

Minutes of the General Purposes and Arbitration Committee

19th September, 2016 at 6.00 pm
at the Sandwell Council House, Oldbury

Present: Councillor Dhallu (Chair);
Councillors Haque (Vice Chair), Allen, P Davies
and E M Giles.

Apology: Councillor S Crumpton.

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Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st March, 2016 were confirmed as a correct record.

Matter delegated to the Committee

5/16

Appeal against the decision of the Adaptations Panel

The Committee considered an appeal by Mr H, against the decision of the Disabled Facilities Grant Adaptations Panel. The appeal was on the grounds that Mr H had been assessed as needing a ground floor, level access shower room, due to his disability.

An offer to rehouse Mr H to a bungalow, which had already been suitably adapted to meet his needs, had been made. However, Mr H had declined the offer on the basis that he preferred to stay in the home that he had lived in for many years.

In reaching its decision the Committee considered the report of the Director – Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing and the appellant's written and verbal submissions.

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The Committee further considered the cost implication of the adaptation, and that it would exceed the Disabled Facilities Grant limit of £30,000 and that it was neither reasonable nor practicable to make the adaptation.

Resolved that the decision of the Disabled Facilities Grant Adaptations Panel, to not award Mr H a Disabled Facilities Grant under the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996, to provide a ground floor, level access shower room, be upheld.

(Meeting ended at 7:08pm)

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