



Dorset Council Access Action Plan 2006 - 2009

1. Improving access to Council Buildings Services and Facilities

GOAL: To ensure Council owned and/ or managed facilities are progressively modified or built to be accessible to all.

Objectives	Strategies	Budget Resources	Responsible Department	Completion Date
To ensure all members of the community are able to access progressively modified existing and new council owned buildings and facilities.	<p>To progressively modify existing assets, wherever possible and practical.</p> <p>To develop a prioritisation list of existing assets based on high to low risk, usage, and budget allocation.</p>	Dorset Council 10 year financial plan June 2006 and annual estimates	Community Development and Services	Annual and progressive 2006 - 2007
	<p>To undertake an access audit of Council owned facilities and services such as parks and recreation facilities and venues, streetscapes and footpaths, public car parking, signage and information services, and toilet and parenting facilities.</p> <p>To ensure all future assets meet the required Australian Standards.</p> <p>To ensure that when major upgrades are undertaken all Council owned assets are progressively modified to be made accessible to all members of the community.</p>	<p>Annual Estimates 2006-07, 2007-08 2008-09</p> <p>and grant applications where appropriate</p>	<p>Works and Infrastructure,</p> <p>Development and Environment</p> <p>Community Development and Services,</p>	<p>2006-08</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>As identified and undertaken</p>



2. Improve Community Participation, Consultation and Communication

GOAL: To ensure members of the community are able to participate in Council activities, have input into and are kept informed of Council's decision and directions.

Objectives	Strategies	Budget Resources	Responsible Department	Completion Date
To ensure communications issued by Council are accessible and "user friendly" for members of the community, where appropriate.	<p>To undertake an accessible audit of all communication processes by Council.</p> <p>To establish an accessible information register that keeps a record of people who require information in alternate formats.</p>	Annual Estimates 2006-07	Corporate Services, Community Development and Services	2006-07
	To establish with Tourism organisations accessible/mobility tourism maps highlighting the essential services.	To be considered in Annual Estimates 07-08	Community Development and Services	2007-08



3. Improve Staff Training

GOAL: To ensure there is widespread understanding of the needs of people with disabilities by Council staff having the skills to provide quality services to all customers.

Objectives	Strategies	Budget Resources	Responsible Department	Completion Date
To provide staff with disability customer relations training	To incorporate disability awareness, and other relevant training, into the staff induction process. To provide all staff with an 'Effective communication with people with disabilities' training session.	Annual Estimates 2006-07	Corporate Services, Community Development and Services	2006-07

4. Improve Development and Approval Processes

GOAL: To ensure new building developments throughout the Council are accessible for all.

Objectives	Strategies	Budget Resources	Responsible Department	Completion Date
To ensure Council's planning, building and urban design processes cater for accessibility of new developments in the municipality	To ensure Council's planning, building and urban design processes meet the best practice standards.	Annual Estimates	Development and Environment	Ongoing



5. Future Directions

GOAL: Council to be a leader in the region by developing and changing facilities and services to be more inclusive and accessible for all.

Objectives	Strategies	Budget Resources	Responsible Department	Completion Date
To ensure effective strategic advice is provided to the Council.	For the Disability Access Group to meet annually to review the Disability Access Plan and provide strategic advice to Council, wherever necessary.	Annual Estimates	Community Development and Services	2007 - 2009