

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Accessible Homes Grant
Date of decision:	6 August 2021
Decision maker:	Interim Director of Economy & Place
Authority for delegated decision:	<p>Directorate scheme of delegation Economy and Place updated 28 April 2021, Strategic Housing row 7, Approval for the allocation of grant money to developers/RSL's/applicants. Council function.</p> <p>Cabinet Member housing, regulatory services, and community safety approval of the Empty Property and Development Capital Budget</p> <p>http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?lId=50034941</p>
Ward:	Golden Valley South
Consultation:	None
Decision made:	To approve grant funding of £37,000 to Stonewater Housing Association for the extension of an existing bungalow for a client with physical disabilities who has been identified through the Accessible Housing Register
Reasons for decision:	<p>An OT report has identified that the Clients current accommodation will not meet their housing needs. The Client has physical disabilities and is unable to maneuver safely around the property therefore is no longer able to maintain her independence. The extension will provide a ground floor bedroom and wet room.</p> <p>There are no other properties planned or available in the village to meet the clients needs, the client has been known to Strategic Housing for years</p> <p>The family have a strong support network in this area</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>The available budget has been agreed</p> <p>A range of options have been considered and dismissed</p> <p>If the client were unable to remain in their current environment, they run the risk of becoming more stressed and this would have a negative impact on their on-going health and wellbeing.</p>
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	To house the family in suitable accommodation somewhere else in the County. However, there is nothing suitable for the client's needs available on the stocklist, a new build property away from her village would be the only option.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	If any officers or members involved or consulted in the decision-making have declared an interest you should include the declaration here.

Signed

Neil Taylor
Interim Director of Economy & Place

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