

ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO AND DECISION OF PLANNING POLICY SUB COMMITTEE ON 27 FEBRUARY 2019

PART A : REPORT

SUBJECT: PROVISION OF CHANGING PLACE TOILETS

REPORT AUTHOR: Karl Roberts, Director of Place
DATE: 7 January 2019
EXTN: 37760
PORTFOLIO AREA: Planning

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report seeks approval for the Council to adopt the following recommendations as guidance on the provision of Changing Place Toilets in appropriate destinations and developments to assist with the needs of people with complex and multiple disabilities and impairments.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Sub Committee agrees to use the leaflet attached as Appendix B as guidance on the provision of Changing Place Toilets in appropriate destinations and developments to assist with the needs of people with complex and multiple disabilities and impairments.

(Part 3 of the Constitution, Section 5.3.3. (iii))

1. BACKGROUND:

In December the Government issued a press release (Appendix A) intended to promote the provision of 'Changing Place Toilets' (CPT) which are more substantial disabled persons toilets sited in appropriate destinations and developments to assist with the needs of people with complex and multiple disabilities and impairments.

At the same time the Council had been working on producing some guidance to support this initiative based on work undertaken by Cornwall Council earlier in the year.

2. PROPOSAL(S):

The Arun version of the guidance is appended as Appendix B. The intention is make the guidance widely available, principally via the Council's website and to use it in discussions both internally regarding Council projects but also externally in discussions with developers and our partners.

3. OPTIONS:

To accept, modify or reject the guidance.

4. CONSULTATION:

	YES	NO
Has consultation been undertaken with:		
Relevant Town/Parish Council		x
Relevant District Ward Councillors		x
Other groups/persons (please specify)		
5. ARE THERE ANY IMPLICATIONS IN RELATION TO THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL POLICIES: (Explain in more detail at 6 below)	YES	NO
Financial		x
Legal		x
Human Rights/Equality Impact Assessment	See Below	
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime & Disorder Act		x
Sustainability		x
Asset Management/Property/Land		x
Technology		x
Other (please explain)		
6. IMPLICATIONS:		
<p>The 'protected characteristics' defined in the Equality Act 2010 include both Age and Disability. The intended outcomes of this report are considered to have a positive impact upon these protected characteristics and are not considered to have a negative impact upon the remaining 'protected characteristics'.</p>		

7. REASON FOR THE DECISION:

The Equality Duty is a duty on public bodies and others carrying out public functions. It ensures that public bodies consider the needs of all individuals in their day to day work; in shaping policy, in delivering services, and in relation to their own employees. The adoption of this guidance by the Council and encouraging its implementation will contribute not only to a more inclusive environment but also assist the Council in meeting the objectives of the Public Service Equality Duty.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Appendix A: Press Release from MDCLG
Appendix B: Proposed Arun Guidance Note.