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NOTIFICATION OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION

On 22 January 2015, Cllr E Heron, the Environment Portfolio Holder, made the following decision. Any member of the Council, who is not a Portfolio Holder, who considers that this decision should be reviewed should give notice to the Monitoring Officer (Grainne O'Rourke) (in writing or by e-mail) to be received **ON OR BY FRIDAY 30 JANUARY 2015**.

Details of the documents the Portfolio Holder considered are attached.

DECISION:

To close the public conveniences at Winsor Road, Totton, demolish the building and return the site to open space.

REASON(S):

As set out in the report considered by the Portfolio Holder.

ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:

As set out in the report considered by the Portfolio Holder.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED:

None

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PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION

Demolition of Winsor Road Toilets

1 Background

On 12th June 2015 the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel received a report from the Head of Environment Services regarding the Council's provision of public conveniences.

This report summarised the work of the member task and finish working group which was formed to review the Council's public convenience provision and identify a 3 year programme for refurbishment.

The task and finish group was chaired by Councillor Beck, with Councillors Sevier, McLean and Southgate. The working party visited all facilities prioritised by officers and reported their findings to the Panel

The working party visited Winsor Road, Totton as this facility had suffered from serious anti-social behaviour. It is in this year's current expenditure plan requiring an estimated £45,000 of remedial works. This building, constructed in the mid 70's, has very low usage by the public. It requires in excess of £45,000 spent to bring it up to a reasonable standard. The building has for very many years suffered from anti-social behaviour of the worst kind and in spite of visits from Council Officers and the police the problem persists. The major works required are replacement roof, hand wash units, fascia boards, rewiring, replacement lighting and new sanitary ware. The external doors require replacing and the tiling has a limited lifespan. Due to the extreme anti-social behaviour, low public use and the estimated costs of repairs, the task and finish group recommended that this building be closed and demolished as soon as possible.

The public convenience at Winsor Road has been closed since November 2014 due to a succession of vandalism incidents

2. DECISION

2.1 As Portfolio Holder for Environment my decision is to agree with recommendation of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel meeting of the 12th June 2014 that the Public Convenience at Winsor Road, Totton should be closed and the building demolished, returning the site to open space

3. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

3.1 The Environment Review and Scrutiny Panel were made aware of an option to spend £45,000 on repairs, but this would have not resolved the problems with anti-social behaviour and vandalism.

4. CONFLICT OF INTERESTS DECLARED

4.1 None

Signed CLLR E HERON Date: 22nd January '15

Cllr Edward Heron
Portfolio Holder for the Environment

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Background Papers:

Report and Minute of Environment
Overview and Scrutiny Panel,
12 June 2014.

Date on which notice given for this Decision – 23 January 2015

Last date for call-in – 30 January 2015