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There are closed council toilet facilities in the middle of Granton Square and next to Gladstone's Bar (Great Junction Street, Leith). Both appear to have been abandoned for some considerable time. Can you provide me information such as when closed, why closed, what is current position eg redevelopment as toilets, other redevelopment sale, ownership etc.

Granton Square toilets were closed in 2015. They were one of 10 which were closed as part of budget savings. The intention was to sell the property, but the Council does not have clear title deeds.

Toilets at Taylor Gardens were closed during the pandemic along with all other public toilets; however, they have remained closed as they require substantial repairs.

The new Labour administration have stated in their manifesto:

- Upgrade existing public toilets and increase the number across the city, including in parks, all to meet accessible and changing room standards.
- Deliver a programme to upgrade public parks and play facilities

Can you please provide current information apropos this e.g. has a budget allocation been made? How much? Sites identified? Timescales? Has a CEC department and requisite officers taken charge of these projects? Anything else relevant?

Public toilets: No budget has been currently allocated to upgrading existing toilets/increasing the number across the city. No officer has been allocated to this.

Programme to upgrade public parks and play facilities: An update on the investment in parks and play areas is planned to be reported to Culture and Communities Committee in December 2022. Previous reports are available on Council Papers Online, for example, [https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/documents/s34795/Item 8.3 - Parks and Greenspace Investment Progress Report.pdf](https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/documents/s34795/Item%208.3%20-%20Parks%20and%20Greenspace%20Investment%20Progress%20Report.pdf).

In addition, the Thriving Green Spaces project has undertaken master plans for some parks including Leith Links, Inverleith Park, and Inch Park, which have identified the need for significant investment. Such investment is likely to come from significant grants and external funding sources as well as Council contributions.