

- 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

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

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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