

News Release

Albert Street Public Conveniences

Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council agreed its budget and spending plans for the year, from 1st April 2021-31st March 2022, at a Full Council meeting on Tuesday 26th January 2021. Several Councillors have become increasingly concerned about the rising costs of operating and maintaining the public conveniences in Albert Street which they regard as unsustainable in the long term. The Town Council recognises the importance of these facilities for the community which is why it took over this provision from Milton Keynes Council some years ago.

The toilets currently cost over £40,000 per year to operate when taking into account staff costs. West Bletchley Council regularly contributes £1,000 per annum to these facilities but the Town Council receives no other grants or sponsorship for the public toilets from local businesses or other organisations.

On Tuesday 26th January 2021, the Town Council voted to reduce the budget for these facilities for the next year and will now be exploring a range of options to find ways to make the provision of public toilets more financially sustainable. An important part of this process will be asking local people and businesses for their views. So please look out for consultations which will be taking place in the next few months and please make sure you have your say.

In the meantime, the toilets will remain open as usual. A decision to close the toilets has not been made by the Town Council and all options and suggestions from upcoming consultations will be considered.

For further information, <u>please visit our website</u>.

You can also contact us by email <u>info@bletchleyfennystratford-tc.gov.uk</u> or by phone on 01908 649 469.

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