

PARK & RIDE TENDER- LATEST SITUATION

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| <p>Report to : Executive Board – 8TH July 2002</p> <p>Report of : Business Manager – Transport & Parking</p> <p>Report Author : Graham Smith, Business Manager, Transport & Parking</p> <p>Lead Member responsible : Councilor Colin Cook</p> <p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee responsibility : Environment</p> <p>Key Decision Yes</p> | <p>WARDS AFFECTED ALL</p> |
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SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This report is to inform on the present situation regarding the tender submitted to the County Council.

There are staffing implications resulting from the proposal.

There are financial implications resulting from the proposal

The proposal will contribute to the following strategic aims of the Council :

Strengthening Local Communities :

- **By improving facilities for visitors to Oxford.**

The Executive Board is RECOMMENDED to :

- 1. Note the current position.**
- 2. Consider any verbal recommendations that may need to be considered at the time of the meeting.**

BACKGROUND

1. The Executive Board meeting of 25th March 2002 approved the preparation and submission of a tender for the management and operation of the two park and ride sites operated by the County council
2. Tender documents were received at the end of April with a return date of 31st May. There are clauses within the tender documentation that are considered unacceptable to the City Council. With the approval of the County Council a qualified submission was made to the County clearly stating that the status of the documentation submitted did not constitute an offer. An accompanying letter listed those clauses within the tender that the City Council considered unacceptable. The main cause for concern with the listed clauses was that some are considered to be "Void in Law" and some conflict with the City Councils Policies and Strategies. The accompanying letter indicated what variations or deletions the City Council would require before the City Council would be prepared to make a formal bid.
3. Having made their initial assessment of the submitted documentation the County Council requested further detailed information on those clauses we had listed. This was done and handed to the County.
4. A further verbal request was made by the County Council on Friday 21st June asking which of the clauses in the accompanying letter the City Council were prepared to discuss further and those clauses that the City Council would need complete compliance with in order for the City Council to be able to make a formal bid.

CURRENT SITUATION

5. At the time of the deadline for this report there has been no response from the County Council on the latest submission from the City Council. A verbal update will be given at the meeting of the Board.

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| <p>THIS REPORT HAS BEEN SEEN AND APPROVED BY: Helen Liddar – Legal Services Manager</p> |
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Background Papers: Report to Executive Board of 25th March 2002.