

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Disabled Facilities Grant allocation towards Preventative Adaptations
Total Value:	£49,000 (Type: Capital)
Decision Being Taken:	Provide £49k from the Government's Disabled Facilities Grant allocation for Nottingham to maintain the Preventative Adaptations budget. Within the Council's capital programme charge £0.049m to the DFG budget line to support the Preventative Adaptations team's through additional income.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	The Government removed the ring-fence on its Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) allocation to enable Council's to be flexible in how they provide adaptations for disabled and vulnerable citizens. The PAD scheme is based within the Adaptations Agency to provide minor preventative adaptations for older people to help them to remain independent at home, prevent falls and reduce requirement for hospital admissions and additional home care. As such it fits neatly into the type of services for which the DFG allocation is provided. Public Health has recently withdrawn its contribution to PAD. The reduction in funding could have put service provision at risk, as the level of demand for these works could not be met by a single operative.
Other Options Considered:	Reduce the number of operatives to one. This would make the scheme non-viable as the demand for these essential works could not be met by just one person. Discontinuing PAD would result in an increased number of falls by older people at home, admissions to A & E, and increased need for home care. For these reasons, this option was rejected.
Background Papers:	None.

Published Works:	None.
Affected Wards:	Citywide
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	None.
Consultations:	<p>Date: 29/08/2018 Other:Portfolio Holder for Planning, Housing and Heritage Approved decision.</p> <p>Date: 29/08/2018 Chief Finance Officer:Laura Pattman, Chief Financial Officer Approved decision.</p> <p>Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.</p>
Crime and Disorder Implications:	There are no crime and disorder implications.
Equality:	EIA not required. Reasons: The decision does not relate to a new or changing service.
Decision Type:	Officer
Executive Decision?	Yes
Scheme of Delegation Reference Number or Other Source of Delegation:	12
Subject to Call In:	<p>No The call-in procedure does not apply to the decision because the value of the decision is below the call in threshold.</p>
Advice Sought:	Finance

Finance Advice:

The decision is to introduce a new budget of £0.049m into the Capital Programme which would be a contribution towards the funding of the Preventative Adaptations, these capital costs will be classed of REFCUS in the capital programme. The costs would be funded from Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG).

Of the £2,261,142 DFG awarded to Nottingham City Council in 2018/19, £1.825m has been allocated to fund adaptations in the capital programme, which would be reduced to £1.776m to release £0.049m to fund Preventative Adaptations.

Advice provided by Tom Straw (Senior Accountant - Capital Programmes), Julie Dorrington (Senior Accountant - HRA) on 29/08/2018.

Signatures:

Chris Henning (Corporate Director, Development and Growth)
SIGNED and Dated: 18/09/2018