

REPORT OF THE CABINET

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 At its meeting on 17th June 2010, the Cabinet considered the deliberations of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being) on:-

- ◆ Ramsey Market Town Transport Strategy;
- ◆ Performance Management; and
- ◆ Car Parking Orders.

2. OUTCOME

2.1 In approving the content of the Ramsey Market Town Transport Strategy, the Cabinet received assurances that the document will be reviewed between now and 2015 to take into account the emerging Huntingdonshire Local Development Framework.

2.2 The Cabinet noted the Council's performance against the targets within the Corporate Plan. In so doing, Members noted plans to revise and streamline the Council's performance management procedure in the light of changes to local priorities, circumstances and national inspection regimes.

2.3 With regard to the Car Parking Orders, the Cabinet considered the responses received to the public consultation on the Orders including two petitions, along with the views of two ward councillors as to their perception of the impact of charging on the economy of St. Neots.

2.3 In considering the Panel's recommendations, the Cabinet acknowledges that the use of the car park at Hinchbrooke Country Park will need to be managed in such a way to ensure that membership of the Friends of the Country Park is not used simply as a way of enabling commuters and both workers and visitors at the nearby hospital to continue to park at the country park without incurring a charge.

2.4 On the issue of a local inquiry, the Cabinet saw no reason why a local inquiry should be held, given the ample opportunity for Members of the public to comment on the orders.

2.5 The Cabinet was conscious of the need to achieve additional income to balance the Council's budget in future years. The retention of a number of spaces where motorists can park free of charge for two hours will help in offsetting the concerns of users of the Riverside Park itself and will continue to retain some free parking for those who wish to make short visits to the town centre.

- 2.6 The Cabinet therefore confirmed the Orders as advertised and decided not to hold a local inquiry.
- 2.7 A notice confirming the Orders will appear in the Hunts Post on 30th June 2010 and interested parties have until 11th August 2010 to make representations to the High Court on the procedure the Council has used to bring the Orders into force.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel are invited to note the contents of this report.

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