Supplementary Committee Agenda



Communities Select Committee Tuesday, 6th September, 2016

Place: Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping

Time: 7.00 pm

Committee Secretary: M Jenkins (01992 56 4607) mjenkins@eppingforestdc.gov.uk

6. PRESENTATION OF DISABLED FACILITIES GRANTS (Pages 3 - 14)

The select committee will receive a presentation from the Assistant Director - Housing regarding Disabled Facilities Grants. The presentation will highlight the on-going work in making changes to accommodation to facilitate better accessibility and quality of life.



Disabled Facilities Grants (DFGs)

Lyndsay Swan
Assistant Director (Private Sector Housing and
Communities Support)



What are DFGs?

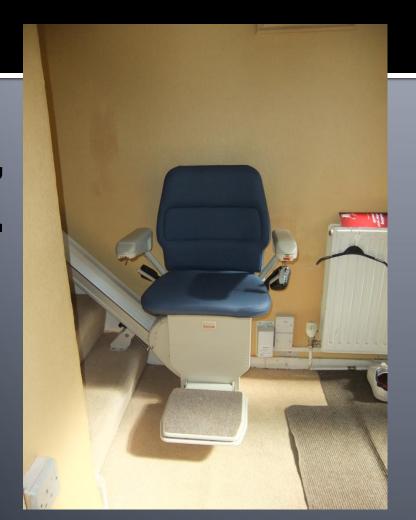
- Statutory
- Private home-owners and private tenants
 - Means tested
 - Maximum of £30,000



Stairlifts

Average:

- 12 straight lifts are installed a year @ £900
- 5 curved lifts @ £3,000

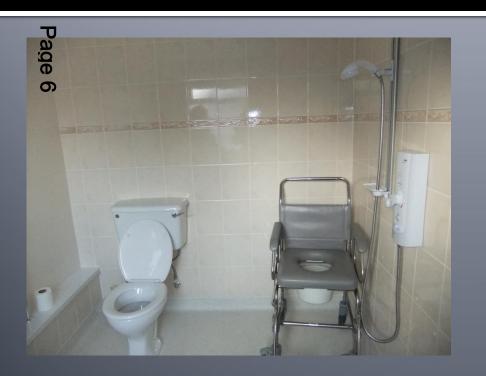




Other typical adaptations...

Average:

- 37 level access showers @ £7,000 each
- 1 extension a year @ £30,000 each







DFG Process

Occupational Therapist's Referral from ECC Householder makes application to EFDC Initial means test carried out Information gathered to support application **Grant approved by EFDC** Work carried out



Five Year Demand and Spend Statistics

Year	OT Referrals for DFGs	DFG applications received	Total DFG expenditure
2011-12	43	37	£302,000
2 012-13	71	51	£259,000
2013-14	173	41	£338,000
2014-15	164	71	£401,000
2015-16	251	101	£508,000
2016-17 to end July	74	22	£211,000



Five Year Expenditure Analysis

Year	Total DFG expenditure £	Council Contribution £	Government Contribution £
2011-12	302,000	Some underspend carried forward	324,000
2 012-13	259,000	Ditto	290,000
2012-13 2013-14	338,000	43,000	295,000
2014-15	401,000	98,000	303,000
2015-16	508,000	145,000	363,000
2016-17	633,000 (Projected)	Not clear at this stage	665,000



Budget Allocation

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 & 2018/19
Original allocation agreed in 2014/15 (including Govt funding)	380,000	380,000	380,000
Additional allocation agreed Sept 2015	120,000	120,000	120,000
Total allocation	500,000	500,000	500,000
Anticipated Government Contribution (through Better Care Fund)	363,000	363,000	363,000
Actual	363,000	665,000	?
Anticipated Expenditure		665,000 (?)	665,000 (?)
Actual Expenditure	508,000		

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7,000 (16.3%) occupied dwellings have at least one resident with a long term illness or disability.

The cost of the adaptations needed (after

Private Sector House Condition Survey 2011



Quantifying the Savings

- One year's delayed entry into residential care will save approximately £26,000
- Adaptations that reduce the need for daily visits pay for themselves within 3 years
- A hip fracture costs the NHS between £4,000 and £7,000
- There is evidence that the most consistent outcome of interventions is improved mental health

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Issues for us....

- Demand is not in our control
- Budget what will it be and when will we get it?
 - How much will we have to contribute?



