

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

### **Homes & Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee – 05/12/2018.**

#### Quarter 2 (2018-19) Performance Report: An Inclusive and Safe Vale.

Additional Information regarding Disabled Facility Grants; as request at Agenda Conference.

After a few years of significantly higher demand for DFGs, which required increases to the annual budget part way through the year, 2017/18 saw a slowdown in demand. Initially it was assumed this was a short term slowdown and demand would increase again, but it now appears to be an established reduction. The DFG budget was underspent by around 200k in 2017/18 and as the budget was planned to return to its initial figure (for 2017/18, before being increased partway through the year), that money was slipped into the current year in anticipation of demand increasing again (as it has done in the past in the later part of the financial year). As demand did not increase again, this additional slipped capital represents the current underspend.

The average delivery time for an adaptation has increased slightly, rising to 188 last year having reduced from 1046 days in 2008/9 to 166 days in 2016/17. This largely reflected new counting methodology directed by Welsh Government, requiring counting to start at first contact with C1V rather than the point the DFG service first makes contact with the applicant, which may be after other support services have been considered and dismissed. The increase at Quarter 2 for the current year is relatively minor at 3% .