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Decision Number: 01/2022-23

Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement

The Local Authority (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012

<p>Subject:</p> <p>Raising the discretionary grant limit associated with the Districts Council's Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy (2020-22) - Accelerated Facilities Grants.</p>
<p>Details of Decision taken:</p> <p>Raising the maximum level of funding for Accelerated Facilities Grants (AFG's) from £8,000 to £10,000.</p>
<p>Reason for Decision:</p> <p>The non-means tested discretionary AFG was introduced in November 2017 with a grant limit of £8,000. The majority of customers have used this grant to obtain much-needed adaptations. However, we have seen a substantial increase in overall costs associated with adaptations over the last six months. This is linked to the overall increase in material costs due to short supply of materials, along with rising fuel costs and labour shortages.</p> <p>Given these increased costs, it is deemed necessary to raise the grant limit to £10,000 to ensure adaptations can continue to be undertaken for our vulnerable customers.</p>
<p>All Documents considered:</p> <p>Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy Sevenoaks District Council</p>
<p>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the Member when making the Decision:</p> <p>None</p>

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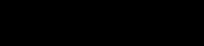
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Financial implications There is no financial implication for the District Council budgets as AFGs are funded via the Government's Better Care Fund, which is allocated to the District Council annually.
Legal Implications and Risk Assessment: This would allow the District Council to meet its statutory obligations.
Equality Impacts (Consideration of impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty) An increase in the grant maximum would have a positive impact to end users
Local Member (s), other Portfolio Holders and/or Directors/Heads of Service Consulted: None

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Details of any conflicts of interest a) declared by any executive member who is consulted by the Decision Taker b) and any details of dispensations granted by the Chief Executive in respect of any declared conflict	
Decision taken by:	Portfolio Holder for People and Places
Signed by Portfolio Holder	
Date of Decision	14 / 06 / 2022 .
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