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**TITLE: PUBLIC CONVENIENCES REVIEW**

Committee: Commercial Services Committee

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1.0 ISSUE

1.1 To consider recommendations from Asset Development Committee held 1 February 2016 (Ref: Agenda Item 6).

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 Members are requested to approve the recommendations of the Asset Development Committee (Ref: 1 February 2016 Agenda Item 6) specifically, the closure of the public conveniences at:

- i) Carter Street, Fordham and make a compensation payment to Fordham Parish Council equivalent to 1 years running costs
- ii) Barton Road, Ely
- iii) Newnham Street, Ely
- iv) Sacrist Gate, Ely and meet the costs of 5,000 for the surrender of the lease

3.0 BACKGROUND/OPTIONS

3.1 On 1 February 2016, Asset Development Committee considered the draft improvement plan, provided at Appendix 1 of this report. The draft improvement plan recommended closure of public conveniences at Carter Street, Fordham, Barton Road, Ely and Sacrist Gate, Ely. Asset Development Committee resolved:

- (i) That the Draft improvement Plan at revised Appendix 3 be approved;

It was resolved to recommend to Commercial Services Committee:

- (ii) That the facilities at Carter Street, Fordham be closed and a compensation payment to Fordham Parish Council equivalent to 1 years running costs be made;
- (iii) That the facilities at Barton Road, Ely be closed;
- (iv) That the facilities at Newnham Street, Ely be closed;
- (v) That the facilities at Sacrist Gate, Ely be closed by surrendering the lease at a cost of £5,000;
- (vi) That (ii) to (v) be subject to consultation with the East Cambridgeshire Access Group and the completion of an Equality Impact Assessment.

#### 4.0 ARGUMENTS/CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 An equality impact assessment has now been completed and is provided at Appendix 2. The equality impact assessment considered the impact the proposed closures would have on visitors and the community of East Cambridgeshire.
- 4.2 The assessment showed there would be a small impact on differentiated groups of society, however, there remains sufficient provision of public conveniences with accessible facilities that would mitigate this impact and therefore the impact is not adverse.
- 4.3 The Local Access Group has been consulted and, with the Chairman's approval, a verbal statement will be made at the committee meeting. A copy of the Equality Impact Assessment has been provided to the Local Access Group.

#### 5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 £9,555 to be paid to Fordham Parish Council  
£5,000 for the surrender of the lease at Sacrist Gate

These costs can be met from the efficiency savings generated as part of the public conveniences review.

- 5.2 Equality Impact Assessment (INRA) completed (Appendix 2)

#### 6.0 APPENDICES

- 6.1 Appendix 1- Draft improvement plan  
Appendix 2- Equality Impact Assessment

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<u>Background Documents</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Officer</u>
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