

## Key Decision Details

**Decision Name** Disabled Facilities Grants and Charges on Properties

**Date of Decision** 20 October 2011

**Decision maker** Cabinet

**Describe the Decision taken** Agreed to place charges on properties where owner occupiers receive a disabled facilities grant in excess of £10,000 (excluding HIA fees) where the grant is for a garage or outbuilding conversion, or extension or any combination of these; authorised the Heads of Legal and Democratic Services and of Housing Services, after consultation with the Executive Councillor for Strategic Planning and Housing, to determine the most effective and efficient procedure for placing charges on properties to include the development and adoption of a repayment scheme; and authorised the Head of Housing Services to decide whether to seek repayment in accordance with the requirements of the Disabled Facilities Grants General Consent Order 2008.

**What were the reasons for taking the Decision?** In response to an amendment to legislation that gave local authorities the discretion to impose a limited charge on adapted properties.

**What alternative options were considered and rejected?** None

**Conflict of interest and dispensation** None

**Is the decision a Key Decision?** Yes

**Was the decision included in the Forward Plan** Yes

**Was the decision subject to the urgency proceedings?** No

**List the background papers to any report considered by the Decision Taker** None.

**Person Making this report** Mrs Helen Taylor

**Date upon which the Decision will come into force, subject to no call-in** 28 October 2011

**Accompanying Documents** Housing grants construction and regeneration Act, Order, regulations and General consent

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