

Title of Report:	Disabled Facilities Grant	Item 13
Report to be considered by:	Executive	
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Scrutiny Report to Executive

Disabled Facilities Grant Group Report

**Commissioned by
Community Care and Housing Select Committee**

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Supporting Information

1. Background

- 1.1 As a result of the concerns about the Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG) process and funding in West Berkshire the Community Care and Housing Select Committee established a small Task Group to review this matter and to formulate recommendations to the Executive for improvements to the DFG process.
- 1.2 The attached report was considered by the Community Care and Housing Select Committee at its meeting on 6 July 2004 who noted its contents with interest and agreed to refer the report to the Executive for determination.

Appendices

Appendix 13 – Report of the Disabled Facilities Grant Task Group

Implications

Financial:

With reference to Paragraph 6.1, the remaining balance for 2003/04 has been slipped and is available for use in 2004/05. Paragraph 6.2 includes a recommended increase in staffing by 0.5fte. This will result in increased costs within the overall DFG budget and will impact on the remaining amount available for payment of grants.

Paragraph 7 sets out a recommendations for future budget requirements. These budgets would need to be submitted as part of the annual Capital budget build process. The current three year Capital Programme (2004/05 – 2006/07) has an annual budget of £780K built in for DFG.

Consultation Responses

Local Stakeholders: N/A

Officers Consulted: Caroline Gray, Beverly Searle

Trade Union: N/A