

APPENDIX B

DISCRETIONARY ASSISTANCE

HEALTH AND WELLBEING ASSISTANCE	
Purpose/key outcomes	To alleviate health and wellbeing issues arising during installation of adaptation (s) – for example where the applicant is unable to access washing/toileting facilities for an extended period To deliver better housing solutions – where the applicant prefers to move and/or their home is unsuitable for adaptations
Eligibility Criteria	Disabled Facility Grant Applicants Applicant falls within the definition of a disabled person in s100 of the Housing Grants Assistance recommended by the Occupational Therapist
Eligible works	Temporary Relocation Costs Moving costs including removal expenses, legal fees etc.
Special Conditions and Requirements	None
HEALTH AND WELLBEING ASSISTANCE – WINTER PLUS	
Purpose/key outcomes	To alleviate health and wellbeing issues arising from trip hazards and excess cold.
Eligibility Criteria	Aged 65 or over Health condition worsened through cold and low income (<£21,000)
Eligible works	Works to reduce the risk of trips and falls, improve the energy efficiency of the home and or minor repairs.
Special Conditions and Requirements	Maximum £800
REPAIRS ASSISTANCE	
Purpose/key outcomes	To alleviate significant hazards in the home – where they have the potential to impact on the health of the applicant.
Eligibility Criteria	Disabled Facility Grant Applicants Applicant falls within the definition of a disabled person in s100 of the Housing Grants Private Rented accommodation or Home owners only Category 1 and high Category 2 hazards as defined under the Housing, Health and Safety Rating System only
Eligible works	Electrical Repairs Damp Structural Repairs Measures to tackle excess cold within dwellings including heating upgrades, additional insulation, windows etc.
Special Conditions and Requirements	£ 15,000 per property The grant amount will be placed as a Local Land Charge on the property for a period of 10 years. Where the applicant is a private tenant the landlord’s consent will be required and the grant will only be provided where the landlord agrees to make a 50% contribution towards the cost of works.
OTHER ASSISTANCE	
Purpose/key outcomes	To assist individuals in exceptional cases where the existing policy does not meet their needs.
Eligibility Criteria	Disabled Facility Grant Applicants Applicant falls within the definition of a disabled person in s100 of the Housing Grants
Special Conditions and Requirements	Each case to be considered on its merits, even if it falls outside of the policy by the Director of Services in conjunction with the Lead Member
Purpose/key outcomes	To meet the needs of the individual To ensure the Council does not “fetter its discretion”.