

Kidsgrove Railway Station – A Bridge to Equality.

Proposed: Cllr Kyle Robinson

Seconded: Cllr Terry Turner

This Council notes:

1. The Department for Transport has renewed the funding scheme, Access for All. This fund is a pot of £100 million to cover improvements to accessing stations in England, Wales and Scotland between 2014-2019.
2. Award winning Kidsgrove Railway Station is the only fully operational Railway Station in the Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme.
3. Kidsgrove Railway Station has a footbridge to platforms 2, 3 and 4 but cannot be accessed by people with certain disabilities, rendering travel to certain UK cities from Kidsgrove for people with disabilities impossible.

This Council believes:

1. Kidsgrove Railway Station is a valuable asset to the people of Newcastle-under-Lyme.
2. Public transport should be accessible to all including the disabled, elderly, physically impaired and passengers with pushchairs.
3. The Department for Transport should grant funding to install a ramp at Kidsgrove Railway Station so that everyone in the Borough can access platforms 2, 3 and 4 without hindrance.

This Council resolves:

- 1 To support campaign efforts by Joan Walley MP and Kidsgrove Town Council to secure funding to provide accessibility improvements for Kidsgrove Railway Station.
2. That the Leader of the Council write to the Secretary of State for Transport, Patrick McLoughlin MP, to ask that Kidsgrove Railway Station is made a priority for funding in the Access for All scheme this year.