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**Report to Clackmannanshire Council**

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**Date of Meeting: 8 March 2012**

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**Subject: Public Convenience Provision in Alloa Town Centre**

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**Report by: Head of Strategy & Customer Services**

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**1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to update Council on progress to date regarding the review of provision of public conveniences in Alloa town centre.

**2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1. It is recommended that Council note consultation arrangements that will inform the review of provision of public conveniences in Alloa town centre in the context of other agreed developments.

**3.0 Considerations**

- 3.1. On 26 January 2012, the Council instructed officers not to proceed with the demolition of the toilet block at Maple Court in Alloa. In addition, officers were instructed to review the provision of public conveniences in Alloa town centre in the context of other agreed developments.
- 3.2. As part of the review process, a public consultation exercise is being undertaken between 20 February and 5 March 2012. The consultation takes the form of face to face interviews based on a structured questionnaire with shoppers, the local community and the business community. Interviews are being undertaken by council staff and volunteers from local community groups who assisted with gathering in views using the questionnaire.
- 3.3. The questionnaire has been made widely available online via Clacksweb and in paper form at council offices across the County.
- 3.4. The consultation has been publicised through various means, including posters in council offices, on Clacksweb and through social media such as Facebook, as well as through more traditional media, including local papers and radio coverage.
- 3.5. The questionnaire is based around 3 options, which respondents are asked to rank in order of preference:

- Do Nothing - neither reinstate the public conveniences at Maple Court nor explore other options.
- Reinststate the previous public convenience provision at Maple Court;
- Temporarily reinstate the previous public convenience provision at Maple Court plus explore options for more modern public convenience provision in Alloa Town Centre, for example at the refurbished Speirs Centre.

3.6. Following completion of the consultation exercise, the results will be analysed and will inform the review of the provision of public conveniences in Alloa town centre. A verbal update on the consultation exercise and findings will be given at the Council meeting on 8 March 2012.

#### **4.0 Sustainability Implications**

4.1. None.

#### **5.0 Resource Implications**

5.1. *Financial Details*

5.2. The full financial implications of the recommendations are set out in the report. This includes a reference to full life cycle costs where appropriate. Yes ☒

5.3. Finance have been consulted and have agreed the financial implications as set out in the report. Yes ☒

5.4. *Staffing*

#### **6.0 Exempt Reports**

6.1. Is this report exempt? Yes ☐ (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No ☒

#### **7.0 Declarations**

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

(1) **Our Priorities 2008 - 2011** (Please double click on the check box ☒)

The area has a positive image and attracts people and businesses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Our communities are more cohesive and inclusive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
People are better skilled, trained and ready for learning and employment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our communities are safer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Vulnerable people and families are supported	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Substance misuse and its effects are reduced	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health is improving and health inequalities are reducing	<input type="checkbox"/>
The environment is protected and enhanced for all	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Council is effective, efficient and recognised for excellence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**(2) Council Policies** (Please detail)

**8.0 Equalities Impact**

8.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?

Yes ☒ No ☐

**9.0 Legality**

9.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes ☒

**10.0 Appendices**

10.1 Please list any appendices attached to this report. If there are no appendices, please state "none".

None.

**11.0 Background Papers**

11.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)

Yes ☒ (please list the documents below) No ☐

Report to Clackmannanshire Council, 26 January 2012, Public Conveniences, Alloa

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