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Dear Emma

AN CRIDHE DEVELOPMENT

Further to our previous discussion in 2008 I would confirm that the public convenience operated by Argyll and Bute Council might be a facility we seek to close should the An Cridhe Development reach a successful conclusion.

As you are aware, the public convenience is administered and maintained by Operational Services within the Council and it's current overall cost to the Authority is around £3,800.

Provided the An Cridhe Development made public convenience facilities available to members of the public on Coll during normal hours of operation then I would be prepared to suggest to our local Area Committee that we should enter into a Service Level Agreement on the following basis:

- 1. That the Council will close the existing public convenience unit at the Mid Pier on Coll
- 2. That the Council would then generate savings from this closure through reduction in utility, cleaning and repair costs and manpower expenses.
- 3. That having established the level of savings (projected to be just under £4,000 per year) that the Council would also look at any closure costs and ongoing retention costs to establish a net saving.
- 4. In line with overall savings having to be made across Argyll and Bute Council over the next three years there would be a recommendation to Members of the local Area Committee that the Council's net support to An Cridhe should be in the order of half of our net annual saving to be fixed for a period of 5 years, with ongoing review at 5 yearly intervals thereafter.



Should you wish to proceed on the basis outlined above, then please advise further and I will arrange for the necessary report to go to our local Area Committee for approval by Council Members.

Yours sincerely

Andrew R Law Director of Operational Services