

**REPORT TO: NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
21 October 2002**

REPORT ON: DISABLED ACCESS 2002/2003

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCES AND
DEVELOPMENT**

REPORT NO: 717-2002

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report seeks authority for the City Architectural Services Officer to obtain offers and tenders to continue the improvement of disabled access to various departmental properties including Ardler Complex, Broughty Ferry Neighbourhood Library, Finmill Neighbourhood Centre, Hub Neighbourhood Centre & Library, Menzieshill Community Centre & Library, and Coldside Neighbourhood Library details provided in Appendix 1, up to a total cost of £80,000, and for the Director of Support Services in conjunction with the Director of Neighbourhood Resources and Development to accept the offers and tenders recommended by the City Architectural Services Officer.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

2.1 The Director of Support Services in conjunction with the Director of Neighbourhood Resources and Development be authorised to accept the offers and tenders as recommended by the City Architectural Services Officer.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The expenditure of £80,000, in the financial year 2002/03 is included and can be contained within the approved Financial Plan for the financial year 2002/03.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 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 Recent investigation into the access and egress facilities at departmental properties has identified a need to action works to ensure compliance with Disability Discrimination Act (DDA).

Improvements range from improved ramping, automatic doors, disabled toilets etc which will further increase accessibility to all users of the departmental properties previously detailed at 1.1 above. It is envisaged that Dundee Contract Services will carry out the majority of this work. To ensure that works are carried out timeously, it is considered beneficial that the Director of Support Services be authorised to accept the most favourable offer and tenders for the works.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Directors of Finance and Support Services 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 containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

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Date: 10 October 2002

Appendix 1

PROPOSED DISABLED ACCESS WORKS FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCES & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPERTIES

Installation of appropriate ramping/handrails from car park to main entrance at **Finmill Neighbourhood Centre**.
(Indicative cost £ 600)

Automatic Doors at **Hub Neighbourhood Centre and Library**.
(Indicative cost £ 9700)

Disabled Toilet at **Broughty Ferry Neighbourhood Library**.
(Indicative cost £ 15000)

Automatic Doors at **Ardler Complex**, doors/glazed wall panel from reception area to Library Area.
(Indicative cost £ 6000)

Installation of appropriate ramping/handrails, to ensure the safe egress of users with disabilities, at the fire exits to the rear of **Grampian Lounge, Menzieshill Community Centre**
(Indicative cost £ 3200)

Disabled Toilet at **Menzieshill Neighbourhood Library**.
(Indicative cost £ 5500)

Installation of new ramping to the front of **Coldside Neighbourhood Library**.
(Indicative cost £ 40000)