

Report Statement

Report Purpose:

Toilets for Public Use

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Town Clerk

Background

For several years Macclesfield Town Council has been committed to and actively sought to provide toilets for the public in the town centre, including committing £109,000 to Ear Marked Reserves.

The Town Council owns no land in the town centre and has pursued many avenues to buy land with the intention of building toilets, however this has proved extremely difficult, finding out who owns land and then engaging them, plus it will be very costly.

Councillors and Town Council staff understand residents and visitors are concerned about this situation and as a short term measure financially support, St Michaels Church in the town centre to generously open their toilets to the public Monday – Weds 10am-12 pm, Thurs- Sat 10am – 3pm. The library toilets are also available to use, including an accessible toilet.

The Town Centre Recovery Working Group has been seeking a solution and Macclesfield Town Council and Cheshire East Council are hopeful a solution has been reached. The plan is to provide toilets, including a changing places fully accessible toilet and baby changing facilities, in the indoor market. The Town Council reserves will pay for the bulk of this project, along with a grant for the changing places toilet, and funding from CEC.

Proposal

To sign the grant agreement and approve £110,000 (£109,000 from EMR – plus £1000 from free reserves) to go to Cheshire East Council to be used to provide toilets for public use in the Macclesfield Indoor Market.