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## **Disability West Lothian Access Committee**

### **What the West Lothian Panel has been up to?**

- **West Lothian Council - Community Streets dropped kerbs and handrails**
  - West Lothian Council Improvements Phase 1 and 2
  - Referral to committee for a number of requests, comments and recommendations given.
  - Aim to improve access for local community, to join up drop kerbs to pavements, install handrails on stair and to paths where practical to do so.
- **Planning and Building Control - New Builds, and Refurbishments**
  - Whitehill Service Centre Refurbishment – Review showers, car parking.
  - Armadale Community Centre - Nursery Extension review resting place and entry system
  - Blackburn Partnership Centre Development. Loops, signage, toilets
  - West Lothian Social Housing – wheelchair accessible housing, issues with accessible bathroom design.
- **Scottish Building Standards** – looking at difficulty of minimum standards and practical use by disabled people.
- **Local Issues**
  - Arrochar House Accessibility – issues with parking, doors and location of entrance.
  - Party at the Palace accessibility – Update on access issues from 2016 event
  - Taxi Variation Application – West Lothian Council requested comments for committee on a variation application they received. Members commented against granting variation, Licensing denied currently going through appeal process, update appeal withdrawn.
  - Livingston Retail Park new development – checking access features
  - Parking Issues, Blue Badge Abuse
  - Train Cancellations and access issues
  - Local Allotments Access
  - Local Bowling Club Access
  - 'Walk and Talk' Audits - HMP Addiewell and Linlithgow Football Club

❖ Equality ❖ Access ❖ Consultation ❖ Training ❖ Inclusion ❖ Empowerment ❖

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- **West Lothian Access Fund Application and recommendation**
  - Whitburn Junior Football Club – Fund granted. Improvements made new stand will now has increased access features for spectators who are ambulant disabled or wheelchair users.
- **Events, Consultations and Forums**
  - Edinburgh Airport Flight Path consolation
  - West Lothian Equality Outcome review and consultation – 2017 – 2020 plan, plan English use increased, increased relevance to local people.
  - Airport Concierge Service – New disabled passenger support
  - SesTran Equalities and Access to healthcare forum – Thistle Card App
  - SATA – Accessible Transport Framework
  - SDEF Housing for Disabled People consultation - input
  - Hate Crime Events
  - Draft British Sign Language National Plan comments
  - Scotrail Accessible Awareness Day
  - Accessible Holiday Chalet opening Dunbar

### **Who have we been engaging with?**

- West Lothian Council – Equalities Advisor Human Resources, Occupational Therapy, Housing, Building Control, Planning, Licencing,
- Lothian NHS
- Local Councillors, MSP and MP's
- Local Organisation and Businesses
- Scottish Disability Equality Forum
- SATA
- SESTran
- Inclusion Scotland

### **What are West Lothian plans for the next three months?**

- Continued involvement in West Lothian Council Project Developments
- Access Audits
- West Lothian Access Fund site visits and application review
- Input into local issues.
- Local Events attend and local involvement
- Attendance at affordable National events