

## CABINET MEETING 13<sup>th</sup> June 2012

The following Statements and Questions had been registered by the time of publication.

### REGISTERED SPEAKERS

There were 9 notices of intention to make a statement at the meeting. Where the intention is to speak about an item on the Agenda, the speaker will be offered the option to speak near the beginning of the meeting or just before the Agenda item.

#### **Statements about issues NOT on the Agenda**

- Judith Chubb-Whittle (Chair, Stanton Drew Parish Council)  
Re: Travellers Site Proposals
- Clarke Osborne (Stanton Wick Action Group)  
Re: Travellers Site Proposals
- Rosemary Collard (Snapdragons Nurseries Ltd)  
Re: Travellers Site Proposals

#### **Re: Agenda Item 12 (Rossiter Road Scheme)**

- Richard Wales (Chair, Rossiter Road Sub-Committee, The Widcombe Association)
- Donald Thomas (Greenway Residents Ass'n Action Group Traffic Subcommittee)

#### **Re: Agenda Item 14 (London Road Regeneration)**

- Lawrence Buabeng (Chair, Snow Hill Skills and Enterprise Initiative)
- Murray Jones (Chair of the community arm of the Council's London Road Regeneration project)
- Councillor Lisa Brett

#### **Re: Agenda Item 15 (Saltford Station Business Case)**

- Duncan Hounsell (Saltford Station Campaign)
- David Redgewell (South West Transport Network)

#### **Re: Agenda Item 21 (Radstock Nursery Accommodation)**

- Cllr Eleanor Jackson

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS - COUNCILLORS

<b>M 01</b>	<b>Question from:</b>	Councillor John Bull
<p>A number of free 20 minute parking spaces are to be lost as a result of the redevelopment of the Town Hall site in Keynsham. Residents and visitors need to know that Keynsham remains open for business. Therefore, in order to ensure that during a period of immense disruption, people are still able to park for free for 20 minutes in the town centre would the Cabinet member please give me assurances that these spaces will be reinstated elsewhere in a central part of the town?</p>		
<b>Answer from:</b>		Councillor Cherry Beath
<p><i>No plans have been put in place to reinstate free parking spaces within Keynsham during the redevelopment works. However, the 4 current 30 minute free bays within Ashton Way car park will remain. Additionally, we are planning to increase the time limit within Ashton Way car park from the current 2 hour maximum stay to 4 hours to help with the flow of traffic within the town as requested by the redevelopment project group.</i></p> <p><b>Further statement made by Councillor Beath at the meeting:</b>  <i>I would like to add that I will conduct a further review of this and will contact Councillor Bull to discuss the issues he has raised.</i></p>		

<b>M 02</b>	<b>Question from:</b>	Councillor Brian Webber
<p>In the Draft Bath Parking Strategy (version 10 February 2012) it says at the commencement of section 8 that there are 1848 privately controlled non-residential car parking spaces within the Central Zone and Zone 1. These are spaces not available for general public use. Where are they all? Which are the 5 biggest sites?</p>		
<b>Answer from:</b>		Councillor Roger Symonds
<p><i>The Council undertook a survey of private non-residential parking spaces in Bath during August 2009. Type of spaces included: customer car parks, staff car parks, hotels, bed and breakfast accommodation, pubs, schools, churches, public buildings (including law courts, police station &amp; fire station) and sports facilities (including the Recreation Ground and rowing club). Car parks which charge a fee for public use were excluded. The five largest private non-residential car parks recorded were: Sainsburys, Homebase, Royal Mail, Palace Yard Mews and Henrietta Mews. The total count has now been revised to 1,707 spaces, to exclude some spaces that are used by residents. It is accepted that Sainsburys and Homebase are actually within zone 6, but for the purpose of this survey, they were included within the Central area count. I can ask officers to provide a map showing the locations if that would assist.</i></p>		

<b>M 03</b>	<b>Question from:</b>	Councillor Tim Warren
<p>The Council recently launched what it describes on its website as a 'major parking survey' in Bath, which it has distributed to households in the city and made available online. Can the Cabinet Member please explain the purpose of this survey, what it aims to achieve, and what outcome is likely to result?</p>		
<b>Answer from:</b>		Councillor Roger Symonds
<p><i>The purpose of the survey is to gain an up-to-date understanding of car parking demand and related issues from residents and businesses within the study area. This area comprises the existing controlled parking zones and adjacent areas, where overspill parking may occur. The data collected will provide the Council with a robust evidence base for informing future decisions on the provision and control of parking across the study area.</i></p> <p><i>The survey has been designed to be an evidence gathering exercise and does not promote any particular course of action. However, the data collected will highlight issues of concern to residents and businesses, together with the strength of these concerns. It will also enable options to be assessed, before further consultation on any individual proposal is taken forward.</i></p>		
<b>Supplementary Question:</b>		
<p>The Cabinet member has not replied to the second part of my question.</p>		
<b>Answer from:</b>		Councillor Roger Symonds
<p><i>My response was reasonably clear: "The survey does not promote any particular course of action". The outcome is that we will have a better parking policy.</i></p>		

<b>M 04</b>	<b>Question from:</b>	Councillor Patrick Anketell-Jones
<p>Can the Cabinet Member please provide the latest void numbers and percentages for Council-owned shop premises in Bath (including the dates these figures were collated), separated into primary and secondary positions? How many of these premises have been vacant for twelve months or more?</p>		
<b>Answer from:</b>		Councillor David Bellotti
<p><i>The Council actively manages 224 retail units within Bath City Centre. As at 15th May 2012, the Council has 14 vacant retail units (representing 6.25% of the total units). The void units can be separated into three categories, as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>• Prime retail (60 units) – 4 (6.67% of total units)</i></li> <li><i>• Secondary retail (76 units) – 5 (6.58% of total units)</i></li> <li><i>• Tertiary retail (88 units) – 5 (5.68% of total units)</i></li> </ul>		

*Only one of the retail units has been vacant for greater than 12 months.  
Two of the units are not readily available on the open market, with proposals to create separate residential works on the upper floors.*

## **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS - PUBLIC**

There were none