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Conveniences

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Your ref:

Date: 29th January 2010

Dear Mr Turner

Provision of Public Convenience in George Street Car Park, Lutterworth

I am writing to you with regard to the provision of the above public convenience in Lutterworth.

As part of the budget management and business planning considerations, the Council's Executive has given considerable thought to the Council's expenditure and income in the context of its priorities. Amongst the many difficult issues that the Member Portfolio Holders and the Executive Members collectively has deliberated on, is the provision of public conveniences in the District with a view to closing them.

However, before that happens, the Council would like to gauge whether the Parish Council would be interested in taking on the responsibility for the public convenience. The view of Members is that a public convenience is a local facility and therefore best managed and operated locally. The Council's proposal would be to transfer the public convenience to the Parish Council at £1 value with appropriate clawback clauses for any receipts if the property is disposed of.

The Parish Council would then take on the full responsibility for the facility and meet all the costs. The cleaning of the public convenience could be continued under the Council's current contract but the cost to be met by the Parish Council through its precept.

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In the event that the Parish Council does not wish to take ownership of the public convenience, then I have to inform you that it is most likely that the Council will close the public convenience.

I would be grateful if you could please let me have your response on whether the Parish Council is interested in the above offer **by the 14**th **February 2010**, so I may advise the Council's Executive at its meeting on the 15th February 2010.

Yours sincerely

Kamal Mehta

Deputy Chief Executive

c.c. Councillor Mike Rook, Leader
Councillor Steven Charlish, Portfolio Holder for Environment Services Delivery
Councillor Grahame Spendlove-Mason, Portfolio Holder for Finance and
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