

## REPORT

**SUBJECT: Update on Provision of Public Conveniences in Monmouthshire**

**MEETING: Strong Communities Select Committee**

**DATE: 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: Countywide**

### 1. PURPOSE

To provide members with an update on the provision of public conveniences within Monmouthshire.

### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That members note the contents of the report.

### 3. KEY ISSUES

3.1 On the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2010 MCC Cabinet received a report titled 'Provision of Public Conveniences in the Future'. This included recommendations from the Strong Communities Select Committee arrived at following a detailed review of the service by members. (Appendix 1 is an extract from that report and provides a summary of the recommendations for the future management of MCC public conveniences at that time).

3.2 Since those proposals were approved some further adjustments to provision have been agreed through the budget setting process, in particular in 2016/17 when proposals relating to local services included further changes.

3.3 On the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016 the Strong Communities Select Committee received an update on the provision of public conveniences in Monmouthshire provided by either the County Council or community or town councils. The appendix provided to that committee is replicated as Appendix 2 to this report but the following updates will be of interest:

3.3.1 Abergavenny Town Council has contributed £58,000 to the public convenience budget in 2016/17 to allow for the four public conveniences within the town to remain open whilst the town council reviews how the service might be arranged for the future. MCC officers are working with the town council to review options which may be adopted by the town council in the future. In the meantime officers anticipate the town council continuing to support the service financially in 2017/18 until such time as decisions are taken and implemented.

3.3.2 In Chepstow (Welsh St Car Park) and Monmouth (Blestium St) planned maintenance has been carried out as a precursor to finalizing transfer of the asset. All transfers have included a clause whereby MCC may buy back individual toilet blocks (or receive 50% of the sale value) where a decision has been taken by the relevant local council that building is no longer to be used for a public toilet.

3.3.3 The provision of opening/closing and cleaning of the public toilets in the Cottage at Tintern Abbey was advertised by Tintern CC on behalf of MCC. MCC officers are now finalizing an agreement with a local private business to manage the toilets on behalf of MCC.

#### 4. REASONS

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#### 5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The net budget (after income from various local councils) in 2016/17 is estimated to be £28,034. A budget summary is provided below:

##### Public Conveniences

	Abergavenny	Monmouth	Caldicot
Employee Costs	42,297	29,648	10,552
Transport Cost	8,667	8,667	8,667
Cleaning Materials	2,439	2,439	2,439
Premises	22,005	3,295	10,200
Overheads	3,549	3,549	3,549
	78,957	47,598	35,407
		<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>161,962</b>
		<b>Income</b>	<b>-</b>
			<b>133,928</b>
		<b>Net Cost</b>	<b>28,034</b>

#### 6. FUTURE GENERATIONS and EQUALITY ASSESSMENT

An FGEA is not provided as this report is intended for information rather than decision. However members are reminded that in the majority of cases the toilets have remained open with management responsibility

transferring to the local council (details of transfer or closure are provided in appendix 1).

**SAFEGUARDING ASSESSMENT:**

**There are no safeguarding implications associated with the recommendations within this report.**

7. **CONSULTEES:** None

**8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

**Report to Cabinet on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2010** titled 'Provision of Public Conveniences in the Future'.

**Report To Strong Communities Select Committee** on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016 titled 'public toilets – member update'

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