

REGENERATION AND ASSET BOARD

Venue: Town Hall, Moorgate
Street, Rotherham.

Date: Monday, 20 June 2005

Time: 11.00 a.m.

A G E N D A

Extra Open Item which the Chairman is to be asked to consider as an urgent item:-

- 9a. Asset Management - Beacon Application (Pages 1 – 3)
Strategic Property Manager to report.
- to present an update report on the status of the Council's Beacon Council application for Asset Management.
10. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC
The following items are likely to be considered in the absence of the press and public as being exempt under the paragraphs, indicated below, of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972:-

Extra exempt items which the Chairman is to be asked to consider as matters of urgency:-

14. Land at Henley Rise, Kimberworth (Pages 4 - 8)
Strategic Property Manager to report.
- to consider the options for the future use of an area of land at Henley Rise, Kimberworth.
(Exempt under Paragraph 9 of the Act – land and property matters)
15. Byford Road, Maltby (Pages 9 - 19)
Senior Estates Surveyor to report.
- to seek approval for the disposal of the above-mentioned site which is surplus to the requirements of the Economic and Development Services and guidance on the method of sale.
(Exempt under Paragraph 9 of the Act – land and property issues)
16. Land at Barbot Hall Industrial Estate (Pages 20 - 24)
Strategic Property Manager to report.
- to consider the options for the future use of an area of land at Barbot Hall Industrial Estate, Rotherham.
(Exempt under Paragraph 9 of the Act – land and property issues)
17. Land at Scrooby Lane, Parkgate. (report attached) (Pages 25 - 28)

Senior Estates Surveyor to report.

- to examine the options for the future use or disposal of the land at Scrooby Lane, Parkgate which is surplus to the requirements of Education, Culture and Leisure Services.

(Exempt under Paragraph 9 of the Act – land and property issues)

18. Capital Receipts (Pages 29 - 33)

Strategic Property Manager to report.

- to present the update report highlighting changes to the forecast of capital receipts accruing to the General Fund resulting in a revision of the Council's capital programme.

(Exempt under Paragraph 9 of the Act – land and property issues)

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Regeneration and Asset Board
2.	Date:	20 June 2005
3.	Title:	Asset Management : Beacon Application
4.	Programme Area:	Economic and Development Services

5. Summary

An update report on the status of the Council's Beacon Council application for Asset Management.

6. Recommendations

That members note the contents of the report.

7. Proposals and Details

Following notification in November that the application for Beacon Status in Asset Management had been shortlisted, a series of presentations were given to the assessment panel in January and February this year, which resulted in confirmation of the success of our application in May 2005.

Rotherham's application was one of 31, of which 11 were shortlisted and 5 were selected for Beacon Status, which represents a major achievement for the authority.

The selection panel were looking for evidence that authorities had a high level framework for property management and had integrated asset management within other services within the context of a business management approach. All bidding authorities had to demonstrate that their asset management system and the processes which were put in place, supported the delivery of strategic objectives, produced better customer service and increased cost efficiency.

Rotherham was selected for Beacon Status because it showed excellence in its management of assets in six key areas – see below – and scoring against each category ranged from 1 (Weak) to 6 (Excellent). The Improvement and Development Agency Panel's final assessment was that the Council exhibits outstanding commitment to and abilities in asset management in support of its corporate and service goals and objectives. Particular reference was made to the substantial improvements in asset management over the past few years which will support the Council's ambitious targets for the future, not least in the terms of its regeneration work. The final score was 6 out of 6 – Outstanding.

The six categories and the reasons why the score was achieved are as follows:-:

Outcomes – Score 5 (Excellent). The Council was able to demonstrate how closely asset management was integrated into overall financial planning.

User and Community Satisfaction - Score 5 (Excellent). The evidence produced from feedback with staff and stakeholders in many aspects of service delivery was shown to be linked to good asset management practices – for example, flexible working, space utilisation.

Vision and Strategy – Score 6 (Outstanding). The strategic approach to asset management and the close involvement of members and senior officers in strategic property decision making contributed to this score.

Consultation – Score 5 (Excellent). There was significant evidence of how consultation has informed the asset management plan.

Partnerships – Score 6 (Outstanding). The strategic approach to undertaking partnership initiatives with external service providers, government departments, voluntary groups, and the private sector was crucial to this score.

Actions – Score 6 (Outstanding). The maintenance of effective asset management plans and the future development of these systems were shown to be an integral part of long term strategic planning.

8. Finance

Once the co-ordinators costs are covered, the Asset Management Service has a grant of £46,000 to spend on dissemination of good practice over the beacon year.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The Beacon payment for Asset Management is unlikely to cover the total costs incurred by Economic and Development Services; the difference will have to be met from within Economic and Development Services budgets. However, the benefits of being awarded Beacon Status far outweigh this.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

Being awarded Beacon Status impacts on all Council policies. It improves total performance in addition to theme specific performance and will have a positive impact on the next CPA judgement.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Beacon Council Scheme, Applications Brochure 2004 and Theme Guides.
Previous reports to the Capital Strategy and Asset Review Team and Property Board.

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