

COUNCIL – 26 JULY 2017

AGENDA ITEM 10

Question from Councillor A Hussain to the Cabinet Member Communities

“In the BCBC Public Toilet Review Consultation report dated March 2015, its conclusion states that “Aberkenfig, Pricetown and Blackmill all received lower level of support, however, further research into the closest public facilities in these areas would be desirable”. It is now 2 years since this review, could the Cabinet Member for Communities advise what action he has taken to-date and if nothing has been done so far, can he tell us what he is going to do?”

Response from the Cabinet Member Communities to Councillor A Hussain

The public toilets in Aberkenfig, Pricetown and Blackmill were permanently closed as part of proposals included in the Medium Term Financial Strategy agreed by Council. The relevant Town and Community Councils were written to at that time asking if they were interested in taking over the responsibility for operating, cleaning and maintaining the toilets. None at that time felt that they were in a position to do so.

There are currently no plans in place to re-open these facilities. However, the Council is still open to entering into discussions with Town and Community Councils on the possibility of transferring the facilities as part of the Council’s Community Asset Transfer Programme [CAT]. The Council also runs an approved ‘Comfort Scheme’ that allows local businesses to make their toilets available to the public and in return they receive an annual payment from the Council. At this time no appropriate local businesses in the locations referred to in the question have applied to be part of the Comfort Scheme.

Cllr Richard Young
Cabinet Member Communities