,441. Due to the stage in the year, it is intended that any unspent element will be carried forward and fully utilised by 31 March 2021 (Report 22/20 refers)

4. GRANTS APPROVED

- 4.1 A summary of the grants approved covering the period 1 October 2019 to 31 December 2019 is outlined below:-

Table 1 – 2019/20 Grants Approved

Description	Number	Grant Approved (£)
Applications	15	£47,294

In addition, 25 grants were approved in 2018/19 but were carried forward to be paid out during 2019/20, some of which have been subsequently withdrawn. 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) (£)
Capital	450,000	350,000	(100,000)
Revenue	150,441	78,512	(71,929)
Total	600,441	428,512	(171,929)

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	350,000	350,000	0
Additional Funding from Adult Services	100,000	1,255	0	(100,000)
Total	450,000	351,255	350,000	(100,000)

* 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 (£351.255) detailed in the table above includes commitments of £120,255 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 £351,255 (£120,255 + £231,000) total grants approved, £237,249 has been paid out to 31 December 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. Note that unspent monies from the additional funding from Adult Services can be carried forward into 2020/21.

5.3 Revenue

The revenue spend to 31 December 2019 equates to £30,661 and the following table gives further information. The final estimated outturn is still subject to variation, and will be reported to future committees. Note that the interim Care & Repair provider is funded by the additional monies from Adult Services, and any unspent monies can be carried forward in to 2020/21.

Table 4 – 2019/20 Revenue Budget Monitoring

Description	Total Budget (£)	Spend to Date (£)	Estimated Outturn (£)	Variance Adv / (Fav) (£)
Staff Costs (incl. travel)	44,859	30,535	42,930	(1,929)
Supplies & Services	582	126	582	0
Third Party Payments:				
• Occupational Therapist	25,000	0	25,000	
• Interim Care & Repair Provider	80,000	0	10,000	(70,000)
Total	150,441	30,661	78,512	(71,929)

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