

Item 4: Housing Assistance Policy 2026

The following recommendations have been proposed for Members' consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

RECOMMENDED that

The following amendments be made to the Housing Assistance Policy 2026:

- 1) Wording be added to the first paragraph of section 13 – Decisions, Notifications and Redeterminations, to read: “*The Council will do everything it can to fast track cases where applicants have rapidly progressing or terminal conditions.*”**
- 2) Information is set out at the beginning of the document on who is eligible to apply under the Policy (both for the Disabled Facilities Grant and any discretionary assistance set out under the Policy).**
- 3) That the financial eligibility criteria (i.e. income and savings test limits and contribution thresholds for amounts above the limit) are clearly set out in the Policy and communicated through information on the Disabled Facilities Grant available on the Council's website.**
- 4) That the Policy is accessible in the languages of communities identified as being under-represented in accessing Disabled Facilities Grant.**