

APPENDIX 2**Recovery of Grant**

If the applicant has a qualifying owner's interest in the premises on which the relevant works are carried out, the Council will register a local land charge against their property, where the grant payment exceeds £5,000.

The Council will demand the repayment by the recipient of such part of the grant that exceeds £5000 (but may not demand an amount in excess of £10,000) if—

(a) the recipient disposes (whether by sale, assignment, transfer or otherwise) of the premises in respect of which the grant was given within 10 years of the certified date; and

(b) the Council, having considered—

(i) the extent to which the recipient of the grant would suffer financial hardship were they be required to repay all or any of the grant;

(ii) whether the disposal of the premises is to enable the recipient of the grant to take up employment, or to change the location of his employment;

(iii) whether the disposal is made for reasons connected with the physical or mental health or well-being of the recipient of the grant or of a disabled occupant of the premises; and

(iv) whether the disposal is made to enable the recipient of the grant to live with, or near, any person who is disabled or infirm and in need of care, which the recipient of the grant is intending to provide, or who is intending to provide care of which the recipient of the grant is in need by reason of disability or infirmity, is satisfied that it is reasonable in all the circumstances to require the repayment.

If a grant recipient is of the opinion that any of the exemptions may be appropriate, they will be required to submit written representations to the Council setting out their case in full. The decision on whether to waive the grant recovery will be made by the Head of HR and Public Protection.