

REPORT TO: THE EXECUTIVE –21ST NOVEMBER 2005

FROM: STRATEGIC DIRECTORS BOARD

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REPORT – RESPONSE TO THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE – POLICY AND OVERSIGHT REVIEW

Purpose of Report

To consider the implications of the recommendations made by the review panel and the way to move the service forward.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive:-

- a) Records its appreciation of the work carried out by the Policy and Oversight Panel and its thanks to all the people and organisations that have contributed to this review.**
- b) Approves the service delivery templates as a means of strategically managing the public convenience service.**
- c) Endorses the specific responses to the actions in appendices A & B.**
- d) Ensures that the recommendations in these reports are fed into the 2006/7 budget and the Medium Term Resource strategy.**

Introduction

The Policy and Review (Oversight) panel have now completed their review of the public convenience service and have made a number of observations and recommendations during the two stages of the review.

Reports on the two stages of the investigation reports are enclosed, the Chair of the Policy and Oversight Committee will present the final report to the Executive on 21 November.

The reason that this report and the Policy and Oversight panel's report are to be discussed at the same meeting is to ensure that any financial implications can be considered as part of the medium term resource strategy and the 2006/7 budget.

Appendices A and B provide detailed breakdowns of the panels recommendations on the Interim and Stage 2 reports with a proposed response from the Executive.

Conclusions

1. The reports provide a valuable insight into how the service operates and is viewed by the public and other stakeholders.
2. They have also proposed a service delivery template that will assist in the strategic management of the service.
3. A number of the decisions have financial implications that cannot be met from current revenue and capital budgets
4. Whereas the public convenience service is an important discretionary service it is only one of a range of services provided by PCC. Constraints on council funding as a whole mean that it is impractical to consider these issues in a stand alone manner
5. The Medium Term Resource Strategy is the established framework for addressing funding issues such as these.

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Strategic Director for Environment and Transportation

Background List of Documents

Interim Report of the Policy and Review (Oversight) Panel review of Public Conveniences.

The Policy and Review (Oversight) panel review of Public Conveniences – stage 2

Appendix A – Detailed recommendations arising from the Interim report of the Policy and Review (Oversight) Panel review of Public Conveniences.

Appendix B – Detailed Recommendations arising from the Policy and Review (Oversight) panel review of Public Conveniences – stage 2 Final report