

‘BAR-N-BUS’ VEHICLE AT WEBSTERS WAY CAR PARK, RAYLEIGH (Min 151/00)

1 SUMMARY

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

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 2000 and permission was granted for him to site the bus in Websters Way Car Park for a trial period. This period has been extended a number of times and, at the request of Members, details of patronage and the views of the Police have been sought. These enquiries revealed that around 30-40 teenagers regularly visit the bus and the Police report no disturbances.

3 PROPOSAL

- 3.1 Correspondence has been received from John Ward requesting an open-ended extension to the trial period which ended last month.

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 Area would be cleared of litter by the Church Youth Leaders.

9 RECOMMENDATION

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

- (1) To grant permission for the 'Bar-N-Bus' vehicle to continue to park in Websters Way Car Park on Thursday evenings for an indefinite period.
- (2) That Officers periodically consult with the Trust and the Police to monitor the effectiveness of this initiative.

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Background Papers:

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