

Customer Impact Screen



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| Topic | Use of Disabled Facilities Grant Funding |
| For decision by (name and date) | Thanet Health and Wellbeing Board – 8 September 2016 |
| Date of screening assessment | 30 August 2016 |
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| Author | Bob Porter, Head of Housing |

| | Negative Impact | | Benefits | | Evidence |
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| | Yes | No | Yes | No | |
| protected characteristics | | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefly describe initial thoughts on who will be affected and how (positively & negatively) What evidence/data have you used to inform your judgement? Highlight which protected characteristics will require full analysis based on the screening process, including details of issues you need to explore further – if full analysis is not required please explain why. |
| Age | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Gender (Sex) | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Disability | | ✓ | ✓ | | The primary purpose of this funding is to provide grant assistance to residents with disabilities to adapt their homes to better support their independence and ability to remain living at home. The grant funding received for the financial year 2016/17 exceeds the expected demand for grants and there is therefore an opportunity to further support residents with disabilities beyond the core grant allocations. It is proposed that this includes a mix of additional provision for individual residents and enhancements to disabled access arrangements in public open spaces and buildings |
| Race | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Sexual Orientation | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Gender Reassignment | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Pregnancy & Maternity | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Religion & Belief | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Marriage & Civil Partnership | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Socio-economic/ social inclusion | | | ✓ | | Enhancements to access arrangements in public open spaces and buildings will have a beneficial impact on social inclusion for people with disabilities. |

Where any issues are identified, a full Customer Impact Assessment should be completed on issue using the pages that follow (delete if not required). It is important to remember that the screening and full analysis processes should begin at the start of a piece of work. Analysis at the end of a project, after a decision is made or when the report is going to Members will not satisfy the Public Sector Equality Duty. Attach this screening document and full impact assessment as an annex to your report to Members.

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| Assessment Team | N/A |

Detailed analysis

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| Issue 1 | Beneficial Impact on people with disabilities |
| Stakeholders/interested parties | Agencies involved in the provision of Disabled Facilities Grants and related services are KCC adult services, Home Improvement Agency (Family Mozaic HA)) and the Occupational Therapy Service. People with disabilities are the main recipients of the service. The ability of people with disabilities to live independently in their own home also impacts on the work of the Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS England. |
| Consultation & Engagement | <p>Consideration has been given to the level of grant applications and value of works in assessing the likely expenditure required on core grants. In recent years additional resources have been allocated to Disabled Facilities Grants in order to tackle a historic backlog of work. The level of work has been estimated for the current financial year and resources are proposed to meet the newly arising need for grants.</p> <p>Representations from KCC have been considered and an allocation of resources is proposed to meet the costs of additional services to enhance grants as set out in paragraph 2.5 of the report. The Home Improvement Agency has also been consulted about any impacts on the current grant process in order to ensure that the need for core DFGs can be properly met.</p> <p>This report forms part of the consultation and engagement process as it is seeking views from the Thanet Health and Wellbeing Board prior to decisions about the allocation of additional resources.</p> |

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| Data sources and evidence | Detailed data about the need for Disabled Facilities Grants has been based upon the level of applications, types of work and costs from previous years. This data has provided a realistic indication of the level of need for DFGs and ensured that adequate provision has been allowed for in the proposals for 2016/17 as set out in this report. |
| Protected Characteristic(s) affected | <p>The proposals set out in this report impact positively on people with disabilities. They ensure that the council will continue to be able to meet its obligations to provide disabled facilities grants and deal with newly arising need within the financial year.</p> <p>It is further proposed that the additional funding received from central government is also used in a way that supports disabled people to live independently. Public realm projects that enhance access for people with disabilities will also impact positively on the social inclusion.</p> |
| Impacts Identified | Customers will continue to access the service in the same way and resources proposed will ensure that applications can continue to be processed promptly without delay. There are no changes proposed to existing services, and the additional resources are proposed to be used to support projects that also support the independence and social inclusion of people with disabilities. |
| Mitigation options, reasonable adjustments and potential solutions | The impacts identified are positive. |
| Final recommendation for this issue | To proceed with the proposals set out in the report. |
| Aims of the Duty furthered by this recommendation | <p>Advance Equality of Opportunity by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removing or minimising disadvantages suffered by people due to their protected characteristics • Meeting the needs of people with protected characteristics • Encouraging people with protected characteristics to participate in public life or in other activities where their participation is low. |