

5Briefing note

Date: 26th March 2008

To Scrutiny Co-Ordination Committee

Subject: Paragon Park Redevelopment and Proposed Relocation of EMR.

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 Scrutiny Co-Ordination Committee at its meeting on 25th February requested officers to continue to give serious consideration to the sites identified at Blackhorse Road and Ibstock Road and report back to this committee.
- 1.2 This note updates members on progress on this issue so far.

2 Recommendations

2.1 Scrutiny Co-Ordination Committee is recommended to note this report and request a further update in 1 months time.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 At Scrutiny Co-Ordination Committee on 25th February officer were asked to give serious consideration to the sites identified at Blackhorse Road and Ibstock Road.
- 3.2 Both sites have been referred to Paragon to approach the owners of these sites to ascertain whether they are available for the EMR use. At the point of writing this note, no further information has been received from them as to availability. Officers will report verbally at the meeting on progress between the date of preparing this report and the meeting.
- 3.3 With regard to the Ibstock Road site, the company that operates the site (and other sites nationally) has been recently acquired by an international recycling and waste management company to extend its recycling business in metals. The site has a waste management license for only 25000 tonnes of material (a third of the reduced level that EMR propose to operate at Oban Road). Officers believe that it is unlikely that this site will be available, although its availability is being checked by Paragon.

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