
Report To:	Environment & Regeneration Committee	Date:	3 March 2022
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Subject:	Public Convenience Update		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To update members on proposed summer opening hours for public conveniences and to confirm funding for the cleaning of the extended estate.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The January 2022 meeting of the Environment & Regeneration Committee received an update on public convenience provision at Battery Park, Lunderston Bay and Greenock Cut and the costs of maintaining that provision. An update was to be brought back to the March 2022 meeting updating on how this was to be funded. It is proposed that the costs of maintaining provision are contained within the directorate budget.
- 2.2 The committee also agreed to the continuation of 6pm closure at the Fore Street, Hunters Place and Kilblain Street toilets subject to a report being brought back on the feasibility of extending these hours between April and September.
- 2.3 Following further discussion on the nature of the anti-social behaviour incidents experienced at Fore Street and historically at Hunters Place and Kilblain Street it is proposed that the opening hours at these three town centre facilities are extended to between 8 pm between April and September.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
- Notes the intention to fund the increased costs of public convenience provision from within the directorate budget; and
 - Approves the extended opening hours of the Fore Street, Hunters Place and Kilblain Street toilets to 8 pm between April and September.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Early recovery planning for the Covid pandemic highlighted issues around the opening of the public toilets at the Greenock Cut Centre and Lunderston Bay. Both sites were extremely busy in the summer of 2020 and yet there was no capacity to reopen the toilets and put in place enhanced cleaning. Increased opening hours and cleaning at the two sites was brought in by the Covid Recovery Plans and financed in 2020 by the Covid Contingency and in 2021 by the Covid Recovery Fund. Provision at this level for 2022 and beyond was to be subject to a review of overall public convenience provision in Inverclyde.
- 4.2 In the course of 2021 further cleaning was implemented at the Inverclyde Leisure toilets at Battery Park Pavilion. This was necessary to facilitate additional opening when the pitches are not in use and amounts to C£2.5K per annum.
- 4.3 Incidents of vandalism in 2018 in the town centre toilets in both Greenock and Port Glasgow have led to these being closed at 6 pm. It is now proposed that this is extended to 8 pm between April and September.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Finance

Financial Implications:

The additional costs of continuing provision at the current level going forward are estimated at £11.5K per annum. It is proposed that these costs are contained within the directorate budget.

One off Costs:

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/(Savings):

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
FM	Public Conveniences	2022-	£11.5K		To be contained in directorate budget

Legal

- 5.2 There are no legal implications.

Human Resources

- 5.3 None

5.4 Equalities

- (a) Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

Yes See attached appendix

No This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

(b) Fairer Scotland Duty

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.

NO

(c) Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.

NO

Repopulation

5.5 N/A

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 N/A

7.0 Background Papers

7.1 Recovery Action Plans Policy & Resources Committee 25 May 2021 **PR/08/21/MM**

Review of Public Convenience Provision and Opening Hours 13 Jan 2022

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