

Minutes of the General Purposes and Arbitration Committee

12th June 2017 at 6.00 pm
at the Sandwell Council House, Oldbury

Present: Councillor Dhallu (Chair);
Councillors P Davies (Vice Chair);
Allen, S Crumpton and Melia.

Apologies: Councillors S Hosell and Rouf.

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Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st March, 2017 were confirmed as a correct record.

Matter delegated to the Committee

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Appeal against the decision of the Adaptations Panel

The Committee considered an appeal by Mrs G, against the decision of the Disabled Facilities Grant Adaptations Panel. The appeal was on the grounds that Mrs G had been assessed as needing a ground floor double bedroom, a ground floor level access shower room and toilet due to her disability.

An offer to rehouse Mrs G to a property in the vicinity of her current home, which had already been suitably adapted to meet her needs, had been made. There were also a number of suitable properties that were either adapted, or could be adapted, in close proximity to her current property. However, the offer had been declined on the basis that she would prefer to remain in her own home, as she had lived in the property for a number of years.

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

The Committee further considered the cost implication of the adaptation, that it would exceed the Disabled Facilities Grant limit of £25,000 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 Mrs G a Disabled Facilities Grant under the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996, to provide a ground floor double bedroom and ground floor level access shower room and toilet be upheld.

(Meeting ended at 7:10pm)

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