

## **THE APPROACH CAR PARK, RAYLEIGH – CAPITAL WORKS**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 Members to consider additional funding for the improvement works at The Approach Car Park, Rayleigh.

### **2 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 The Council's Capital Programme for 2001/02 includes provision of £30,000 for car park surface, lighting and security upgrades to The Approach long stay car park in Rayleigh. This budget allocation was based on estimates/quotations sought by officers back in 1999 when the matter was first put before Members for approval.
- 2.2 The Building/Engineering Industry is currently enjoying a mini-boom and significantly, only two contractors of the five selected from the 'Approved Tender List' responded to the letter of invite. The lower of the tenders received is £50,706 which includes £9610 for lighting to be met from the 'Security and Lighting in Car Parks' item in the Capital Programme. This leaves £41,096 relating to car park works, which means a budget deficit of £11,096.
- 2.3 It has been the Council's intention for some years to resurface, reline and make other aesthetic improvements to this car park and the work is now of an urgent nature.
- 2.4 Consideration has been given to reducing the specification, however, the schedule of works suggested by this Authority's engineers embraces virtually all of the recommendations made by Tony Ashdown of the Secured Car Parks Scheme and it would not be prudent to downgrade the works.

### **3 CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1 Members will recall that the work is to be carried out in two phases. The Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) recommends the first phase to begin in January 2002 with Phase 2 following on in March/April 2002.

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**4 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 In order for the improvement works to proceed it will be necessary to seek approval from the Finance and General Purposes Committee for further funding. This is detailed in the recommendation below.

**5 PARISH IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The Approach Car Park falls within the Rayleigh Town Council area.

**6 RECOMMENDATION**

- 6.1 It is proposed that the Sub-Committee **RECOMMENDS**
- 6.2 That £11,096 be added to the capital programme for resurfacing and improvement works at the Approach Car Park.

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**Background Papers:**

None

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