



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **CLOSURE OF PUBLIC TOILETS IN GODALMING AND FARNCOMBE**

Godalming Town Council was extremely frustrated to have been informed, with just 7 days' notice, that the public toilets located in Crown Court, High Street Godalming and in North Street Farncombe are to be permanently shut as of Monday, 19 June.

This will mean that there will be no public convenience provision anywhere in Farncombe and the only suggested alternative provision in Godalming Town centre being either the Borough Hall or a café located off the High Street.

Cllr Stefan Reynolds, Chairman of Godalming Town Council's Policy & Management Committee said: "While we recognise that Waverley does have severe budgetary pressures, it is very disappointing that the Borough Council has decided to close the public toilets in Farncombe without fully providing an alternative 7-day provision as they had promised. The Town Centre provision will also be much reduced with the Borough Hall only open to the public Monday to Friday except public holidays.

Whilst the Town Council has no formal policy on this issue, we did make clear to Waverley a few months ago that we were prepared to discuss the situation with them and that we had made a number of suggestions about alternative uses of both sites, which might help secure toilet provision in Godalming and Farncombe. Despite Waverley saying they would consider this, they do not appear to have done so and we would urge them to either look again at some of these suggestions or re-open the dialogue with the Town Council."

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