

For: Executive Board on 8th July 2002

**Extract from the Minutes of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee of 30th May 2002**

**PARK AND RIDE SECURITY**

The Scrutiny Officer submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended) setting out answers to the questions asked at the meeting of 17 April. Sue Brown and Graham Smith answered questions on the report.

Sue Brown reported that Counsel's advice had been sought on the use which could be made of surplus income generated by the use of charges to achieve policy objectives such as securing effective enforcement of car park controls and transport policy objectives. Counsel advised that any surplus generated could be applied to any of the functions of the Council relating to the policy objectives of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. These would include securing the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway.

The Committee agreed that there was a need to consider the most cost-effective security arrangements, and to carefully consider how best to use any surplus.

The Committee decided that in view of the uncertainty over the future operation of the park and ride car parks, and the conclusions in the report, that the review of the policy on the use of income from park and ride charges should not proceed. The Committee agreed to refer the matter back to the Executive Board.

The Committee thanked Janice Juneman and Sue Brown for their comprehensive report.