

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2000**

**OPENING OF BURNS MALL TOILETS, KILMARNOCK  
PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS 2000**

**Report by the Director of Community Services**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To invite the Committee to authorise the opening of the Burns Mall public conveniences in Kilmarnock during the five Sundays before Christmas 2000.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 As part of the savings package for the present financial year it was agreed that the opening hours of the Burns Mall toilets be reduced with no Sunday opening.
- 2.2 The Kilmarnock Town Centre Management Initiative and the owners of the Burns Mall have now requested that the Council give consideration to having the toilets open during the five Sundays before Christmas 2000 when a number of shops in the town will be open to the public.
- 2.3 The owners of Burns Mall are prepared to make a financial contribution towards the Council's cost of providing this service.

**3. DISCUSSION**

- 3.1 The Community Services Department works in close partnership with the Town Centre Management Initiative in the run up to the festive season to attract visitors to the town and to the pantomime at the theatre etc.
- 3.2 It is recognised that there will be increased activity during this period and therefore increased demand for use of the toilets will be necessary.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The cost employees wages in opening the toilets on these five Sundays is approximately £750 and the Town Centre Management Initiative have indicated a willingness to contribute a sum of £300 towards these costs.
- 4.2 Although the approval of this request would effectively result in the Department incurring additional costs, it is believed that these can be met within the existing budget.

**5. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Nil.

## **6. CONCLUSIONS**

- 6.1 As part of the savings package approved by the Council this year it was agreed that the Burns Mall toilets be closed on Sundays.
- 6.2 The Kilmarnock Town Management Initiative and owners of the Burns Mall have requested that the Council consider opening the toilets during the five Sundays leading up to Christmas 2000.
- 6.3 The estimated cost of providing a service is £750 and the owners of the Burns Mall have offered to contribute a sum of £300 by way of support.
- 6.4 While this arrangement if approved would result in additional expenditure, this can be met from the existing budget.

## **7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 The Committee is invited to:-
  - (i) consider authorising the opening of the Burns Mall Toilets during the five Sundays leading up to Christmas 2000; and
  - (ii) otherwise note the report.

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### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Letter from Malcolm McKenhill.

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**AGENDA**