

Motion to Mendip District Council, Full Council meeting 20th February 2017:

Supporting fully accessible Changing Places disabled toilets in Mendip District

The Council notes and welcomes the reports attached to this motion prepared by Glastonbury & District Mencap and the Frome Changing Places Group, and the separate Preamble.

The Council resolves:

1. to lend its support to the Changing Places campaign in order to make Mendip a fully accessible district, recognising that access to Changing Places facilities for residents and visitors is essential to meet their needs;
2. to facilitate a cross party member group to lead and coordinate work with relevant organisations to investigate feasible and preferred options, identify costs, and prepare a strategy for the provision of Changing Places facilities in the five main settlements of the district (Frome, Wells, Shepton Mallet, Glastonbury and Street) in or adjacent to town centre areas and in other public and accessible locations;
3. empower the local community to raise the funds necessary to facilitate the preferred Changing Places options in each settlement;
4. to adopt and manage any new Changing Places facilities that may be provided on Council land;
5. to encourage (and require where possible) other relevant public and business developments, including partners, leaseholders and contractors, to provide Changing Places facilities, including through the use of appropriate agreements, planning policies and conditions;
6. to consider any other appropriate assistance and financial contributions the Council is able and willing to make towards the provision of Changing Places in the district.

Proposed by: Adam Boyden (Frome College ward) and seconded by Helen Sprawson-White (Frome Oakfield) and Des Harris (Frome Market)

8 February 2017