

Communities Scrutiny Commission

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Community Toilets Scheme update



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Title: Community Toilets Scheme

Ward: **City wide**

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Recommendation

To consider the update on the Community Toilets Scheme.



1. Summary

2. Context

- i. On 28th February 2017 full council agreed to reduce the budget for 2017-18 by £40K to £461,488 in 2017/18 and noted an additional £400K saving in 2018/19 on going.
- ii. Access to publicly available toilets is important for Bristol residents and visitors to the city. The existing council run sites were considered not fit for purpose and did not present value for money. It was therefore agreed that BCC invests in a business/community scheme.
- iii. The Cabinet report setting out the proposals can be found [here](#)
- iv. Progress in developing the scheme is set out in the attached presentation.

3. Policy

The corporate strategy makes clear that, for Bristol to continue to thrive in the face of significant financial challenge, there needs to be a new collaboration between the city council, voluntary and community sectors, business and the people of Bristol.

4. Public Sector Equality Duties

- 4a) Before making a decision, section 149 Equality Act 2010 requires that each decision-maker considers the need to promote equality for persons with the following “protected characteristics”: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. Each decision-maker must, therefore, have due regard to the need to:
- i) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act 2010.
 - ii) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to --
 - remove or minimise disadvantage suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic;
 - take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of people who do not share it (in relation to disabled people, this includes, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities);
 - encourage persons who share a protected characteristic to participate in public life or in

any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

- iii) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to –
 - tackle prejudice; and
 - promote understanding.

- 4b) The Equalities Impact Assessment considered as part of the Cabinet Report highlighted the need to pay particular attention to provision of a) wheelchair accessible toilets b) available toilets across the city and provision for homeless people. Progress in these areas is addressed in the presentation.

Appendices:

Slide pack

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Background Papers:

None.