

**Briefing note on public toilets for  
Planning, Transport & Environment PDS Panel  
Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

The MTSRP includes £120k savings target from 2014/15 on the public toilets budget. This briefing note describes the work being undertaken to achieve the savings, by transferring responsibility to other organisations or closures, and improvements to the remaining toilets and service offer through an external contract.

**Procurement for external contract:**

The external contract (15 years plus 5 year extension) will include investment by the contractor in the prioritised toilets to improve and modernise facilities, such as automatic doors, anti-abuse mechanisms and equipment, easy-clean surfaces, water and electricity minimisation, and including entry charging for income to off-set against running costs, plus full management, cleansing, coin collection/handling, utility charges, responsive and planned repairs and maintenance. The outcome of the procurement process is close to being finalised.

The 12 toilets prioritised to retain in parks/play areas/open spaces (where there are no alternative facilities) and linked to transport hubs:

- Alexandra Park;
- Sydney Gardens;
- Henrietta Park;
- Alice Park;
- Parade Gardens;
- Royal Victoria Park Play Area;
- Monksdale Road;
- Memorial Park – Keynsham;
- The Shallows – Saltford;
- Charlotte Street Car Park;
- Riverside Coach Park;  
(see note below on Monmouth Street/Seven Dials)
- Odd Down Park & Ride;

**Monmouth Street (Seven Dials):** we are seeking to retain this following Members' request for a 24 hour city centre facility. This is a key 24/7 city centre location and in the vicinity of the proposed Saw Close casino/hotel development. The position relates to the future of Riverside Coach Park and the Enterprise Area regeneration/ development plans (in general and specific to the toilets building).

**Proposals and actions for the remaining 14:**

- Approach Golf Course – transferred to Aquaterra (as golf course/S&AL contractor) from 1<sup>st</sup> July
- Ashton Way – Keynsham - proposed to keep open until new facilities are in place as part of the town centre regeneration from Autumn 2014;

- Gullock Tynning, Midsomer Norton - a group of Officers (Policy & Partnerships, S&AL, Parks, Play, Waste) recognise the need for toilets in this area with the skate park, adventure play area, Somer Centre and other proposed. We are working on how to deliver as part of a 'community campus' plan. One option may be a concession/lease with the incoming S&AL contractor in 2015; interim arrangements will need to be made and funded.
- Royal Victoria Park Pavilion. Under offer by Property Services to Exel to take over for their customers, awaiting their answer. Closure to follow if the offer is not taken up.
- The three Automatic Public Conveniences (APCs) - The Island Midsomer Norton; Shaftesbury Road, Oldfield Park; Charlotte Street (car park entrance); detailed discussions to be held with the current contractor about relocation or termination.
- High Street, Paulton - under offer to the Parish Council to takeover completely, formal notice on current agreement being given (12 months max)
- London Road, Batheaston - under offer to the Parish Council to takeover completely, formal notice on current agreement being given (12 months max). Planning Policy officers leading on discussions with the Parish Chair on their Vision Plan.
- Greenlands Road – Peasedown St. John - Notice of closure from 1 August 2013
- Bradford Road, Combe Down - Notice of closure from 1 August 2013
- Dominion Road, Twerton - Notice of closure from 1 August 2013
- Weston High Street – to remain open until a replacement has been found; officers are working on options with ward councillors.
- Larkhall Square – to remain open until 1 April 2014 whilst ward councillors and officers work through options for alternative provision.

**Communications:**

Our public webpage (<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/tourism-and-heritage/toilets>) is being updated regularly as this work progresses.

Signs at locations being affected give the following contact points for residents for further information.

Go to: [www.bathnes.gov.uk/publictoilets](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/publictoilets)

Email: [publictoilets@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:publictoilets@bathnes.gov.uk)

Write: Public toilets

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