

The process for an adaptation to a Local Authority Foster Home

A request for an adaptation to a Local Authority foster home usually arises as a result of a foster child's care plan but can arise in situations in which it is identified that additional fostering capacity could be created as a result of an extension to a foster carer's property.

An operational decision is made to proceed with an adaptation request. This is made by the fostering service manager in conjunction with the access to resources group manager.

The foster carer seeks three quotes for the proposed building works. The most competitive quote is the one supported. The foster carer seeks the relevant building permissions.

A report is presented to the Children and Young People's Committee recommending approval of expenditure. The amount requested is dependent upon the works requiring completion. Upon approval, Legal Services draw up a legal charge. The legal charge is imposed upon the foster carer's property and serves to protect the Local Authority's investment.

Payments for the building work are made to the foster carer in instalments and a final payment is not released until the building works have been completed to standard and to the satisfaction of a local building inspector.

The payments are monitored by the foster carer's team manager and by the children and young people's payment team.