

Scrutiny Commission

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Community Toilets Scheme update



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Recommendation

To consider a further update on the Community Toilets Scheme following the presentation to Scrutiny Commission in January 2019.



1. Summary

2. Context

Following a presentation to the Communities Scrutiny Commission in January officers have been asked to provide:

- Clarity regarding the Community Toilet Scheme standards
- Clarity regarding how the scheme is communicated to potential providers and users.
- Clarity regarding at what time of the day and evening the toilets in the scheme are available
- Clarity regarding work being taken on identifying gaps (geographical and in access for different needs)?

Further information relating to each area requiring clarification is given in Appendix 1

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

- 5a) 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' access

requirements);

- 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.

5b) 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:

Appendix 1 Slide pack

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Background Papers:

Misc. provision 20 from Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1976/57>

Relates to the provision of sanitary appliances at places of entertainment and the ability of a local authority to require that toilets be provided and' to make the appliances and things available for use by members of the public resorting to the place and, if the notice so requires, to make them so available free of charge.'