

Key Decision Required	No	In the Forward Plan	No
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CABINET

16 FEBRUARY 2017

REFERENCE REPORT FROM THE SERVICE DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY COMMITTEE

A.4 THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE STRATEGY AND THE PROGRESS TOWARDS MEETING ITS KEY AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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BACKGROUND

At the Service Development and Delivery Committee meeting held on 15 January 2018 the Committee received an update from the Head of Public Realm (Ian Taylor) on the Council's Public Convenience Strategy and the progress being made towards meeting its key aims and objectives.

The Committee was informed that since Cabinet had identified 10 public conveniences for closure, across the District, the following 9 had been actioned:

- Ipswich Road, Holland-on-Sea
- Westcliff Gents, Clacton-on-Sea
- Magdalen Green, Clacton-on-Sea
- Garden Road, Clacton-on-Sea
- Old Way, Frinton-on-Sea
- Mill Lane, Walton-on-the-Naze
- The Naze, Walton-on-the-Naze
- Cemetery, Dovercourt; and
- The Cliff, Dovercourt.

The Committee was further informed that the facilities in High Street Car Park would remain open whilst refurbishment of those in Rosemary Road were completed where provision for charging was also under consideration. Refurbishment at The Quay, Harwich was ongoing. Refurbishment at Promenade Way Brightlingsea was also underway with design work currently being sought and refurbishment planned for completion before summer 2018 as well as other new schemes such as a further Changing Place facility in Walton.

The Head of Public Realm confirmed that the closure and refurbishment programmes had been delivered during the same period the cleaning and repair and maintenance services contracts for public toilets had returned to being provided in-house.

The Committee was informed that the target for savings would be met and discussions were ongoing around the varied future uses of the buildings in accordance with the Property Dealing Procedure.

The Committee expressed their thanks and appreciation to the Officers for their hard work.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS TO CABINET

Having discussed this matter it was **RESOLVED** that Cabinet be informed that the Committee supports Cabinet's approach and its Public Convenience Strategy including the

continuation of exploring charging at further facilities where appropriate to do so.

PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET

Comments

The Leisure and Tourism Portfolio Holder would like to thank the Service Development and Delivery Committee's support for the Cabinet's approach in this matter.

Recommendation to Cabinet

That Cabinet notes and welcomes the support of the Service Development and Delivery Committee in this matter.