

<b>Committee(s)</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
Port Health & Environmental Services Committee	20 January 2021
<b>Committee Note regarding the Equalities Impact for DBE Service Changes and Budget Proposals Report (Item 6)</b>	<b>Public</b>
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### **Street Cleansing**

The changes to the street cleansing service will still maintain the minimum standards required under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. It is not anticipated that the reduction from the City's current high standards will see amounts litter and waste that block access of the pavements. There are no changes to the waste collection services or the City's Timebanding Scheme which keep the streets clear of waste during the day. We therefore believe there will be no equality impact issues on services or access to services.

### **Public Conveniences**

The recommended closure of 2 of remaining staffed public conveniences and 4 automated public conveniences facilities affects everyone. The proposal does not target specific groups, but some groups could be affected more than others due to the removal of facilities. However, if the Community Toilet Scheme is kept it aims to address the loss of public toilets by providing publicly accessible toilets and will mitigate the impact. A full Equalities Impact Assessment is available if required.

The Department for Communities and Local Government in Improving Public Access to Better Quality Toilets: A Strategic Guide<sup>1</sup> encourages local authorities to explore the potential for Community Toilet Schemes. Cleansing Services will continue to work with and businesses to ensure safe, clean, good quality and accessible Public Convenience facilities are available for the general public to use.