
PUBLIC CONVENIENCES REVIEW

Committee: Commercial Services Committee

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1.0 ISSUE

1.1 To consider a public consultation being carried out on the option for charging for improved public conveniences.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 Members are requested to:

- i) Instruct the Corporate Unit Manager to carry out a public consultation on the option for introducing charges for improved public conveniences;
- ii) Approve the amended terms of reference and timetable for the review provided at Appendix 1; and
- iii) Approve the amended statement of consultation provided at Appendix 2.

3.0 BACKGROUND/OPTIONS

3.1 The review of public conveniences was instigated by Asset Development Sub-Committee on 8 December 2014 and the Terms of Reference and timetable agreed by Commercial Services Committee on 13 January 2015.

3.2 The review is being undertaken by the Corporate Unit Manager, the Senior Parks and Open Spaces Maintenance Officer and the Team Leader Town Centre Services. Councillor Bill Hunt, Councillor David Brown and Jeremy Friend-Smith (former District Councillor) have been assisting in the review.

3.3 Jeremy Friend-Smith is no longer a District Councillor and as such does not form part of the review team. Given the advanced stage of the review there is no proposal to replace Jeremy Friend-Smith.

Amended terms of reference are provided at Appendix 1.

3.4 The review team have been investigating all of the options, set out in the scoping report, approved by Commercial Services Committee on 13 January 2015. One of the options outlined in the scoping report is to investigate the option for improving the existing facilities and introducing charging for these facilities.

- 3.5 In order to progress the review that will inform the Final Improvement Plan that will be considered by Commercial Services Committee in September 2015, a public consultation must be carried out to ensure that improving the existing facilities and introducing charging for these facilities is a viable and achievable option.
- 3.6 It is important to note that improving the facilities and introducing charging is only one of the options that is being considered. This consultation will enable a full and proper options appraisal to be compiled for consideration by Members in September 2015.
- 3.7 The Statement of Consultation was approved by Commercial Services Committee on 13 January 2015.

An amended Statement of Consultation is provided at Appendix 2.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 4.1 The cost of public consultation will be met from existing budgets.
- 4.2 An Equality Impact Assessment (INRA) is not required at this stage.

5.0 APPENDICES

- 5.1 Appendix 1- Terms of Reference and Timetable.
Appendix 2- Statement of Consultation.

Background Documents

Agenda Item 9- Review of Public Convenience- Commercial Services Committee- 13 January 2015.

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