

### Record of officer decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	Funding of extension to enable accessibility for a wheelchair user
<b>Date of decision:</b>	31 March 2020
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Programme Director Housing and Growth
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	Directorate scheme of delegation Economy and Place, Strategic Housing row 7, Approval for the allocation of grant money to developers/RSL's/applicants. Program Director Housing and Growth. Council function.
<b>Ward:</b>	Kerne Bridge
<b>Consultation:</b>	None
<b>Decision made:</b>	To approve costs associated with the provision of an extension for a disabled child at PROPERTY, Goodrich, Herefordshire, HR9
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	<p>An OT report was received and family was added to accessible homes register (AHR) June 2017, as the family's current accommodation no longer met their needs. The family have three boys and one of their boys has cerebral Palsy. They are currently living in a two bedroom flat. The property is too small as they need a three bed property and their current property is not wheelchair accessible.</p> <p>The family's support networks are within the Goodrich area and therefore the family were keen to stay within the vicinity. There are no development sites coming forward in the near future to accommodate the family's needs by way of a purpose built accessible unit.</p> <p>The council have recently been in discussions with HHL who are the family's landlord as they have identified a property that could be adapted to meet their needs. It will require disabled facility grant funding (DFG) which has been approved, but this does not fully cover the cost of the works that need to be undertaken. The costs to undertake the extension is £70,000. The total amount payable under DFG is £30,000</p> <p>Because the landlord is a housing association they are not eligible for the discretionary DFG top up. Strategic Housing has been approached to provide the top up of £40,000</p>
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The available budget has been agreed</li> <li>• The budget is to support additional funding secured via Disabled Facilities Grant and to enable the child to live independently and in an accessible, safe environment</li> </ul>

<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	<p>Negotiation via a private developer through the planning system was considered but this was rejected due to the timeframe it will take to build a wheelchair accessible dwelling taking in to account the families support networks, land availability and costs.</p> <p>Purchasing a property off the open market. However this is expensive and the type of unit required is not readily available.</p>
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	None

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