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OLDER PERSON FRIENDLY CITY WORKING GROUP

**Provision of Public Toilets in
Newcastle upon Tyne**

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Community Toilet Scheme

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BACKGROUND

- National surveys by the British Toilet Association in 2005
- A country-wide survey by Help the Aged in 2006
- Older Person Friendly Working Group
 - Audit of facilities 2005
 - Survey of Parks and Recreation Areas 2008
 - Inspection of Newcastle's public toilets in 2009

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GOVERNMENT POSITION

“Improving Public access to Better Quality Toilets”

“The Provision of Public Toilets”

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Improving Public Access to Better Quality Toilets
A Strategic Guide



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Communities and Local Government

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NOW BACK TO OUR PUBLIC LAVATORIES

The City Centre has:

- 2 Public Toilets
- 3 in Shopping Centres
- 3 in Car Parks
- 5 Automated Units

Practical problems:

- Out of the way
- Not signposted
- Not adequate for City
- Difficult to manage
- Hugely expensive

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OTHER REGIONS

- Richmond
- Sheffield
- Chester
- Perth /Kinross

Also:

- Brighton
- Cardiff
- Bromley
- Lambeth
- Sutton
- Tooting
- Southend

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PROGRESS SO FAR:

- The City Council
- City Centre Partnership
- Business Improvement District (BID)
- NE1Ltd.

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HOW WOULD IT WORK?

Aim:

Through Partnership with businesses, to allow members of the general public to use their toilet/washroom facilities without the need to buy goods or services.

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BENEFITS TO US

- Increased toilets for people visiting
- Greater comfort
- Clean, safe and accessible
- Streets in a sanitary condition
- Extra facilities for specialist user groups
- Reduce crime
- Better information
- Attractive environment
- Promoting Newcastle

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BENEFITS TO BUSINESSES

- Increased levels of trade
- Priority use of cleaning teams
- Inclusion on advertising literature
- Free window sticker
- Map of the City Centre
- Inclusion on web-sites

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POSSIBLE START

- Local Authority
- Museums, Art Galleries
- Shopping Centres
- Department stores
- Main leisure operators
- Main licensed premises
- Hotels
- Food outlets
- Coffee shops
- Private developments

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CONCLUSION

A “Use our Loos” scheme could be a huge success story for the City of Newcastle and we invite the Citizens Assembly to support it in every way possible.

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