

## **PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL CENTRE – FEEDBACK FROM RAYLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL**

### **1 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To advise Members of the latest correspondence received from Rayleigh Town Council.

### **2 DETAILED CONSIDERATIONS**

- 2.1 Following the District Council's decision at the last meeting of this Committee (Min. 234/2002) and the subsequent publicity concerning this site, Rayleigh Town Council has now written to the Chief Executive stating that it would like a Member level meeting to discuss the matter.
- 2.2 The Town Council would be represented at such a meeting by three Members, together with the Clerk to the Council.
- 2.3 Members will recall that the District Council originally requested such a meeting in February 2002. That was subsequently declined by the Town Council in March 2002. It is heartening to see that the Town Council has now changed its mind on this matter.
- 2.4 It is important that the future of this site is resolved sooner rather than later and thus Members are requested to agree to the meeting and determine who the Member representatives should be for the District Council.
- 2.5 Given the size of the Town Council's member representation, and in an attempt to demonstrate the all-party concern amongst Members of the District Council, it is suggested that the District Council's representatives should comprise four Members, including the Chairman of Policy & Finance Committee. The other three Members would comprise one from each of the minority parties.

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

- 3.1 As pointed out in previous reports, if the Environmental Centre site is left vacant and unused for a considerable period of time, then it has the potential to attract problems associated with Crime and Disorder.

**4 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The site offers the potential to bring further environmental benefits to the area if it is developed. Otherwise, its continued vacancy will detract from the overall environmental quality of the area.

**5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 At this point in time, the only resource implications relate to officer and Member time spent on this matter.

**6 RECOMMENDATION**

It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES** to meet with the Town Council at Member level, with the District Council's Member representation being the Chairman of Policy & Finance Committee, and one from each of the three minority parties.

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**Background Papers:**

Letter from Rayleigh Town Council dated 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2002

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