

**PUBLIC CONVENIENCES - PROGRESS REPORT**

**Report of the Executive Director for City Services**

**Strategic Priorities : sp5 – Attractive and Inclusive City**  
**Corporate Priorities : c103 – Efficient and Effective Council**

**1.0 Why has this report come to Committee?**

1.1 The Committees workplan for 2009/10 includes a progress report on Public Conveniences in the city.

**2.0 BACKGROUND**

2.1 Public conveniences are currently provided at the following locations:

<b>Area</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>North</b>	Dene Lane – Seaburn Dene
	Newcastle Road – Monkwearmouth/Fulwell
	Park Parade – Roker
	Southwick Green
	Harbour View – Roker South Bents opp Seaburn Centre
	Marine Walk – Roker (NB: Disabled – open all year) Cat and Dog Steps – Roker <u>Summer Only:</u> Sea Lane – Seaburn
	<b>East</b>
Park Lane – City Centre	
Transport Interchange – City Centre	
<b>West</b>	Humbledon View – Barnes * see para 4.1 of report
<b>Coalfield</b>	Easington Lane adjacent library (dis)
	Hetton Centre – adjacent Somerfields (dis)
	Houghton Co-Operative Store
<b>Washington</b>	Concord – bus station (dis)
	Fatfield – Bonemill Lane adjacent Taxi Office
	Westwood Gardens - Columbia

**3.0 ISSUES IDENTIFIED WITH CURRENT PROVISION**

3.1 The facility previously located at Humbledon View (within the curtilage of Barnes Park) was recently demolished and new provision will be made as part of the Barnes Park Restoration Programme.

- 3.2 Facilities at Kayll Road, Dene Lane, Newcastle Road and Westwood Gardens are of such design and condition that significant investment would be required to refurbish or replace them.
- 3.3 The toilets located at the Cat and Dog Steps and Marine Walk have been open from September 2009 until May 2010, these facilities are normally closed during the winter.
- 3.4 The future of the public conveniences at the seafront at Roker and Seaburn are currently being considered as part of the work undertaken by the seafront review group.

#### **4.0 FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

- 4.1 A survey across the City of conveniences available for public use is to be undertaken to assess needs.
- 4.2 Requests have been received for the provision of facilities at specified locations and it is proposed that the Council should seek to explore the potential to provide facilities for public use within any future building/property developments that are established with its partners or within any appropriate retail developments across the City.

#### **5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1 Members are requested to note the report.