Public Conveniences

What are the objectives and desired outcomes of the review

- Establish what the Council's legal requirement for public conveniences provision is and whether the service is needed.
- Establish whether the number and male/female ratio of Public Conveniences in the borough of Maidstone is appropriate.
- Establish whether the opening hours and location of public conveniences are fit for purpose.
- Assess the cleanliness, safety and accessibility (disability and childcare) of public conveniences in Maidstone.
- Assess the running and maintenance costs of public conveniences and identify if alternative sources of funding and ownership are appropriate.
- Identify alternate methods of public conveniences provision, such as the Community Toilet Scheme.
- Establish whether the provision of existing advertisement and signage to public conveniences is sufficient and fit for purpose.
- Identify steps to improve public conveniences, if required.

Which witnesses are required?

- Cabinet Member for Environment
- Environmental Health Officer
- Facility Management Officer
- Best practice authorities
- Parish Councils
- Help the Aged
- Disability forum
- Toddler Groups
- Residents

Other ways to seek evidence? E.g. site visits, involving members of the public

- Press Release
- Public Conveniences Tour

What information/training is needed?

- Image of Maidstone survey results and comments
- BVPIs
- Green Spaces Strategy
- Select Committee Evidence
- Improvising Public Access to Better Quality Toilets: A Strategic Guide

Suggested time for review and report completion date

• 2- 3 months - complete November 2008

How does the review link to council priorities?

• A Healthy Environment

How does this item deliver CfPS effective scrutiny principles?

- Enables the voice and concerns of the public
- Drives improvement in public services

Any co-optees or expert witnesses?