

**REPORT TO: RECESS SUB-COMMITTEE**

**REPORT ON: THE CLOSURE OF HILLTOWN PUBLIC TOILETS AND RELOCATION OF THE AUTOMATIC PUBLIC CONVENIENCE.**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**

**REPORT NO: 448/2000**

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 The Director of Environmental and Consumer Protection seeks approval to introduce improvements within the public convenience stock managed by the ECPD.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 It is recommended that the Recess Sub-Committee approve the following proposals:-

2.1.1 To permanently close the Ladies and Gents Public Conveniences located in the Hilltown.

2.1.2 To relocate the Automatic Public Convenience (APC) currently situated at Seagate bus station, to the site of the Hilltown Ladies Toilet.

2.1.3 To instruct the Chief Engineer to tender for the demolition of the existing facilities provided at the Hilltown.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The City Engineer has estimated that demolition of the two existing facilities would cost £7,600.

3.2 Relocation of the APC from the Seagate to the site of the existing Ladies toilet in the Hilltown would cost an estimated £10,000.

3.3 The expenditure for the items at 3.1 and 3.2 above can be met from the Council's Renewal and Repair fund.

3.4 Savings on property costs resulting from the closure of the ladies and gents facilities in the Hilltown would be £13,512 in a full financial year, and £9008 in the remainder of year 2000/2001.

3.5 The savings shown at 3.4 above have already been accounted for in the earlier report to the Policy and Resources Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2000.

## **4.0 DUNDEE 21 IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There would be no Dundee 21 implications arising out of this report.

## **5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The Hilltown Toilets currently provide disabled access in the male facility only. Statistics show that 83.3% of the disabled population are able to use an APC, therefore moving the APC to the Hilltown will improve public toilet provision in this area for disabled persons.

## **6.0 BACKGROUND**

- 6.1 The existing Ladies and Gents toilets located in the Hilltown provide a functional facility but are in need of considerable upgrading.
- 6.2 Committee approval was granted in December 1996 to locate an APC at the Seagate bus station during the extensive refurbishment of these premises. This report went on to recommend that upon completion of this refurbishment, the APC would be removed and relocated to an alternative site within the City.
- 6.3 The refurbishment works at the bus station were completed in May 1998, but to date, the APC has remained in its original position pending an in-depth review of the public convenience stock managed by the ECPD.
- 6.4 The APC is under utilised in its current location due to the fact that it is sited directly outside a recently refurbished, attended facility.
- 6.5 It is proposed therefore to permanently close and demolish the existing Ladies and Gents facilities located at the Hilltown, and relocate the APC to the site of the Ladies facility.
- 6.6 The APC is presently under a leasing agreement with Trainer Decaux Scotland Ltd, and all works associated with the relocation will therefore be arranged by them.
- 6.7 Arrangements for the demolition of the existing Hilltown facilities will be made by the City Engineer.

## **7.0 CONSULTATION**

Chief Executive  
Director of Finance  
Director of Support Services

## **8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1 None.

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