



<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Cabinet
<b>DATE:</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Installation of 3 new Changing Places Toilets.
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	To approve an addition to the Capital Programme to Fund the installation of 3 new changing places toilets.
<b>KEY DECISION:</b>	No
<b>PORTFOLIO HOLDER:</b>	Portfolio Holder – Assets and Planning
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<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	Spalding, Holbeach
<b>EXEMPT REPORT?</b>	No

#### **SUMMARY**

This report sets out to accept a government grant of £150k to support the introduction of 3 new Changing Places Toilets within the District. Each toilet costs around £50k to install so there will be no net cost to the authority.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. To accept the Government Grant of £150k to support the installation of 3 new changing places toilets.
2. To approve an addition of £150k to the Capital programme, funded from the Government Grant.

## **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

Changing Places toilets are larger and more accessible for people who cannot use standard accessible toilets, with equipment such as hoists, curtains, adult sized changing benches, and space for carers. Increasing the provision of these toilets is part of a £30m national government disability strategy to allow more physically impaired individuals to undertake more recreational activities with dignity, confidence, and freedom.

## **OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The councils could decide not to accept all or part of the grant and not provide these enhanced facilities. This would though prevent the Council from improving the quality of lives for all of its residents and up to 1 million people in the country who rely on such facilities in order to enjoy the same opportunities as everyone else.

## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1** Changing Places toilets are enhanced toilet facilities, more accessible by severely disabled people who require additional support. As such they are larger and more sophisticated facilities, requiring higher levels of technical enhancements and support. Approximately 14 million people nationally live with long term illnesses, disabilities, or impairments. An estimated 1million of these require Changing Places toilets, and this number is only set to increase.
- 1.2** As part of its commitment towards improving the quality of life for everyone, the Government announced last Spring that it would be making £30m of funding available for the installation of new facilities for local authorities to bid for on a competitive basis. Bids were to be assessed on the quality of the submissions, the amount of match funding, partnership working and the end destinations.

## **2. REPORT**

- 2.1** Following a consultation exercise with key members and stakeholders, including Parish Councils, South Holland bid for £150k of funding to support the installation of 3 changing places toilets in and around the District in late Summer 2022.
- 2.2** The 3 sites that were bid for were as follows:

Ayscoughfee Gardens Public Convenience
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Spalding Sheep Market Public Convenience
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Holbeach Town Centre
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Even though the £30m grant pot was over-subscribed, in March of this year, the government announced that South Holland would receive its full application of £150k of funding to support the installation of 3 toilets. This compares to a total £660k for the provision of 15 toilets within the South East Lincolnshire partnership and £920k for the whole of Lincolnshire for the provision of 23 toilets.

- 2.3** Latest quotations show that costs of installation are approximately £50k per toilet so there should not be any additional capital cost or match funding requirement. Any ongoing revenue running costs and future repairs are not expected to be significant and will be contained within existing budgets.

### **3. CONCLUSION**

- 3.1** The installation of Changing Places Toilets has the potential change the lives of many disabled individuals, both local to South Holland and to potential visitors to the area. This initiative therefore contributes to enhancing the lives of everyone and is a positive step for the Council to take in this respect. By installing them within key attraction sites they can also allow South Holland to become an end destination for potential visitors and thereby improve the attraction of the area as a place to visit.

### **4.0 IMPLICATIONS**

#### **SOUTH AND EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCILS PARTNERSHIP**

These are numerous and detailed in section 2.2 of the report.

#### **CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

The installation of enhanced toilets facilities promotes equality and the improvement of lives for everyone.

#### **STAFFING**

None at this stage.

#### **CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

None at this stage

#### **DATA PROTECTION**

None at this stage.

#### **FINANCIAL**

The capital costs are detailed in the summary above. The revenue costs are expected to be relatively low and accommodated either by external parties or within existing budgets.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

None at this stage.

#### **STAKEHOLDER / CONSULTATION / TIMESCALES**

None

#### **REPUTATION**

The ambition provides a positive message for the partnership.

#### **CONTRACTS**

None

#### **CRIME AND DISORDER**

None

#### **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY/ HUMAN RIGHTS/ SAFEGUARDING**

The scheme substantially supports these ambitions.

#### **HEALTH AND WELL BEING**

The scheme substantially supports these ambitions.

#### **CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

#### **LINKS TO 12 MISSIONS IN THE LEVELLING UP WHITE PAPER**

<b>MISSIONS</b>	
<b>This paper contributes to the follow Missions outlined in the Government's Levelling Up White paper.</b>	
<b>Health</b>	By 2030, the gap in Healthy Life Expectancy (HLE) between local areas where it is highest and lowest will have narrowed, and by 2035 HLE will rise by 5 years.
<b>Wellbeing</b>	By 2030, well-being will have improved in every area of the UK, with the gap between top performing and other areas closing.

#### **5.0 ACRONYMS**

None

<b>APPENDICES</b>
None

<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS</b>
None

<b>CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT</b>
A report on this item has not been previously considered by a Council body.

**REPORT APPROVAL**

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