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**THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA
CABINET – 22 FEBRUARY 2007**

**REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY AND SERVICE
IMPROVEMENT**

**CABINET RESPONSE TO REPORT OF THE
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON HOUSING,
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND ADULT CARE SERVICES
SUBGROUP ON ACCESS TO SERVICES FOR DISABLED PEOPLE**

Further To Cabinet's discussion of this report on 15 January, this paper invites the Cabinet to consider and approve a formal response. This will then be conveyed to the OSC on Housing Environmental Health and Adult Care Services.

For discussion

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The paper at Annex A presents a draft response to the recommendations of the sub-group of the OSC on Housing Environmental Health and Adult Care Services that considered access to services for disabled people in the Royal Borough. The sub-group's report was circulated separately in January. Further copies are available from Governance services on request.

2. Financial, legal and equalities implications

- 2.1. The recommendations and proposed responses mostly address mainstream Council activity, and any actions required will be met from within existing resources. The exceptions are the responses to recommendation H1, where the TMO need to find additional resources; recommendation T2, which anticipates a bid for external funding; and recommendation H9, where a bid in next year's business planning round is anticipated. A draft response to one recommendation (Eq4) will be reported at the cabinet meeting.
- 2.2. Actions in support of the OSC's recommendations will contribute to the fulfilment of the duties placed on the Council by the Disability Discrimination Act 2005. A number of these actions have already

been approved by Cabinet as part of the recently-revised Equality Scheme and Action Plan.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1. Cabinet is invited to consider the draft response and approve a final version which will be conveyed to the Committee.

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Background papers: Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Housing, Environmental Health and Adult Care Services Subgroup on Access to Services for Disabled People