

WELL-BEING ASSESSMENT FOR THE LOCAL TOILETS STRATEGY

Project Description (key aims): The Local Toilets Strategy sets out how the Council will work to improve public access to toilets within the county borough and, should any decision be made to reduce or close current provision, what actions can be taken to mitigate such decisions.

Section 1) Complete the table below to assess how well you have applied the 5 ways of working.

 <p>Integration</p>	<p>1. <i>How does your project / activity deliver economic, social, environmental & cultural outcomes together?</i></p> <p>The Strategy aims to increase people feeling confident and safe to go out and about in Torfaen. For many people who have a health condition or disability, a lack of access to toilets can limit their participation in communities. Increasing people’s ability to visit businesses and leisure facilities will improve their own social well-being, and aims to contribute to the local economy and increase access to cultural facilities. By displaying the national toilet scheme logo on premises where access is agreed with the business management / organisation, people will have confidence they are welcome. By providing maps and information for people to plan their journeys and trips from home, this will also support confidence and reduce loneliness and isolation.</p> <p>Contributions to environmental well-being is less evident.</p>
 <p>Long-term</p>	<p>2. <i>How does your project / activity balance short-term need with the long-term and planning for the future?</i></p> <p>People require access to toilets now and work so far has shown that whilst there are many facilities available in Torfaen already, there are restrictions on opening times that limit people’s ability to visit some areas and there are limits on facilities for some of the population (baby changing facilities for fathers to use & specially adapted changing places). Seeking ways to address these will help benefit people over the short and longer term.</p> <p>The strategy will support any future decisions that may be made to reduce or close current local authority provision by directing officers to work with others in the vicinity to offer access to their toilets.</p> <p>Finding ways to bring other providers on board from public services other than the local authority, from community groups and private businesses, will help to support current resources that are already under pressure.</p>
 <p>Prevention</p>	<p>3. <i>How does your project / activity put resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse?</i></p> <p>By seeking to work with other partners, the Strategy aims to increase public access to toilets. This will help if, at any point in the future, the local authority decides to reduce its own facilities - and this is recognised in the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017 Part 8.</p>

 <p>Collaboration</p>	<p>4. <i>How does your project / activity involve working together with partners (internal and external) to deliver well-being objectives?</i></p> <p>The Strategy seeks involve partners in opening up their own facilities to the public. We will also be looking at sponsorship to support continuation or extension of current facilities. Collaboration is a strong part of this Strategy.</p>	
 <p>Involvement</p>	<p>5. <i>How does your project / activity involve stakeholders with an interest in achieving the well-being goals? How do those stakeholders reflect the diversity of the area?</i></p> <p>We have engaged with people across the borough to inform the needs assessment and drafting the Strategy. We will be further involving people from as many groups and communities as possible during consultation. Involving partners in the public and private sectors is a key element in delivering the Strategy. We are also looking at a mystery shopper opportunity so people can help to to monitor facilities in respect of access, cleanliness and safety. This aspect needs further work but will be an opportunity for citizens to support continuing access to clean and safe toilet facilities throughout Torfaen.</p>	
<p>Section 2) Assess how well your project / activity will result in multiple benefits for our communities and contribute to the national well-being goals (use Appendix 1 to help you).</p>		
<p>Description of the Well-being goals</p>	<p>How will your project / activity deliver benefits to our communities under the national well-being goals?</p>	<p>Is there anyway to maximise the benefits or minimise any negative impacts to our communities (and the contribution to the national well-being goals)?</p>
<p>A prosperous Wales An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately (including acting on climate change); and which develops a skilled and well-educated population in an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities, allowing people to take advantage of the wealth generated through securing decent work.</p>	<p>Improving access to toilet facilities will help those people, who require frequent or urgent access to a toilet, to commute to and from work / partipate in community life and contribute to our economy.</p>	
<p>A resilient Wales A nation which maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social,</p>	<p>Improving access to public toilets will encourage more people to access the natural environment and support activities in our communities that contribute to a resilient</p>	<p>The Strategy will encourage any refurbishment of existing public toilets / new build toilet provisions, to explore and adopt</p>

economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change (for example climate change).	community / Torfaen / Wales.	sustainable and environmental friendly facilities.	
A healthier Wales A society in which people's physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood.	Improving access to toilet facilities will help those people, who require frequent or urgent access to a toilet, to participate in employment, learning and social activities outside of their home which all have positive benefits on physical and mental health.		
A more equal Wales A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances (including their socio economic background and circumstances).	The Strategy seeks to improve access to toilets for people – through gender neutral facilities, family friendly facilities and for those with additional toilet needs.		
A Wales of cohesive communities Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected communities.	The Strategy recognises that public toilets can attract anti-social behaviour and vandalism and so we will with the Community Safety Team, Police and other enforcement agencies to make public toilets in Torfaen as safe as possible.		
A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language A society that promotes and protects culture, heritage and the Welsh language, and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation.	Improving access to public toilets will encourage and facilitate people to access open spaces, to participate in sports, recreation and cultural activities both indoors and outdoors.		
A globally responsible Wales A nation which, when doing anything to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, takes account of whether doing such a thing may make a positive contribution to global well-being.	No obvious contribution.		
Section 3) Will your project / activity affect people or groups of people with protected characteristics? Explain what will be done to maximise any positive impacts or minimise any negative impacts.			
Protected characteristics	Will your project / activity have any positive impacts on those with a protected characteristic?	Will your project / activity have any negative impacts on those with a protected	Is there any way to maximise any positive impacts or minimise any negative impacts?

		characteristic?	
Age	The Strategy will improve access to public toilets that will support people of all ages , but especially older people, to go out and about in Torfaen.	We cannot see any intended negative consequences	
Disability	The Strategy will improve access to public toilets for people with a disability.	We cannot see any intended negative consequences	
Gender	The Strategy aims to provide gender-neutral baby changing facilities.	We cannot see any intended negative consequences	
Gender reassignment	The Strategy aims to provide gender neutral toilet facilities in the future.	We cannot see any intended negative consequences	
Marriage and civil partnership		We cannot see any intended negative consequences	
Pregnancy and maternity		We cannot see any intended negative consequences	
Race		We cannot see any intended negative consequences	
Religion or Belief		We cannot see any intended negative consequences	
Sexual orientation		We cannot see any intended negative consequences	
Section 4) Identify decision meetings for project/ activity e.g. Cabinet, Council or delegated decisions taken by Executive Members and / or Chief Officers.			
Leadership 7th November 2018 to approve the draft Strategy to commence consultation.			
Cabinet 9th April 2019 to approve the final Strategy for publication.			
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