Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport submission of 8 June 2023 PE2027/A: Launch the Changing Places Toilet fund

The Scottish Government knows that Changing Places Toilets make a real difference to disabled people and their families and wants to see greater provision of these vital facilities across Scotland. The provision of these fundamental facilities offers everyone in Scotland dignity and freedom.

Our <u>Programme for Government 2021-22</u> set out Scottish Government's ambition to invest in Changing Places Toilets over this parliamentary term, in order to increase the number of these facilities across the country and support mobile Changing Places Toilets to allow people easier access to events and outdoor venues.

This fund would build on work we have already done to amend Scottish Building Regulations legislation requiring the provision of Changing Places Toilets in larger new buildings to which the public have access.

Earlier this year, Scottish Government published the <u>First Ministers</u> <u>policy prospectus</u>. This document sets out that Scotland is facing the most difficult public spending environment that this devolved parliament has ever seen.

We have had to make tough decisions to ensure that we target every pound we spend and invest in order to get the maximum value, ensuring it reaches those that need it the most.

Therefore, funding for the construction of Changing Places Toilets has not yet been allocated and the timeframes for the distribution of this funding have not yet been announced. Further information on this investment will be available over the course of this parliamentary term.

Local Authorities remain able to fund local community projects as they see fit from within local budgets.

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