

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on 14 January 2019 by the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety.

Date notified to all members: Monday 14 January 2019

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on Friday 18 January 2019

Unless called-in, the decision can be implemented from Saturday 19 January 2019

1. TITLE

Private Sector Services Housing Assistance Policy Amendment - Disabled Person's Equipment and Assistive Technology Assistance

2. DECISION TAKEN

That: -

(i) the Disabled Persons Equipment and Assistive Technology Assistance, detailed in the report, be approved; and

(ii) the Assistance Policy, that forms part of the Private Sector Housing Services Policy, be amended to include the Disabled Persons Equipment and Assistive Technology Assistance as detailed in the report. The proposed amendment to the policy is set out in appendix A to the report.

3. Reasons For Decision

It is recommended that the Assistance Policy is amended to include the Disabled Persons Equipment and Assistive Technology Assistance because it will:

- Increase resources for equipment and/or assistive technology which will improve more disabled people's living conditions, helping them to maintain their independence, manage risks in and around the home and enable a person to remain living in their own home.

4. Alternatives Considered And Rejected

Option 1: Do not amend the Assistance Policy in 2018/19 to include the proposed Disabled Persons Equipment and Assistive Technology Assistance – if this option was pursued we will not be able to increase resources for equipment and/or assistive technology and therefore potentially miss the opportunity to improve more disabled people's living conditions, helping them to maintain their independence, manage risks in and around the home and enable a person to remain living in their own home.

Option 2: Wait until the full review of the Assistance Policy in 2019/20 to include the

Disabled Persons Equipment and Assistive Technology Assistance – the revised Assistance Policy will not be implemented until 2019/20, which will mean a missed opportunity to increase resources in 2018 and 2019 for equipment and/or assistive technology and therefore potentially miss the opportunity to improve more disabled people's living conditions, helping them to maintain their independence, manage risks in and around the home and enable a person to remain living in their own home.

Option 3: Widen the amendment to utilise DFG further. We considered reviewing the cap and means test for adaptations but determined that this should form part of the full to review to allow time to more thoroughly consider the impact.

5. **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

6. **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Executive Director, Place

7. **Relevant Scrutiny Committee If Decision Called In**

Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Committee