

**SALISBURY DISTRICT COUNCIL
SPECIAL DELEGATION PROCEDURE**

Cllrs Sample & Tomes
For your approval & return to DSU

COMMITTEE CONCERNED: **Cabinet**

FROM: **Derek Streek**

SERVICE UNIT:

Housing Management

DATE: 17 November 2008

Refurbishment and overhaul of passenger lifts at Culver Street Multi Storey Car Park, Salisbury

Over the last few years both lifts in this car park have become increasingly prone to breakdowns, usually 3 or 4 times a month, some breakdowns are minor some are serious. This of course creates operational difficulties with lifts being out of order, and damages the council's reputation for providing an excellent service.

Lifts being out of order also means that users of the car park in wheelchairs or parents with children in prams or buggies need to use the vehicle ramps to travel between floors. This causes serious health and safety issues due to the conflict of pedestrians and vehicles using the same narrow access ramps.

Members also need to be aware that the lifts do not comply with the current Disability Discrimination legislation and that work needs to be done urgently to bring the lifts up to standard and reduce the risk of prosecution.

In the light of the above, and due to the original manufactures of the lifts no longer being in business, advice and recommendations for the necessary improvements and repairs have been sought from Triangle Lift Services Ltd who have been repairing and servicing these lifts for a number of years. Their recommendations include upgrading all electronic control boards, floor selectors, test controls, renewal of alarm systems with battery back up, complete electrical rewiring, DDA compliant call panels, shaft switches etc. They further recommend that the lift cars be renewed to fully comply with DDA requirements including new doors with suitable edge protection curtains, mirrors, handrails, new lighting, etc.

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(Please tick relevant box)

IMPLICATIONS	OFFICER	COMMENTS (incl)	NONE	NOT APPLICABLE
Legal	Jane Ferguson			
Financial	Alan Osborne	Within existing budget, health and safety issue.		
Personnel				NA
Environmental				NA

Co-ordinated with **Brian Murdoch Forward Planning and Transportation**
Jane Ferguson Legal Department
Alan Osborne Financial Services

APPROVED

Leader :  Portfolio Holder :

Copy to: Chairman & Vice-Chairman of relevant Scrutiny Panel

When completed the lifts will be fully compliant with Disability legislation and will include voice annunciation for the visually impaired. The works are to be phased in order that only one lift will be out of service at any one time.

Refurbishment of the existing lifts is considerably less expensive than providing new and it is recommended that refurbishment is the preferred option. To provide new lifts within the existing structure we estimate would cost in the region of £90,000 to £100, 000 including specialist consultant fees and necessary builder's works.

Triangle Lifts have gained a great deal of experience over the years repairing, maintaining and servicing these lifts. Recently fitted replacement parts and equipment are compatible with the works necessary to bring these lifts up to current standards. In the light of Triangle Lifts experience, compatibility of parts recently installed and their ability to carry out the works in the timescales required, it is recommended that the works be carried out by Triangle Lifts Ltd.

Triangle Lift's quotation to carry out these works is £67,230:00, which is included within the existing planned maintenance budget.

Due to the urgency of carrying out these works and that there is a lead in time of some 14 weeks, and in order to have the works completed within the current financial year, it is recommended that Financial Regulations be waived in this instance and that the order for the works be placed with Triangle Lift Services Ltd.