

**ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>DELEGATED POWERS</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2004</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT CHAMPIONS</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Programme Area:</b>	<b>ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES</b>

### **5. Summary**

English Heritage are asking Local Authorities to appoint historic environment champions at Member/Senior Officer level.

### **6. Recommendations**

That Cabinet Member notes the content of this report, which is referred to Regeneration Board with a recommendation as to whether a champion is appointed and who is considered suitable to take on this role.

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## **7. Proposals and Details**

English Heritage are looking for elected Members (ideally Cabinet portfolio holders) or Senior Officers to take on the role of champion. The role of the champion is to persuade colleagues in the Local Authority and the wider community that the historic environment offer many opportunities to improve the quality of life for everyone.

The attached leaflet sets out the role that the champion would be expected to fulfil. English Heritage are commissioning a number of specific training events to share best practice.

## **8. Finance**

No direct implications.

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

This is an opportunity to raise the profile of the historic environment, and for a member to champion this particular cause. The risk in not appointing a champion is that Rotherham may be seen as not attaching importance to the historic environment.

## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

This initiative will have a positive impact on the role of the Council in preserving and enhancing the historic environment. At this stage there are no BVPI or CPA implications, but if the initiative is successful it may be subject to a performance indicator in the future.

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

A guidance note on historic environment champions.

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