

Executive Board 29 July 2019

Subject: Local Toilets Strategy

Purpose: To consider the content of and responses received with respect to the draft Local Toilets Strategy consultation and to seek approval of Carmarthenshire County Council's Local Toilets Strategy.

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To consider the information contained within this report and to endorse Carmarthenshire County Council's Local Toilets Strategy.

Reasons:

Part 8 of the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017: Provision of Toilets came into force on 31 May 2018 and places a duty on each local authority in Wales to prepare and publish a local toilets strategy for its area.

Relevant scrutiny committee consulted

YES **10th June 2019**

The Environmental and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD that:-

- that the Draft Local Toilets Strategy be approved;
- a representative from the Environmental and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee attend the Toilet Strategy Study Group.

Exec Board Decision Required YES

Council Decision Required NO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr. Hazel Evans

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT.

The Public Health (Wales) Act 2017 received Royal Assent on the 3 July 2017. The Act brings together a range of practical actions for improving and protecting health. Part 8 of the Act introduces provision of toilets and specifically local toilets strategies.

The aim of Part 8 is to ensure each local authority in Wales assesses the needs of its community in relation to toilets, and then takes a strategic and transparent approach to best meet that need. The process will enable a broader consideration of options available for providing toilets for use by the public, ranging from traditional stand-alone public toilets through to toilets in private ownership.

CURRENT POSITION

A draft strategy has been prepared (Appendix 1) which incorporates feedback following a Needs Assessment survey which was undertaken during October / November 2018. A total of 507 responses were received. The analysis of those responses is detailed from page 11 in the draft Local Toilets Strategy document.

The draft strategy therefore sets out proposals that may be considered to enhance and maximise the use of existing facilities and to promote additional, appropriate and accessible toilet provision for public use.

CONSULTATION

The draft Local Toilets Strategy consultation exercise was undertaken between the 25th March and the 12th May 2019 via the consultation facility on the Council's website. The key findings of the consultation are outlined in the attached detailed report.

An Equalities Impact Assessment has also been undertaken with no negative impacts identified. Attached (Appendix 2).

RECOMMENDATION

To recommend that the Local Toilets Strategy be endorsed by the Executive Board. It is also recommended that an Officer Group be formed from relevant divisions within the Authority in order to progress with the proposals outlined within the Local Toilets Strategy.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Ainsley Williams

Head of Waste & Environmental Services

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
YES	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

An equalities impact assessment has been undertaken. There are no negative impacts as we are seeking ways of increasing public access to toilet provision.

2. Legal

We have a statutory duty under Part 8 of the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017 to publish a Local Toilets Strategy for Carmarthenshire.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Ainsley Williams

Head of Waste & Environmental Services

1. Scrutiny Committee

The Environmental and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee was consulted on the 10th June 2019 and it was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD that:-

- that the Draft Local Toilets Strategy be approved;
- a representative from the Environmental and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee attend the Toilet Strategy Study Group.

2. Local Member(s) - N/A

3. Community / Town Council – Community / Town Councils have been consulted as part of the general consultation process.

4. Relevant Partners – N/A

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – N/A

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THERE ARE NONE

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
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