

# **TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **CABINET**

**4 February 2014**

### **Report of the Chief Executive**

#### **Part 1- Public**

#### **Executive Non Key Decisions**

#### **1 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – REVIEW OF DISABLED FACILITIES GRANT CONTRIBUTION AND HOUSING ASSISTANCE FUNDING**

**To endorse the recommendations arising from the review.**

##### **1.1 Background**

- 1.1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has undertaken a review of Disabled Facilities Grant Contributions and Housing Assistance Funding. The recommendations of the review group established to undertake the review are set out below. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is due to meet on 28 January 2014 to formally consider and agree these recommendations. If there are any amendments made to these recommendations, a supplementary report will be tabled at the Cabinet meeting.

##### **1.2 Review Recommendations**

- 1.2.1 The review group has recommended the following:
- (a) the existing level of capital plan funding for DFG's should be retained for the time being but reviewed again when changes to the funding take place in 2015;
  - (b) the capital plan budget for discretionary housing assistance should be set at £90,000 and part funded by way of grant repayments as detailed in Annex 1.

##### **1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations**

- 1.3.1 As dealt with by the review.

##### **1.4 Risk Assessment**

- 1.4.1 n/a

##### **1.5 Equality Impact Assessment**

1.5.1 See 'Screening for equality impacts' table at end of report.

## 1.6 Recommendations

1.6.1 That the recommendations of Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the review of Disabled Facilities Grant Contribution and Housing Assistance Funding **BE ENDORSED.**

Background papers:

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Nil

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Chief Executive

| Screening for equality impacts:   |        |  |
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| Question  | Answer | Explanation of impacts   |
| a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community? | Yes    | The existing level of funding for DFG's will be retained. The budget for discretionary housing assistance has been set to reflect the level of funding required to ensure priorities within the Housing Assistance Policy are adequately provided for. |
| b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?   | No     | See above.   |
| c. What steps are you taking to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?   |        | N/A  |

*In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above.*