

Scrutiny Report

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

Part 1

Date: 1 November 2019

Subject **Draft Local Toilet Strategy**

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The following people have been invited to attend for this item:

Invitee:	Area / Role / Subject
Bev Owen	Strategic Director – Place
Gareth Price	Head of Law and Regulation
Jon Keen	Regulatory Services Manager – Community and Environment

Section A – Committee Guidance and Recommendations

1. Recommendations to the Committee

The Committee is asked to consider;

1. Whether the draft Local Toilets Strategy meets the requirements set out by Welsh Government.
2. Decide if they wish to pass comment to the Cabinet Member on the draft Local Toilets Strategy.

2. Context

Background

2.1 The Council are required to produce a Local Toilet Strategy by Part 8 of the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017: Provision of Toilets. This came into force on the 31 May 2018. The Act ensures Local Authorities are responsible for:

- Assess the need for toilet provision for their communities;

- Plan to meet those needs;
- Produce a local toilets strategy; and
- Review the strategy, update and publicise revisions.

2.2 The overall aim of this Strategy is to review where public toilets are currently provided in Newport and establish an action plan to ensure adequate toilet facilities are available in the future to meet the needs of the public.

To achieve this, we will:

- Identify the current level of provision of public toilets;
- Identify any gaps in current provision;
- Analyse the findings of the completed assessment of need for toilets in Newport;
- Consider the requirements of the general population;
- Identify the needs for particular user groups;
- Assess the awareness of the location of toilets and address issues to increase awareness; and,
- Develop an action plan.

3. Information Submitted to the Committee

3.1 Appendix 1 – Draft Local Toilet Strategy

4. Suggested Areas of Focus

Role of the Committee

The role of the Committee in considering the report is to:

Ensure that the Officers have taken into account the WG guidance in the legislation on how to complete the Local Toilet Strategy. Does the Strategy provide enough information to adequately response to each of the following points:

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- Identify any gaps in current provision;
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- Consider the requirements of the general population;
- Identify the needs for particular user groups;
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- Develop an action plan.

Decide if the Committee wishes to provide a comment to the Cabinet Member on draft Local Toilet Strategy.

Section B – Supporting Information

5. Links to Council Policies and Priorities

- The draft Local Toilet Strategy links to the Resilient Communities and Thriving City Corporate Plan Commitments:

Well-being Objectives	Promote economic growth and regeneration whilst protecting the environment	Improve skills, educational outcomes & employment opportunities	Enable people to be healthy, independent & resilient	Build cohesive & sustainable communities
Corporate Plan Commitments	Thriving City	Aspirational People		Resilient Communities
Supporting Function	Modernised Council			

6. Wellbeing of Future Generation (Wales) Act

5 Ways of Working	Types of Questions to consider:
<p>Long-term The importance of balancing short-term needs with the need to safeguard the ability to also meet long-term needs.</p>	Are there any long term trends developing that could affect how this plan is implemented to how the actions are prioritised?
<p>Prevention Prevent problems occurring or getting worse.</p>	How are you ensuring that the needs of the service users monitored and are taken into account when developing the long term strategy?
<p>Integration Considering how public bodies' wellbeing objectives may impact upon each of the well-being goals, on their other objectives, or on the objectives of other public bodies.</p>	How does the Council's implementation of the plan impact upon the services of other public bodies and their objectives?
<p>Collaboration Acting in collaboration with any other person (or different parts of the organisation itself).</p>	How are you using the knowledge / information / good practice of others to inform / influence the Council's work?
<p>Involvement The importance of involving people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals, and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area which the body serves.</p>	How as a Council are we ensuring we are consistently seeking the views of those who are impacted through the implementation of the plan?
	While developing a long term strategy, how are

	you ensuring the diverse communities are involved in your decision making?
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7. Background Papers

- [The Essentials - Wellbeing of Future Generation Act \(Wales\)](#)
- [Corporate Plan](#)

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