

REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL

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**PRIVATE SECTOR HOME SUPPORT SERVICE –
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Redditch Borough Council has a contract with the County Council, Supporting People team to provide a Home Support Service throughout Redditch, regardless of the tenure the customer lives in, for which the Council is given a grant each year. To qualify for the service the customer will have to qualify for Housing Benefit (Council tenants) or Guaranteed Pension Credits (in the private sector). The Council currently provide this service to Council tenants only, but the Council is now being asked, in line with the contract, to extend the service to the private sector

To ensure the service can be provided with no support from the General Fund or the Housing Revenue account, £26,000 will be moved from the Supporting People grant into the General Fund. This figure will cover 37 hours per week, plus any associated costs of the service, for an Officer to provide the service. A separate accounting of this budget will take place each month to ensure there are sufficient funds to cover the service.

(Council agreed, at its meeting on 7th February, to defer this item to allow Officers the opportunity to provide definitive guidance on the funding of private sector users of the service and any potential impact on the Housing Revenue Account).