



City of Westminster

Cabinet Member Report

Decision Maker:	Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Community
Date:	7 July 2017
Classification:	General Release
Title:	Public toilet provision in the café at Paddington Recreation Ground
Wards Affected:	Maida Vale
Key Decision:	No
Financial Summary:	The associated costs for the works for the new accessible toilet will be approximately £13,000 and will be met from within the Council's agreed sports and leisure revenue budget for 17/18.
Report of:	Director of Community Services

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 As part of the Council's new sports and leisure contract, the appointed contractor (Everyone Active) is implementing a range of improvements to Westminster's leisure facilities as part of a £9m capital investment programme, including a £1.7m investment at Paddington Recreation Ground which is being funded by the contractor.
- 1.2 Works at Paddington Recreation Ground (PRG) include the provision of new public toilet facilities. Feedback from the associated public consultation regarding the proposed improvements at PRG included a request for new accessible toilets in the café. A petition was also created and submitted by Councillor Begum entitled 'Baby changing & Wheel chair user toilet facility inside Paddington recreational ground Café'
- 1.3 The petition was presented to the Full Council meeting by Councillor Begum on 3rd May 2017.

1.4 This report responds to the issues raised in this petition and advises on the action taken in respect of this petition.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Community welcomes the petition and the opportunity to provide the amenity for the community.

2.2 That the Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Community notes that a response has been provided to the issue raised in the petition and that the lead petitioner is advised of the action to be taken in respect of this matter.

3. Reasons for Decision

3.1 To respond to the issue raised in the petition presented by Councillor Rita Begum to the Full Council meeting on 3 May 2017.

4. Background, including Policy Context

4.1 As part of the Council's new sports and leisure contract, the appointed contractor (Everyone Active) is implementing a range of improvements to the facilities as part of a wider £9m capital investment programme.

4.2 Works at Paddington Recreation Ground (PRG) include the provision of new public toilet facilities and a variety of improvements to the health and fitness facilities.

4.3 In response to the public consultation undertaken by Everyone Active regarding the proposed improvements, a petition was presented to Full Council on 3 May 2017 by Councillor Rita Begum.

4.4 This petition was also submitted on the City Council's website. The details of the petition read:

'We the undersigned petition Westminster City Council to Baby changing and Wheel chair user toilet facility inside Paddington recreation ground Café.

There is no baby changing or wheel chair user toilet available inside cafe as a lot of the users have to go out of the cafe to use toilet located on the other side of the building. Especially in cold weather it causes so much inconvenience for parents of young children to go out when their child is in desperate need of using toilet facility'.

4.5 The online petition received 38 signatories and closed on 28 March 2017.

5. Response to petition

- 5.1 Officers met with Everyone Active and the café operator to consider the request and agreed a suitable location for an accessible toilet facility within the café facility. The location and design has been agreed which makes a positive response to the petition and the related costs for the works (approximately £13,000) will be met from the Council's agreed sports and leisure revenue budget for 17/18.
- 5.2 Works for the new public toilets and the enhanced health and fitness facilities commenced in May and will complete in August.
- 5.3 The works for the new accessible toilet in the café will commence shortly and complete in August 2017.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 The associated costs for the works for the new accessible toilet will be approximately £13,000 and will be met from within the Council's agreed sports and leisure revenue budget for 17/18.

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1 In accordance with Part 4 of the City Council's Constitution (Council Procedures (Standing Orders), Standing Order 8 refers and the Petition Scheme approved by the City Council on 19 May 2010, and the relevant provisions relating to executive decision-making under the Local Government Act 2000, petitions are to be referred to the appropriate Chief Officer who shall advise the petition organiser, within 3 months or sooner where possible, of the City Council's response to the lodged Petition.

8. Outstanding issues

- 8.1 None

If you have any queries about this Report or wish to inspect any of the Background Papers please contact:

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Background papers

None

For completion by the Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Community

Declaration of Interest

I have <no interest to declare / to declare an interest> in respect of this report

Signed: _____ Date: _____

NAME: Councillor David Harvey

State nature of interest if any

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(N.B: If you have an interest you should seek advice as to whether it is appropriate to make a decision in relation to this matter)

For the reasons set out above, I agree the recommendation(s) in the report entitled **Public toilet provision in the café at Paddington Recreation Ground** and reject any alternative options which are referred to but not recommended.

Signed

Cabinet Member for Environment, Sports and Community

Date

If you have any additional comment which you would want actioned in connection with your decision you should discuss this with the report author and then set out your comment below before the report and this pro-forma is returned to the Secretariat for processing.

Additional comment:
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Appendix A

Other Implications

1. **Resources Implications** – no implication
2. **Business Plan Implications** – no implication
3. **Risk Management Implications** – no implication
4. **Health and Wellbeing Impact Assessment including Health and Safety Implications** – no implication
5. **Crime and Disorder Implications** – no implication
6. **Impact on the Environment** – no implication
7. **Equalities Implications** – no implication
8. **Staffing Implications** – no implication
9. **Human Rights Implications** – no implication
10. **Energy Measure Implications** – no implication
11. **Communications Implications** – no implication

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