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HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

10 May, 2011

COMMUNITY TOILET SCHEME (H&E/11/63)

With reference to article 2 of the budget meeting of Council of 10 February, 2011, the Committee had before it a report by the Director of Housing and Environment which proposed that a community toilet scheme be established in the city.

The report suggested that the Council engage with local businesses to ask them to open up their toilets to the public, for a payment of around £500, and highlighted that it was important to ensure that all of the toilets selected to be a part of this scheme would comply with the Disability Discrimination Act. The potential costs associated with this project were (1) £12,000 revenue spend to the businesses (with an estimated twenty five businesses to get £500 each); and (2) £17,500 in additional staffing and administration costs, and on signage.

The Committee resolved:-

- (i) to instruct that an additional £30,000 be added to the revenue budget to cover funding of the community toilet scheme, subject to the approval of the Finance and Resources Committee of 16 June, 2011; and
- (ii) further to this approval, to instruct that the Director of Housing and Environment report back with progress to this Committee prior to December, 2011, and for this report to determine the benefits, risks and impact of introducing a Community Toilet Scheme as part of the long term strategy for public toilets in Aberdeen.