

REPORT OF THE FINANCE & PROCEDURES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 23 JULY 2003

1 RAYLEIGH MARKET REVIEW

- 1.1 This item of business was referred by the Finance & Procedures Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 23 July to Council with the recommendation that at the present time the market held in Rayleigh be retained within the market car park. A copy of the officer's report is attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.2 The feasibility of relocating Rayleigh Market within the High Street had previously been discussed at the meeting of this Committee held on 10 June 2003.
- 1.3 Responses to consultation had been received from the Essex Police Casualty Reduction Unit, Essex County Council's Highways and Transportation local office, Essex County Fire & Rescue Service and Rochford Market Operatives.
- 1.4 In particular, Members had noted that Essex Police and Essex County Council would have serious reservations about such a proposal.
- 1.5 Rayleigh Town Council and the Market Proprietors reported that they were still not in favour of the option to relocate the market.
- 1.6 The Market Proprietors suggested that car parking spaces could be freed up if the stalls were sited within a smaller area of the existing site, subject to a scheme which would address the pedestrian and health and safety issues.
- 1.7 It is proposed that Council **RESOLVES**
 - (1) That at the present time the market be retained within the Market Car Park, Rayleigh.
 - (2) That the licence be renewed for a period of 7 years within a relevant area which allows for the retention of car parking throughout the week on the western part of the site and subject to a workable scheme being agreed which addresses the pedestrian and health and safety issues.
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Background Papers:

None

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