

# ***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](mailto: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.

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# 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

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# 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
2012-13	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

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# Five Year Expenditure Analysis

Year	Total DFG expenditure £	Council Contribution £	Government Contribution £
2011-12	302,000	Some underspend carried forward	324,000
2012-13	259,000	Ditto	290,000
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

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# 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
<b>Total allocation</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>
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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# Quantifying the Need

- 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 means testing) is £3.6 m.

*Private Sector House Condition Survey 2011*



# Quantifying the Savings

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- 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



# 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?



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