

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Response to the Publicly Accessible Toilets Scrutiny Panel Report</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>28 January 2015</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Executive Director of Environment, Development &amp; Housing</b>		
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<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		

**FOR GENERAL RELEASE****1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT**

- 1.1 The Scrutiny Panel on Publically Accessible Toilets was set up in response to concerns about the future provision of the service in light of the Council's financial pressures.
- 1.2 The council's Overview & Scrutiny Committee endorsed the Panel's report and recommendations on 13 July 2013 and referred it for consideration to the relevant decision making bodies.
- 1.3 Overview & Scrutiny Committee has requested an update on the progress made in implementing the Panel's recommendations which is detailed in Appendix 1.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 That Overview & Scrutiny Committee members consider and comment on the contents of this report and its appendix.

**3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The implementation of agreed scrutiny Panel recommendations is routinely monitored by the relevant scrutiny committee until members are content that all necessary actions have been undertaken. This is the first monitoring report regarding the recommendations relating to the scrutiny of publically accessible toilets.
- 3.2 In 2013 a scrutiny Panel was established in response to concerns about the future provision of the service in light of the Council's financial pressures. The terms of reference for the Panel were to consider:
  - The future of the service

- Future funding
- Types of provision
- Improving general access to the service
- Improving access to the service for particular need groups.

3.3 The Panel consisted of Cllr Amy Kennedy (Chair) Cllr Allan Robins, Cllr Denise Cobb and John Eyles (Co-optee from the Older Peoples Council). The Panel heard views from a range of stakeholders including Mencap, BHLINK Toilet User Group, Chron's and Colitis UK, Parent Carers Council and the Federation for Independent Living.

3.4 The Panels final report identified the importance of accessible toilets, both for the visitor economy and in especially for people with particular needs. The Panel assessed the quantity and quality of current provision in the city and the pressure on the service as a result of reducing budgets. The Panel produced 14 recommendations focussed on exploring ways to secure future provision of the service in increasingly restrained financial climate.

3.5 Appendix 1 to this report details progress made on each of the Panel's recommendations. The majority of recommendations are expected to feed in to an Action Plan for the service. Work on the Action Plan is progressing and is expected to be completed by June 2015.

#### **4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

4.1 The recommendations include exploring alternative models of maintaining publically accessible toilets as set out in Appendix 1.

#### **5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION**

5.1 None with regard to this report

#### **7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

##### Financial Implications:

7.1 None with regard to this report

*Finance Officer Consulted: Name*

*Date: dd/mm/yy*

##### Legal Implications:

7.2 None with regard to this report

*Lawyer Consulted: Name*

*Date: dd/mm/yy*

##### Equalities Implications:

7.3 None with regard to this report

Sustainability Implications:

7.4 None with regard to this report

Any Other Significant Implications:

7.5 None with regard to this report

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

### **Appendices:**

1. January 2015 Update to Publically Accessible Toilets Scrutiny Panel Recommendations.

### **Background Documents**

1. Publically Accessible Toilets Scrutiny Panel Report July 2013  
[http://present.brighton-hove.gov.uk/Published/C00000726/M00004781/\\$\\$ADocPackPublic.pdf](http://present.brighton-hove.gov.uk/Published/C00000726/M00004781/$$ADocPackPublic.pdf)

