

CABINET MEETING 17 January 2022

Subject: Local Toilets Strategy Interim Progress Report

Purpose: An Interim Progress Report will be required to be published by February 2022

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To consider the information contained within this report and to endorse the draft Local Toilets Strategy Interim Progress Report.

Reasons: Part 8 of the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017: Provision of Toilets places a duty on each local authority in Wales to prepare and publish a local toilets strategy for its area. The Act also places a duty on each local authority to publish an interim progress report within six months of the 2-year publication anniversary of the original Local Toilet Strategy. In Carmarthenshire's case this will be in February 2022, as the original strategy was adopted in August 2019.

The status of the published Local Toilet Strategy remains current as periodic updates have been made.

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted YES

Environmental & Public Protection Scrutiny Committee 22nd December 2021.

Cabinet Decision Required YES

Council Decision Required NO

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr. Hazel Evans Cabinet Member for Environment

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY-
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Local Toilets Strategy Interim Report

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

There is no statutory requirement for local authorities to provide public toilets and the duty to prepare a strategy does not in itself require local authorities to provide and maintain public toilets themselves but are required to take a strategic view across their area on how these facilities can be provided and accessed by the local population.

The Act also requires local authorities to prepare an interim progress report setting out the steps taken in line with the strategy every two-year period from the date of the adopted strategy. This interim progress report is required to be published within six months of the end date of the two-year period.

Carmarthenshire County Council published its Local Toilets Strategy during August 2019. The strategy identified the following 10 key recommendations to enhance Carmarthenshire's long term toilet provision:

- Review of all current toilet facilities – position/mapping and opening times
- Identify and encourage other council facilities to become more publicly available
- Establish partnership links with public/private companies and organisations
- Investigate options for a Community Partnership Toilet Scheme (CTS)
- Ensure adequate provision of Portable Toilet facilities such as during temporary events
- Encourage the installation of Changing Places toilets within appropriate new building developments
- Explore charging options to eradicate social misuse and vandalism where appropriate
- Improve Communication and Information on available toilet facilities
- To make available public toilet data on the Welsh Government Mapping Application (LLE National Map of toilets)
- Where appropriate, to consider the incorporation of toilet provision in accordance with planning policy and national planning guidance.

The attached report sets out progress made to date.

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: **A I 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	YES	NONE	NONE

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

Any increase in public toilets provision supports Wellbeing Objective 8 – Community Cohesion, Resilience & Safety (Live Well). It also supports Wellbeing Objective 9 – Supports older people to age well and maintain dignity and independence in later years (Age Well).

2. Legal

We have a statutory duty under Part 8 of the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017 to publish an interim progress report.

5. Risk Management Issues

Failing to publish an Interim Progress Report would result in the authority being non-compliant with the requirements of the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017 (Part 8 Provision of Toilets).

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: **A I Williams** **Head of Waste & Environmental Services**

- 1. Scrutiny Committee - to be consulted
- 2. Local Member(s) - N/A
- 3. Community / Town Council - N/A
- 4. Relevant Partners - N/A
- 5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations - N/A

**CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO
HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED: YES**

Cllr. Hazel Evans is aware of the updates made since the initial strategy was published (as outlined in the detailed report) and endorses the interim progress report as set out.

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Carmarthenshire County Council's Local Toilets Strategy		https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/media/1219856/local-toilets-strategy.pdf
Public Health (Wales) Act 2017		https://www.legislation.gov.uk/en/anaw/2017/2/contents