

COMMITTEE:	Common Good Committee
MEETING DATE:	11 June 2026
BY:	Depute Chief Executive – Children and Communities.
REPORT TITLE:	Musselburgh Library Toilets
REPORT STATUS:	Public

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval from Members for a contribution from the Musselburgh Common Good Fund towards adding public toilets to Musselburgh Library.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to:

- 2.1 Approve the use of £50k towards an estimated bill of £125k for the installation of 4 toilets in Musselburgh library.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Musselburgh Library is the second busiest Library in the county. It has no public or accessible toilets. Historically, visitors have been directed to use the toilets at the Brunton Hall.
- 3.2 Musselburgh Library has two of the busiest bookbug sessions in the county. It is also offered as a “Warm Space” in winter, for those struggling with heating bills. Requiring very young or elderly visitors to walk to the Brunton Hall has been far from ideal.
- 3.3 With the imminent closure of the Brunton Hall, this situation will become much worse.

- 3.4 Although Assets / Placemaking work is ongoing, it is likely to be several years until a new operational Musselburgh Hub is in place.
- 3.5 Officers have assessed that four toilets, which include one larger toilet for the disabled, can be put into the existing footprint of the building at a cost of approximately £125k.
- 3.6 Any work on improving the lack of available toilets on site will have a significant benefit for public users now and would be of benefit also for any alternative community / stakeholder user of the building in the future.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None

5 RESOURCE AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Finance: The funding requested would be taken directly from the Common Good Fund.
- 5.2 Human Resources: None
- 5.3 Other (e.g. Legal/IT): None
- 5.4 Risk: None

6 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 **Select the statement that is appropriate to your report by placing an 'X' in the relevant box.**

An Integrated Impact Assessment screening process has been undertaken, and the subject of this report does not affect the wellbeing of the community or have a significant impact on: equality and human rights; tackling socio-economic disadvantages and poverty; climate change, the environment and sustainability; the Council's role as a corporate parent; or the storage/collection of personal data.

or

The subject of this report has been through the Integrated Impact Assessment process and impacts have been identified as follows:

Subject	Impacts identified (Yes, No or N/A)
Equality and human rights	
Socio-economic disadvantage/poverty	
Climate change, the environment and sustainability	
Corporate parenting and care-experienced young people	
Storage/collection of personal data	
Other	

[Enter information on impacts that have been identified]

The Integrated Impact Assessment relating to this report has been published and can be accessed via the Council's website:

https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/info/210602/equality_and_diversity/12014/integrated_impact_assessments

7 APPENDICES

7.1 None

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None

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