

## Appendix A

### Summary of Proposed House Improvement (Adaptations) Scheme 2018 Provisions

Provision	Proposed Terms
Maximum Income threshold for assistance	£60,000
Maximum assistance available	£30,000 or up to £50,000 in cases of special need subject to annual budget limitations
Assistance Provided – Group 1: (low income) Applicants with taxable incomes up to £15,000	<p>50% of costs of authorised works but can be a higher percentage in cases of special need (supporting policy will automatically passport low income applicants in receipt of certain benefits to 100% assistance)</p> <p>Non repayable unsecured grant available of up to £6,000; Total interest free grant available of up to £15,000 with any balance above £6,000 being secured on property.</p> <p>Any balance up to £30,000 (or £50,000 in exceptional need) can be provided as interest free loan secured on property over a term of up to 25 years</p>
Assistance Provided – Group 2: Applicant's income exceed taxable incomes of £15,000 but is below the Maximum Income Threshold of £60,000	<p>50% of costs of authorised works but can be a higher percentage in cases of special need</p> <p>An unsecured interest free loan can be provided up to £5,000. An interest free loan up to £30,000 (or £50,000 in exceptional need) over a term of up to 25 years can be provided if secured on the property.</p>
Applicant contribution	Where they are in a position to do so the applicant is expected to contribute whatever they can over and above the 50% contribution required in most cases. The first £13,000 of any available funds can be discounted (in line with benefit assessment) in the calculation of any additional contribution.
Terms of assessment of Eligible applicant: The eligible applicant is a person, or parent or guardian of a person, who has a disability within the meaning of section 7 of the Equality Act 2017 and who is eligible for assistance under section 6 of the Social Services Act 2011	<p>Income of applicant, their spouse, civil partner or partner is assessed.</p> <p>In the case of dependent children, where the application relates to Schedules 1 and 2 of the Scheme (specialist equipment for the personal use of the child) only the income/means of the child will be assessed. For all other works which involve substantial adaptation and alteration of the property e.g. extension, the income of the beneficial owner of the property, their spouse, civil partner or partner i.e. the parent/guardian is assessed</p>
Prioritisation and specification of works	Clinical need by Occupational Therapy assessment