

## **‘BAR-N-BUS’ VEHICLE AT WEBSTERS WAY CAR PARK, RAYLEIGH (Min 229/01)**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 Members to be advised on the ongoing use of Websters Way Car Park on Thursday evenings by the ‘Bar-N-Bus’ vehicle.

### **2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 As reported previously, Church Youth Leaders in Rayleigh are anxious to work with and help the young people in the town. The ‘Bar-N-Bus’ Trust is a charitable organisation and Church Youth Leaders give out tea, coffee and soft drinks from the bus and generally talk to the teenagers in the area.
- 2.2 The Council was approached by John Ward of the ‘Bar-N-Bus’ Trust in January 2000 and permission was granted for him to site the bus in Websters Way Car Park on Thursday evenings for a trial period. This period has been extended on several occasions and at the last meeting of the Transportation Sub-Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2001 it was agreed that permission be granted for an indefinite period subject to six-monthly reports by Officers to this Sub-Committee.
- 2.3 Details of patronage and the views of the Police have been sought. John Ward advises that the venture has been well patronised with sometimes between 30-40 youths visiting the bus on Thursday evenings. The Police report no incidents or crime relating to the Bar-N-Bus operating in Websters Way Car Park.

### **3 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 It is hoped that this venture will assist in reducing petty crime and vandalism in the area.

### **4 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Area is cleared of litter by the Church Youth Leaders.

**5 RECOMMENDATION**

It is proposed that the Sub-Committee **RECOMMENDS**

- (1) That the contents of this report are noted.
- (2) That Officers continue to consult with John Ward and the Police to monitor the effectiveness of this initiative and report back to this Sub-Committee in 6 months time.

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**Background Papers:**

None

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