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EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF PRINCIPAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 29 SEPTEMBER 2003

REPORT OF CITY SECRETARY AND SOLICITOR

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RECENT REFERENCES:

PS97 – Public Conveniences Refurbishment: Temporary Facilities - 29 September 2003

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report sets out the relevant minute extract from the meeting of the Principal Scrutiny Committee on 29 September 2003 that has been referred to Cabinet for its consideration.

RECOMMENDATION:

To consider and determine the matters set out the minute extract from the meeting of the Principal Scrutiny Committee on 29 September 2003.

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(Report PS97 refers)

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr G Lake, the Vice-Chairman of Bishops Waltham Parish Council addressed the Committee. Mr Lake requested that the Committee consider recommending the adoption of a policy regarding refurbishment of public toilets. This should include consultation and communication with local interest groups and partnership working with parish councils. Mr Lake also suggested that the Council review its project management processes.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Wagner, as Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing, addressed the Committee. Councillor Wagner stated that other toilet refurbishment projects in the southern parishes had occurred without complaint or incident and, regarding those at Bishops Waltham, it had been suggested to the Parish Council that the Jubilee Hall be opened as a temporary facility.

Mr Lake responded by confirming that the Jubilee Hall could not be made available due to security issues.

Following discussion, it was recommended that the Director of Health and Housing should consult local communities prior to any future refurbishment of public toilet facilities and that, following such discussions, the need for temporary facilities be then considered. The location of the toilets, time of year and the scale of operation should also determine the potential need for temporary facilities. In addition, the Director was reminded that such consultation should be carried out with as much notice as possible of the closure of the facilities.

RESOLVED:

That it be recommended to Cabinet that the Director of Health and Housing facilitate consultation with local communities prior to any future refurbishment of public toilet facilities and that this should occur at an early stage as so to ascertain the potential need for temporary facilities for the duration of the project.