

ANGUS COUNCIL
HOUSING COMMITTEE – 18th November 2004
Aids and Adaptations carried out to Angus Council
Housing Revenue Account Properties in 2003/04

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING

ABSTRACT

This Report contains details of the number and types of permanent aids and adaptations carried out to Angus Council Housing Revenue Account properties during the financial year 2003/04

1. RECOMMENDATION

Members are requested to note the contents of this Report.

2. INTRODUCTION

The Housing Department, on receipt of an adaptation request from Occupational Therapy Services provides a range of permanent adaptations for occupants of its housing stock. The budget allocation for such aids and adaptations in 2003/04 was £325,000.

3. ADAPTATIONS CARRIED OUT IN 2003/04

Details of the types and numbers of adaptations carried out in 2003/04 are given in Appendix 1.

During the financial year 2003/04, 308 adaptations were carried out to Council houses. An additional 71 requests (10 Priority One and 61 Priority Two) were received between 12th November 2003 and 26th March 2004 however, as the budget was nearing exhaustion, these requests were held until the start of the next (i.e. active) financial year.

Bathing and access requirements remain the greatest priority for aids and adaptations within Angus.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Aids & Adaptations budget allocation for the financial year 2003/04 was £325,000 and expenditure during that year was £327,490.83. The overspend of £1,299.56 was contained within the HRA Maintenance budget.

Further review of various projects has been carried out to ensure a proper allocation of expenditure of Capital and Revenue. Aids and Adaptations will now be included within the Housing Capital Budget for the financial year 2004/05..

5. HUMAN RIGHTS

There are no Human Rights implications arising from this report. However, by responding positively to requests for adaptations, the Council is actively supporting tenants human rights in respect of Article 8 and Article 1 of the First Protocol of the Human Rights 1988.

6. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Director of Social Work and Health, the Director of Law and Administration and the Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this Report.

7. CONCLUSION

Angus Council Housing and Social Work and Health Departments will continue to work together to adapt suitable Council housing to enable elderly and disabled people to remain living, independently, in their own homes.

Ron Ashton
Director of Housing

No background papers, as defined by Section 50 D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report.

PERMANENT ADAPTATIONS CARRIED OUT FROM 01 APRIL 2003 TO 31 MARCH 2004.**AIDS & ADAPTATIONS BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2003/04 - £325,000**

Type of Adaptation	Number Requested	Type of Adaptation	Number Requested
Overbath shower	24	Create/Remove Ramps	2
Level Access shower	105	Widen Doorways	1
Step in Shower	6	Doorways – Sliding/Re-hang	8
Easy Access Shower	2	Lower/Remove Thresholds	9
Lever Taps	12	Door Entry System	6
Misc. Bathing Requirements	13	Internal/External Light	4
Metal Handrails	73	Sockets – Add/Raise	7
Wooden Handrails	1	Misc. Electrical Work	2
Step & Handrail	10	Car Parking Area	1
Create/widen steps	8	Kitchen Units	2
Create/widen pathway	6	Miscellaneous	6
		TOTAL NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR 2003/04	308