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WARD(S) AFFECTED:	WILLINGTON	TERMS OF REFERENCE: EDS 15

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 Members views are sought regarding the future of the public toilets at Willington.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To advise Members that Willington Parish Council have been unable to identify a means to clean the public toilets at Willington and therefore remain unable to enter into a partnership arrangement with the Council to reopen the toilets.

3.0 Contents

3.1 The toilets were closed in 2000, along with a number of others, as a financial measure following the financial crisis.

3.2 The toilets, along with several others, have been the subject of a number of Committee reports and a summary history follows at Annexe A.

3.3 The Parish Council in Willington have made considerable efforts to identify a means of employing a cleaner for the toilets but, so far, without success after almost a year of efforts.

3.4 The views of Members are now sought on whether to allow the parish further time in their search or to move to dispose of the toilets. Members may wish to consider an alternative whereby the Council clean the toilets and recharge costs to the Parish Council, subject to the latter's agreement.

3.5 The Parish Council have offered to make money available for the Council to clean the toilets, subject to the amount. In that the DSO unit routinely clean the toilets at Ticknall the additional duty at Willington could be added and undertaken within overtime payments. The additional cost would be approximately £1500 p.a., and the Parish Council have said they would be prepared to consider funding at this level at their next meeting on 21st January 2003. The outcome of that meeting will be reported verbally to this meeting.

3.6 The Parish Council would be able to open and close the toilets. With payment of the cleaning fee this could allow a partnership, albeit on a different basis to those operated with three other parish councils.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 If the toilets were reopened there would be additional costs to the Council of approximately £500 p.a. for service costs and internal maintenance. This figure is not included in current revenue budgets and if the partnership was to proceed this amount would need to be incorporated in next year's budget.

5.0 Conclusions

5.1 Despite considerable efforts the Parish Council have been unable to identify someone to clean the public toilets in Willington. It now seems unlikely that a partnership on the lines of those currently in place elsewhere could be bought into effect at Willington.

5.2 As an alternative, at no extra cost to the Council compared to other partnerships, the Council could offer to clean the toilets on a rechargeable basis.

5.3 The remaining option is to now dispose of the toilets in the most cost effective manner.