

HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE THAT a meeting of the Hexham Town Council Planning & Infrastructure Committee will be held in the Council Office, St Andrew's Cemetery, West Road, Hexham on Friday 10 March 2017 at 9.30am when the following items will be discussed:

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To receive minutes of the Planning and Infrastructure Committee meeting held 10 February 2017 enclosed.
3. Matters arising.
4. Declarations of interest (see memorandum enclosed).
5. To comment on Planning Applications received (if any - see list enclosed).
6. To comment on Pre-Planning Applications received (if any - see list enclosed).
7. To consider correspondence received (if any).
8. To consider an options report on the provision of public toilets (see enclosed).
9. To agree a date and time for the next meeting.
10. Any urgent matters at the Chairman of the meeting's discretion. (*Matters to be raised under this item should be written out (if possible) and handed to the Chairman of the meeting or the Town Clerk before the meeting begins.*)

Jane Kevan
Clerk Designate
6 March 2017

Hexham Town Council
Council Office
St Andrew's Cemetery
West Road
Hexham
NE46 3RR
01434 609575
clerk@hexhamtowncouncil.gov.uk
Hagenda0317 PlanningInfrastructureCommittee

HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2017

548.	PRESENT: Councillor J V R Hare in the Chair and Councillors T G E Gillanders, Mrs C R Homer and Mrs C Hanley.
549.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors T Cessford, D Clegg, T Robson and G C Ferguson.
550.	MINUTES of the Committee meeting held 27 January 2017, having been circulated, were AGREED.
551.	MATTERS ARISING: a. HANGING BASKETS (minute 539 refers): It was noted that Hexham in Bloom has not yet met to consider this matter. b. DAWSON & SANDERSON (minute 541 refers): It was noted that the Conservation Officer did not object to the advertisement consent application and that the planning authority has concluded the impact is minimal and does not justify consideration by the Strategic Planning Committee.
552.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were no declarations of interest made.
553.	PLANNING APPLICATION: It was AGREED there were no objections to the applications received in accordance with the list circulated and attached to the agenda, apart from: 17/00223/FUL (Heathergate Country Park) on the grounds that the Town Council is unable to comment pending determination by the Ombudsman on the original planning application. The Town Council does not currently support the application.
554.	PRE-PLANNING APPLICATIONS: No pre-planning applications had been received for comment.
555.	NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL STAKEHOLDER SURVEY ON DESIGN AND PLANNING PROCESSES: It was NOTED that the County Council is seeking views and suggestions from stakeholders regarding current and future development in Northumberland. Responses were AGREED and the online survey was completed.
556.	PARKING RESTRICTIONS AT RYE TERRACE: It was AGREED to support the proposal to introduce No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions.
557.	CEMETERY LODGE SECONDARY GLAZING: It was noted that the Conservation Architect has advised that secondary glazing would require further consent. It was AGREED to consider this matter further after the snagging work on the recent window repair work has been completed.

558.	LITTER BIN REQUEST FOR BATTLE HILL: It was noted that a request had been received from nearby premises for a bin to be placed on Battle Hill near a new takeaway because of related refuse being thrown on the pavement. It was further noted that there is no suitable site for a new bin near the takeaway and it was AGREED that this matter should be referred to the County Council's Planning Enforcement Officer.
559.	STREET LIGHTING: A verbal update from Councillor Mrs Homer and that there will be a meeting in early March on street lighting in Hexham was NOTED.
560.	NEXT MEETING: It was AGREED the next Committee meeting will be held on Friday 3 March 2017 at 9.30am in the Council Office, St Andrew's Cemetery, Hexham.

Chairman.....

Action Log

Contact NCC's Planning Enforcement Officer regarding the takeaway on Battle Hill (done 10.2.17)	Clerk Designate
---	-----------------

HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Under the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council on 3 September 2012 Councillors must declare if they have a disclosable interest in any matters under consideration.

To do so Councillors must use one of the following statements:-

1. "I have a disclosable pecuniary interest
in..... [for example:-] Agenda item 3,
Planning application number 14/1234".
[NOTE: Code of Conduct paragraphs 11&15 apply].
2. "I have a disclosable personal interest
in..... [for example:-] Agenda item 4, Grant
aid application by Hexham Youth Initiative
[NOTE: Code of Conduct paragraph 13 applies].

Councillors should familiarise themselves with the Code of Conduct regarding the definitions of [A] pecuniary interest and [B] other personal interest and their obligations when declaring any such interests.

To ensure Councillors interests are correctly minuted please use one of the above statements when declaring an interest.

[NB. Should a Councillor wish to take part in the consideration and voting on a matter or matters in which he/she has a disclosable interest then they may request a dispensation be granted to enable them to take part in the discussion and voting on it but at least 10 days' notice must be given for any dispensation request.]

Derick Tiffin,
Clerk of the Council

HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Planning & Infrastructure Committee

PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY
COUNCIL FOR COMMENT ON 10 MARCH 2017

Reference	Description	Applicant
17/00183/FUL	Construction of a two storey extension and addition of pitched roof to front porch and existing side extension at Fourways, 8 Queensway, Hexham	Mr and Mrs Scott Stewart
17/00450/FELTPO	Various proposed TPO work to 6 trees at land south west of Churchlands, Hexham	Mr John Alderson
17/00397/LBC	Demolition of derelict toilet block within courtyard and making good. Replace existing finish with new "through colour" render. Removal of existing timber windows and replace with new upvc at 1A Battle Hill, Hexham	Mr Julian Weightman
17/00535/FUL	Slope stabilisation works at land north of Peth Head, Hexham	ISOS Housing Ltd
17/00496/FUL and 17/00497/LBC	Change of use from retail to residential, to reinstate the property to residential and add a small two storey extension to the rear of the property to provide entrance and circulation space for the granny annex at 1 Orchard Place, Hexham	Dr and Professor N & R Dalton
17/00528/FUL	Construction of two storey rear extension at 15 Scott Close, Hexham	Mrs Selena Cawood
17/00340/FUL	Porch on rear door of kitchen, across to outbuilding at St Andrew's House, 20 Cockshaw, Hexham	Mrs Gwen Ridley

These applications to be commented upon under Committee's delegated powers (minute 6588 refers).

Any objections made on applications must be 'material planning considerations'. To be material, a matter must relate to the "purposes of planning". The views of local Councils and other consultees can only be taken into account by the planning authority if they are material. Such comments must always bear in mind that:

"The purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development" (Paragraph 6 National Planning Policy Framework)

There is no definitive list but examples are:

- National planning policy

- The local planning authority's planning policies (including Neighbourhood Plans)
- Overlooking/loss of privacy
- Loss of light or overshadowing
- Parking, means of access, highway safety and traffic
- Noise, odours
- Effect on listed building and conservation area
- Layout and density of building
- Design, appearance and materials
- Nature conservation
- Flood risk
- Crime prevention and community safety
- Previous planning decisions
- Views of parish and town councils
- Views of statutory consultees: Highway Authority/Environment Agency/English Heritage/Sport England/Others (neighbouring LPA, HSE, etc.)

Non-material planning considerations include:

- Loss of view
- Negative effects on the value of other properties
- Land ownership or restrictive covenants
- Applicant's personal circumstances or past conduct (unless exceptional, such as relating to a physical disability in certain circumstances)
- Business competition
- Matters controlled under building regulations or other non-planning legislation
- Disabled person's access
- The nature of the applicant or owner
- Prospect of a "better" proposal

These are subject to change in national legislation or planning policy.

NB All planning applications (and related decisions) are online at:

<http://publicaccess.northumberland.gov.uk/online-applications>

If Hexham Town Council objects to an application listed above the objection is lodged online.

HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Planning & Infrastructure Committee

PRE-PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY
COUNCIL FOR COMMENT ON 10 MARCH 2017

Pre-applications will be commented upon under Committee's delegated powers (Minute 6588 refers)

Reference	Description	Applicant

HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Planning & Infrastructure Committee

OPTIONS REPORT ON THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC TOILETS

Background

All public toilets in Hexham are currently owned and operated by Northumberland County Council and provision is as follows:

St Mary's Wynd

Closed

The Sele

Open all year (subsidised by Hexham Town Council at a cost of £2,000 to remain open in winter)

Tyne Green Country Park

Open all year

Wentworth Car Park

Open all year

Of the above, the public toilets at St Mary's Wynd are most central for people shopping in Hexham or attending events in the town centre such as Armed Forces Day celebrations, Spook Night, Taste Tynedale, the Christmas Market and the Christmas Lights Switch-On. The Town Council and Hexham Community Partnership receive regular complaints about St Mary's Wynd toilets being closed and this report provides information on options to address provision of public toilets in the centre of Hexham.

Options

Option	Cost	Comments
Asset Transfer of St Mary's Wynd toilets from NCC to HTC	Running costs of £12,000-£14,000 per year (see NCC report)	NCC indicates it is unlikely to object to an asset transfer of these toilets. The toilets may need repairs/ refurbishment work before being fit for use. Additional HTC staff may be required and/or contracts needed for daily opening and cleaning.
Install a fully self-cleaning automatic toilet	£58,000 per unit, £18,500 installation	Can be installed as a new build or in an existing structure. Effective against antisocial behavior and can be open 24/7. Fully self-cleaning so staff visits would only be needed to check for graffiti and replace soap, etc.

Install a semi-automatic toilet	£27,000 (existing building) or £46,000 (standalone unit), £18,500 installation	Can be installed as a new build or in an existing structure. Has to be cleaned manually but has an “easy clean interior”. The doors can be automatically opened and shut via timer switches.
Community Toilet Scheme (this is when a Council pays businesses to open their private toilets for public use so the public can use a shop/café/restaurant toilet without having to buy anything)	Councils typically pay a grant of £500-£600 to any business that opens its toilets to public use.	If some businesses join this scheme, there would be more public toilet provision in Hexham. There would also be no staffing implications and this would be the most cost-effective option. Signage/promotion of the scheme would be required. Public toilets may not be available for late afternoon or evening events in the town, unless there is late night shopping or licensed premises’ toilets are available (or portaloos hired).

Budget

There is no specific 2017/18 budget for toilet provision (other than the £2,000 for the Sele toilets) but there is £38,000 in the contingency fund.

Financial Regulations – Authority to Spend

The Council’s Financial Regulations (4.6 refers) state:

No expenditure shall be authorised in relation to any capital project and no contract entered into or tender accepted involving capital expenditure unless the Council is satisfied that the necessary funds are available and the requisite borrowing approval has been obtained.

Financial Regulation 4.7 states:

All capital works shall be administered in accordance with the Council’s standing orders and financial regulations relating to contracts.

Financial Regulations – Contracts

Financial Regulation 10.3 states:

All members and officers are responsible for obtaining value for money at all times. An officer issuing an official order shall ensure as far as reasonable and practicable that the best available terms are obtained in respect of each transaction, usually by

obtaining three or more quotations or estimates from appropriate suppliers, subject to any de minimis provisions in Regulation 11(1).

Financial Regulation 11.1h states:

When it is to enter into a contract of less than £60,000 in value for the supply of goods or materials or for the execution of works or specialist services other than such goods, materials, works or specialist services as are excepted as set out in paragraph (a) the Clerk or RFO shall obtain 3 quotations (priced descriptions of the proposed supply); where the value is below £5000 and above £500 the Clerk or RFO shall strive to obtain 3 estimates. Otherwise Regulation 10.3 above shall apply.

Confidentiality

The Local Government Act 1972 (s100) states a meeting shall be open to the public except when confidential information would be disclosed or if the Council resolves to exclude the public because of the nature of the proceedings. Accordingly, this report may be considered in open session.

Recommendation

The Committee is recommended to consider the options and consider undertaking consultation with the business community to assess the interest in participating in a Community Toilet Scheme.

Jane Kevan
Clerk Designate
2 March 2017

HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE THAT a meeting of the Hexham Town Council Planning & Infrastructure Committee will be held in the Council Office, St Andrew's Cemetery, West Road, Hexham on Friday 10 March 2017 at 9.30am when the following items will be discussed:

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To receive minutes of the Planning and Infrastructure Committee meeting held 10 February 2017 enclosed.
3. Matters arising.
4. Declarations of interest (see memorandum enclosed).
5. To comment on Planning Applications received (if any - see list enclosed).
6. To comment on Pre-Planning Applications received (if any - see list enclosed).
7. To consider correspondence received (if any).
8. To consider an options report on the provision of public toilets (see enclosed).
9. To agree a date and time for the next meeting.
10. Any urgent matters at the Chairman of the meeting's discretion. (*Matters to be raised under this item should be written out (if possible) and handed to the Chairman of the meeting or the Town Clerk before the meeting begins.*)

Jane Kevan
Clerk Designate
6 March 2017

Hexham Town Council
Council Office
St Andrew's Cemetery
West Road
Hexham
NE46 3RR
01434 609575
clerk@hexhamtowncouncil.gov.uk
Hagenda0317 PlanningInfrastructureCommittee

HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2017

548.	PRESENT: Councillor J V R Hare in the Chair and Councillors T G E Gillanders, Mrs C R Homer and Mrs C Hanley.
549.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors T Cessford, D Clegg, T Robson and G C Ferguson.
550.	MINUTES of the Committee meeting held 27 January 2017, having been circulated, were AGREED.
551.	MATTERS ARISING: a. HANGING BASKETS (minute 539 refers): It was noted that Hexham in Bloom has not yet met to consider this matter. b. DAWSON & SANDERSON (minute 541 refers): It was noted that the Conservation Officer did not object to the advertisement consent application and that the planning authority has concluded the impact is minimal and does not justify consideration by the Strategic Planning Committee.
552.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were no declarations of interest made.
553.	PLANNING APPLICATION: It was AGREED there were no objections to the applications received in accordance with the list circulated and attached to the agenda, apart from: 17/00223/FUL (Heathergate Country Park) on the grounds that the Town Council is unable to comment pending determination by the Ombudsman on the original planning application. The Town Council does not currently support the application.
554.	PRE-PLANNING APPLICATIONS: No pre-planning applications had been received for comment.
555.	NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL STAKEHOLDER SURVEY ON DESIGN AND PLANNING PROCESSES: It was NOTED that the County Council is seeking views and suggestions from stakeholders regarding current and future development in Northumberland. Responses were AGREED and the online survey was completed.
556.	PARKING RESTRICTIONS AT RYE TERRACE: It was AGREED to support the proposal to introduce No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions.
557.	CEMETERY LODGE SECONDARY GLAZING: It was noted that the Conservation Architect has advised that secondary glazing would require further consent. It was AGREED to consider this matter further after the snagging work on the recent window repair work has been completed.

558.	LITTER BIN REQUEST FOR BATTLE HILL: It was noted that a request had been received from nearby premises for a bin to be placed on Battle Hill near a new takeaway because of related refuse being thrown on the pavement. It was further noted that there is no suitable site for a new bin near the takeaway and it was AGREED that this matter should be referred to the County Council's Planning Enforcement Officer.
559.	STREET LIGHTING: A verbal update from Councillor Mrs Homer and that there will be a meeting in early March on street lighting in Hexham was NOTED.
560.	NEXT MEETING: It was AGREED the next Committee meeting will be held on Friday 3 March 2017 at 9.30am in the Council Office, St Andrew's Cemetery, Hexham.

Chairman.....

Action Log

Contact NCC's Planning Enforcement Officer regarding the takeaway on Battle Hill (done 10.2.17)	Clerk Designate
---	-----------------

HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Under the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council on 3 September 2012 Councillors must declare if they have a disclosable interest in any matters under consideration.

To do so Councillors must use one of the following statements:-

1. "I have a disclosable pecuniary interest
in..... [for example:-] Agenda item 3,
Planning application number 14/1234".
[NOTE: Code of Conduct paragraphs 11&15 apply].
2. "I have a disclosable personal interest
in..... [for example:-] Agenda item 4, Grant
aid application by Hexham Youth Initiative
[NOTE: Code of Conduct paragraph 13 applies].

Councillors should familiarise themselves with the Code of Conduct regarding the definitions of [A] pecuniary interest and [B] other personal interest and their obligations when declaring any such interests.

To ensure Councillors interests are correctly minuted please use one of the above statements when declaring an interest.

[NB. Should a Councillor wish to take part in the consideration and voting on a matter or matters in which he/she has a disclosable interest then they may request a dispensation be granted to enable them to take part in the discussion and voting on it but at least 10 days' notice must be given for any dispensation request.]

Derick Tiffin,
Clerk of the Council

HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Planning & Infrastructure Committee

PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY
COUNCIL FOR COMMENT ON 10 MARCH 2017

Reference	Description	Applicant
17/00183/FUL	Construction of a two storey extension and addition of pitched roof to front porch and existing side extension at Fourways, 8 Queensway, Hexham	Mr and Mrs Scott Stewart
17/00450/FELTPO	Various proposed TPO work to 6 trees at land south west of Churchlands, Hexham	Mr John Alderson
17/00397/LBC	Demolition of derelict toilet block within courtyard and making good. Replace existing finish with new "through colour" render. Removal of existing timber windows and replace with new upvc at 1A Battle Hill, Hexham	Mr Julian Weightman
17/00535/FUL	Slope stabilisation works at land north of Peth Head, Hexham	ISOS Housing Ltd
17/00496/FUL and 17/00497/LBC	Change of use from retail to residential, to reinstate the property to residential and add a small two storey extension to the rear of the property to provide entrance and circulation space for the granny annex at 1 Orchard Place, Hexham	Dr and Professor N & R Dalton
17/00528/FUL	Construction of two storey rear extension at 15 Scott Close, Hexham	Mrs Selena Cawood
17/00340/FUL	Porch on rear door of kitchen, across to outbuilding at St Andrew's House, 20 Cockshaw, Hexham	Mrs Gwen Ridley

These applications to be commented upon under Committee's delegated powers (minute 6588 refers).

Any objections made on applications must be 'material planning considerations'. To be material, a matter must relate to the "purposes of planning". The views of local Councils and other consultees can only be taken into account by the planning authority if they are material. Such comments must always bear in mind that:

"The purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development" (Paragraph 6 National Planning Policy Framework)

There is no definitive list but examples are:

- National planning policy

- The local planning authority's planning policies (including Neighbourhood Plans)
- Overlooking/loss of privacy
- Loss of light or overshadowing
- Parking, means of access, highway safety and traffic
- Noise, odours
- Effect on listed building and conservation area
- Layout and density of building
- Design, appearance and materials
- Nature conservation
- Flood risk
- Crime prevention and community safety
- Previous planning decisions
- Views of parish and town councils
- Views of statutory consultees: Highway Authority/Environment Agency/English Heritage/Sport England/Others (neighbouring LPA, HSE, etc.)

Non-material planning considerations include:

- Loss of view
- Negative effects on the value of other properties
- Land ownership or restrictive covenants
- Applicant's personal circumstances or past conduct (unless exceptional, such as relating to a physical disability in certain circumstances)
- Business competition
- Matters controlled under building regulations or other non-planning legislation
- Disabled person's access
- The nature of the applicant or owner
- Prospect of a "better" proposal

These are subject to change in national legislation or planning policy.

NB All planning applications (and related decisions) are online at:

<http://publicaccess.northumberland.gov.uk/online-applications>

If Hexham Town Council objects to an application listed above the objection is lodged online.

HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Planning & Infrastructure Committee

PRE-PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY
COUNCIL FOR COMMENT ON 10 MARCH 2017

Pre-applications will be commented upon under Committee's delegated powers (Minute 6588 refers)

Reference	Description	Applicant

HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Planning & Infrastructure Committee

OPTIONS REPORT ON THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC TOILETS

Background

All public toilets in Hexham are currently owned and operated by Northumberland County Council and provision is as follows:

St Mary's Wynd

Closed

The Sele

Open all year (subsidised by Hexham Town Council at a cost of £2,000 to remain open in winter)

Tyne Green Country Park

Open all year

Wentworth Car Park

Open all year

Of the above, the public toilets at St Mary's Wynd are most central for people shopping in Hexham or attending events in the town centre such as Armed Forces Day celebrations, Spook Night, Taste Tynedale, the Christmas Market and the Christmas Lights Switch-On. The Town Council and Hexham Community Partnership receive regular complaints about St Mary's Wynd toilets being closed and this report provides information on options to address provision of public toilets in the centre of Hexham.

Options

Option	Cost	Comments
Asset Transfer of St Mary's Wynd toilets from NCC to HTC	Running costs of £12,000-£14,000 per year (see NCC report)	NCC indicates it is unlikely to object to an asset transfer of these toilets. The toilets may need repairs/ refurbishment work before being fit for use. Additional HTC staff may be required and/or contracts needed for daily opening and cleaning.
Install a fully self-cleaning automatic toilet	£58,000 per unit, £18,500 installation	Can be installed as a new build or in an existing structure. Effective against antisocial behavior and can be open 24/7. Fully self-cleaning so staff visits would only be needed to check for graffiti and replace soap, etc.

Install a semi-automatic toilet	£27,000 (existing building) or £46,000 (standalone unit), £18,500 installation	Can be installed as a new build or in an existing structure. Has to be cleaned manually but has an “easy clean interior”. The doors can be automatically opened and shut via timer switches.
Community Toilet Scheme (this is when a Council pays businesses to open their private toilets for public use so the public can use a shop/café/restaurant toilet without having to buy anything)	Councils typically pay a grant of £500-£600 to any business that opens its toilets to public use.	If some businesses join this scheme, there would be more public toilet provision in Hexham. There would also be no staffing implications and this would be the most cost-effective option. Signage/promotion of the scheme would be required. Public toilets may not be available for late afternoon or evening events in the town, unless there is late night shopping or licensed premises’ toilets are available (or portaloos hired).

Budget

There is no specific 2017/18 budget for toilet provision (other than the £2,000 for the Sele toilets) but there is £38,000 in the contingency fund.

Financial Regulations – Authority to Spend

The Council’s Financial Regulations (4.6 refers) state:

No expenditure shall be authorised in relation to any capital project and no contract entered into or tender accepted involving capital expenditure unless the Council is satisfied that the necessary funds are available and the requisite borrowing approval has been obtained.

Financial Regulation 4.7 states:

All capital works shall be administered in accordance with the Council’s standing orders and financial regulations relating to contracts.

Financial Regulations – Contracts

Financial Regulation 10.3 states:

All members and officers are responsible for obtaining value for money at all times. An officer issuing an official order shall ensure as far as reasonable and practicable that the best available terms are obtained in respect of each transaction, usually by

obtaining three or more quotations or estimates from appropriate suppliers, subject to any de minimis provisions in Regulation 11(1).

Financial Regulation 11.1h states:

When it is to enter into a contract of less than £60,000 in value for the supply of goods or materials or for the execution of works or specialist services other than such goods, materials, works or specialist services as are excepted as set out in paragraph (a) the Clerk or RFO shall obtain 3 quotations (priced descriptions of the proposed supply); where the value is below £5000 and above £500 the Clerk or RFO shall strive to obtain 3 estimates. Otherwise Regulation 10.3 above shall apply.

Confidentiality

The Local Government Act 1972 (s100) states a meeting shall be open to the public except when confidential information would be disclosed or if the Council resolves to exclude the public because of the nature of the proceedings. Accordingly, this report may be considered in open session.

Recommendation

The Committee is recommended to consider the options and consider undertaking consultation with the business community to assess the interest in participating in a Community Toilet Scheme.

Jane Kevan
Clerk Designate
2 March 2017