

Report to: Council, 11th July 2023

Report of: Chair of Policy and Resources Committee

Subject: REFERRAL REPORT FROM POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE, 23RD MAY 2023 - PROPOSED CHANGING PLACES TOILET AT THE CORNMARKE

1. Recommendation

- 1.1 That the Council agrees the inclusion of the provision of a new Changing Places Toilet at the Cornmarket in the Council's Capital Programme; and**
- 1.2 That the Council agrees to adjust the Capital Programme to include £60k of grant funding for the project and £20k supported by borrowing.**

2. Background

- 2.1 At the meeting on 23rd May 2023, the Committee considered a report on a proposal to convert vacant space at the Cornmarket Public Conveniences into a Changing Places Toilet.
- 2.2 Confirmation of a £60k Government grant was received in March 2022, including a contribution to servicing and maintenance in the initial years as well as conversion and fit out costs.
- 2.3 Building costs have risen significantly since estimates were provided for the original grant application and with the inclusion of the remedial work, the Government grant is insufficient to cover the cost of all items. An additional £20k is therefore required from the Council's own funds, in order to be able to award the contract for works and successfully complete the project.
- 2.4 The Committee agreed to recommend the Council to include this project in the Council's Capital Programme and to fund the additional costs by borrowing.
- 2.5 In accordance with the Constitution, changes to the Policy and Budgetary Framework are reserved to full Council to determine.
- 2.6 The full Committee report is attached at **Appendix 1**.

3. Alternative Options Considered

- 3.1 See attached report.

4. Implications

- 4.1 Financial and Budgetary Implications

See attached report.

4.2 Legal and Governance Implications

See attached report.

4.3 Risk Implications

See attached report.

4.4 Corporate/Policy Implications

See attached report.

4.5 Equality Implications

See attached report.

4.6 Human Resources Implications

See attached report.

4.7 Health and Safety Implications

See attached report.

4.8 Social, Environmental and Economic Implications

See attached report.

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Background Papers: None.