



REPORT TO:	Executive Board
DATE:	6 th July 2022
SUBJECT:	Installation of 7 new Changing Places Toilets.
PURPOSE:	To approve an addition to the Capital Programme to Fund the installation of 7 new changing places toilets.
KEY DECISION:	No
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	Martin Foster
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WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Skegness, Woodhall Spa, Sutton on Sea, Alford
EXEMPT REPORT?	No

SUMMARY

This report sets out to accept a government grant of £300k to support the introduction of 7 new Changing Places Toilets within the District. Each toilet costs around £75k to install so the total cost of the 7 toilets collectively will be approximately £525k. 5 of the 7 facilities are externally managed and those organisations have agreed to match fund the costs. The remaining 2 are ELDC assets and the match funding is provided for within Towns Funds grant support.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To accept the Government Grant of £300k to support the installation of 7 new changing places toilets.
2. To approve an addition of £300k 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 1 million 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, East Lindsey bid for £525k of funding to support the installation of 8 changing places toilets in and around the District Centre in late Summer 2022.
- 2.2** The 8 sites that were bid for were as follows:

Sutton on Sea Colonnade
Skegness Theatre
Skegness Pool – no longer being progressed
Hubbards Hills
Woodall Spa Park & Lido
Lincolnshire Wildlife Park
Alford Public Conveniences

Following discussions with external organisations and the award of the grant, it is the view of Magna Vitae that only one facility, being the Theatre is required within Skegness. The recommendation is therefore to progress 7 installations rather than 8 originally bid for.

- 2.3** Since the £30m grant pot was over-subscribed the maximum amount that an individual District or Borough Council could receive was capped at £300k. As such East Lindsey, was awarded £300k for up to 8 facilities. 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.
- 2.4** Latest market testing shows that costs of installation are approximately £75k per toilet. This means that the match funding requirement is approximately £30k per toilet. 5 of the 7 facilities are externally managed and those organisations have agreed to match fund the costs. The remaining 2 are ELDC assets and the match funding is provided for within Towns Funds grant support.
- 2.5** Any ongoing revenue running costs and future repairs for external managed facilities will also be picked up by those organisations. For the 2 ELDC owned buildings the costs are not expected to be significant and will be contained within existing budgets.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1** For a relatively small proportion of match funding, the installation of Changing Places toilets has the potential change the lives of many disabled individuals, both local to East Lindsey 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 East Lindsey to become an end destination for potential visitors and thereby improve the attraction of the area as a place to visit.

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

MISSIONS	
This paper contributes to the follow Missions outlined in the Government’s Levelling Up White paper.	
Health	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.
Wellbeing	By 2030, well-being will have improved in every area of the UK, with the gap between top performing and other areas closing.

ACRONYMS

None

APPENDICES
None

BACKGROUND PAPERS
None

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

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