

Scrutiny Panel - Environment & Quality of Life



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A meeting of **The Scrutiny Panel - Environment & Quality of Life** will be held in **remotely via Zoom** on **Thursday, 30 June 2022 at 10.00 am.**

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To Councillors: Mr H Blathwayt, Dr V Holliday, Mr J Rest, Mr A Varley and Ms L Withington

Officers: Maxine Collis and Matthew Stembrowicz

For information to: all other Members



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A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES

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To approve minutes of the meeting held on 26th May 2022.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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Members are asked at this stage to declare any interests that they may have in any of the following items on the agenda. The Code of Conduct for Members requires that declarations include the nature of the interest and whether it is a disclosable pecuniary interest (see attached guidance and flowchart).

4. ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

To determine any other items of business which the Chairman decides should be considered as a matter of urgency pursuant to Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

5. **OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY - ENVIRONMENT & QUALITY OF LIFE
PANEL: PUBLIC CONVENIENCE STRATEGY REVIEW AND
RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Summary: The Council has sought to prepare a Public Convenience Strategy aimed at providing a clear path to future management of this non-statutory function that is felt to be essential for both visitors and the local population. Public toilets are crucial to tourism and town centre economies but are facing ever increasing costs to provide.

Options considered: The panel has reviewed in-depth over the past 6 months, the Draft Public Convenience Strategy and sought expertise and guidance from both officers and external consultants regarding a range of options and ideas. The group also sought opinions from local Town and Parish Councils.

Conclusion: In general the panel supports the provision of a Strategy to ensure a holistic approach to the future management of the Council's extensive portfolio of 38 public conveniences across the District. The following recommendations are made regarding the Draft Public Toilet Provision Strategy Document.

The Panel reviewed current provision, sought to identify options for the future and reviewed means of obtaining and achieving customer expectation.

Recommendations: **The working group has made fourteen recommendations which are listed throughout the report and summarised in Appendix 2 on page 10 of the report.**

Reasons for Recommendations: To ensure that the Council's public conveniences are managed and maintained efficiently and effectively to a high standard for public use by residents and visitors.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS AS REQUIRED BY LAW

(Papers relied on to write the report, which do not contain exempt information and which are not published elsewhere)

Public Conveniences Strategy

Cabinet Member(s): Ward(s) affected: All

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6. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

To pass the following resolution, if necessary:

“That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs _ of Part I of Schedule 12A (as amended) to the Act.”