



RHONDDA CYNON TAF

RECORD OF DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION

**SUBJECT: Increase financial limit for minor works of adaptation from £600
(Dropped Kerbs and Tracked Hoists only)**

PURPOSE OF ATTACHED REPORT:

The Head of Community Housing Services seeks approval for the Executive Members to raise the financial limit for minor works of adaptation from £600 for the provision of "dropped kerbs " and "tracked hoists" only

DELEGATED DECISION (Date):

It is agreed that approval is given to raise the financial limit for minor works of adaptation from £600 specifically for the provision of "dropped kerbs" and "tracked hoists" in accordance with the recommendations of the Community and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee of 16th March 2011.


Chief Officer Signature

LENS WILKINS
Print Name

11th July 2011
Date

The decision is taken in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government Act, 2000 (Executive Functions) and in the terms set out in Section 5 of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution


CONSULTEE CABINET MEMBER SIGNATURE

16/6/2011.
DATE


OFFICER CONSULTEE SIGNATURE

16th June 2011
DATE

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RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2011-2012 REPORT TO ACCOMPANY DECISION OF GROUP DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES

**Part 1
(Non-Confidential)**

Increase financial limit for minor works of adaptation from £600 for the provision of "dropped kerbs" and "tracked hoists"

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The Head of Community Housing Services seeks approval for the Executive Members to raise the financial limit for minor works of adaptation from £600 specifically for the provision of "dropped kerbs " and "tracked hoists".

In accordance with the Council's Scheme of Delegation, this report has been prepared to accompany the intended Officer decision of the Group Director, Community and Children's Services as described below.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that approval is given to raise the financial limit for minor works of adaptation from £600 specifically for the provision of "dropped kerbs" and "tracked hoists" in accordance with the recommendations of the Community and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee of 16th March 2011.

3. BACKGROUND

Small scale aids and adaptations are recommended for residents throughout the County Borough by Occupational Therapists and Community Care Workers based in various departments within Community Care.

The Private Sector Housing Unit administer the Council's minor works of adaptation programme, delivering almost 2000 minor adaptations a year .

The financial limit has been set at a £600 maximum level for a number of years.

Following a request from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee a working group was set up to review the administration of DFG's and adaptations to look at ways to improve and streamline the customer's journey through the process.

Five recommendations were made by the group. Recommendation 1 asked Officers to undertake an analysis to establish the impact of raising the threshold for minor adaptations from £600.

The results of this analysis confirmed that only 2 specific types of adaptation regularly exceeded the £600 limit, those being the provision of “dropped kerbs”, that assist wheelchair transit from road level to pavement level outside residents houses and the provision of “ tracked hoists” that assist disabled people’s movement within their home.

The Community & Children’s Services Scrutiny Committee at their meeting of 16th March 2011 agreed Officers recommendation to increase the £600 limit for these 2 specific types of work, and agreed for this policy change to be implemented with approval of Executive Members via this report