

Motion for Time Limited Debate – ‘Boys Need Bins’

Proposer: Mr Mike Sole

Seconder: Mr Chris Passmore

Background – Provided by the Liberal Democrat Group

Prostate Cancer UK are campaigning to improve facilities in male toilets for those suffering from incontinence. The ‘Boys Need Bins’ campaign encourages every public toilet and business across the UK to provide incontinence bins in their male toilets – enabling men who need to dispose of pads and other incontinence products to do so easily, safely, and with dignity.

Figures from Prostate Cancer UK show that between 3 and 6 million people in the UK suffer from incontinence. As many as 1 in 3 men over 65 are estimated to have urinary incontinence in the UK – yet there are little facilities for men, as there are for women, in public places.

Motion:

- a. This Council believes that it is important to make life more comfortable and dignified for those who suffer from incontinence.
- b. This Council supports the provision of sanitary bins in all toilets the authority manages so that waste products can be disposed of in a discreet and hygienic manner.
- c. To recommend to the Executive:
 - a. All toilets managed by this authority, whether for public or internal use, have at least one sanitary waste bin.
 - b. To encourage other authorities in Kent to provide sanitary waste bins in all their managed toilets.