

Report on	Response to Consultation on Department for Communities Disability Action Plan 2020-24
Date of Meeting	Thursday 8 th October 2020
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	The purpose of this report is to inform members of a draft response developed on behalf Council to the Department for Communities Disability Action Plan 2020-24.
2.0	Background
2.1	Members received notification of this consultation at the August Council meeting. On discussion of the issues contained it was agreed that a response be developed on behalf of Council. Issues raised by Members related to feedback from residents in the District regarding their experience of accessing services from a disability perspective.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The draft response as attached as Appendix A indicates a general support to the Department's Draft Disability Action Plan. The response has focused on encouraging cross-departmental working of government departments, particularly in relation to accessibility.
3.2	Please note, an extension was sought and granted to the Council to facilitate the development and approval of a response.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: None
	Human: None
	Risk Management:

4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: External response. Screening not required.
	Rural Needs Implications: External response. Impact Assessment not required.
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That members consider the draft response and recommend its approval to Council for submission to the Department for Communities.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A: Draft Consultation Response to Consultation on Dept. for Communities Disability Action Plan 2020-24