

Draft Public Toilet Strategy Motion:

- This Council notes
 - That a lack of clean, accessible public toilets traps people at home and prevents them from getting out and about
 - A 2019 report from the Royal Society of Public Health, which found that one in five experience the ‘loo leash’ – leaving the house much less often than they would like due to a lack of public or available toilets
 - The findings of a 2022 report from Age UK London, revealing that over half [52%] of respondents reduce the amount they drink before going to some places, and for older residents and many with impairments this can lead to dehydration and serious health consequences
 - That toilet strategies provide an important framework for local authorities to coordinate the actions needed to improve public toilet provision locally
 - That public toilet provision can feature in the plans of many different council departments and strategies can offer a more joined-up approach for auditing and evaluating current provision, listening to residents, and making decisions based on population needs
 - The physical and mental health imperative in adequate provision of public toilets for older residents, women, parents with young children, people with certain health conditions, and others.

- This Council moves
 - To devise a Public Toilet Strategy, with a named designated officer responsible for its delivery, in order to improve provision of clean, accessible public toilets across the borough
 - To conduct meaningful, inclusive and ongoing community engagement with a diverse group of residents, as part of this Strategy
 - To consider a needs assessment based on mapping existing toilets available for public use, identifying gaps by working with communities and other partners to identify solutions.

Sources:

- [‘London Loos’ - Age UK London](#) (2022)
- [London Loos in-focus: Local authorities and toilet strategies - Age UK London](#) (2022)
- [‘Taking the P***’ - Royal Society for Public Health](#) (2019)