

SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

Report

Subject : Fisherton Rec Toilets Refurbishment
Committee : Services Committee
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1. Introduction:

1.1. The report provides detail of the toilet block refurbishment at Fisherton Rec as part of the larger River Park project.

2. Background:

2.1. The River Park project is a multi-million pound flood reduction and landscaping scheme covering Ashley Road Open Space, Fisherton Recreation Ground and land at The Maltings and Central Car Park.

2.2. The scheme will:

1.1.1. Reduce flood risk to existing homes and businesses

1.1.2. Create wildlife corridors and improve biodiversity by connecting fragmented green spaces

1.1.3. Improve the recreational and amenity value of the area

1.1.4. Enable regeneration of key development sites.

2.3. The existing Fisherton Rec Toilet block and adjoining unit which is currently leased to the Allotment Association, was built in the 1970's. Both the toilet block and adjoining unit are in a poor state of repair, with no accessible toilets currently on site (Figure 1)



Figure 1

2.4. The Allotment Association have indicated that the scope of the River Park project will make the use of this building unfit for purpose and are working on a bid with the Heritage Lottery Fund, with the City Council's support, to build a bespoke unit on the Fisherton allotment site.

3. Refurbishment of the Toilet Block:

- 3.1. With the substantial enhancements planned for this area as part of the River Park Scheme, including the new play park, the footfall in this area is likely to increase significantly.
- 3.2. As the Allotment Association will be vacating this building, there is an opportunity to move from the current toilet block into the allotment unit. This will increase the number of toilets, including an accessible toilet and a changing places facility, so that the needs for all members of the community are met.
- 3.3. By moving the toilets from their existing block into the allotment unit, it will be possible to turn the existing toilet block into a concession stand. This will provide both an annual income to the council, a business opportunity within the city and a service to the community (Draft drawings – Figure 2).
- 3.4. Our current concession contracts bring in approximately: £3k per year at Churchill Gardens, £4k per year at Victoria Park and £5k per year at Queen Elizabeth Gardens

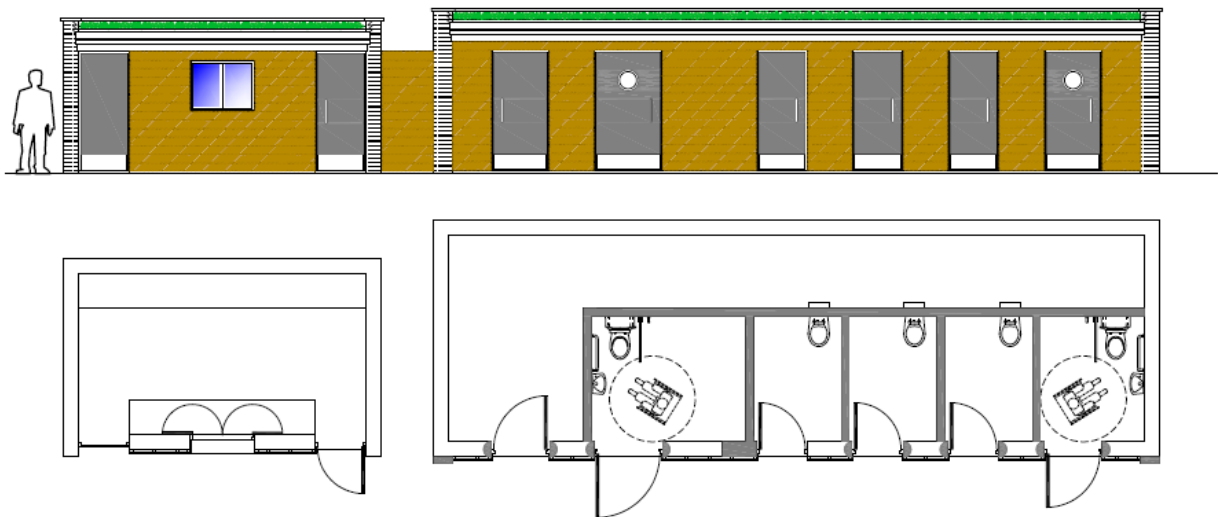


Figure 2

- 3.5. The cost of refurbishing both units can be accommodated within the capital budgets provided by this council for the toilet refurbishment programme.
- 3.6. In addition to the enhanced functionality of the block, the proposal is also includes cladding the building in wood and installing a living roof as per the Salisbury City Council's commitment to creating a 'Green City' and to ensure the units sit well within the River Park scheme.
- 3.7. In keeping with council policy when conducting our toilet refurbishment programme, use of the new toilet block will be chargeable, at a cost of 50p, as per other sites such as Lush House and Salisbury Coach Park.

4. Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 4.1. Note the report

5. **Background papers:** Appendix A – Doc 85929

6. **Implications:**

- 6.1. **Financial:** As outlined in the report.
- 6.2. **Legal:** None in relation to this report
- 6.3. **Personnel:** None in relation to this report
- 6.4. **Environmental Impact:** As outlined in this report
- 6.5. **Equality Impact:** As outlined in this report