

**‘BAR-N-BUS’ VEHICLE AT WEBSTERS WAY CAR PARK,
RAYLEIGH (Min 178/00)**

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 Members to consider extending the authorisation for the ‘Bar-N-Bus’ vehicle to park on Thursday evenings at Websters Way Car Park.

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 Earlier this year the Council was approached by John Ward of the ‘Bar-N-Bus’ Trust and permission was granted for him to site the bus in Websters Way Car Park for a trial period. This period was extended in June for a further 13 weeks as he had not been able to commence activities. Members requested details of patronage and the views of the Police at the conclusion of this extension.

3 PROPOSAL

- 3.1 Unfortunately, due to operational difficulties, the bus has only been in the car park on two Thursdays in September. However, John Ward reports that both occasions were a success with around 30 teenagers in attendance and he is seeking a further extension of authorisation. Rayleigh Police report of no incidents in the surrounding area on the evenings in question.

4 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

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

5 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The area would be cleared of litter by the Church Youth Leaders.

6 RECOMMENDATION

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

That permission be granted for the 'Bar-N-Bus' vehicle to continue to park in Websters Way Car Park on Thursday evenings for a further period of 6 months. (HRHM)

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Background Papers:

None

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