

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**Report by Chief Officer: Supply, Distribution and Property****Infrastructure Regeneration and Economic Development Committee:
17 November 2021**

Subject: Update on review of Changing Places Toilet provision in West Dunbartonshire Council.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on a review of Changing Places Toilet provision in West Dunbartonshire Council area.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes the review and agrees to request that additional budget for financial year 2022/23 is proposed as outlined in 4.9.

3. Background

- 3.1 A Report was presented, by the Chief Officer for Resources, to the Corporate Services Committee on 21 April 2021 providing information on a grant application to the Alexander Cross Cameron Trust Fund from the Golden Friendships Club.
- 3.2 At this Committee the undernoted motion was agreed:

“Committee agrees to fund the grant application from Golden Friendships for £20,000 from the underspent Community Chest/Cultural/Playscheme funds administered on our behalf by WDCVS.

Committee also asks officers to bring a report to a future IRED Committee with options for locations for other Adult Accessible Changing Places across West Dunbartonshire for the benefit of residents and visitors to the area.

It is noted that funding may become available from the next Scottish Government for such Adult Accessible Changing Places and we should be ready to apply as soon as any potential scheme becomes available. If such a scheme is not forthcoming, officers should prepare options for members to consider how West Dunbartonshire Council can self-fund these amenities.”

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** Following Corporate Services Committee in April 2021, Officers in Corporate Asset Management carried out a survey of all 144 operational buildings and 549 non-operational buildings.
- 4.2** Changing Places Toilets (CPT) are larger accessible toilets, which address the needs of people for whom standard accessible toilet accommodation is inadequate or impractical to use. They contain equipment such as hoists, curtains, adult-sized changing benches and space for carers.
- 4.3** CPTs provide a better quality of life for people who have profound and multiple physical and learning difficulties by allowing people to plan activities with confidence around where such facilities are located and when they are open. In 2019 in Scotland 1,040,000 people had a long-term activity-limiting health problem or disability, of which around 20,000 people can benefit from the additional facilities offered by a CPT where standard accessible toilets do not meet their needs.
- 4.3** We have a number of CPTs within our learning estate provision but none of these are currently accessible by members of the public and are for staff and pupil use only.
- 4.4** There are over 1,300 CPTs across the UK, up from just 140 in 2007.
- 4.5** Central and Local Government carried out a number of consultations in relation to Building Regulations in 2019 with a view to changing what provision is expected where development, within local government areas, delivers new buildings.
- 4.6** Currently the Council has no proposals for any future new public buildings and therefore to try and satisfy the lack of provision within West Dunbartonshire Council, Corporate Asset Management has required to look at current public accessible buildings to bridge this gap in provision. The Council currently have no CPTs in public accessible buildings.
- 4.7** Whilst the Council will continue to work with partner organisations and the business community to try and delivery where possible CPTs the following locations have been reviewed and are proposed with a view to giving a spread geographically across the Council area:
- Balloch Bus Stance Toilets;
 - Concorde Community Centre;
 - Dalmuir Community Centre;
 - Clydebank East Community Centre.

4.8 Currently only a desk top exercise has been carried out and a further period of survey will be required together with lodging of a building warrant application for all 4 locations. It is therefore proposed that these projects be completed in financial year 2022/23.

4.9 Following the desk top exercise it is envisaged that the cost to deliver a CPT will be in the region of £20,000 to £25,000. A budget therefore of £100,000 is being requested and will be reviewed and updated at each budgetary control period together with progress at each period.

5. People Implications

5.1 There are no people implications arising from this report.

6. Financial and Procurement Implications

6.1 No budgetary provision exists for any funding that may be awarded by this Committee and will require to be reviewed at a future date by Council through the budget setting process and officers, should this recommendation be agreed, will include within the capital plan for 2022/23 for approval by Council in March 2022.

6.2 There are no procurement issues associated with this report

7. Risk Analysis

7.1 None.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

8.1 No significant issues were identified in relation to equality impact screening in relation to this report but individual assessments will take place for each project and positive outcomes will be achieved.

9. Strategic Environmental Assessment

9.1 A Strategic Environmental Assessment is not required

10. Consultation

10.1 Consultation was undertaken with various officers across a number of services including West Dunbartonshire Leisure Trust.

11. Strategic Assessment

11.1 By agreeing to recommendation within this report the Council will be delivering on a strategic aim by supporting individuals, families and carers living independently and with dignity.

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Appendices: None

Background Papers: Corporate Services Committee - Report by Chief Officer
Resources on 21 April 2021 in relation providing
information on a recent grant application to the Alexander
Cross Cameron Trust Fund from the Golden Friendships
Club.

Wards Affected: All