

Disability Access/Cultural Audit

Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority require a quotation to carry out a Disability Access/Cultural Audits of all buildings and environments as listed below:

Properties

| FIRE STATIONS | | | | | |
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| ID | Property | Details | | | |
| 10 | Kirkdale Studholme St Liverpool | Date Of Construction | 2012 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 1872 |
| | | No of Appliance Bays | 3 | Total Site Area (acres) | 0.95 |
| 11 | City Centre St Annes St Liverpool | Date Of Construction | 2006 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 1516 |
| | | No of Appliance Bays | 4 | Total Site Area (acres) | 0.59 |
| 12 | Kensington Beech St Liverpool | Date Of Construction | 2010 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 962 |
| | | No of Appliance Bays | 2 | Total Site Area (acres) | 0.025 |
| 14 | Speke and Garston Cartwrights Farm Road | Date Of Construction | 1999 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 1331 |
| | | No of Appliance Bays | 3 | Total Site Area (acres) | 1.1 |
| 15 | Toxteth Windsor St Liverpool | Date Of Construction | 2013 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 885 |
| | | No of Appliance Bays | 2 | Total Site Area (acres) | 1 |
| 16 | Old Swan Queens Drive Liverpool | Date Of Construction | 1999 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 1331 |
| | | No of Appliance Bays | 3 | Total Site Area (acres) | 1.55 |
| 17 | Belle Vale Childwall Valley Road | Date Of Construction | 2013 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 1596 |
| | | No of Appliance Bays | 2 | Total Site Area (acres) | 0.95 |
| 18 | Aintree Longmoor Lane Liverpool | Date Of Construction | 1926 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 691 |
| | | No of Appliance Bays | 3 | Total Site Area (acres) | 0.43 |
| 19 | Croxteth Storrington Ave Liverpool | Date Of Construction | 1950 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 1372 |
| | | No of Appliance Bays | 4 | Total Site Area (acres) | 0.46 |
| 20 | Birkenhead Exmouth St Liverpool | Date Of Construction | 2013 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 1204 |
| | | No of Appliance Bays | 3 | Total Site Area (acres) | 0.85 |
| 21 | Brombough Dock Road, Wirral | Date Of Construction | 1959 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 926 |
| | | No of Appliance Bays | 3 | Total Site Area (acres) | 0.8 |
| 22 | Heswall Telegraph Road, Wirral | Date Of Construction | 1940 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 660 |
| | | No of Appliance Bays | 3 | Total Site Area (acres) | 0.48 |
| 25 | Wallasey Mill Lane Wirral | Date Of Construction | 1973 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 1963 |
| | | No of Appliance Bays | 6 | Total Site Area (acres) | 1.2 |
| 26 | Saughall Massie saughall massie Road, Wirral | Date Of Construction | 2019 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 647 |
| | | No of Appliance Bays | 2 | Total Site Area (acres) | 0.48 |
| 30 | Bootle & Netherton Buckley Hill Bootle | Date Of Construction | 2012 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 1421 |
| | | No of Appliance Bays | 2 | Total Site Area (acres) | 1.2 |
| 31 | Crosby Crosby Road North | Date Of Construction | 1961 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 1015 |
| | | No of Appliance Bays | 3 | Total Site Area (acres) | 0.9 |
| 32 | Formby Church Road Formby | Date Of Construction | 2012 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 813 |
| | | No of Appliance Bays | 2 | Total Site Area (acres) | 0.57 |
| 33 | Southport Manchester Road | Date Of Construction | 2013 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 1649 |
| | | No of Appliance Bays | 5 | Total Site Area (acres) | 0.7 |
| 42 | Kirkby Webster Drive Liverpool | Date Of Construction | 1960 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 915 |
| | | No of Appliance Bays | 2 | Total Site Area (acres) | 1 |
| 43 | Prescot Manchester Road, Prescot | Date Of Construction | 2018 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 1200 |
| | | No of Appliance Bays | 3 | Total Site Area (acres) | 2 |
| 50 | St Helens Violet way | Date Of Construction | 2020 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 1000 |
| | | No of Appliance Bays | 3 | Total Site Area (acres) | 2 |
| 51 | Newton Le Williows Borron Road | Date Of Construction | 2012 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 813 |
| | | No of Appliance Bays | 2 | Total Site Area (acres) | 0.55 |

| Non Operational Sites | | | | | |
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| 71 | Service Headquarters | Date Of Construction | 1965 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 3310 |
| | Bridle Road | No of Appliance Bays | | Total Site Area (acres) | 5.6 |
| | Joint Control Centre | Date Of Construction | 2014 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 3710 |
| | Bridle Road | No of Appliance Bays | | Total Site Area (acres) | |
| 19b | Training School TDA | Date Of Construction | 1960 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 2920 |
| | Storrington Avenue, Liverpool | No of Appliance Bays | | Total Site Area (acres) | 3.95 |
| V1 | Vesty Unit 1 | Date Of Construction | 2008 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 3505 |
| | Vesty Business Park, Vest Road | No of Appliance Bays | | Total Site Area (acres) | 2 |
| V5A | Vesty Unit 5A | Date Of Construction | 2008 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 378 |
| | Vesty Business Park, Vest Road | No of Appliance Bays | | Total Site Area (acres) | 0.4 |
| V5B | Vesty Unit 5B | Date Of Construction | 2008 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 378 |
| | Vesty Business Park, Vest Road | No of Appliance Bays | | Total Site Area (acres) | 4 |
| 81 | Marine Fire 1 | Date Of Construction | 2012 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 251 |
| | Pier Head, Liverpool | No of Appliance Bays | | Total Site Area (acres) | n/a |
| 51a | Newton Le Willows LLAR | Date Of Construction | 1974 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 165 |
| | 26 silverdale Road, Newton Le willows | No of Appliance Bays | | Total Site Area (acres) | |
| 51b | Newton Le Willows LLAR | Date Of Construction | 1974 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 135 |
| | 23 Borron Road, Newton Le willows | No of Appliance Bays | | Total Site Area (acres) | |
| 17a | Belle Vale LLAR | Date Of Construction | 2010 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 209 |
| | Chidwall Valley Road | No of Appliance Bays | | Total Site Area (acres) | |
| 32b | Formby New LLAR | Date Of Construction | 2020 | Total Floor Area (m2) | 200 |
| | 3a Cable street, Formby | No of Appliance Bays | | Total Site Area (acres) | 0.2 |

The intention of the audit is to appraise defined areas of the existing accommodation and to assess how well a building performs in relation to access and ease of use by a wide range of potential users, including people with mobility, cognitive and sensory impairments but also to others from within the protected characteristics outlined in the Equality Act 2010.

A comprehensive Disability Access Audit is required of all buildings listed including:

- External Circulation / Access
- Building Entrance
- Reception
- Corridors
- Circulation
- Internal Stairs
- Internal Ramps
- Lifts
- Internal Doors
- Wayfinding / Means of Escape
- Toilet Facilities
- Accessible Toilets
- Employee Facilities

The audit is required to evaluate the inclusivity of our current facilities and identify any areas of improvement in relation to the needs of all people both employees and visitors regardless of their age, gender, ethnicity or other protected characteristics including:

- Facilities for female fire fighters – Night rooms, locker rooms, changing facilities
- Toilet facilities (Male, Female, Gender neutral)

We recognise that it's not been possible to include the following facilities in some of our properties, we would however be interested to understand how we could incorporate these into our current properties and future plans based on usage both by staff and the community.

- Dedication space for prayer and reflection
- Mother and baby facilities

Report Format

The audit report will make proposals for works where required to improve the current facilities in accordance with the definitions of the Equality Act 2010.

Individual reports and general covering guidance are required for each property.

Recommendations to create an inclusive environment which is accommodating for all people, regardless of their age, gender, mobility, ethnicity or circumstances.

A detailed assessment of cost for implementing proposed works is required in a schedule format and priority headings as follows:

- A. High priority requiring urgent action
- B. Important actions requiring urgent attention at the earliest opportunity during the on-going maintenance programme
- C. Desirable items of a minor nature to be carried out in conjunction with future ongoing alteration or renovation of the building
- D. Beneficial improvements to the building that should be undertaken in conjunction with major renovations or improvements to the property.

Timescale

The audits needs be started and run concurrently and completed by June 2021. The successful supplier needs to submit a project plan on how they propose to complete the work.

Equality Act 2010

The Equality Act 2010 has extended the provisions and duties of the Disability Discrimination Act 2005 to cover a wide range of matters. These now include: age, disability, gender, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or beliefs and sexual orientation.

Section29 of the Act deals with the provision of services to the public and Section39 deals with employment and places of work. In respect of Section29 of the Act, a

provider of services must not discriminate against any person within the definitions of the Act to whom the services are provided.

This section therefore requires a pro-active approach in considering inclusive access to a building. In respect of Section 39 of the Act, an employer must not discriminate against an employee within the definitions of the Act. This section therefore requires a more reactive approach to access as requirements must take account of the particular access needs of individual employees.

In particular, in respect of buildings, Section 20 of the Act imposes a duty to make reasonable adjustments to buildings to ensure those affected by the Legislation are not prejudiced.

As a Fire Service building, consideration also needs to be given to Section 149 of the Equality Act relating to the Public Sector Equality Duty. This section imposes a further duty to eliminate discrimination that is prohibited under the Act. There is also a requirement to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within the definitions of the Act and to foster good relations between those who have a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it.

Building Regulations⁴ The legislative framework of the 'Building Regulations' is principally made up of the Building Regulations 2010 and The Building (Approved Inspectors etc.) Regulations 2010.

Approved Document M (ADM)⁵ requires that new, existing and temporary buildings, structures and spaces to provide access for all. ADM is one of a series of documents that has been approved and issued by the Secretary of State to provide practical guidance to the requirements of Schedule 1 to and regulation 7 of the Building Regulations 2000 for England and Wales.