

**Extract from Cabinet Minutes
15 February 2011**

A11. DISABLED FACILITIES ADAPTATIONS POLICY

The Cabinet considered a report by the Head of Environmental Services (Reference 11/80). Cabinet were informed that there had been several reports on disabled facilities adaptations mainly on the lack of money for this scheme. The good news was that the government were committed to keeping this grant and the waiting list for this grant had been cleared. A prioritization system was brought in 2009 but this was part of a much bigger process of how the system worked. Officers had now been working on a new policy to cover the whole service which would provide officers of Scarborough Borough Council and North Yorkshire County Council with guidance for awarding of grants. It was noted that the Council could discharge their duty by re-housing a person within the Borough rather than adapting a home if the cost was too high. It was further noted that if a homeowner had adaptations and moved home the council could put a charge on the property.

RESOLVED that Cabinet recommend to Council the approval of the adoption of the Disabled Facilities Adaptations Policy.

Reasons:

This new policy is required to assist officers of the Council to interpret and implement legislation relating to the adaptation of homes for disabled people.