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Public Conveniences Refurbishment

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2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That Cabinet approves the PID for the refurbishment of Public Conveniences at the five selected sites.
- 2.2 That Cabinet approves release of £569,000 from the Asset Replacement Programme (ARP) to enable the commencement of the project, to cover the initial feasibility including site surveys, design and costings, with a further report to Cabinet on the total estimated cost before going out to tender.

3. Background

- 3.1. CDC owns and manages a number of Public Conveniences across the district, this service provides important facilities for the public. Work to refurbish a number of these sites was paused as a result of the Covid pandemic.
- 3.2. Five sites have been identified in the district for the first phase of works to be undertaken. These sites are as follows:
 - Priory Park, Chichester
 - East Beach, Selsey
 - Tower Street, Chichester
 - Bosham Lane, Bosham
 - Market Road, Chichester
- 3.3. In October 2018 Cabinet, approved a PID and budget of £145,000 for the refurbishment of Tower Street Public Conveniences. This sum with the ARP budget for the 4 other site results in a total sum of £714,000 for the five sites.

- 3.4. It is proposed that the project is managed through a design-led approach to refurbish/reconfigure the sites on a phased basis. The project would be developed to RIBA Stage 2, after which estimates of costs will be provided. The site at Priory Park would be progressed as part of the early stage of the project (as previously agreed at Cabinet).
- 3.5. The programme of works will include any drainage issues, along with consideration of carbon reduction and the Equality Act. The potential for future proofing at the sites will also be considered, which will include options for potential charging facilities.

4. Outcomes to be Achieved

- 4.1 The provision of Public Conveniences which are modern, resolve any drainage issues, provide less opportunity for vandalism, and meet the requirements of the Equality Act. The refurbishment programme would provide better longevity for the facilities. Efficiencies in energy use will be considered as part of the scheme.
- 4.2 The Vision for Chichester City has a theme relating to providing a variety of events and activities and an attractive, clean and welcoming environment. Good quality streetscape and public areas are vital to leaving people with a positive lasting impression. This is also reflected in the town Visions across the district.

5. Proposal

- 5.1 Cabinet is asked to approve the PID in appendix one, to enable refurbishment, potential reconfiguration and drainage works and approves release of £569,000 from the Asset Replacement Programme to enable the commencement of the project to cover the initial costs of feasibility, site surveys, design and costings, with a further report to Cabinet on total estimated cost before going out to tender.
- 5.2 The five sites have been selected at this stage based on a number of factors, including consideration of the level of use of sites; timing within the asset replacement programme and available budget; feedback from the public and partners; and resources available.

6. Alternatives Considered

- 6.1 Not to undertake the refurbishment as described or to undertake a revised reduced level of refurbishment. However, this would not maintain the sites adequately, could leave a negative impression of the district by visitors and residents and may not achieve energy efficiencies.

7. Resource and Legal Implications

- 7.1 There is no statutory requirement for local authorities to provide and operate public conveniences.
- 7.2 There are adequate resources within the Place, Estates and CCS Services to manage the project. Tenders will be sought for the feasibility, site surveys and design works to be carried out and a project delivery plan will be implemented, using the PID as at Appendix 1 as the basis for this.

8. Consultation

8.1 Consultation will be undertaken with relevant stakeholders as the project progresses.

9. Community Impact and Corporate Risks

9.1 Risk that expectations will not be met if the refurbishment does not meet the anticipated needs. Reputation may be harmed if the facilities are not designed in a suitable manner.

10. Other Implications

	Yes	No
Crime and Disorder It is anticipated that the scheme will assist with designing out antisocial issues	X	
Climate Change and Biodiversity The scheme is likely to enable more efficient use of water, electricity, lighting, etc.	X	
Human Rights and Equality Impact - Positive impact	x	
Safeguarding and Early Help		x
General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)		x
Health and Wellbeing - Positive	X	
Other (please specify)		x

11. Appendix

11.1 Appendix 1 - Project Initiation Document

12. Background Papers

12.1 None.