

Conservative Group Notice of Motion

Council Meeting

21 June 2018

Provision of Disabled Toilet Facilities at Goodrington

On 9th August 2017 the Overview and Scrutiny Board considered a call in of the decision by the Elected Mayor in respect of the disposal of land adjacent to the Inn on the Quay, Tanners Road, Goodrington. The Board listened to representations from Councillors and from the Chairman of the Goodrington with Roselands and Hookhills Community Partnership and as a result referred the matter back to the Mayor for further consideration.

On 22nd August 2017 the following decision of the Elected Mayor was published;

- (i) that the Executive Head of Business Services and the Head of Asset Management and Housing be requested to continue negotiations with the Leaseholder of the Inn on the Quay and to raise the concerns raised by the Overview and Scrutiny Board regarding the general husbandry of the premises and the quality of service within the restaurant; and
- (ii) that the granting of a Lease to the Inn on the Quay Tenant for a term to be co-terminus to the existing Lease for Inn on the Quay (around 78 years) of the area edged red on the Plan number EM 2923 be approved, with the authority being delegated to the Assistant Director Corporate and Business Services in consultation with the Executive Head of Business Services and the Torbay Developments Agency to approve the detailed terms of the Lease;
- (iii) that prior to the closure and demolition of the existing public toilets, alternative toilets are provided, with suitable provision for disabled users, as close as possible to the existing location in the central area of Goodrington Beach;
- (iv) that the Executive Head of Business Services and the Head of Asset Management and Housing be instructed to provide replacement public toilets, on a permanent basis, as soon as possible and that full and detailed plans as to the location and the funding of replacement public toilets should be known and presented to the Mayor and to the Community Partnership before the lease is granted;
- (v) that the Chief Financial Officer be recommended to allocate part of the funding received as part of the revised Lease arrangement, towards the provision of alternative toilets in the area.

Councillors and the Community Partnership were informed by Officers that full facilities with greater capacity and disabled facilities would be made available before the start of the holiday season.

Contrary to the decision of the Elected Mayor and the information provided to Councillors and the community, limited temporary toilets without disabled facilities were installed prior to the demolition of the toilet block. Whilst it is recognised that those facilities were destroyed in the storms in March, their replacement delivered in mid May, remains without disabled access.

Contrary to the decision of the Elected Mayor, full and detailed plans for the location and the funding of the permanent replacement public toilets were not presented to him and to the Community Partnership before the lease was granted, although a presentation was given to the community setting out a range of possible options.

Accordingly, this Council now instructs the Executive Head of Business Services and the Head of Asset Management and Housing to urgently progress the commitments as included within the decision of the Elected Mayor of 22 August 2017, including the requirement for disabled access, and by no later than 21 September 2018 for the plans setting out the location and the funding of replacement public toilets to be presented to the Elected Mayor and to the Community Partnership.

Proposer Councillor Jane Barnby
Secunder Councillor Alan Tyerman