

# **NOTE OF THE VALUE AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION ON THE REVIEW OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCES TO THE CITY EXECUTIVE BOARD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2009.**

## **1. Introduction and Background**

At its meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009, the Value and Performance Scrutiny Committee considered a briefing note, attached, of the Executive Director, City Services updating the Committee on consultation and associated matters relating to the ongoing review of public conveniences.

The Committee noted details of the interim results and findings. Consideration was given to the issues around raising charges in relation to the operation of public conveniences. Members agreed that officers should obtain more information on the potential for charging, to include comparisons with best practices carried out by other similar authorities, and to feed this back into the decision making process. Before any firm decisions are made officers were to explore and evaluate the costs of providing and operating public conveniences in other authorities, including those where outsourced arrangements are in place.

## **2. The Committee agreed to recommend to the City Executive Board:**

1. That proposals for the future are based around the interim findings from public consultation detailed within the report.
2. Before any irrevocable decisions are made for officers to bring forward to the City Executive Board benchmarking data from other authorities, including those that have externalised arrangements, for the cleaning and maintenance of public toilets.
3. That the issue of community toilet schemes and charging for the use of public facilities is not implemented without full and proper consideration.

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