

# **BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **REPORT TO CABINET**

**7 JUNE 2016**

### **REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR COMMUNITIES**

#### **REVIEW OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCES AND LEVELS OF SERVICE**

##### **1.0 Purpose of Report.**

- 1.1 To set out for consideration by Cabinet the proposed changes to the opening and closing times for public toilets in Porthcawl Town Centre and Rest Bay which were deferred for decision at the meeting of Cabinet on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

##### **2.0 Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives/Other Corporate Priorities**

- 2.1 The proposals detailed in this report are consistent with the Communities Directorate response to reconciling the current financial settlement, with the levels of service provision in accordance with the improvement priorities detailed in the Corporate Plan under Priority 6 – (Working Together to Make Best Use of Our Resources)

##### **3.0 Background.**

- 3.1 In the report to Cabinet by the Corporate Director Communities on the Review of Public Conveniences and Levels of Service dated 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015, Cabinet were minded to approve changes, subject to staff consultation, to the provision and manning levels of the public conveniences across the County Borough. Following this consultation exercise changes have now been introduced to the staffing arrangements and with the summer upon us it is now timely to consider the opening and closing times of the facilities and to align these with the results of the staff consultation.
- 3.2 To support these changes small amendments to the opening and closing arrangements for John Street, Griffin Park and Rest Bay are presented below for consideration by Cabinet.

##### **4.0 Current situation**

###### **Public Toilet Opening Times**

- 4.1 In accordance with the advice to Cabinet in the report of the Corporate Director Communities on the Review of Public Conveniences and Levels of Service dated 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015, a staffing consultation was completed in August 2015 where details of the manning levels and the hours of work were considered and agreed with the toilet attendant staff and Unions.
- 4.2 Following this review Cabinet considered at its meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016 alongside proposals to reintroduce the Councils Comfort Scheme revisions to the opening and closing times of public toilets in Maesteg Bus Station, Bridgend Bus

Station and Cheapside Bridgend together with changes to the opening and closing times of public toilets in Porthcawl Town Centre and Rest Bay.

- 4.3 At the meeting Cabinet were minded to defer the decision on the opening and closing times of the facilities at Porthcawl and Rest Bay pending a meeting with the local Members. This meeting has now taken place and the proposal detailed in the **Appendix** has been agreed in principle, with the Local Members. This in effect proceeds with the proposed changes in hours at John Street and Griffin Park as set out in the 10th May 2016 report. However the Rest Bay facility hours will now remain unchanged, for the 2016 summer season. The opening hours will be reviewed again at the end of the year.

## **5.0 Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.**

- 5.1 This report has no effect on Policy Framework and Procedural Rules.

## **6.0 Equality Impact Assessment**

- 6.1 Whilst an equality impact assessment has not been undertaken on this proposal, there are no specific issues relating to this application.

## **7.0 Financial Implications.**

- 7.1 Savings to the service revenue budget were previously recognised in the original report of the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015 and will be fully integrated into the budget for 2016/17.

- 7.2 The 10th May 2016 report set out proposed shorter opening hours at the Rest Bay toilets, with the facilities opening half an hour later all year round and closing two hours earlier in the summer than at present.. As it has now been agreed with Porthcawl members that the opening hours will remain unchanged at Rest Bay the proposed saving for staffing hours at this facility will now not be realised. This part of the proposal contributed £5,000 per annum to the overall £100,000 MTFS savings proposals. This saving will be made elsewhere in the Communities Directorate.

## **8.0 Recommendations.**

**That Cabinet approve:**

- 8.1 The revised Public Convenience opening hours as set out in the **Appendix**

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## **Background documents**

Cabinet Reports - Corporate Director Communities on the Review of Public Conveniences and Levels of Service dated 16th June 2015 and the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

**Appendix - Summary of Proposed Opening and Closing Times at John Street, Griffin Park and Rest Bay Porthcawl**

| <b>Location</b>                | <b>Proposal Set Out in 15<sup>th</sup> June Report</b>                                     | <b>Future Proposed Opening / Closing Times</b>   |
|--------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>John Street, Porthcawl</b>  | <b>Winter:</b><br>Mon - Sun 09.00 – 18.00<br><br><b>Summer:</b><br>Mon – Sun 9.00 – 20.00  | <b>Winter:</b><br>Mon – Sat 09.00 – 18.00<br>Sun 10.00 – 18.00<br><br><b>Summer:</b><br>Mon – Fri 09.00 – 20.00<br>Sat – Sun 09.00 – 18.00 |
| <b>Griffin Park, Porthcawl</b> | <b>Winter:</b><br>Mon – Sun 09.30 – 17.30<br><br><b>Summer:</b><br>Mon – Fri 09.30 – 19.30 | <b>Winter:</b><br>Mon – Sat 09.30 – 17.30<br>Sun 10.30 – 17.30<br><br><b>Summer:</b><br>Mon – Fri 09.30 – 19.30<br>Sat – Sun 09.30 – 17.30 |
| <b>Rest Bay, Porthcawl</b>     | <b>Winter:</b><br>Mon – Sun 08.00 – 15.30<br><br><b>Summer:</b><br>Mon – Sun 08.00 – 20.00 | <b>Winter:</b><br>Mon – Sun 08.00 – 15.30<br><br><b>Summer:</b><br>Mon – Sun 08.00 – 20.00   |