

**REPORT TO: NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
13 NOVEMBER 2000**

REPORT ON: DISABLED ACCESS 2000/2001

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

REPORT NO: 704-2000

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report seeks authority for the Director of Neighbourhood Resources and Development to obtain offers and tenders to improve disabled access to Departmental facilities and services in the current year up to a total cost of £50,000 and to approve acceptance of these offers and tenders in conjunction with the City Architectural Services Officer.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

2.1 The Director of Neighbourhood Resources and Development be authorised to approve acceptance of the offers and tenders as recommended by the City Architectural Services Officer in conjunction with the Convener and Spokespersons from the majority and minority opposition groups.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Director of Finance has stated that the estimated cost of £50,000 for the Disabled Access works can be contained within the Neighbourhood Resources and Development Department's Capital Estimates 2000/2001.

4.0 LOCAL AREA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Acceptance of this report will ensure that;

- access to facilities, services, goods and people is not achieved at the expense of the environment and are accessible to all.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Improved disabled access, will ensure improved accessibility of departmental facilities and services.

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 It has been highlighted that various departmental properties require works to improve access for people with disabilities. To ensure that works are carried out timeously, it is considered beneficial that the Director of Neighbourhood Resources and Development be authorised to approve the most favourable offers and tenders for the various works required.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Director of Support Services and the Director of Finance and the City Architectural Services Officer have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 No background papers as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied upon in preparing the above Report.

**Director of Neighbourhood Resources
and Development**

Date