

Public Convenience Working Group

Terms of Reference

Purpose of Working Group

1. The Working Group will determine the most appropriate public convenience service provision for the DC&SDC area.
2. The working group will consider:
 - Public Toilet provision in Council area (Council and non-council owned)
 - BTA Inspectors reports
 - Condition Survey/Report
 - Automated toilets
 - Community Toilet Scheme
 - Changing Places toilet facilities

Meetings

The Member/Officer task and finish working group will meet 4-5 times over a four month period (April 2017/July 2017).

Membership

1. The working group will include the following representatives:
 - Cllr Allan Bresland (DCSDC)
 - Cllr Karina Carlin (DCSDC)
 - Cllr Derek Hussey(DCSDC)
 - Cllr Martin Reilly(DCSDC)
 - Seamus Donaghy (DCSDC)
 - Nominated Environmental Health Officer (DCSDC)
 - Nominated Building Control Officer (DCSDC)

2. The working group may seek support/services from other individuals or stakeholders to help progress specific issues;

Chair and Secretariat Arrangements

1. The Group will be chaired by Seamus with secretariat provided by nominated Environmental Health Officer.
2. Meeting dates will be set in advance to ensure effective planning and preparation by group members and key actions are effectively taken forward.

Strategic Context

1. The work of the Group will be informed by the DC&SDC Community Planning process and relevant cross-cutting and subject specific Strategies.
2. The Group will consider existing facilities provided and current best practice when determining the best public toilet provision in the Council area.

Project Aim(s)

Improve public access to better quality, clean and safe public toilets across the North West Region through:

- Improving existing public toilet provision owned by Derry City and Strabane District Council
- The implementation of a Community Toilet Scheme across the Council area (Target 20 participating Businesses in year1)
- The provision of 1 or 2 'Changing Places' toilet facilities which meet current best practice and provide leading accessible facilities for disabled visitors/guests/users.
- Increase participation, inclusion and accessibility of the pan disability community in tourism, business and cultural activities
- Create a positive tourist image
- Encourage return visits to the Council area
- Address residents and visitor requirements
- Enhance the quality of life experience for visitors and customers
- Boost visitor and customer satisfaction
- Attract disabled customers' and visitors' friends, relatives, carers and colleagues to the Council area

Anticipated Outcomes

1. Public Toilet provision within the Council area will meet the standards required by the general public and visitors.
2. links to Public Health Agency's Making Life Better Strategy 2013-2023
3. An increase in tourism and marketed effectively in tourism strategies for the North West
4. The Council area and the wider North West will be an accessible and inclusive City and District which supports and promotes age friendly, autism friendly, youth and family provisions and reduce barriers to provision of facilities in the North West
5. The Council area will be a more accessible and Inclusive region.

Resources

Review existing costs associated with existing and proposed future public toilet provision.

Implementation Plan

Prepare an improvement plan and report to Health and Community Committee in September 2017