

COUNCIL – 22 JULY 2010

No.	Question from/to	Question	Response
1	Councillor K. Haigh to Cabinet Member for the Environment	<p>"Regarding the Community Toilet Scheme - the report to Cabinet states "The service does not impact on ethnic, age, gender or sexual orientation since the service is designed and delivered to take account of the needs of all sections of the community to ensure equal access to all"</p> <p>How are the needs of members of the public who do not wish to enter public houses for religious reasons or because they are women on their own or with small children met by this scheme? What steps are being taken to ensure that alternative provision is clearly available and advertised? Have all locations been checked for accessibility for people with disabilities? Have local equalities groups been consulted?"</p>	<p>"The Community Toilet scheme will provide significantly better facilities for the public in terms of the location, opening hours and baby changing and disabled access.</p> <p>The ten city centre businesses taking part include only three public houses, which means that there will be several alternatives available.</p> <p>The scheme will carry distinctive branding displayed prominently at each participating premises, and be advertised through the display of posters across the city centre on billboards, phone boxes, and in Council buildings.</p> <p>Whilst two of the facilities no longer required have disabled access, there will be seven Community Toilet premises with appropriate facilities.</p> <p>Although local groups have not been contacted directly, consultation was carried out with public toilet users at all locations across the City. Two thirds of users indicated that they would use a Community Toilet scheme, with less than 4% saying that they would not."</p>