

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT**

To: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: PROVISION OF PUBLIC TOILETS AT KENILWORTH AVENUE WISHAW
From: HEAD OF FACILITY SUPPORT SERVICES		
Date: 21 st April 2015	Ref: GP/AH	

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise members of proposed changes affecting the provision of public toilets in Wishaw.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The public toilets at Kenilworth Avenue, Wishaw are located within the Coltness gatehouse building and are an attended facility, operating Monday to Wednesday 9am to 5pm and Thursday to Sunday 9am to 6pm.

2.2 At the Environmental Services Committee meeting of 13th May 2009, members agreed to delay a planned refurbishment of the toilets at Kenilworth Avenue, Wishaw to allow a feasibility study into a regeneration project for Coltness gatehouse and relocation of the public toilets.

2.3 As Committee will be aware, the Council, in partnership with NHS Lanarkshire, is undertaking a significant development on the former library site at Kenilworth Avenue in Wishaw, a short distance from the existing public toilets. This will provide a major "hub" facility within Wishaw where the Council and NHS Lanarkshire will deliver frontline services from the heart of the town centre in a modern, accessible, fit-for-purpose building. Services provided will include, on the council side, a new Library, First Stop Shop, Café, Housing Office and, provided by NHSL, 5 GP practices, 2 dental practices, community mental health, physiotherapy, podiatry etc. In addition, a substantial decked car park providing approximately 240 spaces will be located on the existing Health Centre immediately opposite the new building.

3. CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 The development of the Wishaw hub allows consideration to providing ground floor public access toilet facilities within the new building.

3.2 A similar operating model, providing access to public toilets within a combined North Lanarkshire Council/NHS Lanarkshire facility already exists in the Buchanan Centre, Coatbridge.

4. PROPOSALS

- 4.1 Following completion of the Wishaw hub project, it is proposed that toilets will be provided adjacent to the main entrance to the new building which will be available to the public. These will be available for use during normal working hours which are anticipated to be Monday to Friday 8.45am to 7.30pm and Saturday 9.30am to 4.30pm. These will operate as non attended facilities, similar to those found within major supermarkets.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS

5.1 Personnel Implications

- 5.1.1 Kenilworth Avenue public toilets have a staffing level of 2 part time employees working 58 hours (1.57 FTE) per week in total and graded NLC02.
- 5.1.2 The implementation of the proposal will lead to the number of toilet attendants reducing by 2 (1.57 FTE). However, considerable efforts will be made to minimise the impact on staff. Employees whose jobs are affected by the proposal will be given detailed information, both verbal and written, regarding the arrangements that will be adopted to implement these changes. The Service HR team will work closely with the employees and operational managers who are involved. There will be particular emphasis on seeking alternative employment for staff affected under the terms of the Council's Redeployment Policy.

5.2 Financial Implications

- 5.2.1 The implementation of this proposal will result in an annual budgeted revenue cost saving of £61,183 based on the 2014/15 budget.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 Members are recommended to:

- 6.1.1 Approve the closure of the public toilets at Kenilworth Avenue, Wishaw.
- 6.1.2 Declare the Coltness gatehouse building surplus to requirements.
- 6.1.3 Refer the report to the Policy and Resources (Human Resources) Sub Committee for approval.



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