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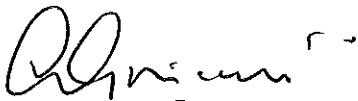
Dear Councillor Naitta,

At the last meeting of the Community Commission there was disquiet about the lack of progress on the review of public conveniences. While members were appreciative that Cabinet had deferred the key decision, so as to take account of the Commission's recommendations, the concern was that no timetable was given as to when the issue would be re-discussed. We have paused a few weeks before writing but now feel compelled to as a further two Cabinet meetings have been held without the matter appearing on the agenda.

While we readily accept that there is a link to the revenue budget now being formulated, this is also a distinct and important issue of public concern.

We would ask that you provide an update to ourselves about the developing policy and include a date for when the proposals will go to Council Cabinet and thereby be available for further scrutiny.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Alan Grimadell

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Councillor Alan Grimadell  
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Dear Councillor Grimadell

The current situation regarding public toilets in the city centre is as follows:

It was agreed at cabinet to complete a full review of the usage and need of public toilets and develop a strategy for future policy and investment based upon a thorough understanding of current and future provision and public needs. The review includes the following:

- We are currently undertaking a piece of work to establish the exact usage of the city centre public toilets. This work was begun in November and will continue until April. This period of time will enable us to have a robust understanding of the use and needs of the public.
- We will identify other strategies, policies and resources of similar sized cities to enable us to benchmark Derby against other cities, helping us to develop the most appropriate strategy
- Identify the full range of facilities available to residents, both public and private provision, this will enable to develop a strategy that focuses upon the needs of the community and not one that simply focuses upon what the council can provide
- We will continue to make budget provision for the existing stock of council run toilets and identify the costs associated with maintaining this level of service in future years

This review, including all the above actions, will be completed by April 2010. Following the review we will consult with stakeholders, including the community commission in the development of strategy, which will look to the future and base any future decisions on the outcome of the review and consultation.

Yours sincerely

Joe Naitta  
Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture