Agenda No 11

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee	Cabinet
Date of Committee	6th October 2005
Report Title	Stratford Park and Ride
Summary	This reports seeks approval to the letting of a single contract for the operation of the Park and Ride site and the bus services.
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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?	Yes/ No
Background Papers	None
CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified	
Other Committees	
Local Member(s) (With brief comments, if appropriate)	
Other Elected Members	XCouncillor C K N Browne)Councillor Mrs E M Goode)for informationCouncillor Mrs J Lea)
Cabinet Member (Reports to The Cabinet, to be cleared with appropriate Cabinet Member)	X Councillor M L M Heatley – supports.
Chief Executive	
Legal	X I Marriott – agreed.
Finance	X C Holden – The finances in this report need to be considered alongside the finances in the report on Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement in Stratford.



Other Chief Officers	
District Councils	
Health Authority	
Police	
Other Bodies/Individuals	
FINAL DECISION	YES/NO (If 'No' complete Suggested Next Steps)
SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS :	Details to be specified
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Cabinet – 6th October 2005

Stratford Park and Ride

Report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy

Recommendation

That the management of the Park and Ride car park and the provision of the Park and Ride bus services should be let as a combined contract to Johnsons (Henley) Ltd.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Stratford-upon-Avon Park and Ride, off Bishopton Lane, will provide 725 spaces for cars, small vans and small campervans and include provision for disabled users and cyclists.
- 1.2 The Park and Ride site is presently under construction with a first stage opening planned for late November 2005. The full facilities with the Customer Services Building will be available in March 2006, subject to receipt of satisfactory tenders for the building.

2. Procurement of Operating Services

- 2.1 The Cabinet on the 13th January 2005 approved the letting of individual contracts for construction, management of the car park and provision of bus services for the Stratford-upon-Avon (Bishopton) Park and Ride Scheme.
- 2.2 Since then, in developing the specifications for the Park and Ride bus services, the supervision of the car park and the Customer Services Building, it became apparent that it would be preferable to combine these aspects into one contract. This will offer a saving in operating costs and ensure a more coordinated approach by the operator to the provision of services to customers. In addition the responsibilities under the contract will be clear and not divided between two contractors.
- 2.3 Tenders have now been received for the provision of these services as a combined contract. The lowest tender for operation of the site and bus services is more expensive than assumed in the business case for the project prepared by independent consultants.



- 2.4 The lowest tender was submitted by Johnsons (Henley) Ltd who also operate the service 222 bus route in Stratford. It is been possible to reduce the cost of operating the park and ride service by combining it with Service 222. However, even after these savings the annual operational cost of the park and ride will be approximately £60,000 more than allowed in the business case.
- 2.5 The business case for the park and ride predicts that the park and ride will run at an operating loss in the early years and it is planned that the necessary operating subsidy will be funded from surpluses generated from parking decriminalisation and on street charging in Stratford. The higher operating cost will mean that this subsidy will need to be £60,000 more than planned. More detail on this issue is included in a report before this Committee on decriminalisation of parking.
- 2.6 In order for the park and ride service to begin operation in late November it is essential that the contract be awarded to Johnsons without delay.
- 2.7 It is recommended therefore that the management of the Park and Ride car park and the provision of the Park and Ride bus services should be let as a combined contract to Johnsons (Henley) Ltd.

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