

**KEY DECISION**

Proposed to be made by  
the Cabinet on  
**2 July 2008**

<p><b>LEAD MEMBER/ PORTFOLIO HOLDER</b></p> <p>Cllr Peter Whittaker</p>	<p><b>ITEM</b></p> <p>NATIONAL CHANGES TO MODERNISE THE DISABLED FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAMME</p>	<p><b>WARDS AFFECTED</b></p> <p>All wards</p>
<p><b>DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE DECISION TAKER</b></p> <p>Report of the Head Planning &amp; Environment</p> <p><b>REPORT AUTHOR</b></p> <p>A.M. Coel Strategic Housing Manager</p> <p>01527 881270</p>	<p><b>SUMMARY</b></p> <p>The report sets out the package of changes that have been introduced by the Communities and Local Government (CLG) to modernise the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) programme and improve delivery of adaptations to the homes of disabled persons nationally.</p> <p>This report also asks members to consider whether they wish to implement the ability to include a 'Claw Back' clause for DFGs granted over £5,000 as the new arrangements allow Local authorities the discretion to impose a limited charge on an adapted property so that if it is sold or transferred within ten years the grant can be reclaimed up to a maximum of £10,000.</p>	<p><b>REASONS FOR BEING ON THE FORWARD PLAN</b></p> <p>The package of changes and the potential implementation of a 'Pay Back' condition would have a significant effect on two or more wards within the District.</p>

CONSULTATION DETAILS	Method of Consultation	Consultation period or dates
<b>Stakeholders</b>  North Worcestershire Care and Repair Service	Direct consultation with officers	N/A

**DECISION TO BE MADE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH**

N/A