

**RECOMMENDATIONS AND REFERENCES THE
TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE HELD ON 4 JULY 2001**

1 MINUTE 235 – FLORAL DECORATIONS

1.1 Minute 235 reads as follows:-

“The Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) on work being carried out by Rayleigh Town Council in the Mill Hall Car Park and whether the Council would wish to contribute towards the costs.

The Rayleigh Chamber of Trade had made a similar bid to the Council for £500 against an annual fund for initiatives which would improve the economic environment of the town centres.

During debate the following points were noted:-

- There was no budget available for such a contribution to be made.
- The Rayleigh Town Centre Enhancement Scheme may have some funds available as a result of penalty payments for work delays.
- Railings were required around the windmill.

Resolved

- (1) That the work carried out by the Town Council be noted.
- (2) That all funding bids for floral decorations, including those from Chambers of Trade, should be deferred and referred to the Finance & General Purposes Committee. (CD(F&ES))

Note:

- A copy of the report of the Director (Finance & External Services) to the Transportation and Environmental Services Committee is attached at Appendix 1.
- A report on bids for Town Centre Initiatives from the Chambers of Trade has been circulated separately (Agenda Item 21).

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Background Papers:

None.

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APPENDIX 1

FLORAL DECORATIONS

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to advise Members of work being carried out by Rayleigh Town Council in Mill Hall Car Park and to determine whether or not the Council would wish to contribute towards the cost.

2 SCHEME DETAIL

- 2.1. The Town Council currently supplies and maintains flower baskets throughout Rayleigh Town Centre.
- 2.2. With the completion of the car park refurbishment at Mill Hall the Town Council believes that flower baskets within this area would compliment the town as a whole.
- 2.3. The Corporate Director (Finance and External Services) has given permission for the Town Council to erect brackets on the lamp columns for flower baskets. The brackets are to be fully in accordance with Council specification and the full cost is to be met by the Town Council.
- 2.4. The Town Council is carrying out the supply and fitting of the brackets and they will then supply and maintain 12 flower baskets.
- 2.5. The cost of the supply and fitting of both brackets and baskets is in the region of £700. The Town Council has asked if the District Council would wish to make a financial contribution to the project.

3 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. The flower baskets do enhance the visual aspect of the car park during the summer months.

4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. There is no budget available at present for a contribution to be made. If, however, Members were minded to make a small contribution, the sum would be within the Corporate Director's delegated virement approval limit. It would then be possible to give approval in principle, subject to a virement being identified during the remainder of the year.

5 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. The work is completely contained within the Rayleigh Town Council area.

6 RECOMMENDATION

It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

- 6.1. To note the work carried out by the Town Council.
- 6.2. To determine an amount, if any, in respect of a financial contribution, subject to a suitable virement being identified.

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Background Papers:

Letter from Rayleigh Town Council dated 19 May 2001.

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