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Section A

Service Area	OCO
Budget Option Description	Disabled Facilities Grant and Housing Assistance Policy

Budget Reduction Proposal – Detail and Objectives
<p>Improved utilisation of Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)</p> <p>The DFG is a central government grant that the council receives each year to fund capital adaptations to people’s homes so that they can live more independently.</p> <p>It is currently £2m per year and increases yearly.</p> <p>The most recent white paper on reforms to Adult Social Care and updated guidance on Disabled Facilities Grant encourages councils to use the Regulatory Reform Order 2002 as part of a published housing assistance policy to innovate in the provision of housing support, assistive technology and streamlining the grant process and speeding up the adaptations process.</p> <p>Bury will publish a housing assistance policy and use the flexibilities contained within the regulatory reform order to release £250,000 per annum to fund innovation in the areas above.</p> <p>This policy will be delivered prior to 1st April 2023 at the nearest Cabinet meeting.</p>

	2023/24
Budget Reduction (£)	£250,000
Staffing Reduction (FTE)	0

Section B

What impact does the proposal have on:

Property
None
Service Delivery
Service Delivery would not be affected
Organisation (Including Other Directorates/Services)
None
Workforce – Number of posts likely to be affected.

0
Communities and Service Users
No change in service provision
Other Partner Organisations
N/A

Section C Key Risks and Mitigations

Risks	Mitigations
Cabinet may not agree housing assistance policy	Brief members in advance

Key Delivery Milestones

Include timescales for procurement, commissioning changes etc.

Milestone	Timeline
A housing assistance policy must be published	March 2023

Section D

Consultation Required?	No
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	Start Date	End Date
Staff	N/A	
Trade Unions	N/A	
Public	N/A	
Service User	N/A	
Other	N/A	

Equality Impact

Is there potential for the proposed budget reduction to have a disproportionate/ adverse impact on any of the following?

Disabled people	No
Particular Ethnic Groups	No
Men or Women (including impacts due to pregnancy/maternity)	No
People who are married or in a civil partnership	No
People of particular sexual orientation	No
People who are proposing to undergo, undergoing or undergone a process or part of a process of gender assignment	No
People on low incomes	No
People in particular age groups	No
Groups with particular faiths and beliefs	No

EIA Required?	no
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Section E

Financial Implications and Investment Requirements

Investment requirements – Revenue and Capital
None

Finance Comments – Will the proposal deliver the savings and within the agreed timescales?
Yes