

<b>Reference</b>	
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## Section A

<b>Service Area</b>	OCO
<b>Budget Option Description</b>	Disabled Facilities Grant and Housing Assistance Policy

<b>Budget Reduction Proposal – Detail and Objectives</b>
<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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 at the nearest Cabinet meeting.</p>

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

## Section B

*What impact does the proposal have on:*

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

0
<b>Communities and Service Users</b>
No change in service provision
<b>Other Partner Organisations</b>
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*

<b>Investment requirements – Revenue and Capital</b>
None

<b>Finance Comments – Will the proposal deliver the savings and within the agreed timescales?</b>
Yes