

**TO: ACCESS ADVISORY PANEL
28 SEPTEMBER 2016**

**ACCESS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT
Director of Corporate Services**

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Council has a continuing commitment to fund access improvements to its' public buildings through the capital programme. Schools and other educational buildings are not included in this programme and are dealt with separately.
- 1.2 The Councils' performance is measured on the percentage of authority buildings open to the public in which all public areas are suitable for and accessible to disabled people. Performance against this indicator is reported in the Corporate Services Quarterly Service Report. This report is intended to inform Members of the panel of our progress in this regard.
- 1.3 In addition to the buildings against which that performance indicator has been previously measured, the Council has chosen to expand the range of buildings to be considered for improvement. These now include those associated with adult social care services and non-school buildings associated with childrens' services. Access audit information has already been gathered for these properties and a programme of works is now being to be implemented.
- 1.4 Beyond those additional buildings, the Council also intends to undertake access audits of other operational buildings. This will become the first step in extending the benefits of access improvements to all staff and visitors to our properties.

2 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Publically Accessible Buildings List

- 2.1 The list of buildings that were deemed publically accessible was originally created to enable reporting to central government of progress against Best Value Performance Indicator 156. The Council is no longer required to report against that performance indicator but has chosen to maintain the list as a good measure of our own progress.
- 2.2 Changes in the Councils' property portfolio prompted a review of the list of buildings considered as being required to be publically accessible, which has seen some properties removed and others added. These changes to the list mean that our outturn as a percentage is not directly comparable with those reported in previous years. The current outturn is 94.7%, which represents 36 of the 38 buildings on the list. A copy of the current list of publically accessible buildings is appended to this report.

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- 2.3 Last year we undertook last of the currently planned works at our publically accessible buildings, which saw a range of improvements undertaken at Ascot Heath Library.

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- 2.4 Amongst our operational properties, improvements have been completed at the Youth Service accommodation in Portman Close, the Youth Offending Service in Binfield Road, Bracknell Open Learning Centre and Sandhurst Youth Centre.

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- 2.5 This year we are undertaking the last works currently planned to our operational properties. This includes minor improvements to the family centre at Wick Hill Cottage, the Oaks Childrens Centre and the Age Concern building in Forest Park. We're also taking the opportunity to upgrade the access controls to Bullbrook Community Centre.
- 2.6 The two remaining publically accessible buildings are the car parks at Charles Square and High Street. These buildings are due to be assessed to identify any improvements that may be required, although this work has been delayed because of ongoing town centre improvement works.
- 2.7 When the above works are completed later this year, it will draw to a close the Councils' formal Access Improvement Programme for individually targeted works.
- 2.8 Whilst our records do indicate the need for further improvement works in a range of different properties, their nature is such that they can only be undertaken as part of much more significant refurbishment or alteration works. These records will therefore be combined with our general condition survey data and considered as part of future planned maintenance or refurbishment schemes.

Background Papers

Publically Accessible Buildings List – November 2015

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Publically Accessible Buildings

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The percentage of Council owned and managed buildings that are open to the public in which all public areas are suitable for and accessible to disabled people.

Excludes public conveniences, schools and other educational establishments.

	Property	Accessible?	Improvement Programme	Last Audited	Audit Company	Outturn (%)
1	Sandhurst Youth Centre (The Spot)	Yes		Apr-07	Pemberton Assoc.	2.6
2	Binfield Library	Yes		Feb-02	Wrightson O'Brien Ltd	5.3
3	Birch Hill Library	Yes		Feb-02	Wrightson O'Brien Ltd	7.9
4	Cem & Crem	Yes		Feb-02	Pemberton Assoc.	10.5
5	Crowthorne Library	Yes		New building		13.2
6	Easthampstead & Wildridings Community	Yes		Feb-02	Wrightson O'Brien Ltd	15.8
7	Easthampstead House	Yes		Apr-01	Pemberton Assoc.	18.4
8	Harmans Water Swimming Pool	Yes		Feb-02	Pemberton Assoc.	21.1
9	Time Square	Yes		Feb-02	Wrightson O'Brien Ltd	23.7
10	Whitegrove Library	Yes		Feb-02	Wrightson O'Brien Ltd	26.3
11	Harmans Water Library	Yes	2007/08	Apr-01	Pemberton Assoc.	28.9
12	The Look Out	Yes	2007/08	Apr-01	Pemberton Assoc.	31.6
13	Edgbarrow Sports Centre	Yes	2007/08	Apr-01	Pemberton Assoc.	34.2
14	Great Hollands Community Centre	Yes	2007/08	Feb-02	Pemberton Assoc.	36.8
15	Martins Heron Community Centre	Yes	2007/08	May-07	Andrews Partnership	39.5
16	Owlsmoor Community Centre	Yes	2007/08	Apr-07	Pemberton Assoc.	42.1
17	Priestwood Community Centre	Yes	2007/08	May-07	Andrews Partnership	44.7
18	Sandhurst Sports Centre	Yes	2007/08	Apr-01	Pemberton Assoc.	47.4
19	Forest Park Community Centre	Yes	2008/09	Feb-02	Pemberton Assoc.	50.0
20	Horseshoe Lake Sailing Centre	Yes	2008/09	Feb-02	Pemberton Assoc.	52.6
21	Pines Community Centre	Yes	2008/09	May-07	Andrews Partnership	55.3
22	Birch Hill Community Centre	Yes	2008/09	Jun-07	Pemberton Assoc.	57.9
23	Easthampstead Park Conference Centre	Yes	2009/10	Feb-04	T.B.A.	60.5
24	Downshire Golf Club	Yes	2009/10	Jun-08	Andrews Partnership	63.2
25	Coral Reef	Yes	2009/10	Feb-02	Pemberton Assoc.	65.8
26	Bullbrook Community Centre	Yes	2009/10	Feb-02	Wrightson O'Brien Ltd	68.4
27	Farley Wood Community Centre	Yes	2010/11	Feb-02	Wrightson O'Brien Ltd	71.1
28	The Zone Youth Centre	Yes	2010	New building		73.7
29	Jennetts Park Community Centre	Yes	2011	New building		76.3
30	Crown Wood Community Centre	Yes	2012/13	Feb-02	Wrightson O'Brien Ltd	78.9
31	Bracknell Library	Yes	2012/13	Apr-01	Pemberton Assoc.	81.6
32	Sandhurst Library	Yes	2012/13	Feb-02	Pemberton Assoc.	84.2
33	Great Hollands Library	Yes	2014/15	Feb-02	Pemberton Assoc.	86.8
34	Bracknell Sports & Leisure Centre	Yes	2013/14	Mar-07	Pemberton Assoc.	89.5
35	Parks Community Centre	Yes	2015	New building		92.1
36	North Ascot Library	Yes	2015/16	Feb-02	Wrightson O'Brien Ltd	94.7
37	Car park 2 - Charles Square	No		Added 2013		97.4
38	Car park 4 - High Street	No		Added 2013		100.0