

REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE



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Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) and Access to Council Buildings Programme for 2008/09

PURPOSE

1. To update Members on the current programme and to obtain a decision on the priorities for the programme of works for 2008/09.
2. To seek approval to expend the 2008/09 DDA budget on essential improvement works to Burnley Town Hall and prioritise the remainder of the budget.
3. To seek approval to add the insurance monies from the Ightenhill Bowls Pavilion fire, and also the balance of the 2007/08 budget, to the 2008/09 DDA budget.

RECOMMENDATION

4. That the Capital Programme of £100,000 for the 2008/09 financial year be increased by the following:-

The DDA balance from last year 2007/08:	£ 14,423
The insurance monies from Ightenhill Bowls Pavilion:	£ 60,947
Total Budget:	£175,370

5. That approval be given to release £130,000 for essential works at Burnley Town Hall.
6. That the Head of Property Consultancy, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, be authorised to accept the lowest/most suitable tender or quotation and also, where appropriate, to use contractors from the Schedule of Rates Approved List for each area of work.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

7. To comply with DDA; Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2006; Building

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

8. The Executive considered a previous report on the Programme on 3rd October 2007.
9. The scheme for a disabled toilet and fire damage repair works at Ightenhill Bowls Pavilion was completed in November 2007, with the works being funded from the 2007/08 main programme. The insurance monies from the fire, amounting to £60,947 have now been received and it is proposed that these are used to reimburse the DDA budget for 2008/09.
10. The contract for the new disabled toilet at level 4 Burnley Town Hall is now complete. This highlighted the fire safety issue in the Town Hall, requiring fire safety improvements costing an estimated £130,000, and this is now the first priority within this programme. The Council, as Employer, has a responsibility to comply with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.
11. Parker Lane Office Accommodation is still at feasibility stage; therefore it is not expected for this work to begin in the 2008/09 financial year. The £26,000 earmarked for the new counter and alterations to the existing toilets will, therefore, not now be spent this financial year.
12. It is proposed that the remaining budget for 2008/09 of £45,370 (£175,370 - £130,000) be prioritised for partial funding of improvement works to Queen's Park Toilets. These would cost £95,000 and could not be wholly carried out in 2008/09; therefore, these works would be subject to a future report to Executive as funding from 2009/2010 would be required for the balance.
13. Toilets in Memorial Park, Padiham, require disabled toilet facilities and to be brought up to a more acceptable standard. It is envisaged that a new building will be required and this has been recognised in that Green Spaces & Amenities have addressed this in their bid for funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

14. This year's DDA Budget is as follows:-

Capital Programme	£100,000
Insurance monies from Ightenhill Bowls Pavilion fire (subject to approval as paragraph 3)	£ 60,947
Slippage from DDA budget 2007/08 (subject to approval as paragraph 3)	£ 14,423
Total 2008/09	£175,370

It is proposed to spend £130,000 on Burnley Town Hall fire improvement works in 2008/09, with the remainder subject to a future report to Executive.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

15. These works are consistent with Council Objectives and Policy to Improve Access.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

16. Chair of Better Services Scrutiny Committee;
Fire Officer;

BACKGROUND PAPERS

17. DDA surveys etc. held in Property Consultancy.
Fire Risk Assessments.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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