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| Item No. | Classification: Open | Date: 7/10/03 | Executive Meeting |
| Report title: | | <i>Report on toilets in Peckham</i> | |
| Ward(s) or groups affected: | | All Wards | |
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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Peckham and Nunhead Community Council passed the motion below at their May meeting.

NOTES *with strong concern the lack of progress in replacing the Peckham Town Centre Toilets, despite a 5000 strong petition presented to the Council Assembly in 2001.*

NOTES *the problems that have been encountered to date in working with the private sector to provide alternative toilet facilities.*

REQUESTS *the Executive to allocate the resources to allow the replacement of the toilets by the council itself to be rapidly addressed.*

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. That officers continue to work with the Peckham Town Centre Management Group in investigating the options outlined below
2. That the subject of toilets in Peckham be considered as part of the Best Value review into toilet provision and a bid for the necessary funding (capital and/or revenue) be considered following completion of the review

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. Officers from Regeneration and Environment Departments have been investigating options for providing toilets in the area to the north of the railway line in Peckham.
2. A Town Centre Management Group set up to consider this has also come up with options.
3. Best Value review of toilet provision across Southwark has been commissioned. It is programmed for completion in the autumn.
 - *Where the need for the proposal is driven by other imperatives such as government policy, legislation or previous decisions this should be clearly stated.*

OPPORTUNITIES

1. All options require further investigation. Those under consideration include:
 - **Improvement of existing facilities**
The toilets at the new Safe Community Centre could be made available. Access for wheelchair users would be from Peckham Square, rather than the High Street.
 - **Encourage more public access to existing facilities**
Officers are in discussion with a range of traders. Traders are concerned about the costs arising from additional security
 - **Adapt existing buildings**
The railway station and the new market could be considered for the provision of facilities.
 - **Obtain sponsorship**
Certain organisations might be prepared to provide facilities in return for advertising space, for example the bus contractor in the Kensington area provides toilets incorporated with bus shelters. Officers in Environment and Leisure are specifically investigating opportunities for sponsorship of toilets.
 - **Build a new facility**
If capital funding were available the revenue could be covered if linked to a concession.

CONSTRAINTS

- Capital funding – for new or adapted facilities
- Revenue funding for any facility. Westminster Council spends £2.5m per annum on its toilet facilities
- Addressing concerns about security if other bodies were to provide facilities
- Obtaining planning permission