

Appendix A: Cherwell District Council's allocation of DCLG Homelessness Funding

| Type of Funding | 17/18 | 18/19 | 19/20 |
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| Homelessness Prevention Grant | £99,901 | £100,211 | £100,712 |
| Flexible Homelessness Support Grant | £178,538 | £205,425 | TBA |
| Homelessness Reduction Act New Burdens - General Funding | £47,246 | £43,277 | £45,747 |
| Homelessness Reduction Act New Burdens - IT Funding | £9,200 | -- | -- |
| Discretionary Housing Payment | £309,040 | TBA | -- |

Homelessness Prevention Funding

Grant funding from the DCLG annually to help tackle homelessness. There are no specific grant conditions attached to this funding, which is **not ring-fenced**, except to enhance front line housing services with the view to reducing and preventing homelessness.

Flexible Homelessness Support Grant

Up to the end of March 2017 local housing authorities could charge £60 per week management fee on temporary accommodation units. This was paid from the Department for Work and Pensions to local authorities on a per household basis. From 1 April 2017, the temporary accommodation management fee subsidy payment was removed, restricting subsidy to 90% of the appropriate January 2011 Local Housing Allowance Rate. No subsidy is paid for Universal Credit claimants.

The Department for Communities and Local Government is responsible for the alternative funding – the Flexible Homelessness Support Grant (FHSG). As the name suggests, FHSG is paid to local housing authorities as a grant and can be used in any way a local authority sees fit, to better manage temporary accommodation pressures. **The grant is ring-fenced** for activities to prevent and deal with homelessness.

Homelessness Reduction Act New Burdens – General

Funding provided to local housing authorities to meet the new burdens associated with the additional duties contained within the Homelessness Reduction Act. This funding is **not ring-fenced**; however the expectation from Central Government is that it will be committed locally to homelessness activities.

Homelessness Reduction Act New Burdens – IT

Additionally, Government will be providing local authorities with £9,200 to support the upgrade of our data systems to monitor the impact of the Homelessness Reduction Act. This funding is **not ring-fenced** but both CDC and SNC will need to purchase new IT systems to be legally compliant with the new Act.

Discretionary Housing Payment

Discretionary Housing Payments (DHPs) can provide extra money to meet housing costs or minimise the effects of welfare reform (benefit cap, spare room subsidy). They are available to those currently claiming Housing Benefit or Universal Credit with housing costs towards rental liability.