

REPORT TO SOCIAL WORK AND HOUSING COMMITTEE 1 SEPTEMBER, 2016

HOUSING ADAPTATIONS GRANTS APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE – EXTENSION OF REMIT

1 Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- 1.1 **Approve that the remit of the Housing Adaptations Grants Appeals Sub-Committee be extended to include appeals from Aberdeenshire Council House Tenants and Aberdeenshire Social Housing Tenants; and**
- 1.2 **To note that the existing membership of the Sub-Committee remain in place.**

2 Background / Discussion

- 2.1 The Social Work and Housing Committee is asked to consider extending the remit of the Housing Adaptations Grants Appeals Sub-Committee to allow appeals from Aberdeenshire Council House Tenants and Aberdeenshire Social Housing Tenants to be considered.
- 2.2 The remit of the Sub-Committee is to consider appeals in terms of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 regarding the approval or refusal of Improvement Grant Applications in respect of works for occupants with a disability.
- 2.3 The Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 requires the appeals process to exist for private sector home owners. However, for reasons of equity & fairness the Housing Service consider that the opportunity to appeal should be extended to tenants of council housing or other social housing who have had an Improvement Grant Application refused in respect of works for an occupant with a disability.
- 2.4 The membership of the Sub-Committee was agreed at the meeting of the Social Work and Housing Committee on 3 September, 2015. It is not intended that it changes. The current membership comprises: Councillors A M Allan, A Evison, M A Ford, C R McKail and A K Norrie.
- 2.5 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and any comments have been incorporated.

3 Equalities, Staffing and Financial Implications

- 3.1 An equality impact assessment is not required because the changes proposed do not have a differential impact on any of the protected characteristics.
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3.2 There are no staffing or financial implications arising directly as a result of this report.

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