



**Committee Name:** Mousehold Heath Conservators

**Committee Date:** 17/09/2021

**Report Title:** Public toilet provision adjacent to the Pavilion Gurney Road

<b>Portfolio:</b>	Executive director of development and city services
<b>Report from:</b>	Parks and open spaces manager
<b>Wards:</b>	Crome/Catton Grove
<b>OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>	

### **Purpose**

To make a decision on the interim arrangements for the toilet block pending a decision on works required to re-open the toilet block.

### **Recommendation:**

To:

- 1) place a notice and map on the existing toilets, explaining the reason for closure and direct people to the pitch and putt toilets; and
- 2) convene an extra conservators meeting to make a decision on provision and investment.

### **Policy Framework**

The Mousehold Conservators Mousehold Heath management plan 2018 - 2028 has eight objectives, which are:

- C) To ensure that Mousehold Heath is clean and well maintained.

This report meets all the objectives.

The Council has three corporate priorities, which are:

- People living well
- Great neighbourhoods, housing and environment
- Inclusive economy

This report meets the great neighbourhoods, housing and environment corporate priority

## **Report Details**

1. The public toilet block adjacent to the pavilion closed at the start of the pandemic due to a lack of hot water, soap dispensers and the inability to clean and sanitise the facility satisfactorily. As a result the toilet block has been closed for 17 months.
2. During the period of closure one toilet has started leaking and requires repair.
3. There has been an increase in visitors to the heath as a result of covid. The number of complaints received about the toilets being closed was not available at the time of writing the report and will be reported verbally at the meeting.
4. To re-open the toilet block will require investment to ensure that they are fit for purpose in the future. To produce an options report will require investigative work to inform costings and has not been possible since the matter was discussed at the itinerant on 3 September 2021.
5. Options and costings could be brought to the Conservators meeting in January 2022 to inform the committee, for a decision to be made about investment in the toilet block. There would then be a further period of time to procure and deliver the works. Alternatively, an additional meeting of the conservators could be convened sooner, to enable a decision to be made.
6. A decision needs to be made about the interim arrangements. There are two options:
  - a. Place signage on the block and a map informing visitors that the nearest toilet block is located at Mousehold pitch and putt. For volunteer events and guided walks etc the wardens would open up the Fountain Ground toilets.
  - b. Put a temporary accessible unit on site. The approximate costs for this are £40 per week hire (including one service visit per week) and £40 for delivery and removal. Cleaning would be done by NCSL. There may be a possibility to connect this into the mains.

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## **Background documents**

None