

3 December 2018

ACCESS FOR PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY TASK GROUP – 11 DECEMBER 2018

The first meeting of the Access for People with a Disability Task Group will be held at 6pm on Tuesday 11 December 2018 in Committee Room 1 at the Town Hall, Rugby.

Adam Norburn
Executive Director

A G E N D A

PART 1 – PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. Appointment of Chair – to appoint a Chair of the Task Group for the 2018/19 municipal year.
2. Apologies – to receive apologies for absence from the meeting.
3. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of:

(a) non-pecuniary interests as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors;

(b) pecuniary interests as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors; and

(c) notice under Section 106 Local Government Finance Act 1992 – non-payment of Community Charge or Council Tax.

Note: Members are reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of their interests at the commencement of the meeting (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a pecuniary interest the Member must withdraw from the room unless one of the exceptions applies.

Membership of Warwickshire County Council or any Parish Council is classed as a non-pecuniary interest under the Code of Conduct. A Member does not need to declare this interest unless the Member chooses to speak on a matter relating to their membership. If the Member does not wish to speak on the matter, the Member may still vote on the matter without making a declaration.

4. Review of the one-page strategy (attached).
5. Programme of work – discussion with officers to agree a timetable and programme of work for the review.
6. Dates of future meetings – please bring your diaries to the meeting.

PART 2 – EXEMPT INFORMATION

There is no business involving exempt information.

Membership of the group:

Councillors Mrs A'Barrow, Mrs Bragg, Douglas, Mrs Garcia, Leigh Hunt, Keeling and Mrs O'Rourke

If you have any general queries with regard to this agenda please contact Linn Ashmore, Democratic Services Officer (01788 533522 or e-mail linn.ashmore@rugby.gov.uk). Any specific queries concerning reports should be directed to the listed contact officer.

If you wish to attend the meeting and have any special requirements for access please contact the Democratic Services Officer named above.

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ONE-PAGE STRATEGY

What is the broad topic area?

Facilities for disabled people and access for people with disabilities to council owned or run buildings, open spaces or parks.

What is the specific topic area?

Customer access to buildings and facilities is a key component of the Council's Corporate Priorities. Planned programmes for improvement or refurbishment of current amenities continue to ensure that council owned buildings, parks and open spaces are accessible for all members of the public, wherever this is possible. Current work programmes aspire to provide safe and accessible environments for all including people with physical, sensory and cognitive impairments to allow greater independence and enjoyment, wherever this is practical within the resources available.

The review will consider the current inclusive approach to the management of facilities and access to council owned or run buildings, parks and open spaces and identify any improvements that could be made. This will take into account people with specific mobility, sensory and communication impairments, learning disabilities and continence needs.

What should be considered?

The following areas are relevant to the discussions:

- Amenities at council owned or run facilities
- Toilet facilities for people with disabilities
- The Changing Places scheme
- Access to buildings and parks owned and managed by the Council
- Programme of investment
- Compliance with relevant legislation, strategies or policies in relation to accessibility
- Examples of good practise
- Surveys or access assessments
- Car parks
- Licensing of taxis
- The change of circumstances and future needs of council tenants

Who shall we consult?

Relevant disability organisations or groups
Warwickshire County Council
Members of the public

How long should it take?

Report to committee in March 2019, provided there are no budgetary implications.

What will be the outcome?

Recommendations on actions or initiatives to improve facilities or accessibility of buildings, parks and open spaces that will have a positive impact in supporting an inclusive environment for all local residents.