

Date: October 2024

Subject: Consultation on the Future of Public Toilet Provision

Dear Clerk,

I am writing to you about a matter scheduled for discussion at Full Council on October 29th, regarding the financial challenges currently facing Teignbridge District Council. At the meeting Elected Members will be briefed on these challenges and potential future steps to achieving a balanced budget.

As part of these measures, officers are seeking permission to begin a public consultation on the potential cessation of management of toilet provision. This consultation would involve listening to the public, as well as our colleagues in Town and Parish Councils, and would aim to gather full feedback on the proposed changes.

The outcomes of the consultation, along with any recommendations, will be discussed by Members at a further Full Council meeting. This follow-up report will include insights from Town and Parish Councils, particularly where there is interest in maintaining public toilet provision and will explore alternative uses for any sites should the current provision cease.

Given the potential impact, I value your early input on the matter. The formal consultation period will run for six weeks, starting October 30th. While we understand this is a sensitive issue, officers are committed to ensuring all stakeholders are fully informed and have an opportunity to contribute their views to shape any future decisions. I also wanted to ensure you were aware of this proposal in advance of any wider public discussions.

I would be grateful if you would reflect on the potential implications and share any initial thoughts with us during this important consultation phase. The email to respond to is consultation@teignbridge.gov.uk

We would also ask residents submit their views online via the survey over the next 6 weeks. The survey will be widely publicised, should permission be granted, from October 30th.

Yours sincerely

Cllr David Palethorpe

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