

Financial Observations – Building Community Capital Grant

The approval being requested in this decision is for £39,000 for the purchase of Assistive Technology - Just Checking Units. This will be funded from the Building Community Capacity Grant from the Department of Health.

The ongoing revenue costs associated with this decision will be contained within the budget allocation for adult social care within the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP).

A summary of the approvals to date, this decision and the proposed use of the Building Community Capacity Capital grant is detailed in **Table 1** below.

TABLE 1 - BUILDING COMMUNITY CAPACITY GRANT ALLOCATION			
	2013/14 £'000	2014/15 £'000	Total £'000
Total Grant Allocation	833	850	1,683
<u>Approved Funding</u>			
Integrated Community Equipment Service (ICES) - Executive Board Commissioning Sub-Committee 22 May 2013	400	400	800
Adult Provision Estates Plan	100	0	100
Total Approved Funding	500	400	900
Remaining Capital Funding			783
Technology for Mobile Working			46
Balance of Capital Funding			737
Assistive Technology – Purchase of Just Checking Units			39
<u>Proposed further allocations that will be subject to future decisions *</u>			
Assistive Technology			61
Extra Care Development			610
Capital Grant Balance			27

The purchase of the units demonstrates value for money. For a relatively modest investment in the technology, the needs of a citizen can be accurately assessed. An appropriate care package can then be put in place for the citizen and in some cases this may avoid the need for costly residential care or reduce the amount of home care that may previously have been assessed as being needed.

The units have a 10 year life and can be serviced and reused over this period.

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