

Agenda item: **Decision maker: RESOURCES PORTFOLIO – 29th September 2011****Subject: DDA WORKS TO CORPORATE PROPERTY****Report by: HEAD OF ASSET MANAGEMENT****Wards affected: Baffins, Charles Dickens, Cosham, St Jude****Key decision (over £250k): No**

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To identify the proposed DDA programme of work for 2011/12 and secure authorisation from the Resources Portfolio to incur capital expenditure funded from the approved capital budget.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the programme of access improvements for disabled people at an estimated cost of £50,000 funded from the DDA Works to Corporate Property Portfolio budget contained within the capital programme be approved

3. Background

- 3.1 The Cabinet meeting of 7 February 2011 and Full Council meeting of 8 February 2011 approved the DDA Works to Corporate Property Portfolio budget of £50,000 for 2011/12.
- 3.2 The AMS Access Auditor & Disability Advisor has undertaken surveys of corporate properties to establish barriers to their use by disabled people and produced an access rating for the properties scored against the requirements of the National Indicator (formerly Best Value Performance Indicator 156 - accessibility of buildings to disabled people).
- 3.3 Ideally all public buildings would be 100% accessible but due to their age, building or site configuration, historic protection and other such factors it may not be feasible or cost effective to achieve this rating.
- 3.4 The access survey has resulted in a programme of priority schemes to cost effectively improve access and raise accessibility ratings within the constraints of existing property; this programme has been discussed and agreed with the Head of Cultural Service on the basis of his identified service priority needs.

- 3.5 The works will be fully specified, designed, tendered and implemented in 2011/12 with an estimated cost of £50,000 inclusive of fees.
- 3.6 A summary of the proposed properties to receive these access improvements together with current and proposed accessibility ratings follow. See Appendix A for details of the proposed scope of work for each scheme.

<u>Property</u>	<u>Current Accessibility Rating</u>	<u>Proposed Accessibility Rating</u>
a) Charles Dickens Museum	0%	40%
b) Cosham Community Centre	40%	100%
c) D-Day Museum	32%	100%
d) The Stacey Centre	32%	95%

4. Reasons for recommendations

- 4.1 Detailed approval of expenditure of DDA Works to Corporate Property Portfolio budget as included in the approved City Council Capital budget 2011/2012.

5. Equality impact assessment (EIA)

- 5.1 The full EIA can be found at:

http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/media/EQD190_Access_public_buildings_Nov_10.pdf

6. Head of Legal, Licensing & Registrar's comments

- 6.1 The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 has now been replaced by the Equality Act 2010; however the duties towards disabled persons, reasonable adjustments and premises remain unchanged.
- 6.2 The Head of Legal, Licensing & Registrars is satisfied there are no legal implications arising from this report.

7. Head of finance's comments

- 7.1 There are no financial implications in respect of this recommendation as the approved Resources capital programme for 2011/12 includes budget provision of £50,000 to fund the schedule of works detailed in this report. There are no ongoing revenue costs associated with these works.

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Appendices:

Appendix A – Scope of Works to Improve Access for Disabled Persons

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by on

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