

COUNTY COUNCIL – 28 SEPTEMBER 2023

NOTICE OF MOTION

ITEM 11

Notice of Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order 18.1. by Councillor M Tod and seconded by Councillor T Groves

This Council notes:

- Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men. 1 in 8 men will be diagnosed, rising to 1 in 4 for Black men. As many as 69% of those treated with surgery may experience urinary incontinence as a result.
- 1 in 25 men aged over 40 will experience some form of urinary leakage every year.
- 1 in 20 men aged 60 or over will experience bowel incontinence in the UK.
- Men who need to dispose of their sanitary waste (including incontinence pads, pouches, stoma, catheter, colostomy, ileostomy waste by-products) often have no direct access to a sanitary bin in male toilets.
- A survey of men living with incontinence reveals that 95% feel anxiety due to a lack of sanitary bins in men's toilets for disposing of pads hygienically.
- Nearly one third of men surveyed have been forced to carry their own waste in a bag.

This Council believes:

- that men should be able to safely and hygienically dispose of incontinence products easily and with dignity wherever they go.
- that men who need to dispose of their sanitary waste should have direct access to a sanitary bin in male toilets.

This Council resolves:

- That the Executive Member for Countryside and Regulatory Services should consider as soon as reasonably practicable the provision of at least one sanitary bin in all County Council male toilets – both public and in council buildings.
- To encourage other providers of public and workplace toilets in our area to make male sanitary bins available in their facilities.
- To support Prostate Cancer UK's 'Boys need Bins' campaign.
- That the Leader should write on behalf of the Council to our local MPs asking them to support Prostate Cancer UK's 'Boys need Bins' campaign and their request for Government to update any necessary regulations to ensure that 'suitable means for the disposal of sanitary dressings' is provided in all toilets.