

Report to the Cabinet

Report reference: C/083/2007-08.

Date of meeting: 17 December 2007.



**Epping Forest
District Council**

Portfolio: Housing.

Subject: Funds for Handyperson Scheme.

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

That a CSB growth bid of £3,000 be made for 2008-09 to fund the works carried out under the Handyperson Scheme.

Report:

1. The funding for the Handyperson Scheme, which assists older people with minor repairs and falls prevention work, has not been increased from £10,000 since it was started in 1999.
2. The Services for Older People and Disabled People Task and Finish Panel considered that the funding of this scheme should be reviewed. A report on this matter was presented to Cabinet on 13 November 2006.
3. The minutes (minute 81 refers) stated:

'Decision/Resolved:

That in order to continue the provision of assistance to residents under the Council's Handy Person Scheme, a revenue growth bid in the sum of £3,000 be made for 2007-08'.

The minutes also noted *'that it had been recommended that this additional funding should be repeated'.*

4. A revenue DDF budget for £3,000 was secured for 2007-08. £13,250 was spent under the Scheme in 2006-07 and it is anticipated that a similar amount will be spent this financial year.
5. As the demand on this scheme is greater than the current revenue CSB allocation of £10,000, a CSB growth bid of £3,000 is sought in order to help meet the needs of our residents.

Statement in Support of Recommended Action:

6. The recommended action supports the decision made at the Cabinet meeting of 13 November 2006.

Other Options for Action:

7. Members may decide not to increase the funding or approve a further revenue DDF budget for 2008-09.

Consultation Undertaken:

8. No external consultation undertaken.

Resource Implications:

Budget Provision: CSB growth bid for £3,000.

Personnel: N/A.

Land: N/A.

Council Plan 2006-10/BVPP Reference: N/A.

Relevant Statutory Powers: N/A.

Background Papers: Council Minutes of 21 February 2006, Report to SOPDP Task and Finish Panel of 2 November 2006, Cabinet Minutes of 13 November 2006.

Environmental/Human Rights Act/Crime and Disorder Act Implications: N/A.

Key Decision Reference (if required): Not a key decision.