

To: Scrutiny Management Team

Date of meeting: 22nd March, 2016

Notes of: Committee Administrator

COMMUNITY TOILET SCHEME, COLNE

Background

1. At the last meeting of Scrutiny Management Team, Members considered a number of suggested topics for inclusion in the scrutiny work programme.
2. One suggestion was that, following many public toilet closures, cafes nominated for public use be better advertised.
3. Members were reminded of the strategic review of public conveniences that had taken place in 2014.
4. As part of this, Colne Town Council had developed a community toilet scheme in the town, with help from the Council's Town Centre Officer.
5. The Team therefore agreed that Colne Town Council be asked to provide feedback on the success or otherwise of the community toilet scheme in Colne.

Update

6. The scheme was set up two years ago and was reliant on businesses allowing the general public to use their facilities.
7. Prior to set up, the Council's Town Centre Officer informed local businesses and licensed venues of the proposals and asked if they would be willing to participate.
8. Unfortunately only a small number of businesses signed up to the scheme, as shown at Appendix A.
9. A number of these businesses have since closed/changed hands.

10. Although the scheme has not been officially monitored, it is understood that it has had limited success and the members of Colne Town Council are concerned about the current provision.

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