

Proposal form for items for consideration by Overview Committee



Submitted by: Cllr Mike Goodman

Date submitted: 1 September 2023

Item for Consideration: For Overview to receive an update on the implementation of the new public toilet strategy and to review the direction of travel.

Expected outcome (i.e. new policy, new action, new partnership, improve the performance of other public bodies or of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and/or particular service areas):

Priority for matter to be considered (please tick):

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| High (up to 3 months) | yes |
| Medium (3 to 6 months) | |
| Low (over 9 months) | |

Basis on which priority has been set:

The suggested item should be included in future programme(s) because: (please tick as appropriate)

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| a) It is a district level function over which the district has some control | yes |
| b) It is a new policy area or service area of activity to be developed and introduced | yes |
| c) It is a policy area which has been required for some time and is due for development | yes |
| d) It is a major proposal for change | yes |
| e) It is an issue raised via complaints received | |
| f) It is an area of public concern | yes |
| g) It would be of benefit to residents of the district | yes |

Which of the Council's objectives does the issue address?:

Is there a deadline for the Council to make a decision? (If so, when and why?):

Council decided in 2021 to develop a new public toilet strategy. The start of the implementation is in 2023 and it is appropriate that Overview reviews the direction of travel and receives an update from their Overview meeting on 25 November 2021.

Members are requested to provide information on the following:-

What do you wish to achieve from the review?:

- Clarification on the new strategy
- Update and time frames to members and residents
- Review of the recommendations made in 2021 by Council

Are the desired outcomes likely to be achievable?:

Yes

Will it change/increase efficiency and cost effectiveness?:

Likely but not certain.

Additional information – an explanatory sentence or paragraph to be provided below to support each box which has been ticked:

a) Although not a statutory responsibility, public toilets are an important provision to residents and there are toilets throughout East Devon that the District control.

b) The service, in conjunction with Parish and Town Councils and consultants, have been developing the 2021 proposals.

c) It was agreed after a public consultation to implement change; some has occurred, and 2023/24 will see major changes.

d) It is the biggest change in the provision of public toilets for a number of years.

f) Closure or changes to the public toilets will affect residents and there needs to be a greater understanding of the strategy and timescales.

g) Residents are not aware of the policy, and an update on progress will benefit residents.

Please can you return the completed form to Democratic Services via email to democraticservices@eastdevon.gov.uk.

DEPUTY MONITORING OFFICER COMMENT

This is a topic available to Overview to scrutinise. The committee should clearly identify the areas that they wish to scrutinise to ensure that officers can provide reports and information to assist.

Date: 25 September 2023