

Agenda Item: 6 (b)

Report to: Amenities Committee

Date: Wednesday 5th March 2025

Subject: Public Toilets

Summary: The Committee is asked to note and agree the budget for Full Council for re-opening of the Public Toilets.

1. Background and objective

1.1 The Council has been in discussion for some time over the leasehold/freehold of the public toilets. The position is that 6 of the public toilets are possibly being sold by Rother District Council and have had offers place on them and the remaining 4 will potentially become the responsibility of Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council.

2. Purpose of the report

2.1 The purpose of this report is to show the costings for each public toilet and to agree to costs to temporarily re-open all public toilets including those pending sales by Rother District Council.

2.2 The leases will potentially start from 1st October 2025. The Council has the opportunity to open all the public toilets listed in the tables below for the summer season starting from 1st April 2025, close the toilet for lease on 30th September 2025. With the potential to leave the remaining toilets open for the remainder of the year or close for long term improvements with the plan to reopen them in the Spring 2026.

3. Detailed Costings.

3.1 The information is displayed in the table as follows.

Public Toilet – Potentially Permanent	Cost detail	Net Cost £	Notes
Little Common Roundabout	Deep Clean	£363.64	No offers received – Plan to remarket.
	Electric	£440.00	
	Water/Sewerage	£926.00	
	Contract Cleaning	£12,272.00	
	Safety Repair	£300.00	
	Sanitary Bins	£120.00	

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	Long term improvements		
Cooden Sea Road	Deep Clean Electric Water/Sewerage Contract Cleaning Safety Repair Sanitary Bins	£363.64 £406.00 £5,293.00 £12,272.00 £300.00 £152.00	No offers received – Plan to remarket.
Channel View East	Deep Clean Electric Water/Sewerage Contract Cleaning Safety Repair Sanitary Bins	£363.64 £884.00 £3,160.00 £12,272.00 £300.00 £115.00	The Town council is in the process of acquiring.
Egerton Park	Deep Clean Electric Water/Sewerage Contract Cleaning Safety Repair	N/A	RDC plan to rebuild the toilets so no action required
Public Toilet - Temporary			
East Parade	Deep Clean Electric Water/Sewerage Contract Cleaning Safety Repair Sanitary Bins	£363.64 £419.00 £1,657.00 £6,136.00 £300.00 £160.00	Offer received – Town council open from 1.4.2025- 30.9.2025 ALL COSTS ARE 6 MONTHS
West Parade	Deep Clean Electric Water/Sewerage Contract Cleaning Safety Repair Sanitary Bins	£363.64 £535.50 £699.00 £6,136.00 £300.00 £160.00	Offer received – Town council open from 1.4.2025- 30.9.2025
Sidley	Deep Clean Electric Water/Sewerage Contract Cleaning Safety Repair Sanitary Bins	£363.64 £184.00 £376.00 £6,136.00 £300.00 £120.00	Offer received – Town council open from 1.4.2025- 30.9.2025
Little Common Recreation Ground	Deep Clean Electric Water/Sewerage Contract Cleaning Safety Repair Sanitary Bins	£363.64 £220.00 £463.00 £6,136.00 £300.00 £120.00	Offer received – Town council open from 1.4.2025- 30.9.2025

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Normans Bay	Deep Clean Electric Water/Sewerage Contract Cleaning Safety Repair Sanitary Bins	£363.64 £290.00 £135.00 £6,136.00 £300.00 £235.00	Offer received – Town council open from 1.4.2025- 30.9.2025
Manor Barn	Deep Clean Electric Water Contract Cleaning Safety Repair	N/A	Offer received – Leave shut – as closed earlier due to issues

Total Costs £90,074.62

The contract cleaning costs covers open, 2 x cleans per day and closing of facility. This requires 2 full time contractors in a van servicing all toilet sites 7 days per week. The figure includes hygiene material (toilet rolls, hand towels), it includes all cleaning products required to fulfil the duties required daily.

All offers are subject to agreement, so this situation could change over the coming months. It would be advisable to view at the end of the summer in line with the potential leases agreements commencing.

5. Recommendations

5.1 To recommend to Full Council to ringfence £100,000 from general reserves to cover the above costs plus a contingency for unforeseen issues and proceed with the roll out of the opening of the public toilets, which would include the deep clean and make safe.