

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

Question 1

What aspects of the current ILF worked well and what elements did not work so well?

ILF funding gave individuals the possibility to improve their quality of life in a flexible way that LA funding could not

Question 2

Should the money that becomes available after existing ILF recipients no longer need it be used in the same way for others in the future? If so, why? If not, how else might the money be used?

No- there is insufficient funding to allow the money to be used equitably across the population. Any remaining funding could be moved to general budgets providing services to disabled people.

Question 3

If the available resource is simply that which is transferred from the Treasury, how would you like to see it used if it was not to be a continuation of the existing approach?

We believe that existing ILF users must have preserved rights to funding as long as they require it.

Question 4

What innovative ways might there be for increasing the overall amount of money in the pot?

Government might wish to consider making use of lottery fund raising to provide a pot which might be administered by a third sector organisation with a view to increasing the number of disabled people who could be assisted in this way.

Question 5

With any available resource, where is the most effective area to target resources which can have the biggest impact on an individual's ability to live more independently?

Ideally, by directly providing funding to the individual to avoid the added costs of brokerage or similar schemes.

Question 6

Once funding has been devolved to the Scottish Government, which option do you think will be most appropriate for Scotland?

Option 1 is the only one that would serve.

Question 7

To assist with our partial Equality Impact Assessment in relation to the future development of a sustainable Fund to support disabled people in Scotland to live independently, please describe any equality issues (in relation to age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender re-assignment, race, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity and marriage and civil partnership) that you feel may arise and suggest ways in which these could be addressed.

We concur with the ADSW position.