

SUBJECT: PUBLIC TOILETS – MEMBER UPDATE

MEETING: STONG COMMUNITIES SELECT COMMITTEE

DATE: 10th November 2016

DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: Countywide

1. PURPOSE:

To provide members with an update on the provision of public toilets within the county.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 That members note the contents of the report.

3. KEY ISSUES:

3.1 The Strong Communities Select Committee initially investigated the provision of public conveniences in 2010 and Cabinet subsequently adopted various recommendations of the Select Committee.

3.2 Since the review the provision of public toilets has been gradually transferred to community and town councils, the funding implications being reflected in the various budgets approved.

3.3 Appendix 1 provides a summary of the ownership, management and funding of various public toilets situated around the county.

4. REASONS:

4.1 The provision of public toilets has gradually been transferred to local councils since the review. Three toilets were closed (Bulwark, Raglan, Tintern) but otherwise they have remained open being funded and managed by the local council or county council.

4.2 The initiative has demonstrated the capacity for the local councils to work collaboratively with the County Council to maintain local service provision during difficult financial circumstances.

4.3 Budget mandates have supported further transfer of services to local councils, including public toilet provision where this has not happened so far.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

None arising directly from the report.

However it is acknowledged that the review and subsequent decisions reduced the MCC public convenience budget by £162,000 in the approved 2011/12 budget.

Current indicative costs for provision (rates, utilities, cleaning and maintenance) along with current income levels are provided in appendix 2.

6. CONSULTEES:

None

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

None

8. SAFEGUARDING: There are no safeguarding implications arising from this report.

9. FUTURE GENERATIONS AND EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

This report provides information about existing service provision. As such there are no proposals that would require a FGE assessment. Should proposals in relation to the service come forward at some time in the future that suggest a change other than that already approved or a change in policy then an FGE assessment will be prepared.

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