

LATE CIRCULATION: AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER SECTION 100B(4)(b) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, THE CHAIRMAN IS OF THE OPINION THAT THIS REPORT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AT THE MEETING AS A MATTER OF URGENCY BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES. THE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE THAT THE REPORT NEEDS TO BE PRESENTED AT THIS MEETING IN ORDER THAT MEMBERS CAN BE INFORMED OF THE EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT.

APPENDIX 2 TO PAPER NO. 13-284

WANDSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

**ENVIRONMENT, CULTURE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY OVERVIEW AND
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 17TH APRIL 2013**

EXECUTIVE – 22ND APRIL 2013

Initial Equality Impact Assessment – Policy Change.

Department	Environment and Community Services
Policy	To withdraw funding payment to businesses premises hosting Community Toilet facilities
People involved	Shaun Morley, Sharon Wright

1. What are the aims of the policy and what changes are being proposed?

It is proposed to withdraw the £900 p/a paid to the 70/80 business that offer their toilet facilities to members of the public under the Community Toilet Scheme. The 21 council facilities in the CTS will remain open for members of the public.

2. What is the rationale behind these changes?

The Council has no legal obligation to provide public conveniences, therefore in light of the need to review spending commitments and realise savings the community toilet scheme has been identified as an area where saving can be obtained.

It is anticipated in the spirit of the 'Big Society' that participating businesses will continue to display the CTS stickers without the annual fee.

3. What information do you have on the policy and the potential impact of your policy change in relation to the following?

	<p>List information you have. Do not put what the information shows you</p> <p>Information includes number of people supported by the policy, customer satisfaction, feedback on service, results of consultation</p>
Race	Data is not collected as CTS is a free access service.
Gender	Data is not collected as CTS is a free access service.
Disability	Data is not collected as CTS is a free access service.
Age	Data is not collected as CTS is a free access service.
Faith	Data is not collected as CTS is a free access service.
Sexual Orientation	Data is not collected as CTS is a free access service.

4. Thinking about each group below please list the impact that the policy change will have.

	<u>Positive</u> impacts of policy change	Possible <u>negative</u> impacts of policy change
Race	The 21 Council facilities and remaining CT will remain a free access service.	The loss of funding may lead to a reduction in facilities available for public use, however it is hoped that shops etc will continue to make their facilities available to the public.
Gender	The 21 Council facilities and remaining CT will remain a free access service.	The loss of funding may lead to a reduction in facilities available for public use, which may impact more on pregnant women or parents with children, however it is hoped that shops etc will continue to make their facilities available to the public
Disability	Of the 21 toilets remaining 17 will continue to have disabled facilities. In addition disabled facilities, although not formally part of the Community Toilets scheme,	Of the 70/80 toilets that were part of CT 36 were disabled access. The withdrawal of the funding will therefore impact on disabled residents, however 17 of the toilets accessible via

	are available at Southside shopping centre, Debenhams - Clapham Junction and The Putney Exchange.	Council buildings have disabled access and it is hoped that shops etc will continue to make their facilities available to the public
Age	The 21 Council facilities and remaining CT will remain a free access service.	The loss of funding may lead to a reduction in facilities available for public use, which may impact more on parents with children and older residents, however it is hoped that shops etc will continue to make their facilities available to the public There may be potential impact on parents with small children and elderly people.
Faith	The 21 Council facilities and remaining CT will remain a free access service.	The loss of funding may lead to a reduction in facilities available for public use, however it is hoped that shops etc will continue to make their facilities available to the public.
Sexual orientation	The 21 Council facilities and remaining CT will remain a free access service.	The loss of funding may lead to a reduction in facilities available for public use, however it is hoped that shops etc will continue to make their facilities available to the public.

5. Is a full EIA required? No.

- Does the policy support a frontline service? Yes the provision of public conveniences
- Is it clear what impact the policy change will have on all the equality groups? Yes.
- Overall will the change have a negative impact on any of the equality groups? No – the remaining public convenience provision in the borough should be sufficient.

Comments - Please give the rationale here for not undertaking a full EIA

No equality impact identified via initial EIA.

6. Through the initial EIA have you identified any actions that needed to be implemented to improve access or monitoring of the policy? (please

list)
None identified