

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 17 AUGUST 2021

PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING GRANTS 2021/22 – QUARTER 1 TO 30 JUNE 2021

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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

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.

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

This appendix lists Grant Applications in respect of Adaptations which have been approved under delegated authority for the period 1 April 2021 to 30 June 2021 as well as presenting the estimated year end outturn.

3. 2021/22 BUDGET ALLOCATION

The 2021/22 total base budget allocation is £417,750, split £350,000 capital (report 71/21 refers) and £67,750 revenue (per info from Finance – includes estimated costs for OT support).

Additional one-off monies were made available during 19/20 from Adult Services in the revised amount of £0.128million, which had been carried forward in full to 20/21 (report 22/20 refers). Due to delays caused by Covid, permission has been granted to carry forward the £0.128million from Adult Services into 21/22 (report 212/21 refers).

4. GRANTS APPROVED

- 4.1 A summary of the grants approved covering the period 1 April 2021 to 30 June 2021 is outlined below. It should be noted that COVID 19 restrictions have had a significant and continuing effect on progress during this period. Although the demand for grant assistance is continuing, the restrictions have caused a considerable backlog of applications to be progressed through AHSCP:-

Table 1 – 2021/22 Grants Approved

Description	Number	Grant Approved (£)
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Applications	19	£70,654
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In addition, 22 grants were approved in 2020/21 but were carried forward to be paid out during 2021/22. The value of grants approved is detailed at section 5.2 below.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Summary Position

The overall outturn position of Private Sector Housing Grants is summarised as below.

Table 2 – 2021/22 Summary Position

Description	Total Budget (£)	Estimated Outturn (£)	Variance Adv / (Fav) (£)
Capital	350,000	350,000	0
Revenue	67,750	65,950	(1,800)
Additional from Adult Services	0	128,000	128,000
Total	417,750	543,950	126,200

5.2 Capital

Table 3 – 2021/22 Capital Budget Monitoring

Description	Total Budget (£)	Total Grant Approved (£)	Estimated* Outturn (£)	Variance Adv / (Fav) (£)
Improvements & Adaptations Grant	350,000	162,982	350,000	0
Adult Services Funding	0	0	105,000	105,000
Total	350,000	162,982	455,000	105,000

* The impact of Covid-19 on the progress of adaptation works within vulnerable households has had a consequential significant effect on spend. This is expected to pick up significantly during 21/22, and monies from the Adult Services funding is expected to be allocated to cover this. The £105,000 noted above is subject to variation and updates will be reported to future committees.

The total grant approved sum (£162,982) detailed in the table above includes commitments of £92,328 for grants approved during 2020/21 but due to the timescales within which grants may be drawn down (1 year) these were carried over to be paid out during 2021/22.

Of the £162,982 (£70,654 + £92,328) total grants approved, £46,880 has been paid out to 30 June 2021. Any grants approved during 2021/22 but not paid out by 31 March 2022 will be carried forward and funded from the 2022/23 budget allocation. It should be noted that there may be minor changes to this estimated amount due to year end accounting processes.

5.3 Revenue

The revenue spend to 30 June 2021 equates to £9,314 and the following table gives further information.

Table 4 – 2021/22 Revenue Budget Monitoring

Description	Total Budget (£)	Estimated Outturn (£)	Variance Adv / (Fav) (£)
Staff Costs (incl. travel)	41,750	39,950	(1,800)
Supplies & Services	1,000	1,000	0
Third Party Payments:			

Occupational Therapist	25,000	25,000	0
20/21 Interim Provider*	0	23,000	23,000
Total	67,750	88,950	21,200

*funded from the £128,00 carry forward from Adult Services

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