

CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING

**Venue: Town Hall,
Moorgate Street,
Rotherham. S60 2RB**

Date: Monday, 14th January, 2013

Time: 11.30 a.m.

A G E N D A

1. To determine if the following matters are to be considered under the categories suggested in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972
2. To determine any item which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered later in the agenda as a matter of urgency.
3. Minutes of previous meeting (Pages 1 - 5)
4. Conferences
Climate Local Conference: Delivering Growth, Income and Safer Communities
Monday, 11th March, 2013
Local Government House, London
5. Health and Wellbeing Board
6. Jordan Dam Community-owned Hydro Scheme
- Emma Bridge, Sheffield Renewables
7. Environment and Climate Change Strategy Group (Pages 6 - 27)
- Zafar Saleem to report
8. Rotherham Biodiversity Action Plan 2012 Review (Pages 28 - 32)
- Carolyn Jones, Development Officer
9. Exclusion of the Press and Public
Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council)).
10. Rotherham Healthwatch Update (Pages 33 - 37)

11. Date and time of the next meeting: -
 - Monday 11th February, 2013, to start at 11.30 am in the Rotherham Town Hall.

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3rd December, 2012

Present:- Councillor Wyatt (in the Chair); Councillor Buckley (Policy Advisor).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dalton Pitchley, Steele and Dalton

K29. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8TH OCTOBER, 2012

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting held on 8th October, 2012, be approved as a correct record.

K30. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

The Chairman reported that a meeting of the Board had taken place on 28th November where the following had been discussed:-

- Health and Wellbeing Strategy had now been formally adopted by the Council
- Clinical Commissioning Group developing their own commissioning plans
- Tenders for HealthWatch had been received and currently undergoing evaluation
- Presentation on issues of BME communities in Rotherham
- Presentation on optical and ophthalmic issues

K31. WOODLANDS TRUST

Nick Sandford, Regional and Local Government Officer, Woodlands Trust, gave a presentation on "Trees are Good for You" as follows:-

Woodlands Trust Vision

- "A UK rich in native trees and woods, enjoyed and valued by everyone"
- By 2060 want to see twice as many trees and woods in the UK

Woodlands Trust

- Conservation charity formed 40 years ago in Devon
- Now own 1,000 sites across the UK covering 20,000 hectares
- Approximately 400,000 members and active supporters

3 Key Aims

- To enable the creation of more native woods and places rich in trees
- To protect the native woods, trees and their wildlife for the future
- To inspire everyone to enjoy and value woods and trees

The unique range of benefits of trees, woods and forests

- Wildlife
- Health and wellbeing
- Climate change
- Water benefits

- Economy
- Sustainable communities

Health and Wellbeing

- “Access to green spaces that better mental and physical health across socioeconomic groups”

Evidence

- In Glasgow, 1,300 extra deaths each year in areas of poor green space provision
- People living far away from green spaces are 27% more likely to be overweight and obese
- Cost to economy of physical inactivity is £8.2bn a year
- Trees enhance mood, improve self-esteem and reduce blood pressure
- Environmental challenge including tree planting

Urban Air Quality

- Economic cost of air pollution is £9bn a year
- Air pollution in UK reduces life expectancy by 7-8 months
- Increased tree coverage alleviates urban heat isolation effect
- Asthma rates are lower in streets with trees
- Planting at “hot spots” such as road junctions gives the biggest air quality gains

Water Benefits

- Water quality
- Flooding

Sustainable Communities

- Woodland related activities encourage a sense of community and contributes to a sense of wellbeing
- People need trees and woods near to their homes
- Woodlands Trust “Access to Woodland Standard”
- Only 22% of Rotherham people have a small wood within walking distance of their homes

Trees can help save money

- Trees or Turf – report by Woodlands Trust

Report of the Government’s Independent Panel of Forestry

- “as a Panel we want as many more opportunities for more people to enjoy the health and wellbeing of woodlands”

Tree Planting Challenge

- Community Tree Packs – any community group or school could apply for a pack of 30 trees (comes with instructions and information) which they can plant
- Those with larger pieces of land there were schemes that could contribute to the cost of tree purchase and also benefitted from the advice of a tree professional

- If land was more than 2 hectares, the Trust could help in terms of seeking a grant from the Forestry Commission
- The Trust could help in terms of improving any policies as well as practical help in terms of working in partnership if the Council had any areas of land it thought suitable for woodland creation

Discussion ensued on the presentation with the following issues/questions raised:-

- o Rotherham was not wood rich
- o There were areas of very poor air quality in the Borough
- o Difficult financial climate and was not looking to develop new assets
- o The Trust worked in partnership with South Yorkshire Forest Partnership
- o Transforming amenity green spaces into woods could significantly reduce management costs
- o There was grant aid available for such transformation
- o Case studies would provide information on any potential savings
- o The Trust was exploring working in partnerships with local authorities and transferring ownership of areas of woodland over to community groups
- o Urban air quality involved careful planting of trees

Nick was thanked for his presentation.

K32. CQC REVIEW OF HEALTH CARE IN CARE HOMES

In accordance with Minute No. 5 of the 10th October, 2012, meeting of the Contracting for Care Forum, consideration was given to a report summarising the findings from the review conducted by the Joint Commissioning Team and identified areas that had seen significant improvement or development over the last 12 months.

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) conducted a national review in 2011 to identify how well the health care needs of people living in care homes were met. Its main purpose was to identify whether people in care homes had equal access to NHS services, had choice and control over their healthcare and received healthcare that was safe and respected their dignity. It covered the needs of all ages living in residential and nursing homes, included older people and younger adults of working age with mental health and physical and learning disabilities.

Rotherham rated as performing well in the following areas:-

- Training and support to promote health and wellbeing was available to all care home staff
- Annual health checks carried out by GPs to assess the health care needs of people with learning disabilities. In 2012/13 59% received a health check and 86% received a health action plan
- RDaSH Mental Health Liaison Service provided psychiatric support to people living in care homes. 90% of referrals from care homes were seen within 10 working days

- TRFT Care Home Support Service provided occupational therapy and physiotherapy input within an average waiting time for assessment of 5 working days
- TRFT Podiatry Service provided treatment, prevention and advice for lower limb pathology. Urgent cases were seen within 7 days within care homes
- TRFT Tissue Viability Service responded to 90% of cases within 1 working day in the assessment and treatment of pressure ulcers in care homes with a response rate of around 10 days for leg ulcers
- TRFT Continence Service provided an emergency response rate within 1 working day with an average waiting time of 15 working days in care homes
- TRFT Falls and Fracture Service and the new Community Otago programme were reducing the number of falls resulting in hospital admission. In 2011/12 admission for fractures saw a 9.6% reduction, 85% of residents were seen within 5 working days
- Community Geriatrician provided medical cover for fast response and intermediate care beds to case manage residents with complex long term conditions.
- Strong evidence of multi-agency working co-ordinated by NHS Rotherham to improve the healthcare of residents living in care homes
- Monitoring contracts for care home placements carried out by the Local Authority's Contract Quality Assurance Officers who carried out contract monitoring visits

There were a number of areas for development or improvement which were set out in the report submitted.

Resolved:- That the report be received.

K33. ROTHERHAM TOBACCO CONTROL ALLIANCE ANNUAL REPORT

Alison Iliff, Public Health Specialist, presented the above 2011/12 annual report which outlined the activity undertaken by the Alliance and its constituent partners.

The following key messages were highlighted:-

- The number of 4 week quitters through NHS Services was the highest ever achieved in the Borough. Smoking prevalence, however, remained at 24%
- Smoking at delivery rates reduced to under 20% and the Service helped 194 women stop smoking during pregnancy
- Smoking rates amongst young people (11-15 year olds) were higher than the national average
- The availability of cheap and illicit tobacco remained an issue and undermined other work to reduce tobacco use
- Performance measures would change in 2013/14 from 4 week quitters to smoking prevalence reduction
- Almost all tobacco-related funding was currently invested in Stop Smoking Services.

Despite the good performance, smoking prevalence had remained static at around 24%, common across the region. As a result, a comprehensive review of tobacco control investment and commissioning priorities was underway

across South Yorkshire, supported by the University of Sheffield, to identify how Rotherham should be directing the available resources to best achieve a reduction in prevalence. The work was expected to report in early 2013.

It was noted that the report had been submitted to the recent meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board for information.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

K34. MEDICATION POLICY - INDEPENDENT SECTOR HOME CARE AND IN-HOUSE ENABLING SERVICES

The Cabinet Member considered a report on the updated Medication Policy as applied to Home Care Services including Enabling and Independent Sector.

The 2003 Policy had been revised into 2 separate documents for contracted Community and Home Care Services (Domiciliary Care) (Appendix 1 submitted) and RMBC Enabling Services (Appendix 2 submitted). Both Policies outlined a 'verbal prompt' or 'administer from a pharmacy dispensed monitored dosage system only' approach.

The Policy had been updated in order to bring into line with changes in Legislation, Policy and Practice and was a step towards a further revision of the Policy to move towards 'administration' of medication. For the Authority to move to a position of adopting a safe 'administration' policy, full engagement was required from NHS Rotherham and the Clinical Commissioning Group to implement relevant procedures across all partner agencies.

A full risk and impact assessment would be completed.

Discussion ensued on the report with the following concerns raised:-

- Policy felt to be obstructive
- The original medication box was sealed so the recipient knew they were "active"
- How did you differentiate when a certain medication was on an "as when required" basis
- How would antibiotics be administered on the NOMAD system
- Did not cover opiates

Resolved:- That the implementation of the 2012 revised version of the 2003 Policy be not supported pending further discussion.

Summary Note of the meeting of Environment and Climate Change Strategy Group.

1. Introduction

The Environment and Climate Change Strategy Group held its introductory meeting on Wednesday 12th December 2012, 11.30 am – 1 pm, Committee Room 2, Town Hall.

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Wyatt with Cllr Mannion and Cllr Wallis. Apologies were received from Cllr Beck.

2. Agenda

The preliminary agenda included a welcome from Cllr Wyatt explaining the purpose of the meeting which was to review the council's approach to environment and climate change through examining the scope of the existing Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan 2011 – 2015. It was expected that this would then lead to a refreshing of priorities with member input and a resultant renewed outcome focused action plan. The plan to be actioned by officers but overseen by the Environment and Climate Change Strategy Group who would review the action plan at quarterly meetings.

3. Rotherham's Environment and Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan 2011 – 2015.

The Group reviewed the Strategy and action Plan (attached) to assess the continued relevance of each the section and made suggestions for changes.

The overall view was that the number of individual actions and targets should be reduced to a more meaningful data set and be made more specific with measurable and quantifiable targets.

Specific comments included:

Strategy – Sign up to “Climate Local” – the Local Government Association to drive, inspire and support council action on a changing climate.

Policy – the Strategy and Action Plan to focus on the councils' efforts both to reduce carbon emissions and also to improve their resilience to the affects of our changing climate and extreme weather.

Leadership – Strong member steer and championing needed across all portfolios as the agenda is all encompassing including housing, transport, jobs and economy, fuel poverty, community resilience, and protecting the natural environment.

Built and Natural Environment – impact on drainage system leading to floods due to surface water run off as result of loss of green spaces and gardens, greater density of development.

Transport – Need to engage SYPTTE as a key strategic partner and make links to any similar work they are undertaking.

Engagement, Education and Awareness Raising – continued need and importance of working with schools and business sector. Also the importance of making links to local environment groups given the significant number of people involved local biodiversity, climate change, and environmental issues.

Housing – seeking an up date on Warm Front application.

Procurement – this was an area of strength for the council with green measures built into the whole procurement cycle.

It was agreed that officers would submit an updates and revised action plan to the next meeting.

4. Date of Next meeting.

Wednesday 30th January 2013, Committee Room 2, Rotherham Town Hall,
12.30 pm to 2 pm.

Rotherham's Environment and Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan
2011 - 2015

Introduction

The Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act 2006 and the Climate Change Act 2008 places significant duties and expectations on local authorities to work with partners to address climate change issues.

The purpose of this Strategy is to explain how Rotherham Partnership will reduce environmental impact; reduce its contribution to climate change and adapt to future changes resulting from climate change. The strategy will contribute to national climate change objectives including:

- The 80% greenhouse gas emissions reduction target in the Climate Change Act 2008 by 2050 against a 1990 baseline.
- The fuel poverty targets arising from the review of the UK Fuel Poverty Strategy 2001 and the implementation of Green Deal.
- The target to supply 15% of the UK's energy consumption from renewable energy by 2020 as set out in the 2009 Renewable Energy Directive

Climate change is set to be an issue that will dominate the 21st century because of its economic, social and environmental implications. Although an international issue, many of the effects will be felt, and ultimately will need to be managed, on a local scale.

The strategy therefore sets out three key themes that summarise the main areas where the partners believe they have the greatest ability to make changes. These will be the basis for the partners' actions to improve our local environment and reduce carbon emissions. The themes are:

- Public buildings and operations. Making a difference through design and adaptation of new buildings, reviewing operational policies and ensuring sustainable use of resources for example recycling.
- Community involvement. Working with residents, communities and businesses to raise awareness of climate change issues and to develop initiatives to tackle them.
- Transport infrastructure. Ensuring that our transport network takes account of positive and negative impacts on the environment.

This strategy is accompanied by an action plan which contains detailed and smart actions that fall under one or more of the above themes.

Progress of the Strategy and Action Plan will be regularly monitored and achievements and areas of concern against the objectives and targets will be reported annually. The strategy will be reviewed annually or as a result of significant changes from local, regional or national legislation and policies. This Strategy operates on a long-term perspective, but includes targets and actions to be achieved in both the short and the medium-term.

The Challenge of Climate Change

Climate change is caused by the rise in average global temperature due to increasing levels of greenhouse gases in the Earth's atmosphere. This in turn causes rises in sea level, increased surface ocean temperatures and changes to weather patterns. There is overwhelming international scientific evidence that human activity is the primary cause of observed recent changes and that urgent action is needed to stabilise atmospheric greenhouse gases. If left, these changes will fundamentally alter the environment and will lead to massive extinction of some species, loss of biodiversity and even loss of human life.

We are however, already facing inevitable climate change, regardless of how much greenhouse gas emissions are reduced now and in the future. UK Climate Impacts Programme reported changes already occurring including:

- Global average temperatures have risen by nearly 0.8 °C since the late 19th century, and rising at about 0.2 °C/decade over the past 25 years.
- Global sea-level rise has accelerated between mid-19th century and mid-20th century, and is now about 3 mm per year.
- All regions of the UK have experienced an increase in average temperatures between 1961 and 2006 annually, and for all seasons. Increases in annual average temperature are typically between 1.0 and 1.7 °C, tending to be largest in the south and east of England and smallest in Scotland.
- Sea-surface temperatures around the UK coast have risen over the past three decades by about 0.7 °C.
- Sea level around the UK rose by about 1 mm/yr in the 20th century, corrected for land movement. The rate for the 1990s and 2000s has been higher than this.

Not only is it necessary to take action to mitigate future climate change, there is also a need to adapt to the changes we are likely to face.

Results of modelling carried out for the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Climate Change Adaptation Study also suggest that by 2050:

- Greater rainfall would lead to increasing and more frequent flood problems for local properties, businesses and infrastructure. Greater seasonality of rainfall would bring an extended winter 'flood' season and higher intensity, flashy flood flows. In fact, a sixth of Yorkshire and Humber is at risk of flooding (385,000 properties), second highest in England after London.
- Air pollution episodes, especially during extreme heat events in urban areas, are expected to increase the incidence of complications associated with respiratory illnesses such as asthma, and with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
- There is likely to be increasing pressure on hedgerow species due to soil moisture stress. Any loss of hedgerow will also affect the movement of species that use hedgerows for navigation or food.

Climate change will present the borough with opportunities as well as challenges:

- The number of jobs needed to meet the government's renewable energy targets will rise from 16,000 to 150,000 by 2020.

- There will be significant opportunities for the Advanced Manufacturing Sector and the region's advanced technology industries in developing solutions to the challenges presented by climate change
- High levels of regeneration activity in the borough provide an ideal opportunity to build climate adaptation into all new developments. Increased use of shade trees in urban areas would also limit the heat island effect through shading and evaporative cooling
- The creation and development of green space and landscaping can encourage and attract high value industry to a region creating employment opportunities

Ownership of the Strategy and Action Plan

Rotherham Partnership and Rotherham Council have worked together to develop this strategy and action plan. As the largest employer in the borough, the author of key strategies and a major service deliverer, Rotherham Council will take responsibility for delivering large elements of the action plan. The success of this action plan is dependant upon all organisations represented across the Rotherham Partnership making a commitment to work in partnership to address climate change.

To ensure a collaborative approach, the Sustainability Partnership has taken responsibility for developing, consulting on and publishing the strategy and associated action plan. The Sustainability Partnership will monitor delivery of the plan through the production of regular progress reports across the Rotherham Partnership. Rotherham Council's Sustainable Development Officers Group will offer support to ensure that the Strategy and Action Plan is driven forward and actions are achieved.

Action Plan

Reducing our carbon emissions is essential to translating our commitment into actions. Carbon reductions can often be linked to improving efficiency and reducing cost by reducing waste; reducing energy and water consumption; using low carbon modes of transport; implementing sustainable procurement processes; contributing to carbon reductions through our built and natural environment and influencing behaviour through planning, policies, training and awareness. Rotherham Partnership intends to work to tackle climate change through 10 key areas of action:

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| 1. Strategic Planning and Policy | 2. Built and Natural Environment |
| 3. Emergency Planning and Recovery, Social Care and Health | 4. Energy and Water |
| 5. Engagement, Education And Awareness Raising | 6. Housing |
| 7. Procurement and Resources | 8. Regeneration and Business |
| 9. Transport | 10. Waste and Recycling |

1. Strategic Planning and Policy

Objective	Key Actions	Target Date	Progress Measure	Delivery partners (lead in bold)	Resources
1.1 Strategic approach to sustainable development adopted that cuts across all aspects of estate management, service delivery and community leadership	1.1.1 Dedicated Resource and Network for Climate Change Co-ordination	Sept 2011	Identify Climate Change Champions at Senior Officer level	RMBC –SLT, LSP Board	Current
	1.1.2 Report performance and progress of action plan through the annual Environment Statement	March 2012	Annual report	RMBC – Property Environmental Team, Sustainability Partnership	EMS Fund
1.2 Ensure that a system is in place for gathering data in relation to climate change	1.2.1 Audit of Activities across LSP that contribute to sustainable development	March 2012	Internal Audit Programme / Annual updates Contribution to Annual Environmental Statement	RMBC - Sustainable Development Officers Group, Sustainability Partnership	SDOG / Current
1.3 Monitor review of Nottingham Declaration with a view to signing and committing to revised targets	1.3.1 Monitor and report DECC/LGA MoU and action plan	October 2011	Nottingham Declaration signing	RMBC – Property Environmental Team, Sustainability Partnership	Current
	1.3.2 Monitor and report on Nottingham Declaration		Targets adopted		

2. Built and Natural Environment					
Objective	Key Actions	Target Date	Progress Measure	Delivery partners (lead in bold)	Resources
2.1 Manage and improve the quality and accessibility of parks, open spaces and public rights of way	2.1.1 Development of Site Management Plans	Ongoing annual target dates (March)	Site Management Plans	RMBC –Directors of Streetpride; Planning & Regeneration.	Current
	2.1.2 Green space strategy & LDF to include specific measures relating to climate change		Performance of climate change targets in Green Spaces Strategy & LDF		
	2.1.3 Implementation of Rights of way improvement plan		Rights of Way performance indicators		
2.2 Improve street cleanliness by reducing litter, graffiti, fly tipping and other enviro-crime	2.2.2 Maintain cleanliness standards	Ongoing annual target dates (March)	Performance indicators	RMBC – Streetpride	Current
	2.2.3 Undertake awareness / action campaigns		Campaign reports		
2.3 Conserve existing biodiversity and reduce sources of harm	2.3.1 Implement Rotherham Biodiversity Action Plan and review as appropriate	Review planned for 2010 / 2011 Ongoing	Project Plans and biodiversity records Reviewed biodiversity action plan	RMBC – Green Spaces Manager, Sustainability Partnership	Current
	2.3.2 Develop and implement site based management plans for Council owned sites	Ongoing	Management plans		
	2.3.3 Implement the Local Wildlife System to encourage non RMBC landowners to manage important biodiversity sites appropriately	Ongoing	System records		
	2.3.4 Ensure all land use and management strategies, policies and plans take account of biodiversity-related climate change issues and incorporate adaptation measures.	Ongoing	Management plans		

2. Built and Natural Environment					
Objective	Key Actions	Target Date	Progress Measure	Delivery partners (lead in bold)	Resources
2.4 Establish ecological networks through habitat protection, restoration and creation to create ecologically resilient and varied landscapes	2.4.1 Agree Green Infrastructure mapping and incorporate into LDF policy	2009-2012	Net loss / gain of agreed mapped green network.	RMBC – Green Spaces Manager; Forward Planning	Currently within LDF production scope.
2.5 Maintain environmental evidence base to allow sound ecological decisions to be made	2.5.1 Assess existing internal and external systems to develop resourced flexible monitoring & performance indicator systems for LSP and Council targets	Ongoing	Environmental evidence base in place and meeting agreed standards.	RMBC – Environment and Development Services, Sustainability Partnership	Current
2.6 Manage Rotherham woodland	2.6.1 Maintain, manage and conserve trees & woodlands in the borough	Annual certification	FSC Certification and Management Plans / improvement schemes	RMBC – Streetpride, Sustainability Partnership	Current
	2.6.2 Identify local market for wood management by-products				
	2.6.3 Support woodland management projects for socially excluded communities				
2.7 Ensure that asset portfolio's are sustainable by integrating sustainability into all capital and asset management strategies, plans, programmes and projects	2.7.1 Develop a Sustainable Procurement and Commissioning Code of Practice incorporating building standards.	Annual reporting project dependant	Design standards BREEAM ratings Environmental audit programme	Asset Management Department , Procurement Panel, School Organisation Planning and Development Manager, Sustainability Partnership	Current
2.8 Employ planning policy to address climate change	2.8.1 Consider climate change impacts and incorporate sustainable features in applications	Annual reporting	Planning applications	RMBC Development Control Manager	Current
2.9 Ensure Biodiversity Duty (NERC Act 2006) is implemented in line with recommended Best	2.9.1 Integration of biodiversity considerations into all relevant service areas and functions	Ongoing	Monitoring standards (to be agreed) Annual compliance	RMBC – LSP wide, Sustainability Partnership	Current

2. Built and Natural Environment

Objective	Key Actions	Target Date	Progress Measure	Delivery partners (lead in bold)	Resources
Practice.			monitoring to be undertaken by Defra. Internal monitoring system		

3. Emergency Planning (and Recovery), Social Care & Health

Objective	Key Actions	Target Date	Progress Measure	Delivery partners (lead in bold)	Resources
3.1 Ensure potential environmental damage is minimised in emergency situations and accidents through the development of emergency response plans at sites of significant environmental risk	3.1.1 Maintain and implementation if required, of Borough Emergency Plan, site specific plans and Multi Agency flood plan.	Annual Review	Annual training and exercises together with validation	Asset Management Department - Rotherham Emergency Planning Forum and the South Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum	Current
3.2 Ensure communities are prepared and able to adapt to future climate	3.2.1 Undertake Local Climate Impact Profile	Rolling Programme	Production of a local risk register	Asset Management Department – Property Environmental Team	Current
	3.2.2 Raise community awareness		Validation of Awareness Raising Events Place Survey		
	1.1.3 Assess the relative risks of the projected climate change impacts on Rotherham / South Yorkshire and identify the priorities for action to reduce and manage those risks.	June 2011	Improved resilience in Rotherham to current and future climate change	South Yorkshire Climate Change Network – Property Environmental Team, Sustainability Partnership	LGYH RIEP Funding
3.3 Promote healthy eating / healthy food production	3.3.1 Promote local healthy food procurement	Ongoing	Local food procurement	Rotherham Partnership	Current
	3.1.2 Support community projects e.g. using underused land in public spaces to produce food		Local food production		

4. Energy & Water					
Objective	Key Actions	Target Date	Progress Measure	Delivery partners (lead in bold)	Resources
4.1 Sustainable energy use and wider sustainable development recognised as a priority	4.1.1 Ensure energy issues reported regularly to Senior Management Teams	Annual / 6 monthly	Annual / 6 monthly reporting	Sustainability Partnership – Environmental Teams	Current
4.2 Reduce CO ₂ emissions	4.2.1 Reduce CO ₂ emissions from LSP activities	Annual - July	GHG Report Annual CRC report	Sustainability Partnership – Environmental Teams	Current
	4.2.2 Promote energy efficiency in schools through technical improvement and awareness	Annual	Energy Consumption / Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Performance Certificates / Display Energy Certificates	Asset Management Department – Property Environmental Team	Current & external funding
4.3 Reduce water consumption	4.3.1 Reduce water consumption from LSP activities	Annual	Water conservation features in new builds / refurbishment projects	Sustainability Partnership – Environmental Teams	Current
	4.3.2 Develop and adopt a Sustainable Construction Strategy for water conservation				
4.4 Adopt /promote renewable energy	4.4.1 Set targets for renewable technologies in new buildings and refurbishment	2011	On site renewables	RMBC - Forward Planning	LDF
	4.4.2 Identify and implement projects through FITS / RHI	Ongoing	FITS / RHI project records	Sustainability Partnership – Environmental Teams	FITS/RHI
4.5 Develop a proactive programme to secure external funding	4.5.1 Investigate and apply for available funding	Ongoing	Funded projects ongoing / complete	Sustainability Partnership – Environmental Teams	Current
	4.5.2 Identify EU funding projects to apply as partners				
4.6 Engage with local business	4.6.1 Raise Energy Awareness of Local Business and LSP Partners, creating links with	2011	Key Care Management Programme No of businesses	RMBC – RIDO; Business Regulation Team; NAS; Barnsley	Current

4. Energy & Water					
Objective	Key Actions	Target Date	Progress Measure	Delivery partners (lead in bold)	Resources
	RIDO, Chamber , Carbon Trust and EST		reached Rotherham Green Business Club	and Rotherham Chamber of Commerce; CO ₂ Sense Yorkshire	

5. Engagement, Education and Awareness Raising					
Objective	Key Actions	Target Date	Progress Measure	Delivery partners (lead in bold)	Resources
5.1 Provide environmental training and information	5.1.1 Implement an ongoing communications and awareness campaign / training	Ongoing	Records of awareness campaigns / training sessions School inset days Raised awareness measured through surveys	Asset Management Department – Property Environmental Team Sustainability Partnership Rotherham Education for Sustainable Development Partnership	Current
	5.1.2 Support community groups / champions to provide local environmental advice	Ongoing	Records of support	Sustainability Partnership – Environmental Teams; Streetpride; Neighbourhoods and Adult Services	Current
	5.1.4 Communicate the environmental performance and initiatives of the LSP	Ongoing	Articles and press releases	Sustainability Partnership – Environmental Teams	Current
	5.1.5 Develop an Annual Environmental Statement for Rotherham Partnership	March Annual	Annual Statement	Sustainability Partnership – Environmental Teams	To be identified
5.2 Work in partnership with schools, and other organisations to promote and support action / projects that improve the quality of our environment	5.2.1 Expand and support Eco-Schools	Ongoing	Number of EMAS / Eco-Schools / Sustainable Schools	Asset Management Department – Property Environmental Team; SYCCN; Rotherham Education for Sustainable Development Partnership	Current
	5.2.2 South Yorkshire Climate Change Network Schools Programme	June 2011	School training records		
5.3 Mainstream sustainable	5.3.1 SD included as an	March 2012	PDR Reports	Sustainability	Current

5. Engagement, Education and Awareness Raising					
Objective	Key Actions	Target Date	Progress Measure	Delivery partners (lead in bold)	Resources
development through job descriptions, PDRs and staff inductions	employee / Manager competency within the PDR (appraisal) process			Partnership – Environmental Teams; Human Resources	

6. Housing					
Objective	Key Actions	Target Date	Progress Measure	Delivery partners (lead in bold)	Resources
6.2 Improve the energy efficiency of social housing as measured through the SAP rating	6.2.1 Improve insulation	Ongoing	SAP rating of 75 by 2015	Asset Management Department – Neighbourhood Investment Service; Property Environmental Team	Current; potential external funding; Green deal
	6.2.2 Improve heating systems				
	6.2.3 Improve energy awareness				
6.3 Improve and maintain access to information on energy efficiency for Rotherham residents	6.3.1 Provide householders with a local energy efficiency advice and grant information services	Ongoing	Case / advice records	Asset Management Department – Property Environmental Team	Current
	6.3.2 Neighbourhood Service Centres advice				
6.4 Obtain external funding to support energy efficiency initiatives	6.4.1 Promote Green Deal	June/Sept 2012	Green Deal project records	RMBC – Property Environmental Team	External Funding
6.5 Achieve zero carbon new residential development	6.5.1 Adopt the code for sustainable homes and seek to build new homes to code level 6 prior to 2016	2016	Achieve code level 6 certification for all new residential development	Asset Management Department – Property Environmental Team; EDS Planning	Current
	6.5.2 Train an officer to code level 6 to issue certificates				

7. Procurement & Resources					
Objective	Key Actions	Target Date	Progress Measure	Delivery partners (lead in bold)	Resources
7.1 Promote sustainability and environmental considerations through procurement activities	7.1.2 Develop a Sustainable Procurement and Commissioning Code of Practice	2011	CoP monitoring through environmental audit programme	RMBC - Procurement Panel / RBT	Sustainable Procurement Working Group
	7.1.3 Promote to LSP members and support wider adoption where feasible		Whole Life costs procedure and records of application		
			CoP adoption	Sustainability Partnership	Current
7.3 Work in partnership with contractors and suppliers to minimise the environmental impact of their goods and services	7.3.1 Assess the environmental performance of suppliers and contractors	Ongoing	Audit a min of 2 of the top fifty suppliers and contractors each year	Asset Management Department - Procurement Panel / RBT	Current
			Assess through the Pre Tender Qualification process		Current
7.4 Encourage procurement of local products and services	7.4.1 Action through the Procurement Strategy	Ongoing	Increased local products or services	RMBC - Procurement Panel; RBT; LSP; RIDO Business Development Team	Current
			Encourage through LSP		
7.5 Where feasible, purchase goods and materials that can be manufactured and disposed of in an environmentally sustainable way	7.5.1 Action through the procurement activities	Ongoing	Types of goods and materials purchased	RMBC - Procurement Panel / RBT	Current
	7.5.2 Award suppliers who have proven sustainability credentials.				
	7.5.3 Devise an incentive scheme to promote the production of sustainable goods and materials in dealings with suppliers / manufacturers.				

8. Regeneration / Business					
Objective	Key Actions	Target Date	Progress Measure	Delivery partners (lead in bold)	Resources
8.1 Regenerate derelict land and focus new developments on brown-field sites	8.1.1 Review and improve the current non domestic regeneration and land policy	Ongoing	Number of regeneration projects on brownfield sites	RMBC –Forward Planning, RMBC Neighbourhood Investment Service	Current
	8.1.2 Review Local Development Framework land allocations in relation to modern market requirements		LDF		
	8.1.3 Exceed the national target for brown field domestic developments		Domestic properties constructed on brownfield sites		
8.2 Communicate the advantages to businesses of adopting new environmental practices, that reduce costs and increase business performance	8.2.1 Provide information to businesses on the environmental and economic benefits of sustainable practices	Ongoing	Number of businesses reached	RMBC – RiDO Business Development Team; Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber of Commerce; Business Link; Carbon Trust	Current
	8.2.2 Business Community Support Officers – extend role to helping businesses ‘be greener’ and save money				
	8.2.3 Develop a training package				
	8.2.4 Raise awareness of loans and assistance for SMEs, particularly linked to the low carbon agenda & their bottom line				
	8.2.5 Showcase successful projects (i.e. Rotherham Advance Manufacturing Park) and business processes/ partnership projects that showcase greener processes and initiatives that also save costs.	Ongoing	Case studies		

9. Transport

Objective	Key Actions	Target Date	Progress Measure	Delivery partners (lead in bold)	Resources
9.1 Reduce the environmental impact of fleet transport and promote the use of sustainable transport	9.1.1 Assess feasibility of alternative fuel fleet vehicles	Ongoing	Alternative fuel vehicles	Sustainability Partnership – Asset Management Department;	Current / external funding
	9.1.2 Install on board tracking device	Ongoing	Tracking devices fitted	Environmental Teams; Corporate Transport Unit	
	9.1.3 Liaise with Waste Management to assess feasibility of using waste derived fuel from:	Ongoing	AD fuel vehicles PP fuel vehicles	RMBC - Waste Management / Transport Manager	Current
	9.1.4 Anaerobic Digestion (AD) treatment of municipal organic waste				
	9.1.5 Pyrolysis treatment of municipal / farm plastic waste				
	9.1.6 Promote sustainable transport through the Local Transport Plan	Review prior to LTP3 in 2011	LTP projects and performance indicators	Asset Management Department - Transportation Team	Current
	9.1.7 Reduce staff grey fleet mileage	5% Annual	GHG report	Sustainability Partnership – Environmental Teams; Transportation Team, RBT	Current
	9.1.8 Service Planning to contribute to LTP targets	Annual	LTP targets considered in service plans	Sustainability Partnership – Service Directors; Performance & Quality; Transportation Team	Current
	9.1.10 Raising awareness and gaining commitment to sustainable	Monitor annually	Long distance train journeys survey required	Sustainability Partnership – Asset	Current

9.Transport					
Objective	Key Actions	Target Date	Progress Measure	Delivery partners (lead in bold)	Resources
	transport from staff and contractors including moving people to public transport		–capture data Contract monitoring and LPS Staff and contractor buy ins Service level agreements	Management Department; Environmental Teams; Corporate Transport Unit; Transportation Team	
	9.1.11 Implement a car club for Rotherham similar to system operating in Sheffield City Council	2012	Completion of new offices with car club	RMBC – RBT; Transportation Unit	Corporate funding
9.2 Management of taxies and contractors	9.2.1 Develop clear set criteria for taxies and hire vehicles including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • set age limits and emission standard following technology standards e.g. euro five • Install on board tracking device • Enforce idling regulations 	2011	Standards report and monitoring	Asset Management Department - Licensing key driver; Licensing Committee Develop policy EDS with Licensing and Trade Bodies, CTU and TRANSLINK	Current

10. Waste / recycling					
Objective	Key Actions	Target Date	Progress Measure	Delivery partners (lead in bold)	Resources
10.1 Reduce the amount of waste produced through the adoption of the waste hierarchy 'reduce - reuse - recycle - recover'	10.1.1 Implement Waste Management Strategy	Waste Strategy target dates	Performance indicator reports	Sustainability Partnership – Waste Management Team / RBT	Current
	10.1.2 Assess and improve internal waste management		Waste management arrangements and volume		
	10.1.3 Reduce packaging from suppliers		Domestic waste arisings		
10.2 Reduce the amount of waste produced in schools	10.2.1 Promotion of waste minimisation and recycling including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • paper banks • composting 	Ongoing	Number of schools with recycling facilities	RMBC - Waste Management Team	Current
10.3 Improve management of ICT Waste	10.3.1 Develop and set targets for reuse / recycling	Ongoing	Waste reused / recycled	Sustainability Partnership – Environmental Teams; ICT Client Team; RBT	Current
10.4 Promotion of the benefits of waste management	10.4.1 Promotion of waste management to Local Business		Business take up	RMBC - Waste Management; RiDO; Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber of Commerce; Business Link	Current

Key Strategies and Policies

- Securing the Future: UK Government Sustainable Development Strategy
- Climate Change Act 2008
- Climate Change Plan for Yorkshire & Humber
- Rotherham's Sustainable Community Strategy
- RMBC Environmental Statement 2010
- Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act
- Green Spaces Strategy
- Local Development Framework
- Rotherham Biodiversity Action Plan
- Sustainable Procurement and Commissioning Code of Practice
- NHS Carbon Reduction Strategy
- Rotherham Public Health Strategy
- Regional Energy Infrastructure Strategy
- Local Transport Plan
- Rotherham Waste Management Strategy

Key

SLT	Strategic Leadership Team
CTU	Central Transportation Unit
DEC	Display Energy Certificate
EDS	Environment and Development Services
EMS	Environmental Management System
EPC	Energy Performance Certificate
LDF	Local Development Framework
LSP	Local Strategic Partnership (Rotherham Partnership)
LTP	Local Transport Plan
NAS	Neighbourhoods & Adult Services
PDR	Performance and Development Review
RMBC	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
SDOG	Sustainable Development Officers Group
DECC	Department of Environment and Climate Change
LGA	Local Government Association
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
BREEAM	Building Research Establishment Environment Assessment Method
NERC	Natural Environment and Rural Communities
DEFRA	Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs
LGYH	Local Government for Yorkshire and Humber
RIEP	Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnership
RHI	Renewable Heat Incentive
FITS	Feed in Tariffs
RIDO	Rotherham Investment and Development Office
EST	Energy saving Trust
SYCCN	South Yorkshire Climate Change Network
CoP	Code of Practice
SME	Small / Medium Enterprise

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1. Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing
2. Date:	15th January 2013
3. Title:	Rotherham Biodiversity Action Plan 2012 review
4. Programme Area:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

This report seeks support for the revised Rotherham Biodiversity Action Plan and acceptance of the plan within the environmental evidence base of the Rotherham Local Plan.

6. Recommendations

- That the 2012 Rotherham Biodiversity Action Plan be accepted within the Local Plan system;
- That support be given for the 2012 Rotherham Biodiversity Action Plan to be submitted for adoption by Rotherham MBC via Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing;

Proposal and Details

Rotherham Biodiversity Forum partners published the first Rotherham Biodiversity Action Plan (RBAP) in 2004, which was adopted by RMBC. The plan was based on the protection and enhancement of habitats and species prioritised both nationally and locally; the plan provided a comprehensive assessment of the nature conservation value of the borough. The 2004 RBAP has been successful in enabling delivery of biodiversity action via targeted site management, project development, guiding survey and monitoring effort. The 2004 RBAP has also formed a key element of the environmental evidence base within the planning framework to highlight the need for habitat and species protection, retention and enhancement.

Since 2004 the national priorities for conservation action have expanded and been refined and new legislation and Government information has been published to guide the next era of biodiversity delivery. This makes it an appropriate time to review the RBAP to take stock of delivery to date and in light of the new thinking and increased Government focus.

The review process has involved reassessment of national, regional and local priorities in terms of habitats and species and consideration of a number of key Government documents. The presence of nationally prioritised habitats in Rotherham has been identified, data has been obtained on which prioritised species have been associated with these habitats and again their presence in Rotherham has been identified.

The following are the key changes in the 2012 RBAP document:

- The addition of new habitat action plans for Traditional Orchards and Inland Rock & Brownfield Land arising from new national habitat priorities;
- The expansion of the pond action plan to cover all water based habitats;
- The identification of additional local priority habitats associated with each key habitat group;
- The grouping of habitats into groups in line with national principles;
- The change from Ancient and Species-rich Hedgerows to Hedgerows acknowledging the importance of all hedgerows;
- The identification of locally recorded species with each key habitat group
- The acknowledgement of recent legislation, strategies and other plans that influence biodiversity action;
- The alignment of actions and delivery timescales with regional and national plans and strategies.

The 2012 RBAP will continue to support the preparation and delivery of the Rotherham Local Plan providing supporting evidence for core strategy policies and for future development management policies, particularly in respect of biodiversity, geodiversity, green infrastructure and landscape.

The Rotherham Biodiversity Action Plan (2012) will support biodiversity action and delivery until at least 2020 in line with the England Biodiversity Strategy; objectives, targets and programmes of action will be prepared with this date in mind but it is acknowledged that action will be needed to continue beyond 2020. The executive summary of the 2012 RBAP is included as Appendix One.

8. Finance

The cost of the review of the Rotherham Biodiversity Action Plan has been met within existing staffing costs and the voluntary involvement of members of groups represented on the Rotherham Biodiversity Forum.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The preparation and adoption of a current local Biodiversity Action Plan demonstrates compliance with the principles of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 and its 'Biodiversity Duty' for public authorities.

The 2012 RBAP will also provide support for the production and delivery of the Rotherham Local Plan as an element of the environmental evidence base for policy production and site allocation decision making.

The 2012 RBAP will continue to support the Rotherham Local Wildlife Site system which underpins the Local Wildlife Site designation within the planning system.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

11. Background Papers and Consultation

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Appendix One: Rotherham Biodiversity Action Plan 2012 - Executive Summary

Biodiversity is our most precious resource. The Earth's biological resources are vital to humanity's economic and social development. They provide the very systems that support our existence on this planet and are global assets of tremendous value to both present and future generations. We simply cannot live without a planet rich with biodiversity - we must protect it now and in the future.

Rotherham Biodiversity Forum partners published the first Rotherham Biodiversity Action Plan (RBAP) in 2004. Based on the protection and enhancement of habitats and species prioritised both nationally and locally the plan provided a comprehensive assessment of the nature conservation value of the borough. The 2004 RBAP has been immensely successful in enabling delivery of biodiversity action via targeted site management, project development, guiding survey and monitoring effort and also within the planning framework to highlight the need for habitat retention and enhancement. Since 2004 the national priorities for conservation action have been expanded and refined and new legislation and Government information has been published that will guide the next era of biodiversity delivery. It is appropriate to review the RBAP to take stock of successes and constraints encountered to date and in light of the new thinking and increased Government focus.

This 2nd edition of the Rotherham Biodiversity Action Plan builds on all the work of the previous decades to set Rotherham challenging, but necessary, new targets for the protection and restoration of the natural environment. The Rotherham Biodiversity Action Plan identifies the priorities for the conservation and enhancement of Rotherham's biodiversity. It is the result of the work of Rotherham's Biodiversity Forum, a partnership of naturalists, landowners, conservationists and RMBC staff.

The over-riding principles of Rotherham Biodiversity Action Plan delivery are as follows:

1. To maintain, enhance, expand and connect the biodiversity of Rotherham by:
 - protecting the natural populations and distribution of species;
 - conserving natural and semi-natural areas within which species can be maintained, and;
 - identifying opportunities for habitat creation, expansion and connection
2. To involve local people and develop effective partnerships to ensure that programmes for biodiversity conservation are successful and can be sustained in the long-term.
3. To contribute towards the conservation of UK and global biodiversity by monitoring actions and reporting to established systems.
4. To fully integrate biodiversity action as a central principle of the Rotherham Local Plan

A healthy natural environment contains a mosaic of wild and managed spaces; this enables different plants and animals to find all they need to survive. It will also support movement and expansion so that they can react and adapt to changes in climate and from human impacts. Natural habitats are usually more diverse and can support many kinds of wildlife but semi-natural, landscaped and amenity open spaces are valuable and also support wildlife. All our wildlife will benefit from our efforts to keep, expand and connect open spaces.

A healthy natural environment makes human life possible and provides quality of life; it provides food, fuel, clean air and water, medicine and climate regulation. These products are not just from exotic rainforests and remote jungles; Rotherham's woodlands and street trees help to keep our air clean, our agricultural products are pollinated by bees and other insects that need local woodlands, grasslands and wetlands to survive, our country parks and canals are great tourist attractions improving our local economies and employment levels, our urban parks and nature reserves provide free, healthy recreational and spiritual spaces improving our health, fitness and mental well-being.

To conserve and improve Rotherham's natural environment, and all the benefits we get from it, we need to follow the national approach of 'More – Bigger – Better – Joined'; we need to:

1. Improve the quality of current core wildlife sites by better habitat management
2. Increase the amount and size of core wildlife sites
3. Enhance and create connections between wildlife sites, through physical corridors or 'stepping stones'
4. Reduce pressures on wildlife by improving the wider environment, including through buffering wildlife sites.

The Rotherham Biodiversity Action Plan will guide the delivery of these actions.

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