

ANGUS COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE – 13 AUGUST 2002

WEST HAVEN PUBLIC TOILETS, NORRIES ROAD, CARNOUSTIE

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Abstract

This report asks the Committee to consider the closure/disposal of the West Haven public convenience building following a request from a neighbouring house owner to acquire the property.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee:

- a) note the report.
- b) agree not to close the West Haven Public Conveniences meantime but to await a further report in due course from the Director on the future of unmanned public conveniences across Angus.

2. INTRODUCTION

The West Haven Public Convenience is situated on a corner site at Norries Road, Carnoustie in an area of residential properties. The building is small, brick/harled with male and female facilities of a basic standard. The history of the building is unknown although it is likely it was built in the late 1920's to 1930's in connection with nearby Bannister Park and the Sea Front at West Haven.

3. CONSIDERATION OF CLOSURE

A letter was received recently from the owner of a neighbouring residence adjoining the toilet block wishing to acquire the building for the purposes of demolition and annexing the site into their garden, which surrounds the toilet on two sides.

Carnoustie has six public conveniences, including the 24 hour automatic unit at Station Road and the Sea Front facility at the Beach Hall and Leisure Centre. Four of the toilets, including West haven are traditional unmanned facilities. The Best Value Review on Public Conveniences (Report No 543/00) identified from public consultation that unmanned public toilets were not popular with the public and continued to be vandalised and misused. The Best Value action plan is to tackle this problem with a comprehensive review of unmanned public conveniences with reported recommendations on the future of all such toilets across Angus coming to Committee in due course. On that basis it would seem premature to consider the future of the West Haven Toilets in isolation.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications in respect of this report.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS

There are no human rights implications in respect of this report.

6. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, Director of Finance and Director of Law and Administration have been consulted on the contents of this report.

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Director of Environmental and Consumer Protection

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report.

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