

Key Decision Required	No	In the Forward Plan	No
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## CABINET

20 NOVEMBER 2015

### REFERENCE REPORT FROM SERVICE DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY COMMITTEE OF 2 NOVEMBER 2015

#### A.2 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AT THE PUBLIC TOILETS AT MAGDALEN GREEN, CLACTON-ON-SEA

(Report Prepared by Janey Nice)

#### **BACKGROUND**

At its meeting held on 2 November 2015, the Portfolio Holder for Coastal Protection (Councillor Turner) and the Seafronts and Parking Manager (Ian Taylor) attended the meeting at the request of the Chairman of the Committee (Councillor Griffiths) to answer concerns raised by the Chairman at the on-going anti-social behaviour at the Public Toilets, Magdalen Green, Clacton-on-Sea.

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had raised this issue after a Pier Forum meeting where residents had raised their concerns at anti-social activities taking place at those particular public toilets which were on the route to a local primary school and for teenagers on the way to the Coastal Academy in Clacton.

The Chairman said that the residents had complained about homelessness people living in the toilets, their aggression to the Council's cleaners and possible drug abuse, they had also commented that complaints had been made to the Police but no action had been taken.

Councillor Turner addressed the Committee and informed it that this was a very contentious subject and that it had been a problem for about three years and when it was suggested the toilets be closed, it had been requested that they be kept open, particularly in the tourist season. He informed the Committee that the department dealing with public toilets were in the process of producing a Strategy as the Council was responsible for 44 public toilets.

Members considered the item suggesting several possible solutions and questions were asked about the possible closure of the toilets, reduction of opening hours and asked if the Council was actually obliged to provide public toilets. The Committee were informed that there was no obligation for the Council to provide public toilets but it had the authority to build them and open them.

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS TO CABINET**

Cabinet is now asked to consider the comment of the Service Development and Delivery Committee

The Committee **RECOMMENDED TO CABINET** that the Strategy on Public Toilets, when it was ready, be brought back to the Service Development and Delivery Committee for scrutiny by its Members.

#### **PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET**

Comments will be provided directly at the meeting.