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| REPORT TO: | ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE | AGENDA ITEM: 8 |
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| SUBJECT: | WILLINGTON – PUBLIC TOILET | REF: JRH/SAC |
| WARD(S) AFFECTED: | WILLINGTON | TERMS OF REFERENCE: ES 15 |

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That Members note the ongoing efforts of Willington Parish Council to find someone to open, close and clean the public toilets so that a partnership agreement can be entered with the District Council and the toilets reopened.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To advise Members of the progress being made by Willington Parish Council to open, close and clean the public toilets at Willington.

3.0 Detail

3.1 The public toilets in Willington have been closed since April 2000. The Parish Council have expressed a willingness to enter a partnership agreement with the Council to reopen the toilet.

3.2 Similar agreements are now operating in Melbourne, Etwall and Overseal whereby the District Council are responsible for the fabric of the buildings and service costs and the parishes are responsible for opening, closing and cleansing.

3.3 Recent correspondence from Willington Parish Council is attached at Annexe A. It will be seen they have found someone to open and close the toilets and are advertising for a cleaner, having failed to find someone using local contacts. They have indicated their intention to keep the Council informed regarding further progress.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There is no money in existing budgets for the District Council's costs should the toilets be reopened. Full year costs to the Council are estimated at £1300.
- 4.2 Currently the toilets are in a reasonable state of repair and no works are necessary to the building fabric.

5.0 Conclusions

- 5.1 The Parish Council are finding it difficult to identify a cleaner for the toilets. Unlike the other parishes in partnerships they employ no suitable staff of their own for other similar duties.
- 5.2 The closed toilet represents a liability to this Council but it is presently in a good state of repair and requires no maintenance works. It is not the subject of any acts of vandalism. As such the toilet is not costing the Council any ongoing expenditure.