

Cabinet

2 Rhagfyr 2024

Y Pwnc: Strategaeth Toiledau Lleol

Y Pwrpas:

Pwrpas yr adroddiad hwn yw cael cymeradwyaeth i weithredu Strategaeth Toiledau Lleol 24/26 a'r camau gweithredu cysylltiedig.

Yr argymhellion / penderfyniadau allweddol sydd eu hangen:

Ystyried y wybodaeth yn yr adroddiad hwn a chymeradwyo Strategaeth Toiledau Lleol Cyngor Sir Caerfyrddin a'r Cynllun Gweithredu.

Y Rhesymau:

- Daeth Rhan 8 o Ddeddf Iechyd y Cyhoedd (Cymru) 2017: Darparu Toiledau i rym ar 31 Mai 2018 ac mae'n datgan bod dyletswydd ar bob awdurdod lleol yng Nghymru i baratoi a chyhoeddi strategaeth toiledau lleol ar gyfer ei ardal. Nid oes unrhyw rwymedigaeth statudol ar sefydliadau i ddarparu cyfleusterau toiledau.
- Mae darpariaeth toiledau ddigonol yn effeithio ar iechyd, llesiant, busnes a thwristiaeth.

Angen i'r Cabinet wneud penderfyniad OES

Angen i'r Cyngor wneud penderfyniad OES

YR AELOD CABINET SY'N GYFRIFOL AM Y PORTFFOLIO:

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
Cabinet Meeting
2nd December 2024

SUBJECT
Local Toilets Strategy

Background

Part 8 of the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017: Provision of Toilets came into force on 31 May 2018 and places a duty on each local authority in Wales to prepare and publish a local toilets strategy for its area.

Local authorities in Wales now have the responsibility to:

- assess the need for toilet provision for their communities.
- plan to meet those needs.
- produce a local toilets strategy; and
- review the strategy, update, and publicise revisions.

There is no statutory requirement for local authorities to provide public toilets and the duty to prepare a strategy does not in itself require local authorities to provide and maintain public toilets themselves. Local authorities are however required to take a strategic view on how these facilities can be provided and accessed by the local population. In doing so it is envisaged that local authorities will consider a full range of options for making facilities available to the public.

Carmarthenshire produced the first strategy in 2019 which now needs revision and updating.

Recommendation:

To consider the information contained within this report and to endorse Carmarthenshire County Council's Local Toilets Strategy.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

Carmarthenshire Local Toilet Strategy

IMPLICATIONS

ALL IMPLICATIONS REQUIRE SIGN OFF BY THE DIRECTOR OR HEAD OF SERVICE

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: Ainsley Williams Director of Place Infrastructure and Economic Development

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets	Bio-diversity & Climate Change
YES	YES	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	YES	NONE

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

An integrated impact assessment will be undertaken.

Without prejudice to any other obligation, we have fully considered Section 17 of the Crime & Disorder Act.

There are no negative impacts as we are seeking ways to increase public access to toilet provision.

2. Legal

The Authority has a statutory duty under Part 8 of the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017 to publish a Local Toilets Strategy for Carmarthenshire.

3. Finance

One of the key priorities will be to review the financial position with respect to the current provision.

The current financial implications of maintaining public toilets are significant, with the existing budget proving insufficient to cover ongoing expenditure. Condition survey reports have highlighted considerable wear and tear across many facilities, highlighting urgent repairs and upgrades required to the value of £199,813.00. The majority of these repairs have been highlighted for repair over the next two financial years.

These findings point to the need for additional funding to address critical issues, ensure safety and hygiene standards, and prevent further deterioration. Without increased financial support, the ability to sustain an acceptable level of service will be compromised, potentially leading to reduced accessibility and in some cases closure of public toilet facilities.

6. Physical Assets

Public Toilets represent a significant collective physical asset.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signed **Ainsley Williams** Director of Place Infrastructure and Economic Development

1. Scrutiny Committee request for pre-determination	YES
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If yes include the following information: -

Scrutiny Committee	Place, Sustainability & Climate Change
Date the report was considered:-	18 th of November 2024

Scrutiny Committee Outcome/Recommendations:-

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO CABINET that the Local Toilet Strategy be endorsed subject to the consideration of the Committee's comments and suggestions raised particularly:

- To pilot the Boys need Bins Campaign
- That the Planning department consider placing toilet provisions alongside car charging areas of 5 or more points

2. Local Member(s)

N/A

3. Community / Town Council

N/A

4. Relevant Partners

N/A

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

N/A

**CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO
HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED**

YES

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

THESE ARE DETAILED

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Carmarthenshire Local Toilets Strategy 2019	Online	https://www.sirgar.llyw.cymru/media/1219857/strategaeth-toiledau-lleol.pdf https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/media/1219856/local-toilets-strategy.pdf
Local Toilets Strategy Interim Progress Report 2022	Online	https://www.sirgar.llyw.cymru/media/1227520/strategaeth-toiledau-lleol-adroddiad-cynnydd.pdf https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/media/1227519/local-toilets-strategy-interim-progress-report.pdf