

DISABLED FACILITIES GRANTS

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Summary: It was agreed as part of the stock transfer that Council tenants on the waiting list for aids and adaptations as at 18 February 2004 would have works carried out which the Council would pay for.

Recommendation:	That the current position be noted and 1) Members approve the use of £92,699 of an improvement grants balance sheet provision to finance the re-imburement of works carried out by Copeland Homes.
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Impact on delivering the Corporate Plan: The provision of Disabled Facilities Grants is a statutory duty.

Impact on other statutory objectives (e.g. crime & disorder, LA21):

Financial and human resource implications:

Project & Risk Management: None

Key Decision Status

- **Financial:** N/A
- **Ward:** N/A

Other Ward Implications: None

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 At 18 February 2004 there were 18 tenants on the waiting list for aids and adaptations. It was agreed that the adaptations would be carried out by Copeland Homes and the Council would reimburse Copeland Homes the reasonable and proper cost of carrying out the works.

2. THE CURRENT SITUATION

2.1 Of the 18 applications, two applications decided not to proceed with the works and the remaining 16 have all had the works completed satisfactorily to their homes.

3. FINANCING

3.1 A balance sheet provision for improvement grants shows a balance of £141,407.28. This has existed since prior to financial year 2002/03.

- 3.2 Approval is sought from Members to utilise this provision to settle the outstanding account with Copeland Homes of £92,699.74.
- 3.3 The balance remaining, of £48,407.54 will be used for Housing Policy development.
- 3.4 By approving the use of the provision ensures the current DFG programme remains in place.

4 CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 Sixteen tenants now have an improved quality of life due to the adaptations carried out in their homes. These ranged from providing stair lifts to the installation of showers, all of which make like a little easier.

List of Appendices

NONE

List of Background Documents:

List of Consultees:

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