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

Disabled Facilities Grants

- The provision of the Councils Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG's) programme is to help disabled residents by providing financial assistance to make necessary adaptations to their homes, such as installing ramps, widening doorways, installing stairlifts (internal and external), providing safe access to the garden etc... By improving accessibility and mobility within their homes and also the ability to leave their homes safely (external ramping and external stairlifts), this enables disabled residents to live more independently, allowing them to participate more fully in their communities. This can have a positive economic impact by improving their quality of life, increasing their ability to engage in work and / or education if possible.
- In 2022/23 – A total of 76 adaptations across were completed, with 50% of those directly relating to stairlifts and providing external access.