

APPROACH CAR PARK, RAYLEIGH – CAPITAL WORKS

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 Members to consider the redesignation of funds identified as “lighting and security upgrade” to The Approach Car Park, Rayleigh.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The Council's Capital Programme for 2000/01 includes provision for a lighting and security upgrade to The Approach long stay car park in Rayleigh. This was originally approved as a Member Submission at Council on 22 February 2000.
- 2.2 The current situation is that in 1998/99 lighting improvements were made to this car park and the Head of Service was also able to remind Railtrack of their obligations to attend to breaches in the boundary fence. In fact Railtrack chose to replace the whole length of fencing and works were finally completed in Spring 1999.

3 FUTURE PROPOSAL

- 3.1 The Approach Car Park is a well patronised commuter car park for Rayleigh Train Station with a regular clientele of season ticket holders. It has been the Council's intention for some years to resurface, reline and make other aesthetic improvements but uncertainty about the future of parts of the car park have prevented this work proceeding. Recent land sales have now been finalised and it is, perhaps, now opportune to reconsider these improvements.
- 3.2 The Capital allocation of £30,000 designated as “Upgrade Lighting/Security” could be redesignated for “Resurfacing and Redesign” and the Head of Leisure and Client Services could then be instructed to draw up a scheme for approval by the Transportation and Environmental Services Committee.

4 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The original allocation was earmarked from Crime and Disorder funds, but in fact, the lighting upgrade undertaken in 1998/99 was from a non-specific General Fund allocation.
- 4.2 In order for the improvement works to proceed it will be necessary to seek approval from the Finance and General Purposes Committee for

redesignation of the capital allocation. This is reflected in the recommendation below.

5 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Approach Car Park falls within the Rayleigh Town Council area who have been consulted on this matter. At the time of drafting this report no response had been received.

6 RECOMMENDATION

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

That the Finance & General Purposes Committee consider redesignating funds earmarked for "Crime and Disorder – Upgrade Lighting/Security" to "Resurfacing and Layout Improvements". (HRHM)

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Background Papers:

None

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