

HEREFORD OPEN RETAIL MARKET

PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITY: ENVIRONMENT AND STRATEGIC HOUSING

CABINET

2 APRIL 2009

Wards Affected

Central

Purpose

To consider the recommendations of the Community Services Scrutiny Committee held on 11 March 2009 in relation to the proposed relocation of the Hereford Open Retail Market into the St Peter's Street/High Town interface and Commercial Street each Saturday and Wednesday.

Key Decision

This is not a Key Decision.

Recommendation

That the resolutions of the Community Services Scrutiny Committee be considered.

Reasons

To inform Cabinet of the outcome of the Call-in by the Community Services Scrutiny Committee of Cabinet's decision of the 19 February 2009, when Cabinet resolved:

- a) **subject to approval of the capital programme bid, the relocation of Hereford Open Retail Market to the St Peter's Street / High Town interface and Commercial Street as from 8 April 2009 (or as soon afterwards as operational arrangements allow) be approved;**
- b) **the proposed formulation of a policy governing allocation of the stalls be noted; and**
- c) **during the first year of operation a Retail Impact Assessment is undertaken and that a formal evaluation of the effectiveness of the new arrangement is considered by the Cabinet Member at the end of that period.**

Considerations

1. In accordance with Standing Order 7.3.1 and the Scrutiny Committee Rules set out at Appendix 2 of the Constitution, Cabinet's decision on 19 February 2009 was called in by three Councillor (Councillors: DJ Benjamin, GFM Dawe and MAF Hubbard) for consideration by the Community Services Scrutiny Committee.

Further information on the subject of this report is available from
Jeff Owen, Markets Manager on (01432) 260558

2. The Community Services Scrutiny Committee met on 11 March 2009 to consider the Call-in.
3. The Committee resolved to endorse the Cabinet's decision, which has now taken effect.
4. The Committee's full resolutions, taken on 11 March 2009, are as follows:

THAT:

The Committee endorses the Cabinet decision to relocate the Open Retail Market into Commercial Street, and noted and welcomed the intention to develop a quality stalls policy and the stall allocation policy, in close consultation with the Hereford City Partnership, before the market opens in its new location.

The Committee invites the Cabinet Member to review the precise location of stalls in order to facilitate the free flow of customers, especially around the Old House, and to minimise any adverse impact on existing business.

The Committee also requests that an updated report should be submitted within two months of the market re-opening, to include how the potential problems regarding delivery vehicles have been resolved.

Legal Implications

There are no further legal implications other than those outlined in the Cabinet report of 19 February, 2009.

Financial Implications

There are no further financial implications other than those outlined in the Cabinet report of 19 February, 2009.

Risk Management

The risk management is set out in the Cabinet report of 19 February, 2009. Accordingly there is no separate consideration of risk management in this report.

Alternative Options

Cabinet could choose not to adopt any of the Scrutiny Committee's recommendations.

Consultation

Community Services Scrutiny Committee on 11 March 2009.

Appendix

Not applicable.

Background Papers

None identified.