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26 JUNE 2006

**DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT INITIATIVES 2006/07 AND
2007/08**

Report of the Corporate Director of Resources

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to advise Cabinet of works recommended to be funded from the Disability Discrimination Act Initiatives budget for 2006/07, and to seek approval to enable the programme to proceed.

2. Summary

A sum of £400,000 in 2006/07 and £500,000 in 2007/08 has been approved for the Disability Discrimination Act Initiatives budget.

Proposals for spending the 2006/07 budget in 28 buildings are attached at Appendix 1. The proposals have been prioritised based on audits and service need, using a new prioritisation model agreed with the Disability Equality Scheme Working Group, which includes external representation from the Leicestershire Centre for Integrated Living.

Also shown at Appendix 1 is a sum of £20,000 allocated for the Access to Work Scheme.

3. Recommendations

Cabinet is recommended to:

- 3.1 Approve the works in Appendix 1 including the allocation of £20,000 to the Access to Work Scheme.
- 3.2 Authorise the Corporate Director of Resources to order the works.

- 3.3 Authorise the Corporate Director of Resources to seek all necessary consents.
- 3.4 Authorise the Service Director of Legal Services to sign any contracts (if necessary) to allow the work to proceed.
- 3.5 Delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Resources to approve further works during the year as necessary or reassess or amend the programme, in consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member for Resources and Corporate Issues.
- 3.6 Note that a further report will be submitted to Cabinet later in the year for the recommended works for 2007/08.

4. Financial and legal Implications

Financial Implications – Nicola Harlow Ext 7432

The sum of £400,000 (including fees) for 2006/2007 has been included in the Capital Programme for this project.

Legal Implications – Peter Nicholls Ext 6302

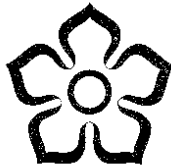
The Head of Legal Services has been consulted on the report and considers there to be no specific legal implications other than to ensure that the consultation complies with the provisions of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and its amending Acts.

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DECISION STATUS

Key Decision	No
Reason	N/A
Appeared in Forward Plan	N/A
Executive or Council Decision	Executive (Cabinet)



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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. Report

- 1.1 The Disability Discrimination Act Officer (DDA Officer) in the Property Review Team of Resources has produced at Appendix 1 a proposed list of work, which it is recommended should be undertaken to buildings using the funding within the Capital Programme for this financial year's allocated budget. Of the 28 buildings on the list, 4 will increase the number of buildings compliant with Best Value Performance Indicator 156 "the number of City Council's buildings open to the public and accessible and usable by disabled people". The City Council has been in the top quartile for this Performance Indicator for the past 3 years and the addition of a further 4 buildings should help to keep it in that position.
- 1.2 The proposals for spending the budget have been prioritised based on audits and service need. A review of the prioritisation methodology has been undertaken, and a new model has been introduced this year. The model is similar to that recently introduced for the prioritisation of the Council's Central Maintenance Fund, and considers technical need, service requirements, benefit to the greatest possible number of service users and staff, and the Council's likely future intentions for individual properties. Each of these is scored at departmental workshops with departmental Heads of Property representatives and Equality Officers following internal departmental consultation with service heads and managers, informed by departmental contact with users, and from a total score a priority for individual items of work is assessed. The highest priority works form the proposals.

The model has been developed in consultation with and approved by the Heads of Property Group and Disability Equality Scheme Working Group, which includes external representation (Director for Leicestershire Centre for Integrated Living).

The proposals at Appendix 1 are shown by buildings listed in alphabetical order for ease of reference rather than the priority scores. The new model provides a much more transparent consultation with service users and providers. It will allow for the development of a longer-term programme of works, and in future it is intended that the prioritisation process will take place much earlier in the year. To this end a further report will be submitted to Cabinet in late 2006 / early 2007 with recommendations for the improvement programme for 2007/2008.

- 1.3 The DDA Officer provided copies of outstanding works taken from previous audits undertaken to identify improvements required to improve access for disabled people to City Council buildings. The standard previously used over the years has been the City Council's standard 'Paving the Way'. However, 'Paving the Way' was last updated in 1994 and in the light of new regulations and the advent of the British Standards Institute BS8300:2001 'Design of buildings and their approaches to meet the needs of disabled people – Code of Practice' has become too out of date. Therefore BS8300:2001 will be the standard applied in the future. This standard is being constantly updated by the British Standards Institute in line with research they undertake. Audits of service delivery to disabled people is the responsibility of the department providing the service from the building. This in turn will assist them to prioritise access improvements to help meet users needs. The priority list will be constantly reviewed to ensure that any buildings that are or may be surplus to use are not being included when works are to be carried out.
- 1.4 The proposed list at Appendix 1 is made up of works to buildings and fees. Also included is a sum of £20,000 for the Access to Work scheme (ATW) to continue. This element is controlled by the Corporate Director of Resources, Human Resources Unit. The Access to Work element is to fund the cost of equipment and accessories necessary to assist disabled members of staff and/or potential new members of staff in their work and is largely grant-aided by the Department of Employment on a sliding scale of up to 100 per cent of the cost.

FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

1. Financial Implications

The sum of £400,000 (including fees) for 2006/2007 (including fees) has been included in the Capital Programme for this project.

2. Legal Implications

The Head of Legal Services has been consulted on the report and considers there to be no specific legal implications other than to ensure that the consultation complies with the provisions of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

3. Other Implications

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph References Within Supporting information
Equal Opportunities	Yes	Throughout the report
Policy	No	
Sustainable and Environmental	No	
Crime and Disorder	No	
Human Rights Act	No	
Elderly/People on Low Income	Yes	Throughout the report

4. Background Papers – Local Government Act 1972

Capital Programme book 2006/2007.

5. Consultations

Consultation has been undertaken with various voluntary bodies through Voluntary Action Leicester, results of which were reported to FREOPs on 19th September 2002 and to Cabinet on 23 September 2002. Further consultation is planned during 2006-2007 to assist prioritisation of future needs.

Internal consultation has taken place with the Heads of Property Group, individual departmental Heads of Property Group Representatives and Equality Officers (including through them Service Heads and Managers), as well as the Disability Equality Group, which includes external representation (Director of Leicestershire Centre for Integrated Living).

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APPENDIX 1

UPRN	BUILDING NAME	Property Type	Department	Works Identified	Predicted Cost
2001	Abbey House EPH	Elderly Persons Homes	SCH	alterations to main entrance door	£16,100
2001	Abbey House EPH	Elderly Persons Homes	SCH	Upgrade existing lift to DDA standard	£13,800
2081	Adult Education Centre	ELL Adult Education	ELL	Build internal ramp	£28,750
2008	Arbour House EPH	Elderly Persons Homes	SCH	alterations to main entrance door	£16,100
2008	Arbour House EPH	Elderly Persons Homes	SCH	Provide colour contrast to nosings of stairs	£4,600
2023	Beaumanor Hostel,	Adult Residential	SCH	raise footpaths to fire escape threshold level	£3,450
2425	Beaumont Leys Library	ELL Libraries	ELL	Relocate across counter induction loop at book return desk provide across counter induction loop to booking out desk	£517
2033	Belgrave Library	ELL Libraries	ELL	Automatic entrance and lobby doors	£13,800
2033	Belgrave Library	ELL Libraries	ELL	2 across counter induction loops	£546
2087	Cooper House EPH	Elderly Persons Homes	SCH	Upgrade wheelchair accessible toilet	£2,300
2092	Cort Crescent Community Centre,	ELL Community Centre	ELL	Mark out 1 wide car parking space suitable for a disabled person for parking	£460
2427	Douglas Bader Centre	Adult Day Centres	SCH	Provide across counter induction loop	£345
2113	Elizabeth House EPH	Elderly Persons Homes	SCH	alterations to main entrance door	£16,100
0574/01/003	Gilroes Crematorium	Cemeteries	RAC	Change toilet flushing lever to other side and move hand wash basin closer to toilet pan in wheelchair accessible toilet	£1,150
0660	Guildhall	Museums and Heritage Services	RAC	Automated doors to the visitors centre	£13,800
2430	Herrick Lodge EPH	Elderly Persons Homes	SCH	alterations to main entrance door	£13,800
2430	Herrick Lodge EPH	Elderly Persons Homes	SCH	raise footpath to fire escape door level	£3,450
2188	Jewry Wall Museum	Museums and Heritage Services	RAC	Refix fittings in wheel chair accessible toilet	£1,725
2188	Jewry Wall Museum	Museums and Heritage Services	RAC	Investigate provision of platform lift.	£2,875

UPRN	BUILDING NAME	Property Type	Department	Works Identified	Predicted Cost
2226	Layton House Day Centre	Adult Day Centres	SCH	level thresholds rebuild fire escape door ramps	£2,300
0936	Loughbrough Road Hostel	Hostel	HSG	Automatic entrance door	£3,450
4161	Lower Hastings Street 33-35 Hostel	Hostel	HSG	Ramp to entrance	£5,750
4161	Lower Hastings Street 33-35 Hostel	Hostel	HSG	automatic door	£5,750
4161	Lower Hastings Street 33-35 Hostel	Hostel	HSG	level access on both sides of the doors	£2,300
4161	Lower Hastings Street 33-35 Hostel	Hostel	HSG	larger interview cubicles and provide toilet bowl at right height	£3,450
2305	Preston Lodge EPH	Elderly Persons Homes	SCH	Upgrade existing lift to DDA standard	£13,800
2305	Preston Lodge EPH	Elderly Persons Homes	SCH	alterations to main entrance door	£17,250
1283/01/004	Saffron Hill Cemetery Chapel	Cemeteries	RAC	Mark out 2 car parking spaces for disabled people	£920
1283/01/004	Saffron Hill Cemetery Chapel	Cemeteries	RAC	install induction loop to the chapel	£4,628
1283/01/007	Saffron Hill Cemetery Prayer House	Cemeteries	RAC	Mark out 2 car parking spaces for disabled people	£920
1283/01/007	Saffron Hill Cemetery Prayer House	Cemeteries	RAC	install induction loop to the prayer area	£4,628
1387	Spence St. Baths and Sports Hall	Sports Services	RAC	upgrade disabled persons changing/ shower room	£5,750
1387	Spence St. Baths and Sports Hall	Sports Services	RAC	Provide automatic opening entrance doors	£13,800
2346	St. Andrew's Child & Family Centre	Children & Family Centre	SCH	Main entrance automatic door	£8,050
2378	Thurcaston Road 400	Offices	SCH	Mark car park space	£460
2378	Thurcaston Road 400	Offices	SCH	Investigate improvements to front entrance and Car Parking	£11,500
2379	Thurncourt EPH	Elderly Persons Homes	SCH	Upgrade existing lift to DDA standard	£13,800
1537/01	Town Hall	CLAB	RAD	Sound System to Council Chamber - requirements for full system	£13,052
4160	Upper Tichbourne Street Hostel	Hostel	HSG	Ramp to main entrance	£4,600
4160	Upper Tichbourne Street Hostel	Hostel	HSG	automatic door	£5,750
4160	Upper Tichbourne Street Hostel	Hostel	HSG	lower reception counter	£1,725
4160	Upper Tichbourne Street Hostel	Hostel	HSG	larger interview cubicle	£3,450

UPRN	BUILDING NAME	Property Type	Department	Works Identified	Predicted Cost
2153/02	Westgate School	ELL Special Needs School	ELL	Toilet refurbishment	£57,500
2419	Winstanley Centre	ELL Community Centre	ELL	Provide automatic bi-folding doors to entrance and inner door Lower intercom system to suitable height for a wheelchair user	£13,800
2419	Winstanley Centre	ELL Community Centre	ELL	provide an induction loop to hall	£4,628
				Estimated total for works including fees	£376,679
				Access to Work Scheme	£20,000
				Urgent works*	£3,321
				Total	£400,000

*As in previous years an amount has been included for any urgent works that may be identified by disabled people since the prioritisation list was drawn up.

Note: The Departments listed reflect the discussions that took place with Heads of Property representatives before the transition from Social Care and Health and Education and Lifelong Learning departments to the new Children and Young People and Adult and Community Services departments.