

Agenda Item 13.17 – Changing Places Facility

Full Council resolved to proceed with the proposal for a Changing Places Facility on 10 September 2019. During this meeting the Clerk produced a report which stated the project needed evaluating in terms of planning permission, tender submissions, public works loan board funding along with public consultations. Information was given to Councillors on the estimated cost of the project at that date, but clearer pricing needed to be established for a decision to be made. The Clerk also reported that there were a number of other considerations which would need to be taken into account some of which are: -

- Repairs/Maintenance costs
- Cleaning
- Emergency Pull cord on call team
- Access point contact
- Sundry costs i.e. Electric, Water, Toilet Rolls and other consumables
- Accessibility for users from the Town
- Grit pile and skip relocation
- Loss of parking spaces within the carpark
- Would this have an impact on the Fair Space available

During the 8 October meeting it was noted the estimates were still outstanding.

A working group has been formed comprising of Cllr Atkinson, Cllr Monkman and Cllr Dwyer to look into the matters above and progress the project.

Financial Considerations

After consultation with a provider of a changing places facility, electrician and builder the estimated build cost has come in as follows: -

- Builders estimate -£40,000
- Electrical estimate - £14,000
- Western Power (including civils works necessary) - £35,000
- Changing Places building - £79,000

Totalling £168,000

These are only **approximate** costs.

Cleaning and call out costs

The cleaning and call out costs of the facility are **estimated** to be.

- £80 plus chemicals per day this would cover an am and pm daily clean plus £35.00 per emergency cord callout.
This would mean an annual cost of £29,200 plus additional call out costs.

Public Works Loan Board

The cost of the loan based on the information above would be for example:-

£168,000 over a period of 25 years Annuity would cost the Council £9,084.18 per year and EIP would cost the Council £10,973.04 per year.

The life span of the Facility is over 80 years.

Other considerations

There are two other facilities one currently in use at the Whitemoor Centre and one proposed at the new Ada Belfield development on Derwent Street both of which are available for the public to access.

Public Consultation

Information has been circulated from the Clerk regarding how to obtain permission from the Secretary of State for such a facility. (See separate circulation).

Accessibility for users

Further information is required on this element regarding the access to the Coppice carpark over the cobbled area. AVBC and DCC will need to be contacted to obtain advise on the issue of accessibility.

Clerks Recommendations

The Council will need to resolve to seek professional advice prior to taking this project further in terms of:

1. Planning Permission including necessary documentation such as Heritage Statements, drawings, etc.
2. Tender documents required for a 'key in the door' priced project.

Clerk will source prices for the above works from at least two companies to bring back to Full Council at the next meeting.