

Record of Officer Decision

Decision title:	Short Breaks Capital Grant – funding for adaptations
Date of decision:	15 February 2019
Decision maker:	Director for Children and Families
Authority for delegated decision:	In accordance with the financial procedure rules, the Director for Children and Families; Assistant Director Education Development and Skills; and the Head of Additional Needs can take the decision to allocate the funding.
Ward:	All Wards
Consultation:	None
Decision made:	To spend £8,000 of the capital balance of the Short Breaks Grant to support some adaptations being made to enable a foster carer to care for a disabled child in our care. £30,000 of the cost is being funded from the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG).
Reasons for decision:	The Short Breaks Capital Grant, though not ring fenced, was intended to be used for improving accessibility to short breaks and making adaptations to carers' homes. The DFG is a capital grant and it is therefore appropriate that the balance is funded through capital. The spend is in line with the expected use of the grant
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	We may incur revenue costs for the maintenance of ceiling track installations but a five year extended warranty is included in the cost. Costs are unlikely to be incurred in 19/20 and expected costs can be incorporated into future years' revenue budgets
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	As a looked after child it is our corporate parenting responsibility to meet the needs of the child and it has been assessed by the relevant professionals that these adaptations to the home are necessary. If the child was not looked after then the family would be expected to pay for the adaptations not funded by DFG and therefore as a looked after child it is necessary for the corporate parent to meet these costs. If the adaptations are not funded from the Short Breaks Capital Grant then an alternative budget would have to be found.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	N/A

Signed:

Date: 15 February 2019