

DISABILITY ADVISORY AND ACCESS FORUM

THURSDAY, 10TH APRIL, 2003

ACCESS AUDIT UPDATE

1. Access audits to all Luton Borough Council buildings deemed to fall within the Audit Commissions definition of “open to the public” have been completed.
2. The reports have indicated costs of remedial work to be in excess of £2m.
3. The Council has approved it's Capital Programme for 2003/04 and has identified a budget of £800,000 for the current financial year for Minor Works (Disability Discrimination Act).
4. This budget is in addition to funds previously made available and underlines the Council's commitment to providing quality services to all members of the community.
5. The Forum will recall that some buildings have previously had adaptations carried out in order to meet part M of the Building Regulations. Work has now started to ensure full compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act.
6. Attached at Appendix 1 is the list of buildings in the first and second tranches for adaption works to be carried out. This work is funded from the previous year's budgets. As schemes progress further buildings will be added to the programme.

7. This programme has been collated to reflect the Forum's wishes that prioritisation should be based on the highest usage buildings that will provide the maximum/impact benefit for service users.