

<b>PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM No. 7</b>
<b>12 JANUARY 2010</b>	<b>PUBLIC REPORT</b>

Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Councillor Peter Hiller – Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Community Development	
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**COUNCIL APPROVED GUIDANCE – TOWARDS INCLUSIVE DESIGN**

<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	
<b>FROM : Simon Machen Head of Planning Services</b>	<b>Deadline date : None</b>
That the Committee approves the guidance “Towards Inclusive Design” as attached to this report.	

**1. ORIGIN OF REPORT**

1.1 This report is submitted to the Committee as instructed by the then Head of Planning Services.

**2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT**

2.1 The purpose of this report is to obtain the Committees approval for the issue of the guidance attached at Appendix A which has been up-dated by recent legislation, regulation and good practice guidance.

**TIMESCALE**

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	<b>NO</b>
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**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 In 1999 The City Council produced formal Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) entitled ‘*Design of the Built Environment for Full Accessibility*’. In 2004 Part M of the Building Regulations was amended and The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act was enacted, with the subsequent issue of guidance documents completed in 2009. The then Head of Planning Services instructed that the Supplementary Planning Guidance should be superseded with up-dated Council approved guidance.

**4. CONSULTATION**

4.1 As this guidance is in line with legislation, consultations have been conducted with Planning and Building Control colleagues across the service, the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Community Development, the Peterborough Disability Forum and the East of England Access Association.

**5. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES**

It is anticipated that the guidance will:

1. Enhance the inclusivity of the built environment.

2. Improve the quality of pre-application enquiries.
3. Problem-solve at an early stage in the planning process
4. Speed up the planning process.

## **6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 To comply with statute and the guidance produced by the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE).

## **7. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 7.1 The alternative option was not to produce an up-date of the 1999 document.

## **8. IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 Not to up-date the document would have a detrimental impact on both the Planning and Building Control service levels and customer satisfaction. In light of this, it was not considered to be an appropriate option.

## **9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985)

1999 Peterborough SPG *Design of the Built Environment for Full Accessibility.*

2004 *Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act.*

2004 *Approved Document M.*

2009 *Inclusion by Design* CABE