

## CABINET

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### Report of the Portfolio Holder for Quality of Life

#### Increase Of Disabled Facilities Grant Budget To Reflect Contributions

##### RECOMMENDATIONS

###### Members are asked to:-

1. Approve an increase in the Disabled Facilities Grant element of the Capital Programme budget by £69,000 to reflect the contribution of £50,000 received from the Primary Care Trust and £19,000 additional grant allocation from Communities and Local Government.

##### PURPOSE

To seek Member approval to increase the Disabled Facility Grant budget to reflect contributions received.

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Members Book Item 19/2010 (Appendix A) approved receipt of a £50,000 contribution from the Primary Care Trust to fund Disabled Facility Grant works to non Council Housing residents in the Tamworth area.

The funding has been made available by the Primary Care Trust to fund disabled adaptations with a view to improving the quality of life for disabled residents by assisting them to remain in their own home and preventing unnecessary occupation of hospital bed-spaces.

The Primary Care Trust have been invoiced for this contribution and the funding has now been received.

The Disabled Facilities Grant programme is currently over-subscribed so this additional contribution will help to alleviate some of the pressures placed on the budget.

At the time of setting the original budgets it was anticipated that the grant allocation from Communities and Local Government would be £150,000 as in previous years, with a capital allocation of £90,000 resulting in an approved budget of £240,000. The actual allocation from CLG was £169,000 giving an additional £19,000 funding for the Disabled Facilities Grants Budget.

##### RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- The funding being provided by the Primary Care Trust comes with no onerous conditions with the only requirement being that it is utilised to fund Disabled Facilities Grants.
- The Disabled Facilities Grant Budget (CA1004) will need to be increased by £69,000 to reflect receipt of £50,000 from the Primary Care Trust and the £19,000 additional allocation from the CLG.

- There are sufficient applicants on the waiting list to take up the full £50,000 and the £19,000.
- There will be no additional costs to the council in delivering the extra works
- No additional resources will be required to deliver the extra works.

#### **LEGAL/RISK IMPLICATIONS BACKGROUND**

The additional works will be carried out as an extension of the current programme. There is a sufficient waiting list to take up the full spend and there are no onerous conditions being placed on the use of this funding by the Primary Care Trust outside of the requirement that it be used to fund Disabled Facilities Grants.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

Non identified – this will be an extension of an existing programme funded through grants provided from an external funder.

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

- The Council has received the £50,000 from the Primary Care Trust following approval through Members Book Item 19/2010.
- The Primary Care Trust requires that the funding only be expended on delivery of Disabled Facilities Grants and as such the budget should be increased to reflect this.
- There is an additional £19,000 of funding through the CLG grant allocation.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

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#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

#### **APPENDICES**

##### **APPENDIX A [Copy of Members Book Item]**

**Scheme of Delegation Ref 19/2010**

**NON-CONFIDENTIAL**

***RECEIPT OF CAPITAL FUNDING FOR DISABLED ADAPTATIONS FROM THE  
PRIMARY CARE TRUST***

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the offer of £50,000 from the Primary Care Trust for use on disabled adaptation works be accepted and that the Disabled Facilities Grant budget be increased by £50,000 to reflect funding being provided by the Primary Care Trust.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide information on funding being offered by the Primary Care Trust, to provide information on what the funding can be used for, to formally approve acceptance of the funding and to formally approve the increase in the associated budgets to make use of the funding being provided.

**Background**

The Southern Staffordshire Primary Care Trust have decided to make funding available to the various local authorities operating within it's region for the purpose of undertaking additional disabled adaptation works. These works are designed to allow disabled people to remain in their homes safely, in completing these works it is anticipated that fewer people will require admitting to hospital which in the longer term will result in savings for the Primary Care Trust.

The funding being allocated to Tamworth Borough Council is £50,000; this money has to be committed in the 2010/11 financial year; it is however acknowledged that the majority of work will not be completed until early in the 2011/12 financial year.

The Primary Care Trust have indicated that the money is to be spent to help clear the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) waiting list which is considerable.

There are currently sufficient applicants on the waiting list to take up the full allocation.

A report will be made to Cabinet in April to confirm the additional funding and expenditure.

**Financial Implications**

The Primary Care Trust are offering to fund an additional £50,000 of disabled adaptations. There are no onerous conditions attached to the funding providing the full amount is spend on Disabled Facilities Grant applicants currently on the waiting list and that it is committed in the 2010/11 financial year.

The Disabled Facilities Grant (CA1004) budget will need to be increased by £50,000 to reflect the additional funding being provided by the Primary Care Trust.

related conditions are met.

There will be no additional costs to the Council in delivering these works.

**OFFICER'S DECISION:**

The £50,000 funding from the Primary Care Trust should be accepted and the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) budget should be increased by £50,000 to reflect the additional funding.

The Council has received the £50,000 from the Primary Care Trust following approval through Members Book Item 19/2010.

The Primary Care Trust requires that the funding only be expended on delivery of Disabled Facilities Grants and as such the budget should be increased to reflect this.