

AGENDA ITEM 19

REPORT NO 314/22

ANGUS COUNCIL

8 SEPTEMBER 2022

REFERRAL OF COMMITTEE DECISION UNDER STANDING ORDER 40(3)(i)

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This Report provides information to members on a decision of the Communities Committee on 16 August 2022 and asks members to determine the matter.

The Council is asked to:

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- (i) Note the contents of the Report; and
- (ii) to make a decision on the referred matter in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 40(3)(i).

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE COUNCIL PLAN

This Report contributes to the achievement of our priority that the council is efficient and effective as detailed in our Council Plan for 2022 – 2027.

3. BACKGROUND

At the meeting of the Communities Committee on 16 August 2022, Report No 188/22 “Review of Toilet Provision” by the Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth was an item of business on the agenda. A copy of the Report is as Appendix 1 to this Report. The recommendations of the Reports were that:-

The Committee agrees to:

- (i) the continued opening of the three Superloo facilities in Arbroath, Forfar and Montrose on the basis they become unattended facilities, subject to employee consultation as detailed in section 5;
- (ii) the Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth bringing a report to Communities Committee on the options for increasing the number of public toilets through further partnership agreements with businesses and groups; and
- (iii) the Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth undertaking an exercise to engage with relevant groups and organisations to identify the areas of greatest need for Changing Places facilities.

At the meeting, Councillor Fairweather, seconded by Councillor Stewart moved, as an amendment:-

- (i) that recommendation (i) is deferred until an option appraisal for the three Superloo facilities in Arbroath, Forfar and Montrose is examined;

- (ii) that the proposals of option appraisal are presented to Elected Members and members of the Communities Committee as soon as possible; and
- (iii) agrees recommendations (ii) and (iii).

The motion, that the Committee agrees the recommendations of the Report, was moved by Councillor McDonald and seconded by Councillor Braes.

The motion was carried 9 votes to 7.

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 40(3)(i) Councillors Fairweather and Stewart referred the matter to full Council for a decision.

The motion and the amendment are to be moved and seconded at the Council meeting, and following debate, the matter will be put to the vote.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The financial implications of agreeing to the recommendations of Report 188/22 are detailed in that Report. Officers have confirmed that the amendment proposed and then referred to full Council by Councillor Fairweather has no additional financial implications for the Council's 2022/23 revenue budget.

5. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 An equality impact assessment is attached to Report 188/22.

NOTE: No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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