	DECISION-MAKER:		DIRECTOR OF PLACE				
SUBJECT:			APPROVAL TO SPEND £1.2 MILLION ON DISABLED FACILITIES GRANTS IN 2015/16				
DATE OF DECISION: REPORT OF:		N:	5 th NOVEMBER 2015 HEAD OF REGULATORY AND CITY SERVICES				
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DETAI	(Including consultation carried out)					
4.	This decision was considered and approved by the Housing Capital and Projects Board on 24 th July 2015 2015, in accordance with the Council's approach to the management of major capital projects and following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Sustainability.					
5.	The scheme will deliver around 150 completed adaptations at an average cost of £8,000 per grant by 30 September 2016. Each grant will be awarded in accordance with the requirements set out in the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996 and associated legislation. The Head of Regulatory and City Services has the delegated power to approve Disabled Facilities Grants, of which there were 147 such grants approved in 2014/15.					
RESOL	JRCE IMPLICATIONS					
Capita	/Revenue					
6.	Funding of £1.2M for Disabled Facilities Grants approved during the 2015/16 financial year is contained within the Housing General Fund Capital Programme approved by full Council in February 2015.					
7.	The DFGs approved in 2015/16 (£1.2M) will be funded as follows: • Better Care Fund £908,000					
	• Council resources (identified Right-to-Buy receipts) £292,000					
Proper	ty/Other					
8.	There are no property or other implications					
LEGAL	IMPLICATIONS					
Statuto	ory power to undertake proposals in the report:					
9.	Disabled Facilities Grants are awarded in accordance with the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996.					
10.	The Council's Officer Scheme of Delegation states in 3.1.21: In respect of regeneration land, in relation to the Housing General Fund Capital Programme, Home Improvement Loans and the Disabled Facilities Grant Scheme Approval and following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member and Chief Financial Officer, to approve capital expenditure under Financial Procedure Rules in accordance with the sums included in the approved capital programme subject to the capital resources being available.					
Other I	_egal Implications:					
11.	The Council would be at risk of legal challenge if it failed to award Disabled Facilities Grants, as it has a statutory duty to do so in accordance with the requirements set out in the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996 and associated regulations.					
POLIC	Y FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS					
12.	The recommendation is consistent with the Council Plan 2013-16 and helps deliver the priority of improving health and keeping people safe and is in accordance with the Council's Housing Strategy 2011-15.					

KEY DECISION?

Yes

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:

	SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION							
Appendices								
1.	None							
Documents In Members' Rooms								
1.	None							
Equality Impact Assessment								
	implications/subject of the report requi ment (EIA) to be carried out?	ality Impact	Yes					
Other Background Documents Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at: Civic Centre, Southampton								
Title of	Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)						
1.	EIA							

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