

‘BAR-N-BUS’ VEHICLE AT WEBSTERS WAY CAR PARK, RAYLEIGH

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report advises Members on the ongoing use of Websters Way Car Park on Thursday evenings by the ‘Bar-N-Bus’ vehicle and the possibility of extending the initiative to other parts of the district.

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 meeting of the former Transportation Sub-Committee on 20th June 2001 it was agreed that permission be granted for an indefinite period subject to six-monthly reports by Officers to Committee.
- 2.3 The ‘Bar-N-Bus’ continues to be well patronised on Thursday evenings and the Police report no incidents or crime relating to the ‘Bar-N-Bus’ operating in Websters Way Car Park.
- 2.4 At the last meeting of the Transportation Sub-Committee it was suggested that the success in Websters Way Car Park might be built on by extending the initiative to another evening and to other parts of the District. John Ward has advised that on alternative nights of the week, the bus is used in other areas. However, the Trust is currently in the process of converting an additional bus which will hopefully be ready for operation in January.

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 Committee **RESOLVES**

That Officers continue to consult with John Ward and the Police to monitor the effectiveness of this initiative and report back to this Committee in 6 months time with an update of progress on the new bus.

Steve Clarkson

Head of Revenue & Housing Management

Background Papers:

None

For further information please contact Jonathan Desmond on:-

Tel:- 01702 318025

E-Mail:- transport.revadmin@rochford.gov.uk