

Report of	Meeting	Date
Chief Executive (Introduced by the Executive Member for Resources, Policy and Performance)	Executive Cabinet	12 December 2013

CHANGING PLACES TOILET PROPOSAL

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To seek authority to site a Changing Places Toilet within the Town Hall reception area.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. That the Executive authorise the building of a Changing Places Toilet within the Town Hall reception area.
3. That budget provision is agreed at £50'000.00 to build the toilet facility and remodel the reception area.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

4. Earlier this year, the local branch officers of the Changing Places Toilet Campaign met with the Council and the Council are a supporter of their campaign to promote the provision of toilets that are accessible to all including those who cannot use standard accessible toilets.
5. The Council became aware that LCC were providing grants for the provision of such facilities and Chorley Council secured funding of up to £50'000.00.
6. Chorley Council considered the provision in Council owned buildings identified the reception area of the Town Hall as having the necessary space and accessibility to the public, as being a suitable location.
7. The Council have undertaken some design work, which is appended to this report, and have had the cost of delivery estimated at £35'000.00. This is well within the budget set by LCC.

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Key Decision? Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

(If the recommendations are accepted)

8. The provision of this facility will enhance the quality of life for people who are unable to use standard accessible toilets. There will be little cost to the Council and the on-going maintenance and cleaning will be absorbed in to Council budgets. It is also in line with the intention of the Council to increase the use of Council buildings and accessibility by the public.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

9. None

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

10. This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Involving residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all		A strong local economy	
Clean, safe and healthy communities	X	An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area	

BACKGROUND

11. The Changing Places campaign is on behalf of those people who cannot use standard accessible toilets. This includes people with profound and multiple learning disabilities and their carers. The campaign calls for installation of Changing Places toilets with enough space and the right equipment, including a height adjustable changing bench and a hoist.
12. The local branch of this campaign met with the officers earlier this year and since then we have supported them to campaign for changing places toilets in Chorley.

13. Currently there are facilities at All Seasons Leisure Centre and at the Arts Partnership, though none that are publically available in the town centre. To this end we have been assessing our own buildings and lobbying town centre developments such as ASDA to include a facility.
14. In their last budget, Lancashire County Council announced some funding for such facilities across the county. We have been quick to secure some funding for Chorley. They will provide up to £50,000 for the adaptations required to install a changing places toilet. It is intended to use this funding to build a facility within the Town Hall.
15. A feasibility study was undertaken of both the town hall and the Union Street offices to find a suitable place to install the facility. The Union Street offices were not a viable option owing to the amount of space required for the facility, therefore, the Town Hall reception has been considered.
16. The proposal is to change some of the underused space in the Town Hall reception to include a changing places facility. This would reduce the size of the reception and waiting area, but would still provide sufficient space for the needs of the reception.
17. The facility would be accessible to the public when the Town Hall is open as it will be able to be accessed through the main front doors without enabling people to enter the rest of the building.
18. The attached plans show the proposal in more detail. This shows the reception counter moved towards the window on Market Street, and the seating area included by the window. The changing places facility will take up the space from the interior wall of the building. It will meet the requirements for such a facility in terms of size and equipment.
19. The budget for the works is £35,000 excluding VAT and Fees. All of this is within the £50,000 budget offered by Lancashire County Council.
20. Timescales for this work are currently being worked up, but it is likely that following a procurement exercise, work will aim to start in March 2014 with delivery completed by the summer.

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

21. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

Finance	x	Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal	x	Integrated Impact Assessment required?	
No significant implications in this area		Policy and Communications	

COMMENTS OF THE STATUTORY FINANCE OFFICER

22. Whilst there are financial implications in connection with the development of the facility these will be met from the grant funding from LCC. The additional cost of maintaining the toilet will be met from council budgets.

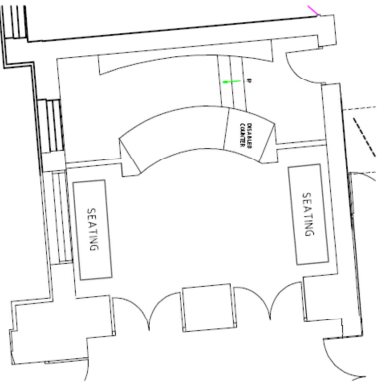
COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

23. None.

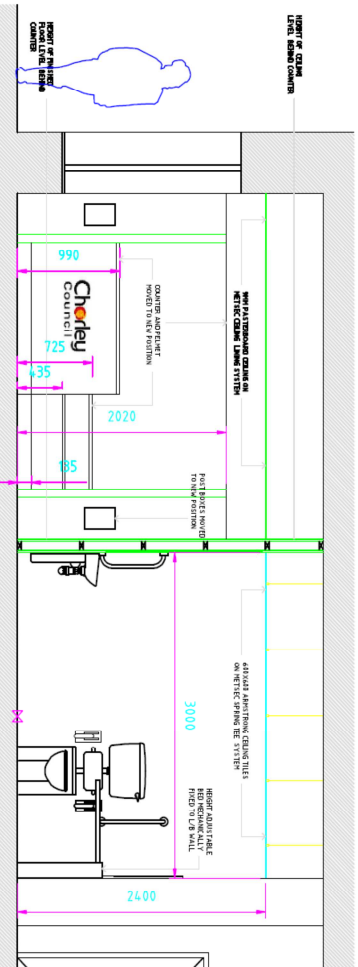
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There are no background papers to this report.

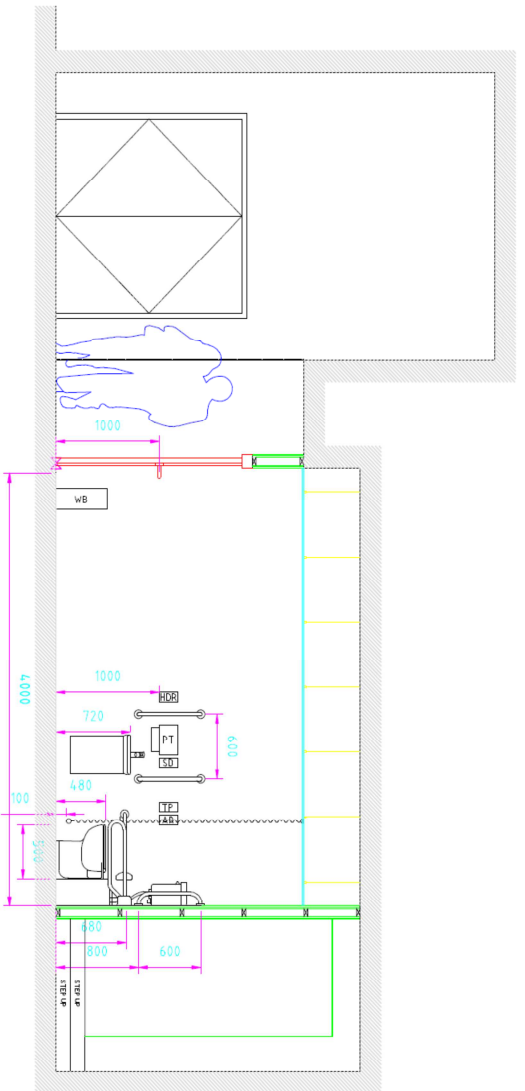
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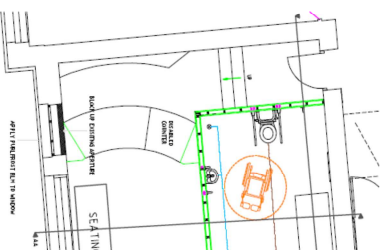
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