

To Executive Board – 8 August 2005

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM AREA COMMITTEES

Cowley Area Committee – 6 July 2005

36. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(g) Minute 20(b) (Matters arising – (Minute 212(d)) – Cowley Action Plan)

To request the Executive Board to supply the Cowley Area Committee with a timetable of when the following strategies would be going out to Area Committees for consultation as this information had not been supplied by the relevant Business Manager:

- (i) Community Centre Strategy
- (ii) Open spaces Strategy
- (iii) Playing Pitches Strategy
- (iv) Leisure Strategy

East Area Parliament – 20 July 2005

51. REVIEW OF ALCOHOL ZONES

The Community Safety Support Officer submitted a briefing note (previously circulated and now appended) on the process for reviewing Alcohol Free Zones (AFZs) within Oxford.

PC Chris Griffin, Thames Valley Police, advised that the Police believed the displacement problems would be alleviated by extending the AFZ to The Plain and 50 metres up side streets off Cowley Road.

Councillor Benjamin said she felt the AFZ stopped ordinary people from enjoying a drink with a picnic in the park, causing no problem to anyone, just because a minority abused alcohol and behaved irresponsibly. She was unconvinced that the extension advised by the Police would help the situation.

Resolved to: -

- (1) RECOMMEND the Executive Board that to note that the Area Parliament believed that the Alcohol Free Zone (AFZ) in East Oxford was causing serious displacement problems and should either: -

- (a) be extended to cover a much wider area, to include Iffley Road and St Clement's Street (beyond the area proposed by the Police as it was believed that this would still lead to displacement); or
- (b) be reduced so that Cowley Road was removed and only SS Mary and John Churchyard, the area behind the Tesco store and Manzil Way remain;

and note that a majority of the East Area Parliament members preferred the latter solution.