



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

C66

Cabinet 20 July 2011

Recommendations from Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party: 19 July 2011 (Aug11/02)

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

1. Terms of Reference

RECOMMENDED:-

That, the Terms of Reference, contained in agenda item 5 of the Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party agenda dated 19 July 2011 be approved, subject to:-

paragraph (b) being amended to read:-

'to consider proposals arising from any major development in Bury St Edmunds and make recommendations to the Cabinet where necessary.'; and

paragraph (c) amended to read:-

'to consider service related and other issues and liaise with the Bury St Edmunds Town Council and other organisations as appropriate'

On 25 May 2011, the Cabinet reviewed its Working Parties and other Groups, including membership and Terms of Reference. Arising from that meeting, each Working Party have been requested to review, and amend where necessary, their Terms of Reference.

During the discussion the Working Party considered it advisable that item (b) should be amended following the completion of the Cattle Market site and item (c) amended to reflect wider consultation as appropriate.

2. Temporary Park and Ride Site (Report C74)

RECOMMENDED:-

That, the initiative to provide a temporary park and ride site at land owned by St Edmundsbury Borough Council (site E2), as shown in Appendix A to Report C74, be funded by Suffolk County Council subject to:-

(a) discussion relating to the current interests in the site being concluded; and

(b) any necessary planning consent being obtained.

Report A678 was submitted to the Working Party in May 2010 which identified the need for a temporary Park and Ride facility. Due to the ever increasing popularity of the Christmas Fayre, car parking reached capacity in 2010 and provision of a temporary facility would enable the periods of exceptional demand to be met. Additionally parking capacity is also likely to be diminished this year as the 100 plus spaces at Shire Hall previously available on weekends have been sold as part of Suffolk County Council's sale of the office complex.

The project for a temporary Park and Ride facility was approved by Cabinet and supported by Suffolk County Council with financial funding and a site was identified at Rougham airfield. Early negotiations with the owners were positive, however negotiations with the owners' land agents have not been successful and no agreement can be reached. An alternative site has been identified and is currently designated for employment use.

The Working Party considered that the temporary car park should be used for other events and it was agreed that officers would investigate the opportunities.