

## CABINET – 18TH MARCH 2010

### Report of the Director of Leisure and Environment

#### ITEM 6 PETITION RECEIVED AT COUNCIL – CLOSURE OF HALL CROFT TOILETS, SHEPSHED

##### Purpose of Report

To consider a petition from local residents, which objects to the closure of Hall Croft toilets in Shepshed.

##### Recommendation

Members are asked to note the petition and the current timetable for the review of this service.

##### Reason(s)

Any decision around toilet provision is currently awaiting outcome of the service review

##### Policy Context

In our Corporate Plan 2009-2012 we express our commitment to improving our resident's satisfaction with the Council and the services that we provide. In delivering that objective we must be alert to what we can deliver within existing resources and legislative frameworks and what can most effectively be achieved through other regulatory agencies or through working in partnership with communities and business.

##### Background

At Council on 1st March 2010, Councillor Popley presented a petition from local residents, which objects to the closure of Hall Croft toilets in Shepshed (Council Minute 75 2009/2010).

The petition states:

*“We the under signed strongly object to the closure of the Hall Croft toilets”*

The petition carries 1558 signatures (these have not been verified to see if they are entries on the electoral roll or whether there are any duplications).

Toilet provision, is currently subject to a service review as part of the budget process. The toilet provision raises issues of sustainability, and of cost effective delivery, together with the need to avert spiralling costs and vandalism and anti social behaviour.

The review will take account of views inputted during the process, and ultimately the outcome will be discussed and agreed by members at a meeting of Cabinet, scheduled on the Forward Programme for the summer of 2010. The toilets are currently closed due to vandalism.

## Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

## Risk Management

The risks associated with the decision Cabinet is asked to make and proposed actions to mitigate those risks are set out in the table below.

Risk Identified	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Management Actions Planned
Ongoing recurring vandalism	H	M	The toilets are not currently manned. Staff open and close and clean toilets as part of a daily rota, and a therefore dependent upon public vigilance around acts of vandalism.

Key Decision: No

Background Papers: None

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