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- In relation to economically inactive disabled residents – what is the Council doing to support those residents.

Community Hubs

Support and advice provided to economically inactive disabled people in the following ways: -

- Referrals to external agencies as and when appropriate;
- Maximization of benefit entitlements;
- Better off calculations;
- Loneliness and isolation support;
- Digital Exclusion support, help to get online and improve digital skills;
- Support helping complete application forms for various grants;
- Cost of Living payments (schemes, fuel support etc);
- Support in relation to blue badge applications;
- Employment support / improvement and development of new skills where appropriate

Citizens Advice also available to provide debt and budgeting support from the Community Hub venues