



VTC LAND & BUILDINGS UPDATE

PUBLIC TOILETS

1 JANUARY 2016

TERM OF LEASE	Freehold
START DATE	1 April 2016

- o loWC has announced its inability to continue funding the £500k cost of the Island's remaining 41 Public Toilets and invited Town & Parish Councils to consider taking them over rather than have them closed.
- o VTC has informed loWC of its willingness to take on the ownership and management of the town's three Public Toilets at risk from this situation with effect from 1 April this year.
- o The three toilets and the costs the loWC has told us are incurred in running them are:

Toilet	Annual Cost
Eastern Esplanade	£20,796
Marlborough Road	£11,853
Ventnor Park	£4,027
Total	£36,676

- o The costs include a total of £11,448 for cleaning and it is likely that some savings could be achieved through a Town Council operated arrangement.
 - o The high cost of the Eastern Esplanade toilet includes £6,237 for Business Rates and there is a case for claiming exemption from this cost on the grounds that the facility is located within or adjacent to a green space.
 - o If the business rate charge is exempted and a 20% saving in cleaning costs results from our in-house operation, the total above will be reduced to £26,500.
 - o As a total of £16,000 is already included in our current Budget, the cost of saving these three toilets will need an increase in the 2016/17 Precept of £10,500.
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