



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Recommendations from Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party: 27 July 2010 (Sep10/05)

*Cabinet Member: Cllr Robert Everitt Chairman of the Working Party:
Cllr Robert Everitt*

1. Markets Review (Report B144)

*(This report was also considered by the Haverhill Area Working Party on
29 July 2010, see agenda item 12(a).)*

RECOMMENDED:-

***That the recommendations as detailed in Section 4 of the Markets
Review, attached as Appendix A to Report B144, be adopted as
the basis for future action.***

In order to facilitate future growth and development of the provisions markets in St Edmundsbury, the Cabinet directed that a review of the markets service be undertaken and that the National Association of British Markets Authorities (NABMA) be engaged to undertake this review.

For the review to be successful extensive consultation was undertaken with various stakeholders including market traders, users and non-users of the service, Chambers of Commerce, retailers, Town Centre Management, Town Councils, Members and officers.

NABMA has now completed the full review of the service and together with collating feedback gained through workshops and written representations, it has completed a report which incorporates recommendations for future service improvements. This report was attached as Appendix A to Report B144.

The Working Party was informed of the feedback from the stakeholders' consultation meeting held immediately prior to the meeting of the Working Party. The recommendations had been welcomed.

The Working Party supported the findings of the review and considered the recommendations contained in Appendix A were acceptable and reasonable. Advice was given that a Market Forum, as recommended in the Review Report, involving representatives of the market traders, stakeholders and the Council, would be set up to address issues and to report back.

2. Engineering Services Work Programme (Report B145)

RECOMMENDED:- That

- (1) the newly created parking bays in Chalk Road and the small car park annexe area, as shown on the plan at Appendix B of Report B145, be available for Zone H permit holders only from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm Mondays to Saturdays;***
- (2) the changes to the parking layout in the Chalk Road (South) spur, as shown on the Plan at Appendix C of Report B145, be made;***
- (3) the limited waiting bays in Albert Street, as shown on Plan 3 at Appendix A of Report B145 be changed to permit holders only from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, Mondays to Saturdays and the management of this bay to be subject to review if over restrictive parking prevents the adjacent vacant commercial premises being brought into beneficial use;***
- (4) consultation be carried out on possible changes to the hours of closure of Abbeygate Street to enable this matter to be reviewed; and***
- (5) approval be given to works being undertaken to install containment kerbs on the bend outside numbers 22/24 St Olaves Road, as detailed in paragraph 5.8.2 of Report B145.***

The Working Party considered highway schemes within Bury St Edmunds namely:-

- (i) changes to the Zone H (Victoria Street Area) Neighbourhood Parking Scheme;***
- (ii) consultation to be carried out in respect of possible changes to the hours of closure of Abbeygate Street; and***
- (iii) works to be undertaken to the bend in St Olaves Road outside numbers 22/24.***

3. Proposed Introduction of Electric Car Charging Points in the Multi-Storey Car Park, Parkway, Bury St Edmunds

RECOMMENDED:-

That a 6 month trial with Cale BriParc of the electric car charging points be undertaken and a review of use be conducted at the end of the trial to determine whether to carry the project forward on a permanent basis and also to what extent.

A recent Royal Automobile Club (RAC) survey had found that 20% of British motorists were considering or planning to buy an Electric Vehicle (EV) or Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV). With 2.7 million cars being sold in the UK each year there was a potential for over 50,000 EV or PHEV sales each year. Emission cuts of up to 40% could be achieved through the use of an EV against a traditional car. Major vehicle manufacturers were offering at the present time either EV or PHEV models. Department for Transport (DfT) statistics indicated that EV owners tended to make short local journeys because of a lack of confidence in locating publically available charging points and that average journeys would increase as these became available.

At present, there were no publically accessible electric car charging points in or near Bury St Edmunds. The supplier of the ticket pay machines, Cale BriParc, had indicated that it wished to work in partnership with the Council to jointly launch a new product to the UK market place, which entailed the offer of a free of charge 6 month trial of two wall mounted charging posts which would be installed on Level 6 at the Parkway Multi-Storey Car Park.

Regionally, both Cambridge and Ipswich local authorities were preparing to introduce EV charging points and the provision of EV points in Bury St Edmunds would provide a vital central geographical link.

It was proposed that the charging point units would be provided free of charge for 6 months and following review they would be offered to the Council at a 75% discounted price of £1,081.

Some reservation was expressed that it was not proposed that the cost of supplying electricity would be recouped in whole or in part. Officers advised that the proposed trial would give initial support to a 'green initiative' and if the facility, following review, was to be continued the issue of recovering the costs of electricity supplied would be reconsidered when car parking charges were next reviewed. The facilities, if approved, would be publicised in the local press and motor trade publications and by a public relations launch.