

COLL PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 Following discussions with Argyll and Bute Council and the Development Coll Group in September 2009, it is proposed that the Council makes a contribution to the An Cridhe Development to provide public convenience facilities on the island. It is also proposed to allow Henderson's Fisheries to operate and manage the toilet facility on the pier at no cost to the Council.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that that the option detailed in 3.4 of this report be progressed as the preferred option.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 In September 2009, the Director of Operational Services wrote to the Development Coll Group regarding the availability of public conveniences within the An Cridhe Development, a copy of this communications is attached.
- 3.2 On the basis that contributions be made to the An Cridhe Development site, there would be an increase in the availability of public conveniences to visitors, residents, etc.
- 3.3 Recently a further expression of interest has been received, this requests that the operation and management of the unit be transferred to Henderson Fisheries. This option would prove to be more cost effective to the council as there would be no requirement to make any financial contribution and would maintain a public facility on the island that is conveniently located for yacht crews and individuals waiting for the ferry service.
- 3.4 It is the intention of the Henderson Fisheries offer, to retain the current facility and apply for external grants to upgrade the condition of the facility, retaining the public convenience for the use of incoming and outgoing yacht crews.
- 3.5 The net savings to the Council would be £3,661 per annum. Based on the discussions of September 2009, the Council would make the payment of £1,900 per annum to An Cridhe Development. The Council would support the An Cridhe

Development facility for a period of five years, with an on-going review at five yearly intervals.

- 3.6 Once a way forward has been confirmed, Amenity Services will ensure a sustainable agreement is put in place to either transfer the facility to the An Cridhe Development partnership and the appropriate Service Level Agreement is put in place or appropriate arrangements with Henderson Fisheries.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Amenity Services are keen to look at all potential community partnerships with a view to making facilities more available for use. This is an area being explored at present as a way of delivering services locally in other parts of Argyll and Bute. In activating such partnerships, this ensures that the Council do not have to make provision for future investment in upgrading/maintaining the existing public conveniences.
- 4.2 Both of these proposals would allow Amenity Services to reduce their operation costs in achieving the necessary service budgetary savings which lie ahead.

5. IMPLICATIONS

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| 5.1 | Policy | None |
| 5.2 | Financial | Savings in salary costs |
| 5.3 | Legal | On committee approval, the respective agreement will be implemented between Council and the appropriate organisation. |
| 5.4 | HR | Reduction in staff, through retirement |
| 5.5 | Equalities | None |

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