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**TITLE: BURWELL PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**

Committee: Commercial Services Committee

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1.0 ISSUE

- 1.1 To approve the closure of public conveniences located at The Causeway, Burwell.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 Members are requested to approve the closure of public conveniences at The Causeway, Burwell and make a compensation payment to Burwell Parish Council equivalent to 1 years running costs.

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 provided the following recommendation:

Continue with the service for a period of one year with a contribution of £4,500 per annum from Burwell Parish Council and explore the possible opportunities to transfer the service to Burwell Parish Council in 2017/18.

In the event that an agreement cannot be reached between the Council and Burwell Parish Council, close the facilities and make a compensation payment to Burwell Parish Council equivalent of 1 years running cost.

Asset Development Committee resolved:

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

4.0 ARGUMENTS/CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 Meetings were held with members of Burwell Parish Council to discuss the recommendation of the draft improvement plan and to explore the possibility of transferring the service to Burwell Parish Council.
- 4.2 In March 2016, Burwell Parish Council confirmed that they were not in a position to accept the recommendation set out in 3.1 above and wished to receive the compensation payment of £9,026. The Parish Council, if it so chooses, could use this contribution to deliver an alternative service.

- 4.3 It is recommended that the public conveniences located at The Causeway, Burwell are closed from 1 September 2016 and that Burwell Parish Council receives a compensation payment of £9,026.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 £9,026 to be paid to Burwell Parish Council.

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

- 5.2 Equality Impact Assessment (INRA) is not required as the proposal does not affect accessible facilities.

6.0 APPENDICES

- 6.1 Appendix 1- Draft improvement plan

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