

QUESTION NO 39

**By Councillor Campbell for answer
by the Convener of the Culture and
Communities Committee at a
meeting of the Council on 30 June
2022**

The council's public toilet strategy includes the promotion of the community toilet scheme and the use of council owned and council run buildings being made available for any member of the public to access.

During the pandemic, understandably, there were restrictions in relation to certain public buildings. The toilets in the two Edinburgh Leisure buildings on Portobello Promenade were closed to ordinary members of the public due to covid restrictions.

However, they have not reopened since restrictions were lifted, and now it has been revealed that Edinburgh Leisure has left the council's community toilet scheme.

- Question** **(1)** With increasing numbers of visitors to the Prom, and increasing demand for public toilets as a result, does the convener think it is acceptable for these buildings, which are owned and run by an arms-length organisation of the council, to remain closed to the general public?
- Answer** **(1)**
- Question** **(2)** What discussions has the convener had about Edinburgh Leisure's withdrawal from the scheme?
- Answer** **(2)**
- Question** **(3)** Will the convener write to the Chief Executive of Edinburgh Leisure to ask that they reconsider this decision?
- Answer** **(3)**