

# ANGUS COUNCIL

## INFORMATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2022 TO 30 JUNE 2022

### REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF VIBRANT COMMUNITIES AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

#### ABSTRACT

This report provides information to members with regard to services in the Vibrant Communities & Sustainable Growth Directorate, albeit that a decision is not required in terms of the current Scheme of Delegation to Officers and the Order of Reference of Committees.

#### 1. BACKGROUND

Angus Council, at a special meeting on 19 November 2013 took a number of decisions which changed the way the Council conducted its committee business. Fundamental to this was the streamlining of processes with a focus on key strategy and policy matters.

One element of this was the production of "Information Reports". These information reports summarise information that would in the past have gone to a council committee for "noting".

The information schedules are in accordance with that principle.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION - SCHEDULES

There is one schedule which contains key background information related to services delivered in the Vibrant Communities & Sustainable Growth Directorate for the period 1 April 2022 to 30 June 2022. These are accessed via the Council's internet page.

Where there are references to other documents (e.g.: consultation documents/audit reports) that are associated with the relevant schedule a link to that document has also been included.

#### 3. REPORT AUTHOR

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Schedule 1 – Private Sector Housing Grants 2022/23 – 1 April to 30 June 2022

**PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING GRANTS 2022/23 – 1 APRIL TO 30 JUNE 2022**

**1. INFORMATION**

This report provides information to members with regard to the Private Sector Housing Grants, albeit that a decision is not required in terms of the current Scheme of Delegation to Officers and the Order of Reference of Committees.

**2. BACKGROUND**

The provision of major adaptations in the Private Sector (as required under the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006) is administered by Building Standards. This assistance is contributing to the Local Housing Strategy (LHS) (Ref 329/17)

- It includes the aim that 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 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.

**3. CURRENT/FORECASTED POSITION**

The lockdowns throughout the Covid-19 pandemic continue to have a significant impact on the progress of completing grant works. Contractors were not allowed into occupied homes and this not only resulted in a backlog of work, it also affected spend in the previous financial year. Services are working hard to ensure all outstanding and new applications are progressed timeously and within the constraints of the available budget, but various other factors may still affect progress. It is currently well known that there are national and global shortages of certain building materials, and applicants and/or contractors' staff may still require to isolate due to Covid symptoms, all of which may well have a continuing effect on the progress of work on site. It should therefore be noted that there may be variations to the estimated final outturn following completion of end of financial year processes.

This appendix lists Grant Applications in respect of Adaptations which have been approved and paid under delegated authority for the period 1 April 2022 to 30 June 2022 as well as presenting the estimated year end outturn.

In this first quarter

- 20 grant applications have been received, of which 19 have been approved and one is pending approval whilst awaiting further supporting information.
- 12 approved grants have been completed on site, of which 7 have been paid and five are pending processing whilst awaiting further supporting information

**4. 2022/23 BUDGET ALLOCATION**

The 2022/23 base budget allocation is £477,471 split as follows

- £350,000 Capital Budget to fund adaptations within applicant's homes (R65/22), subsequently reduced to £300,000 as part of a budget review

- £109,000 Additional Capital one-off monies from Adult Services (R212/21) and carried forward to 22/23 to fund adaptations within applicant's homes
- £68,471 Revenue Budget to fund associated staffing, third party payments and supplies and services to support the delivery of the service.

## 5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

### 5.1 Summary Position

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

**Table 1 – 2022/23 Summary Position**

Description	Total Budget (£)	Estimated Outturn (£)	Variance Adv / (Fav) (£)
<b>Capital</b>	300,000	300,000	0
<b>Capital – from Adult Services</b>	109,000	109,000	0
<b>Revenue</b>	68,471	68,471	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>477,471</b>	<b>477,471</b>	<b>0</b>

Description	Total Budget (£)	Approved to 30/06/22 (£)	Completed to 30/06/22 (£)	Estimated Outturn (£)	Variance Adv / (Fav) (£)
<b>Capital</b>	300,000	162,677	11,469	300,000	0
<b>Capital (*AS)</b>	109,000	0	0	109,000	0
<b>Revenue</b>	68,471	9,537	9,537	68,471	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>477,471</b>	<b>172,214</b>	<b>21,006</b>	<b>477,471</b>	<b>0</b>

*\*AS – Adult Services Funding*

*The £162,677 Capital approved to date includes £83,245 of grants approved in 21/22 which are due to be completed and paid in 22/23*

**NOTE:** No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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