

<b>Report Title: Update to Accessibility Strategy and Action Plan</b> <b>Submitted by; Cllr Simon Mallett</b>
<b>Approval / Noting</b> For approval.
<b>Purpose of the Report</b> To update the Council on progress made by BTC Accessibility Strategy Working Group and the associated Action Plan since the last report to Full Council in April 2022.
<b>Background Information</b> Belper Town Council adopted an Accessibility Strategy in November 2020 which had been developed by some Councillors in partnership with Accessible Belper. The Accessible Belper group was wound up at the beginning of this year (2022), although it was agreed by Full Council that the Working Group should continue progressing initiatives to improve the environment for people with disabling conditions as defined within the strategy. The Action Plan has been updated identifying progress and new initiatives since then and is attached to this report as Appendix 1.  Key areas for consideration are as follows: Nimbus Disability – Access Card Derbyshire County Council – Highways Department Accessibility Partnership Belper
<b>Legislation</b> The Equality Act 2010 The Disability Discrimination Act 1995
<b>Accessibility Implications</b> This report and associated documents relate directly to the need for Council services and information to be accessible for people with disabling conditions.
<b>Climate Emergency Implications</b> There are no environmental consequences that result from this report.
<b>Financial Implications</b> There are no immediate financial implications that arise from this report.
<b>Recommendation(s)</b> That Belper Town Council note and agree the changes to the Accessibility Strategy Action Plan.