

CABINET MEMBER DECISION

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UPDATED HOUSING ASSISTANCE POLICY

1. Decision:

- 1.1 The policy has been revised to incorporate minor amendments to reflect a new contract that is place to deliver Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG's) in Staffordshire by the Home Improvement Agency Millbrook Healthcare Ltd through the Support for Independent Living Service in Staffordshire (SILIS) Partnership. It also includes minor amendments to the sections on emergency Home Repair Assistance grants (HRA) and energy efficiency, bringing them up-to-date with current activity.

2. Statement of Reasons:

- 2.1 The existing Housing Assistance Policy 2016-2018 has been updated to reflect the new contract for home improvement agency services in Staffordshire and some changes at a national, regional and local level.
- 2.2 The overall purpose of the policy has not changed; it sets out how Lichfield District Council will provide assistance to residents and implement a range of schemes whilst making best use of limited council resources to raise housing standards and improve the quality of life for disabled and/or vulnerable residents in need of an adaptation or improvement to their home.
- 2.3 There have been some minor updates to the policy to reflect the new contract that is place to deliver DFG's in Staffordshire through the SILIS partnership by the Home Improvement Agency Millbrook. It also includes minor amendments to the sections on HRA grants and energy efficiency, bringing them up-to-date with current activity.

3. Any Alternative Options:

- 3.1 To not approve the revised policy.