

Appendix C

Current Policy	Proposed Policy	Rationale
<p>Minor Adaptations</p> <p>Fund adaptations up to £1,000 provided universally to assessed resident with an identified need</p>	<p>Increase limit to £1,500</p>	<p>To take into account inflationary pressures and to allow rapid delivery of essential low-cost adaptations such as grab rails / hand rails / ramps / steps / key safes / over bath showers</p>
<p>Mandatory Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)</p> <p>Available to fund adaptations that cost between £1,000 and £30,000 - Subject to eligibility</p>	<p>Mandatory Requirement to administer DFGs.</p> <p>Proposal to increase the availability by disregarding the first £15,000 of any means tested contribution</p>	<p>Increase the number of residents who will receive assistance with adaptations. Low cost adaptations such as stair lifts and bathroom adaptations available to all residents without a financial contribution.</p>
<p>Hospital to Home Grant – In development</p>	<p>Hospital to Home Grant. New grant of up to £6,000 to facilitate hospital discharge.</p> <p>No conditions attached to the grant award</p>	<p>To adapt or alter a home to allow someone to be discharged from hospital. Equipment such as a stair lift could be installed prior to someone leaving hospital.</p>
<p>Assisted Technology Grant</p> <p>In development</p>	<p>Assistance to give disabled residents access to technology that will allow them to remain living independently</p>	<p>Assistance to be develop but could include voice activated systems / Wi-Fi enabled technology and an enhanced telecare offer</p>
<p>New Homes Grant</p>	<p>Replaced with a Relocation Grant to assist disabled residents move to suitable or adaptable housing</p> <p>£10,000 grant</p>	<p>the council recognises the need to provide financial assistance to disabled resident who live in homes that are unadaptable. £10,000 available to cover the costs associated with buying / selling and moving. Smaller amount available for private tenants who are disabled.</p>
<p>Home Improvement Assistance Grant</p>	<p>Replaced with a Hazard Removal Grant. To assist vulnerable owner occupiers, tackle serious disrepair</p>	<p>£10,000 targeted at the most vulnerable owner occupiers living in properties that pose a risk to health – Category 1 Hazards</p>
<p>Sustainable Warmth Grant</p> <p>In development</p>	<p>Sustainable Warmth Grant. Max £10,000 available to fund interventions to energy inefficient</p> <p>Householder may be eligible if all the following apply: The household's annual income (before tax) is under £31,000.</p>	<p>Specific grant used to tackle the problem if cold energy inefficient homes.</p> <p>Delivery Modal and specific schemes / interventions to be developed.</p>

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	<p>The Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) of the property is E,F or G.</p> <p>You own and occupy your home or rent your property from a private landlord.</p>	
<p>Empty Property Loan</p> <p>In development</p>	<p>Loan based assistance to bring empty properties back into use.</p> <p>A loan will be available to pay for essential repairs to allow empty properties to be occupied. Assistance is fully repayable.</p>	<p>To be developed as part of the Empty Property Policy</p>