

CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND COHESION

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

Date: Monday, 22nd October, 2012

Time: 12.00 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. To determine if the matters are to be considered under the categories suggested, in accordance with Part 1 (as amended March 2006) of Schedule 12A to 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. Apologies for absence.
4. Declarations of Interest.
5. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 3rd September, 2012. (Pages 1 - 3)
6. Update on Integrated Youth Support Service. (Pages 4 - 17)
 - Head of the Integrated Youth Support Service, Schools and Lifelong Learning, Children and Young People's Services, to report.
7. Local Democracy Campaign - 2012/13. (Pages 18 - 45)
 - Community Engagement Manager, Commissioning, Policy and Performance, Resources Directorate, to report.
8. Date and time of the next meeting: -
 - Monday 19th November, 2012, to start at 11.30 am in the Rotherham Town Hall.

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3rd September, 2012

Present:- Councillor Hussain (in the Chair) and Councillor Beck.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Burton.

E12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations of Interest to record.

E13. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 10TH JULY, 2012.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th July, 2012, were considered.

Resolved: - That the minutes of the previous meeting be agreed as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

**E14. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE - DOING THE DUTY:
USING THE EQUALITY FRAMEWORK TO MAKE EVIDENCE BASED
DECISIONS.**

Resolved: - That the Cabinet Member (or substitute) be authorised to attend the Local Government Association Conference on 24th September, 2012, at Smith Square Conference Centre, London.

E15. YOUTH JUSTICE STRATEGIC PLAN - 2012/13.

The Youth Services Manager, Schools and Lifelong Learning, Children and Young People's Services, referred to the Rotherham Youth Offending Service's Youth Justice Strategic Plan for 2012/13.

The Plan was produced each year and submitted to the Youth Justice Board and a copy retained by the House of Commons. The Strategic Plan both informed and was informed by the Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council's Corporate Plan (2010-13), The Children and Young People's Plan (2010-13), and the Rotherham Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment (2011/12), which in turn informed the Safer Rotherham Partnership Plan (2012/13).

Rotherham's Youth Justice Strategic Plan included information about the Service's governance arrangements, performance outputs, budget information and benchmarking data. The Plan also included an assessment of risks against future delivery.

The Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2012/13 included: -

- Information about governance and scrutiny: inspections and assessments of the Youth Offending Service;

- Benchmarking of Rotherham's performance was favourable compared to the Yorkshire and England averages in the following areas: -
 - First Time Entrants aged between (10 – 17 years);
 - Re-offending Rates after 12 months.
- The 'Use of Custody Rate' for the 10 – 17 years population was higher in Rotherham than the Yorkshire and England averages.
 - This was attributed to the overall reduction in numbers within the youth justice system in Rotherham but with the knock-on effect that those who were in the system were more likely to offend and more likely to receive custodial sentences as a result.
 - In addition, the Youth Offending Service had recently observed a trend in which those first time entrants who did come into the system were entering at a higher level and more likely to receive a custodial sentence.

Identified risks for the service in 2012/13: -

- Transfer of responsibility for remand payments would pass from the Ministry of Justice to the Local Authority in 2013/14. The Local Authority would be responsible for all remands of young people up to the age of 17;
- From November 2012, the Legal Aid Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act would confer Looked After status on all young people on remand;
- The Home Office element of the Youth Justice Board Grant for substance misuse and prevention would become part of the new Police and Crime Commissioner's budget from November, 2012.

Resolved: - (1) That the report be received and its content noted.

(2) That the Cabinet Member supported the positive progress of the Rotherham Youth Offending Service.

E16. RESTORATIVE JUSTICE - CONTRACT UPDATE.

Further to Minute D8 (Restorative Justice – Waiver of Standing Orders) of the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families' Services, held on 4th July 2012, the Cabinet Member for Communities and Cohesion now noted this decision.

Resolved: - That the decision recorded at Minute number D8 (Restorative Justice – Waiver of Standing Orders) of the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families' Services, held on 4th July 2012, be noted.

E17. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.

Resolved: - That the following item be considered in the absence of the press and the public as being exempt under Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A

to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended March 2006) (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular individual (including the Council)).

E18. FUNDING REPORT.

Consideration was given to the report of the Community Engagement Manager, Resources Directorate, which requested that grant aid funding be made available to the Rotherham Yemini Association.

The submitted report outlined the role of the Yemini Association in delivering the 'Engaging Arab Communities' project, which had a specific focus on engaging Rotherham's Arabic-speaking communities through advocacy, guidance, support services and case work. These were provided through daily drop-in sessions.

A grant aid contract, including the conditions of funding, had been prepared with the Association. All activities would be promoted under the 'One Town One Community' banner.

Discussion ensued and the Cabinet Member endorsed the work of the Rotherham Yemini Association.

Resolved: - (1) That grant aid funding to the Rotherham Yemini Association as set out in the submitted report be approved.

(2) That further discussions be undertaken with the Rotherham Yemini Association and Statutory Partners in relation to the long-term sustainability of the organisation.

E19. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING: -

Resolved: - That the next meeting be held on Monday 22nd October, 2012, to start at 11.30 am in the Rotherham Town Hall.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO CABINET

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Communities and Cohesion.
2.	Date:	Monday 22nd October 2012
3.	Title:	Update: Integrated Youth Support Service.
4.	Programme Area:	CYPS, Integrated Youth Support Service.

5. Summary:

An update of activity towards the creation of the Integrated Youth Support Service

6. Recommendations:

That the Cabinet Member notes the contents of this report for information.

7. Proposals and Details:

7.1 The report, "Implementation of Integrated Youth Support Services" was submitted to Cabinet on September 19th and was accepted.

7.2 The IYSS multi agency, all sector, Project Group has continued to meet on a regular basis and members have participated in a range of sub groups undertaking a broad range of detailed work.

The areas of work covered so far are:

- Mapping of relevant Policies and Planning at a local and national level. This work is complete.
- The creation of the Voice and Influence strategy including the implementation of a wide ranging consultation of young people Borough wide, led by the Young Embedded Advisor team.
- The overall needs assessment and mapping exercise has been completed, this has resulted in an innovative and accessible way document which is unique in that it focuses on Young People rather than the whole of the population. This document will be made available to all partners and colleagues Borough wide and will be useful across a range of initiatives..
- Communication Strategy. This is ongoing and includes the planning for detailed consultation.
- Defining vulnerability and examining impact and measuring success. This work is ongoing and at a later stage will involve Performance Management and Management Information.

7.3 The organisation modelling sub group has met several times. Its role is to create the proposed model of the structure of IYSS and the allocation of the Budget. Human Resources are involved in this process. The work is ongoing.

7.4 The Connexions Service TUPE into RMBC was successfully completed on October 1st.

7.5 Work is underway re the Premises strategy, this includes the disposal of Some current premises and the creation of a multidisciplinary Town Centre Young people's support Hub.

7.6 The Project is on target in terms of the Project Implementation Document.

8. Finance:

There are a number of possible issues re budgets in terms of a reduction in EIG and current discussions and consultations re the allocation of Youth Justice Board

funding. The Modelling group are attempting to pre-empt the outcome of these processes in their planning.

9. Risks and Uncertainties:

There are risks to budgets in terms of item 8 and in terms of late implementation of the project. However the Project is currently on time.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

- Raising the Participation Age (16-18)
- NEET – Not in Education, Employment or Training.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

- Department for Education, 'Positive for Youth', January, 2012.
- Minute E10 (Implementation of Integrated Youth Support Services) of the Cabinet Member for Cohesion held on 10th July, 2012.
- Minute C64 (Implementation of Integrated Youth Support Services) of the Cabinet Meeting held on 19th September, 2012.

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Integrated Youth Support Project Initiation Document

The PID has been produced as a document guide for the project team on how the project deliverables will be achieved. Once approved, this PID will provide the “Baseline” for the project and will become “frozen” until such time as a major revision, such as change in key personnel or project scope is required. The PID will also be reviewed in the context of other initiatives/programmes currently being undertaken by RMBC. The PID will be version controlled and fall under a document revision process maintained by the Project Officer. It will be referred to whenever a major decision is taken about the project and used at the conclusion of the project to measure whether the project was managed successfully and delivered acceptable outcomes

Project Initiation Document

Project Name	Integrated Youth Support Service.		
Project Sponsor	Dorothy Smith, Director of Schools & Lifelong Learning		
Project Manager	Chris Brodhurst-Brown		
Directorate	Children & Young People's		
Start Date	1 st April 2012	Completion Date	1 st April 2013

Contacts		
Name	Telephone / Email	Role
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Paul Theaker	22547	Operational Commissioner/ Deliverer of specification and commissioning elements
Collette Bailey	55217	Project group member/Manager 14-19 CE IAG
Paul Grimwood	515715	Project group member/Manager, Youth Offending Service
Kerry Byrne	745998	Project group member/Youth Service Manager
Vicky Whitehead/Ged McNulty	34940	Project group member/Early Intervention Team Manager
Paul Robinson	823782	Project group member/Voluntary Sector development worker
Rachel Barraclough	34939	Project group member/Youth Service Manager
Representative from CART		Project group member/Operational Manager
Joanna Saunders		Project group member/NHS Rotherham
Performance Officer		Project group member/ Performance Officer

Background to the proposed work

The momentum for Integrated Services has been gathering pace across Local Authorities for some time now in response to significant reductions to public expenditure and the subsequent need to refocus reduced resources on more targeted and effective services and outcomes for young people.

A combining of services for young people offers opportunities for budget efficiencies, however there are also opportunities for such a process to realign and refine provision for local young people leading to improvements in delivery and outcomes.

Integrated services for young people need to be re-designed in four key areas:

- 1) Inter-agency governance (e.g. integrated structure representing all key delivery partners at senior level)
- 2) Integrated strategy (e.g. joint assessment of local needs and identification of available resources; integrated planning; joint commissioning of services)
- 3) Integrated processes (e.g. CART, information sharing arrangements, single Data system)
- 4) Integrated front-line delivery (e.g. co-location of staff, multi-agency teams).

The Services that would be combined in an IYSS in Rotherham would be the Youth Offending Service, Youth Service and the Connexions Service. This would be fully integrated; a new overall structure and set of pathways and ways of working would be created arising from a detailed assessment of the services required. This would include appropriate co location and changes to current ways of working and pooled budgets.

The creation of the service would be rigorously underpinned by the context of relevant statutory requirements including “Positive for Youth”, Corporate planning, the “Four big things” the Early Help Strategy and Operational Plan, the National Youth Agency Quality Standards Framework, HR and Finance processes.

The overall Vision would be a robust menu of provision ranging from open access to specialised support enabling young people to access what they need, when and where they need it.

All provision would be underpinned by comprehensive Voice and Influence strategy.

Young people would also have access to opportunities for personal and social development, Voice and influence and a broad range of interesting and challenging positive activities.

The development of an Integrated Youth Support Service will lead by the Head of Integrated Youth Support, with input from the Project Group and any commissioning activity led by an operational commissioner. There will be regular updates given to the Lead Member for Education and Lifelong Learning and CYPS Directorate Leadership Team.

Objectives

The specific objectives are:

1. To determine the level of Integrated Youth Support service required from 1 January 2013 and beyond.
2. Determine what efficiencies can be achieved in 2012/13 and beyond as a result of the above.
3. To undertake consultation with stakeholders and young people
4. To develop the model for a fully operational Integrated Youth Support Service from January 2013 and associated efficiencies that will be achieved.
5. To develop the IYSS service specification.
6. Determine the Management Information requirements from January 2013
7. Where necessary and if appropriate, to achieve a full tendering exercise for elements of IYSS, with new contracts awarded by 31st January 2013 and the services operational from February 2013.

Scope

The scope of this project is the Youth Offending Service, Youth Service, Connexions Service and the alignment of NHS vulnerable YP services. Not included in the scope is any other area of CYPS

Deliverables

- An Integrated Youth Support Service Specification
- A structure for An Integrated Youth Support Service for Rotherham
- A commissioning plan
- Efficiencies agreed
- An Integrated Youth Support Service in place

Business benefits

An IYSS will achieve best value in terms of economic efficiency and effectiveness of the service.
 Improved innovative, high quality, value for money provision
 Financial and resource efficiencies achieved

Assumptions

It is assumed that the resources and information to deliver the project will be provided by the CYPS and Resources Directorates.

Constraints

Requirement to achieve efficiencies.

Risks

1. That the opportunity to shape the IYS service is not grasped with enough vigour to make the necessary changes happen.
2. That Schools and other stakeholders will not engage in the consultation and service modelling process .
3. Potential effect resources available to IYSS by the ending of current EIG in 2013. I.e. a potential unpredictable reduction in staffing levels across the Service.
4. Review of YJB funding for YOS may result in changes to resources available.
5. The introduction of Police Commissioners may affect some services.
6. Revision of the National Standards re YOS could have an impact on Statutory requirements.
7. The introduction of Conditional Cautioning could also impact the way services need to be delivered.
8. The transfer of remand costs to Local Authorities could also impact on resources available.
9. The SEN Green Paper has yet to be moved forward and until such time the LA will have to continue the delivery of section 139a assessments for young people with learning difficulties.
10. Staff across all three Services have recently been involved in some difficult change processes often resulting in cuts to Services and job losses, it is imperative to implement strategies which will encourage participation and discourage lapses in staff morale which could impact on services to young people and the failure to meet our obligations.

Other areas of business affected

- School Effectiveness
- Locality Teams
- Relationships with Schools

Major dependencies

Budget Matrix

Stakeholders

Stakeholders			
Stakeholder	Interest in project	Governance role	Communication
Vulnerable Young People	Will be affected by the outcome	Must be kept informed	Participate in consultation
Councillor Hussain	Key level of influence in outcome	Must be kept informed. Decision at each stage.	Highlight reports
Cabinet	Key level of influence in outcome	Decision making body	Regular update reports
Head Teachers and governing bodies	Will be affected by the outcome	Must be kept informed	Keep informed of developments
Providers	Recipients' of change	Must be kept informed	Keep informed via regular meetings, forums.
CYPS DLT	Will provide resources	Decision making body	Highlight reports
Director of Schools and Lifelong Learning	Will provide resources	Must be kept informed	Keep informed
SLT	Delivery of financial efficiencies	Decision making body	Highlight reports

Staff Resources	
IYSS Manager	2 days per week
Manager 14-19 CE IAG	1 day per week
Project Group Members	

Implementation of Integrated Youth Support – Project Plan

Stage	Project Activity	Milestones	Action Required	Action by	Timeline
Resource/ Needs Analysis	Data collection and resource analysis: - Profile of vulnerable groups, current and future needs. - Research in relation to national guidance, good practice, benchmarking. To include professional bodies such as NYA and YJB. - Market analysis / sounding – potential providers, consortia arrangements possible? - Risk analysis – to changes. - Staff analysis – numbers, costs. - Resource analysis - overall budget/cost of delivery, assets.	Compendium of information and research gathered, which will form the basis of the needs analysis	Collate existing data, identify gaps and undertake research	Chris Brodhurst-Brown (with assistance from Collette Bailey, 14-19 CE IAG Manager) and Project Group Members	April 2012 – July 2012
	Undertake consultation with vulnerable young people about their needs.	Consultation undertaken and findings analysed. Recommendations determined in line with consultation outcomes.	Approval of report about outcomes and recommendations from the consultation. Ensure the outcomes of the consultation fed into needs analysis.	Chris Brodhurst-Brown (with assistance from the CYPs Voice and Influence Team) Further consultation on IYSS / changes.	June- July 2012 September 2012
	Undertake consultation with stakeholders, including school communities, CYPs colleagues, VCS, area assemblies and Safer Rotherham Partnership colleagues.	Consultation undertaken and findings analysed. Recommendations determined in line with consultation outcomes.	Approval of report about outcomes and recommendations from the consultation. Ensure the outcomes of the	Chris Brodhurst-Brown (with assistance from the Project Group)	June- July 2012

Stage	Project Activity	Milestones	Action Required	Action by	Timeline
			consultation fed into needs analysis.	Further consultation on IYSS / changes.	September 2012
	Determine service outcomes.	Outcomes agreed and form the basis of the IYSS service specification.	Project Group to agree.	Project Group Members	June – July 2012
	Draft Needs Analysis document.	Needs Analysis produced and submitted to DLT for endorsement	Collate data, research and consultation information. Formulate recommendations from identified need	Chris Brodhurst-Brown	July 2012
IYSS Specification	Consider recommendations from the Needs Analysis. Determine what information needs to be collated for the service specification. Outline IYSS service model. To include staff resources, premises, Management Information, IT/Social Networking and Website requirements	Service specification completed and approved by DLT	List information required, collate, and determine what is required in specification.	Chris Brodhurst-Brown Paul Theaker, Operational Commissioner	August/ September 2012

Stage	Project Activity	Milestones	Action Required	Action by	Timeline
IYSS Implementation	TUPE information sought from Connexions provider and consultation with staff	TUPE implications understood. Consultation taken place.	Request for TUPE information sent to the Connexions Provider Consultation sessions with staff	Chris Brodhurst-Brown and Collette Bailey	September 2012
	Develop transition plan for Connexions staff coming in-house	Connexions staff smoothly transfer in-house	Consider transition requirements Implement transition plan Connexions staff come in-house	Collette Bailey	September 2012 1 October 2012
	Staff consultation on the IYSS Structure	Staff consultation	IYSS structure issued to staff Consultation events Staff feedback considered	Chris Brodhurst-Brown	September – October 2012
	Formalise new IYSS Structure and develop workforce development strategy	All structural and HR requirements finalised.	develop job descriptions, allocate responsibilities and develop training package	Chris Brodhurst-Brown	September – October 2012
	Recruit to the IYSS Structure	All of the posts within the IYSS structure recruited to. Final structure with names published.	Interview schedule devised Interviews take place	Chris Brodhurst-Brown	November-December 2012
	IYS Service fully operational	Official launch of IYSS	IYSS launch planned IYSS staff teams fully briefed on roles and expectations	Chris Brodhurst-Brown	1 January 2013

Stage	Project Activity	Milestones	Action Required	Action by	Timeline
	Ongoing performance monitoring and review Move towards IYSS Quality Mark	Quarterly performance monitoring and review arrangements in place	Monitoring arrangements in place from 1 January 2012	Chris Brodhurst-Brown	Ongoing
Possible Tendering exercise	Write Invitation to Tender. Develop evaluation criteria and weightings. Issue ITT packs (40 days if OJEU applies) Respond to ITT enquiries from providers. Tender evaluation. Contract award notice (7 days) Contract awarded (11 days if OJEU applies)	Tenders issued. Enquires resolved.	Documents written and checked by RBT	Paul Theaker– in consultation with Chris Brodhurst-Brown	September to December 2012
Contract(s) awarded	Lead in time for successful providers. Ensure completion of contract and agreement.	Contract awarded by 31 January 2013	Liaison with provider about draft contract. Respond to any queries/ issues/ Liaise between legal services / provider.	Paul Theaker – in consultation with Chris Brodhurst-Brown Contracting Officer in liaison with legal services.	January 2013
Contract Monitoring and Review	Ongoing contract management.	Contract awarded.	Ensure contract awarded and being delivered.	Chris Brodhurst-Brown, Paul Theaker	2 nd April, 2013 onwards

Timeline for Implementing Integrated Youth Support Services

	2012												2013											
	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April											
Needs Analysis																								
Establish Project Group	█																							
Data collection and resource analysis	█	█	█	█																				
Determine outcomes		█	█	█																				
Consultation and Communication Plan		█	█	█																				
Finalise Needs Analysis				█																				
IYSS Specification																								
Develop IYS service model				█																				
Write Service Specification					█																			
Approval sought for Service Specification						█																		
IYSS Implementation																								
TUPE consultation for Connexions staff						█																		
Connexions staff come in-house							█																	
Staff consultation							█	█																
Recruit to the IYSS structure								█	█															
IYSS operational										█														
Performance monitoring and review (ongoing)										█	█	█	█											
Possible Tendering for elements of IYSS																								
Write Invitation to Tender							█																	
Develop evaluation criteria & weightings							█																	
ITT packs issued								█																
ITT Enquiries from Prospective Providers								█	█															
Tenders returned									█															
Tender evaluations										█														
Stand Still Period											█													
Contract(s) awarded											█													
New contract(s) begin												█	█											
Contract Monitoring and Review (ongoing)												█	█											

Appendix 2.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Communities and Cohesion
2.	Date:	Monday 22 nd October, 2012
3.	Title:	Local Democracy Campaign 2012/13
4.	Directorate:	Resources

5. Summary

This report provides an update on the Local Democracy Campaign (LDC) 2012/13, including what activities are going to take place in Local Democracy Week (LDW) which is taking place 15th-21st October this year and the latest annual programme of events to ensure local democracy is a year long campaign.

6. Recommendations**That Members:**

- To note the activities taking place in this year's Local Democracy Week and Local Democracy Campaign.

7. Proposals and details

7.1 Background

“European Local Democracy Week” (ELDW) is an annual European event where local authorities from all the 47 member states of the Council of Europe organise public events to meet and engage with their citizens on issues of current interest. The aim is to promote and foster democratic participation at a local level.

ELDW aims to enable local populations to meet their elected representatives at national and/or local events. Its purpose is to raise European citizens’ awareness of how local authorities operate, and inform them of the opportunities available for taking part in decision-making at the local level. During ELDW, local authorities are encouraged to reflect on their responsibilities as key actors in democratic societies. The vitality of local democracy improves the quality of life in our communities and enhances the effectiveness of local governance.

The Local Democracy Week in 2012-13 is taking place between 15th and 21st October and includes activities such as the ‘launch of the Youth Cabinet Manifesto’, ‘Question Time’, ‘Political Speed Dating’, and ‘Top Dog Challenge’

7.2 Local Democracy Campaign Activities

Rotherham has been celebrating LDW for 7 years now, with many different events taking place across the borough.

The 2011/12 programme was a fantastic success and saw a much greater enthusiasm and involvement across the whole council than in previous years and this year’s (2012/13) campaign is continuing in the same vein (See Appendix 1 for an outline of all the events that have taken place since April 2011 to date). It seems the Local Democracy message through the ‘One Town One Community’ vision is spreading and more people are seeing the potential these events can have on citizenship, cohesion and community empowerment, as well as improving understanding and awareness in Rotherham of the Council and roles of local councillors.

Although the target group for LDW is 11 – 16 year olds, a number of events have also taken place within primary schools across the borough in previous years, as well as colleges. The Local Democracy Campaign in Rotherham is aimed at everyone; the Cabinet Member for Communities and Cohesion has strongly advocated that democracy affects everyone which is why we have taken a much more open approach towards including activities.

The Local Democracy Week and Campaign 2012/13 includes a diverse range of activities ranging from mainstream activities in our Voice and Influence Unit in the Young People Services and Area Assemblies to externally funded activities such

as VAR and RotherFed activities, Community First Activities, Big Local Thurcroft Project, Schools Linking Network and Model United Nations (SLN-MUN) which have added value to our existing activities such as Area Assemblies, VCS organisations and One Town One Community activities.

8. Finance

The costs of running the existing events that comprise LDW have been met from within current resources and external funding, and the programme should be continued subject to mainstream resources been maintained in this challenging climate.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

There is a risk that some of the local people and vulnerable groups will continue to be disengaged, if we do not engage them in our political and democratic processes.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

New guidance emerging across a range of community empowerment and engagement issues is being reflected in the new Localism Act.

The Localism Act is seeking to put an end to the hoarding of power within central government and top-down control of communities, allowing local people the freedom to run their lives and neighbourhoods in their own way. The Act contains a radical package of reforms that seeks to devolve greater power and freedoms to councils and neighbourhoods, establish powerful new rights for communities, revolutionise the planning system, and give communities control over housing decisions.

On a local level, engaging communities and ensuring no community is left behind by talking and listening to all our customers and treating everyone fairly and with respect is a council priority through the Corporate Plan.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Appendix 1- Programme of Activity (2012/13)

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Appendix 1- Local Democracy Campaign 2011/12

Local Democracy Campaign 2012/13

Local Democracy Week 2012 - Monday 15th to Sunday 21st October 2012.

Voice and Influence Team

- Youth Cabinet Manifesto Launch on 15th October at the Town Hall at 3pm
- UK Youth Parliament House of Commons Debate on 23rd November

Community Engagement Team

- Question Time with Cllr Hussain and panel at Oakwood Technology College on 17th October from 11.55am-12.45pm.
- **How Your Council Works?** - A Community Engagement Officer will be running 'How Your Council Works'? for new communities at the Unity Centre and Cllr Dominic Beck providing a tour around Town Hall and explaining the role of a councillor.
These sessions are taking place on 17th and 19th September/6th November.

Schools Linking Network and Model United Nations (SLN-MUN)

- SLN-MUN engages students in current world affairs. It encourages students to take on and attempt to deal with complex global crises and provides an opportunity for them to explore ways of dealing with controversial issues.
- We plan to run SLN-MUN with Rotherham secondary schools: The meeting dates will be:
- **Meeting 1** – Thursday 11th October, Winterhill CLC will be the venue. Students meet for the first time and participate in 'linking' activities. They will draw their countries, find out about the UN, meet their university tutors, meet guest NGO's, and the debate topic revealed.

- **Meeting 2** – Wednesday 24th October hosted at Winterhill CLC the students will be supported by their university tutors to pull together their independent research into their written papers.
- **Meeting 3** – Wednesday 21st November. The final preparation day will be held in Rotherham Town Hall to allow students to familiarise themselves with the venue and chambers. Students will be prepared for the formality and structure of the conference day.
- **Conference Day** – Monday 3rd December - debate day held in Rotherham Town Hall in the Council Chambers.

Area Assemblies

AREA ASSEMBLIES

Rotherham North Local Democracy Week 2012		
Event	Venue	Details
Visit by Stephen Menhi (Sculptor of the Steel Man)	Wingfield School	Discussion/Consultation on the initiative together with Local Cllrs
Question Time	Chislett Youth Centre	Question time event with the young peoples Cobra group.
Question Time	Several J & I Schools including Winterhill Comprehensive	Awaiting confirmation of events
Community First Activities 2012 - KEPPEL		
KPCP Volunteer Project	KPCP have secured funding to employ a Volunteer Co-ordinator to build on and develop the already flourishing volunteer programme in Kimberworth Park. The funding will be used to “kit out” the portacabin to act as a volunteer base at the Chislett Centre e.g. flooring, furniture, and equipment. - £2500	

GROW	<p>To provide support to women and their families who maybe experiencing isolation, debt, low level mental health issues, family relationship difficulties, benefit and unemployment issues, exploitation risks and housing issues.</p> <p>The project will be delivered on a one to one basis offering individual mentoring, action planning, this approach supports the development of problem solving skills which have a lifelong benefit. This element of the project would be delivered in people's homes or place where they felt safe. The project would also make referrals to any specialist support services that were identified as appropriate for the individual.</p> <p>The project would also provide support through a peer support group based within the local community, at which group activities including informal learning and school holiday activities will be offered. This group would encourage peer support and the development of local networks and increased social inclusion.</p>
Musicality	<p>Musicality - Musicality is a group of community volunteers who meet each week to practice and develop their musical skills. They visit various local events/elderly residential homes and entertain. This group developed through the "Get Kimberworth Park Singing" project. The funding will be used for group development, venue hire and the continued engagement of a singing coach/musical director and will enable the group to continue for the next 12months.</p> <p>Musicality has brought together older people aged between 50 and 80+ to share music and each other's company as a way of warding off isolation and loneliness, also taking their minds off some significant health issues.</p> <p>Between them the group members have a wealth of past singing experience, including having performed on stage in choirs, musicals and amateur operatic societies.</p>
Kimberworth Park Club 50+	<p>To find community transport for those Club 50_ members who are unable to access weekly meetings due to mobility problems so they are able to be provided with a door to door transport service.</p>

Age UK	<p>This will engage vulnerable older people in the Keppel area. Firstly our Linkline service, where a team of volunteers 356 days a year telephone older people within their own home as a form of befriending, secondly our befriending service, which is a group of volunteers that undertake visits to people within their own home and to support them on visits, trips or activities outside of their home and finally Fit as a Fiddle developed across Rotherham Borough through Big Lottery, which has focussed on keeping older people active in age. The Community First funding would enable Age UK Rotherham to employ a sessional worker to engage people within the Keppel community to become befriending volunteers to support older people within this area. Their role would also be to identify older people who would benefit from our volunteer befriender or/and the Linkline services.</p>
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Community First Activities 2012 - ROTHERHAM WEST

Rotherham United Community Sports Trust United for Young People	<p>We would like to deliver two evening session a week at Ferham Park for 10 weeks targeting young people aged 13 to 19 living in the Ferham area especially from the Roma community. We will be delivering a football tournament at the end of the 10 weeks and bringing young people together from different backgrounds to promote community cohesion.</p> <p>We will be using an important but under used community resource, Ferham park, to deliver positive activities for young people</p>
Friends of Thornhill School -Parent Craft Sessions	<p>We would like to deliver a project to encourage more parents to engage in school life and would like to organise parent craft sessions at our federation schools. Thornhill and Primary school.</p> <p>A 12 week activity programme will be delivered at each school (teddy bear making and henna and nail art) particularly targeting BME parents who are harder to reach and new arriving Roma/Slovak.</p> <p>At the end of the programme at each school parents and children will be invited to a puppet show which children put together with puppet company</p>

<p>Masbrough Youth Forum - Make a Difference Masbrough Youth</p>	<p>We would like to take part in Friday evening football sessions that involve young people aged 13 to 19 from Masbrough at a time of the evening where there is lots of ASB in the area and adult residence complaining to the police that young people are hanging about on the street causing a nuisance.</p> <p>As there are no indoor sport provisions in Masbrough the football sessions will have to take place at Clifton Cranworth site sports hall which youth service have given free but we will need transport as a group of us walking in Eastwood to play football in the past has caused us problems with Eastwood young people wanting us to fight with them.</p> <p>We are looking for funding for 2hr football coaching sessions, once a week over 12 weeks with a 5 a side competition at the end</p>
<p>Friends of Blackburn School - Rejuvenating Blackburn School Environmental Site</p>	<p>The aim of this project is to rejuvenate the school's environmental site. So far we have cut down trees to let more light in to the site, replaced old tables, installed a beehive, replaced fencing around the site, removed dangerous steps, begun laying new paths and started installing raised beds for growing vegetables. Now we want to, clear the old pond and put in a new pond liner, create more raised beds, finish laying paths, plant shrubs to attract birds & insects, create habitats for insects and animals and build a bird hide.</p>
<p>R.E.M.A. - opportUNITY'S</p>	<p>The project will be delivered to people in Rotherham West ward who are from BME and EU migrant descent. The project will be delivered in a series of workshops over 4 weeks for each group (3 groups) covering, positive parenting\children & families, How Your Town Works, access to public services, personal development\volunteering & employability, health & wellbeing and equality and diversity\positive cohesion. The workshops will be a friendly, fun environment using innovative delivery to ensure a high quality of learning for all. The project will encourage communities isolated by culture and language to develop, basic life skills, understanding options available through the borough, building confidence and self-esteem, development of employability and personal growth and participation in the wider community. As all attendees' first language is not English, language support will be offered to the sessions.</p>

Unity Centre - D.I.V.A.S.

Social cohesion is a significant issue for the Rotherham West and other neighbouring wards. We will have a multi-cultural approach to programme delivery that will enable different social, cultural & ethnic groups to work together and support each other, embedding greater awareness and promoting more effective social inclusion both for individuals and whole communities.

The D.I.V.A.S project will allow women from different communities to come together every weekend to work play and learn with each other. We will run a wide variety of activities such as;

Zumba, Jewellery Making, Henna, Origami, Aromatherapy, Nail Painting, Hair and makeup, Hand massage, Yoga, Parents classes, Sewing, Acupuncture, computer classes, Wii-fit, Chair Exercises, Pilates, Tai Chi, Digital Art, Dance, Arts and Crafts and Healthy Cooking

The D.I.V.A.S project will be flexible enough to allow us to change the activities from week to week if we have a low turnout for a specific workshop.

Richmond Park TARA - Richmond Park Over 50's Club

The project revolves around the provision of facilities to engage with the over 50's in Richmond Park and the surrounding area to encourage them out of their houses to socialise with people of their own age group and re-engage with partner agencies to improve elements of their lives

Community First Activities 2012 - WINGFIELD

Greaseborough Youth FC - Schools Football/Saturday morning Club

To run after-school clubs in our ward, involving Roughwood, Redscope, Greasbrough, & Rockingham Junior Schools. Also a 4 week Saturday morning club in June, which kids who complete all 4, are awarded a medal and then we will run a permanent Saturday morning club for the under 6's.

GROW - Family Support Project	<p>To provide support to women and their family's who maybe experiencing isolation, debt, low level mental health issues, family relationship difficulties, benefit and unemployment issues, exploitation risks and housing issues.</p> <p>The project will be delivered on a one to one basis offering individual mentoring, action planning, this approach supports the development of problem solving skills which have a lifelong benefit. This element of the project would be delivered in people's homes or place where they felt safe. The project would also make referrals to any specialist support services that were identified as appropriate for the individual.</p> <p>The project would also provide support through a peer support group based within the local community, at which group activities including informal learning and school holiday activities will be offered. This group would encourage peer support and the development of local networks and increased social inclusion.</p>
Rotherham United Community Sports Trust (RUCST) - Rewind (Anti-Racism Project)	<p>To deliver a 10 week anti-racism project at Wingfield School to raise people's awareness of racism and build their confidence to challenge racism. The programme will be delivered to young people in Year 9 and cover myths around race, terminology used to describe others and how we can work together to promote community cohesion. The programme raises young people's awareness of the impact of racism on victims; gets young people to look at their own discriminatory behaviour.</p>
Chislett Young Staff - COBRA	<p>To develop the team of young community volunteers to enable them to; formally constitute the group and form a management committee, support the running of the Junior Youth Club, get to know each other's strengths/weaknesses to help them to work together, learn new skills to share with others, learn how to become positive role models and have a positive influence on others, work together to play safe and safeguard others, creating a fun, safe place.</p>
Casting Innovations - CAN We Do It?	<p>A unique, mobile recycling education programme that uses waste aluminium as a medium to support a large range of targeted outcomes. Initial litter-picks and awareness raising is followed by the projects own micro-recycling scheme which is designed for community participation and delivers financial rewards as a bonus, along with higher recycling rates and reduced fly-tipping and littering. Participants are provided with information and the tools to deliver changes, starting at home and then in the wider community.</p>

Rockingham 33 TARA - Alpine Shops	The Alpine Shops Development project began in 2010 as it was identified by the Area Assembly as being an area needing considerable attention. Originally the site was a flower bed in the centre of a shopping area; however, over time it had deteriorated into a pile of rubble. We began to work with Groundwork Dearne Valley and Wingfield School to redevelop the area alongside a steering group of young people. Funding was secured from The Big Lottery and SITA to restore the central area to its former glory benefitting the whole community. However, insufficient funding was available to enable the painting of the surrounding shop shutters and wooden cladding. Therefore, we are submitting this application to secure additional funding to paint the surrounding cladding and shutter of the shopping area to complete the project. The funding will also be used to affect small repairs to surrounding walls of the central planting area.
*Rockingham 33 TARA - Halloween Cohesion & Consultation Project	To hold a Halloween event. We have undertaken lots of projects in the 2 years since we formed. Many of our projects have been geared at our older generations. Our aim is to reach out to young families to support the growth and inclusion of our group. Many of our area's younger residents attend Wingfield school whilst living in Rockingham. We would like to open our doors to some younger residents and use the event to recruit new members. We will also use the event to undertake consultation with our residents regarding our area and where we would like to see services targeted. We will also be working with the young people to learn more about how to effectively engage.
Kimberworth Park Community Partnership - Positive Action	To deliver positive engagement activities for young people aged 11 - 16 years.
Rockingham Community Action Group - Rocky Movers	To promote, for the benefit of the public, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical & natural environment on Rockingham estate and surrounding areas, volunteers from the group carry out twice-weekly litter picks/tidying up of identified hotspots.

Age UK - Keeping Older People Connected & Active

This will engage vulnerable older people in the Keppel area. Firstly our Linkline service, where a team of volunteers 356 days a year telephone older people within their own home as a form of befriending, secondly our befriending service, which is a group of volunteers that undertake visits to people within their own home and to support them on visits, trips or activities outside of their home and finally Fit as a Fiddle developed across Rotherham Borough through Big Lottery, which has focussed on keeping older people active in age. The Community First funding would enable Age UK Rotherham to employ a sessional worker to engage people within the Keppel community to become befriending volunteers to support older people within this area. Their role would also be to identify older people who would benefit from our volunteer befriender or/and the Linkline services.

Rotherham South		
Local Democracy Week 2012		
Event	Venue	Details
To be confirmed	Canklow Woods School	Event to take place late October details have yet to be confirmed

Community First Activities 2012 - Rotherham East	
RUCST –	United for young people-BME sports project to encourage young people from all ethnicities into sport for integration.
RUSH House	Rush House on Line-computer equipment etc to enable young residents of Rush House to access the internet for employment opportunities.
UMCC-	Sunraising East Ward- Project to encourage residents in Rotherham East to develop community action plans.
Unity Centre	D.I.V.I.S. project designed to bring women from all backgrounds together to improve confidence and self esteem in a comfortable environment.

BME young people and carers group	a project which will offer an event to disabled BME young people and their parents/carers in order for them to access services and develop networks
AGE UK	Rotherham keeping older people connected and active-project will target isolated and vulnerable older people and develop inclusion activities
Casting Innovations	CAN we do it-environmental project to run in schools will encourage recycling of aluminium cans through firstly litter picking then using a process to turn the aluminium litter into products so young people can see the benefit of recycling.
Clifton Partnership	Tackling food poverty-a project which offers children and parents the opportunity to meet together for a day take part in food related activities and be fed a healthy meal.
Eastwood Village Community Association	FunFest-local community celebration day which brings together all the diverse communities of Eastwood to celebrate together and reaffirm community cohesion.

Community First Activities 2012 - Boston Castle	
Age UK Rotherham-Project Titled-Keeping Older People Connected and Active	This proposal will build on and developed an existing project developed across Rotherham Borough through Big Lottery, called Fit as a Fiddle funding to Age UK Rotherham which ends in June 2012 which has focussed on keeping older people active in age. The Keeping Older People Connected and Active (KOPCA) Project in your ward will focus on the localities identified to us by your Panel. Whilst the KOPCA project will retain some elements of fitness activity for older people along the lines of Fit as a Fiddle, it will also focus on other ways of keeping older people connected and active, both physically and mentally to support general health and well being and address issues of loneliness and isolation. Building on Age UK Rotherham's successful volunteering activity this Project will work with a range of volunteers to produce health outcomes for older people that result from encouraging and enabling them to be more active and involved within their own local community. Positive outcomes are generated whether older people are involved as volunteers or as participants in the activities provided and include: Decrease in sense of loneliness and isolation and increased sense of well being/ quality of life. Decreased feeling of depression/anxiety, Increased confidence, Feeling more motivated, Being more mobile and Increased independence. The funding would enable Age UK Rotherham to work employ a sessional worker to engage people within community to bringing about improvement through

	<p>empowerment and active participation, to support existing groups to develop and sustain activities and set up new activities across the area.</p>
<p>United Multicultural Centre-Project Title-Vision for Boston</p>	<p>To give the communities residing in the Boston Ward of Rotherham an opportunity to express their vision for the future of the community. 6 volunteers will be given training and support to produce a short film depicting the views of up to 30 people from all age groups, backgrounds, and economic positions on the current state of the Boston Ward area and to express their aspirations and visions of what the area should look like in 5 years' time.</p>
<p>The Unity Centre Rotherham-Project Title-D.I.V.A.S.- Diverse, Inclusive, Variety, Alliance and Socialise</p>	<p>Social cohesion is a significant issue for the Boston Castle and other neighbouring wards. We will have a multi-cultural approach to programme delivery that will enable different social, cultural & ethnic groups to work together and support each other, embedding greater awareness and promoting more effective social inclusion both for individuals and whole communities. The D.I.V.A.S project will allow women from different communities to come together every weekend to work play and learn with each other. We will run a wide variety of activities such as; Zumba, Jewellery Making, Henna, Origami, Aromatherapy, Nail Painting, Hair and makeup, Hand massage, Yoga, Parents classes, Sewing, Acupuncture, computer classes, Wii-fit, Chair Exercises, Pilates, Tai Chi, Digital Art, Dance, Arts and Crafts and Healthy Cooking. The D.I.V.A.S project will be flexible enough to allow us to change the activities from week to week if we have a low turnout for a specific workshop.</p>

GROW-Project-Title-Canklow Parents and Carers Group	To support a newly formed parent and carer's community group to develop, plan and deliver activities that will reduce isolation, promote family health and wellbeing, and improve community cohesion. Members of the group will be encouraged to develop a programme of activities that will meet their needs in a space that offers support and socialising opportunities. Activities will be provided through the project but also from other providers including extended services and NHS Rotherham. Individual women in the group who maybe experiencing problems for example, low level mental health issues, debt or poor financial management skills, family health and wellbeing issues, will be supported to address concerns and problems and become more proactive in problem solving. This would potentially require 1:1 support and advocacy, that would be accessible through GROW's Family Support project.
Canklow Community Connections-Project Title-Adopt a Street Project	Canklow Community Connections a local group would like to change the appearance and perception of the Canklow area. Historically Canklow has suffered from fly tipping and littering and the group would like to reclaim the area for the local community by working together through this adopting a street by street approach to cleaning up the area. The newly formed Tenants and Resident Group has recognised the need for a project of this nature and will encourage community members, local children and the local school to get involved in the project thus developing a much needed sense of pride in their area and increased local involvement. Each street will be adopted and cleaned in turn and residents will be encouraged to continue the process, signage will be used to inform the community of the streets that have been adopted and the signs will remain to help sustain the cleaned up area.
Casting Innovations Limited- Project Title-CAN we do it	A unique, mobile recycling education programme that uses waste aluminium as a medium to support a large range of targeted outcomes. Initial litter-picks and awareness raising is followed by the projects own micro-recycling scheme which is designed for community participation and, along with higher recycling rates and reduced fly tipping and littering. Participants are provided with information and the tools to deliver changes, starting at home and then in the wider community. Our workshops are innovative and completely interactive, encouraging hard and soft life skills. All participants are welcomed and can usually be catered for. Our mobility means that we can operate in rural and urban communities and can be delivered in care homes, classrooms, community halls and office space alike (after risk assessment).

Rother Valley West, Rother Valley South & Wentworth Valley Local Democracy Week 2012		
Event	Venue	Details
Political Speed Dating	St Bernards School (8th October) Dinnington Comprehensive (9th October) Wales Comprehensive (12th October)	10 Students and 10 Partners including Elected members. Students sit opposite the partner and get to quiz them for 3 minutes. Then the partners move on to the next like in speed dating. Students score each partner and the one with the highest score wins a small prize. All students receive a certificate
SNA Top Dog Challenge	Lifewise Centre	Students will visit the lifewise centre at Hellaby and be issued with a list of problems affecting the Community there. They will look around the complex and identify issues and seek advice from the partners present. The School who identifies the most issues and spend the whole of the £100k allocated to them putting the issues right will win a trip to London
Junior Top Dog Challenge	Dinnington Resource Centre	Similar to the above but on a smaller scale for younger children. We will mess up the outside gym and ask the young people to identify as many problems as they can and ask if they would know who to contact to put the issues right. This is aimed at the under 10's

Community First Activities 2012 - Rother Valley West - ROTHER VALE	
Thurcroft Detached Young Peoples Group (Skatepark)	To provide Community Artist and material to design and create community arts on the Skate park in Thurcroft
Worker Educational Association (WEA)	To provide 7 weeks of information/communication technology based at Treeton Enterprise Centre. The courses will provide basic word processing with use of the internet for sourcing information
Thurcroft Welfare Community Hall – Bowling Club	The funding will enable the group to refurbish toilet provisions at the club. Repairs to a leaking roof and renewing electrics to the toilets
Ulley Parish Plan Steering Committee	Provide litter picking equipment which will allow residents within the Ulley Community to organise and participate in community clean up events
Thurcroft Fun Run & Gala Event	Volunteers will host a Community Cohesion event in the format of a community gala in partnership with BIG LOCAL
Thurcroft Welfare Brass Band	This project will offer band members the opportunity to learn how to play musical instruments and read music the funding will also allow them to invest in more much needed equipment

Community First Activities 2012 - Wentworth Valley - MALTBY	
Rotherham United Community Sports Trust (RUCST)	United for Maltby Young People - To deliver football sessions over a 10 week period for young people aged 13 to 19 on Manor Field during the summer half term. It will also provide 10 weeks street dance sessions for young people aged 10 and 11 at Maltby Craggs School
Casting Innovations Ltd	CAN We do it? - A mobile recycling education programme that uses waste aluminium to support a large range of targeted outcomes. Initial litter-picks & awareness raising is followed by own micro-recycling scheme designed for community participation and delivers financial rewards as a bonus, along with higher recycling rates and reduced fly tipping and littering. Participants are provided with information and the tools to deliver changes, starting at home and then in the wider community.

Stepping Stones Community Interest Group Committee	<p>Cook & Eat/Drug Awareness/Paediatric 1st Aid Training - Cook & Eat - Proposed course to provide for the most vulnerable families to enable them to feel more confident when cooking for their children and also show them how to cook healthy foods on a low budget. Drug Awareness - To provide valuable information, advice & increase awareness, it will provide information on what signs to look for and what to do if you suspect your child of misusing substances. Paediatric First Aid Training - This will provide information and advice on first aid in young children.</p>
China Town TARA	<p>Bringing Families & Communities together The project will enable the group to help bring their community together whilst addressing issues in their area. 4 x Community Action Days Improving the environment is a priority for the group. The Community Clean up days will encourage the local residents to help improve their community. The Clean up days will include skips, litter picking, wild flower garden, bulb planting and an edible garden. To provide football equipment so the YP are able to set up their own football team To provide public liability insurance to cover the group for events and community action days.</p>
Groundwork Dearne Valley	<p>Maltby Junior Wardens An out of school educational programme working with young people between the ages of 7-11. The programme looks at getting the young people taking responsibility for where they live and out in their communities. Over a six week period GDV and other partners will work with the YP to carry out activities such as a trip to Lifewise. They will carry out estate walkabouts and community clean ups linking into the Rotherham CAN project. 4 Schools x 12 Young People = 48 Young People</p>

Model Village Community Association

Community Engagement, Education & Celebration Project

The project is designed to engage and empower this community while addressing key issues and priorities.

4 x Community Action Days. Improving the environment is a priority for the group. The Community Clean up days will encourage local residents to help improve their community and create greener, cleaner streets. These Action days will include skips, litter picking and bulb planting.

4 x 6 weeks computer training courses to help residents learn basic computer skills.
A one off community event to engage the community in fun activities
To provide basic football equipment in the area for YP

Wentworth Valley Youth Assembly

WVYA Promotional Event

Organise an Event to promote the WVYA to encourage YP to get involved with the WVYA and influence decision making in Maltby. Young people will be involved with the design and organisation of this event. The event will bring young people together to develop friendships (cohesion), increase skills and confidence, team building and to express their opinions through voice and influence processes. It will be an opportunity for young people to have a go at a number of different activities to do with music, dance and sports. The event will take place over half a day during the summer holidays. This event will also be mirrored in the Bramley/Wickersley area to promote the WVYA.

Wentworth North

Local Democracy Week 2012

Event	Venue	Details
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Awaiting clarification of any events

**Community First Activities 2012 - Wentworth Valley -
Hoover**

<p> Casting Innovations Ltd</p>	<p> A unique, mobile recycling education programme that uses waste aluminium as a medium to support a large range of targeted outcomes. Initial litter-picks and awareness raising is followed by the projects own micro-recycling scheme which is designed to stimulate an increase in recycling at home and the message that waste aluminium has a “value”.</p>
<p> Cortonwood Comeback Centre</p>	<p> To hold a community event during June 2012 for the communities of West Melton and Brampton. The Aim of the project is to develop a simple survey and train a small number of residents to undertake the survey. The survey will help the community first panel identify issues that are relevant to both communities and from these findings develop future projects and pieces of work to address needs. In addition to this we will also invite other statutory and voluntary agencies to attend the event in an effort to raise their profile and give community members direct access to information and support. The project will also be a showcase of local community talent in an effort to raise aspirations and involve the communities fully in community life.</p>
<p> Brampton Youth Group</p>	<p> The project will enable us employ a sessional worker who will provide information advice and guidance to people that are unemployed and seeking employment. The sessional worker will take referrals from the job centre and work in partnership with the young peoples Connexions service this will be achieved through a weekly Drop-In session. In addition to this, the project will also enable people to apply for small bursary to enable them to access training, travel costs and buy suitable clothing for interviews.</p>
<p> Brampton Junior Youth Group</p>	<p> Via our mentoring scheme, small community groups will get support on writing constitutions applying for funding and undertaking an organisational health check.</p>

<p> Wentworth South Local Democracy Week 2012</p>		
<p> Event</p>	<p> Venue</p>	<p> Details</p>

Awaiting clarification of any events

Community First Activities 2012 - Wentworth South - Silverwood	
Rotherham United Community Sports Trust	To deliver a 15 week healthy lifestyle programme to young people aged 13- 19 at Dalton Youth centre. Includes sport taster sessions and heart start emergency sessions
Drive It Home Road Safety	To deliver hard-hitting road safety presentations in schools and colleges to the at risk age of 17-24. To tackle anti-social behaviour, drink and drug misuse.
Inspire Rotherham	Building on the highly acclaimed, 'Writing in the Home and in the Street' project (University of Sheffield) with children from a neighbouring school, this project will be directed through the children of local schools, harnessing an active partnership with their communities. The objective, establishing a 'literacy rich community', starting with research findings from children, demonstrating current vision as a literacy poor community (graffiti, instructional, threats) the few positive literacy's found in the cemetery. Children in Silverwood will be trained as researchers then supported to lead a community action project, including a fun-family-learning programme, intergenerational, developing research skills; literacy workshops (positive poetry/art/linked to Rotherham Can and a website, promoting positive literacy's across Silverwood for current and future generations.
Community First Activities 2012 - Wentworth South - Valley	
Rotherham United Community Sports Trust	To deliver once a week for 20 weeks football sessions at High Greaves school in the evenings for young people aged 10 to 16 living in the Valley area with a football tournament at the end of the project
Dalton Parish Council	Young people's community planning and engagement event
St. Leonard's and St. Peter's PCC	Creates opportunities for the whole community to come together in attractive and accessible venues within the community. Training the trainers approach leaves a skill and knowledge legacy. Consultation will allow community priorities to be identified with regard to key priorities and influence over plan development and project commissioning. (This project covers both Silverwood and Valley Wards and a project proposal for £940 have been approved by Silverwood Ward Community First Panel.)

Friends of Herringthorpe Valley Park	To allow the Friends of Group to organise a number of community social events to take place in the park across the year to promote positive use of the space. Activities to take place at key times to address ASB and nuisance.
The Valley Vision	The research undertaken by High Greave children demonstrated the community as one which surrounds its residents in poor literacy's, this project brings together generations in, and outside families, led by children, to create a brighter and more positive visual representation of literacy for current and future generations. By bringing communities together with a key focus and aspirational purpose we hope to generate aspirational approaches to reading and writing in the area
Age Uk	To work to develop capacity in the community and provide support and engagement with elderly and vulnerable individuals
Team Blackhawks	Our aim is to attract children from the area to participate in roller hockey through our successful club. It can be an expensive sport and limits the numbers of participants because of financial restrictions. We aim for children from 5-12 years old-(boys and Girls) to learn skills in skating, stick handling, puck control, team work, self belief, discipline and participate in two local leagues at Rotherham and Sheffield. We aim to provide cheaper training and provide kit for new starters. Also to fund new and improved training equipment such as pucks, cones, bibs and promote the club and sport in the area thus making it more accessible to all children.
Lifestyle	To develop a community alcohol project using volunteers to educate about the dangers of abuse and provide and signpost to support and advice.

General VCS Activities

Lead	Date	Activity	Outcomes
VAR	16 th April 2012	Beyond the Workplace – A Toolkit	Community Union launched their Beyond the Workplace Toolkit in Rotherham
SYFAB	18 th April 2012	Rotherham BIG Lottery Fund Training Day	BIG Lottery Fund and SYFAB have arranged a day to help Rotherham groups make successful bids to the Reaching Communities programme

Lead	Date	Activity	Outcomes
Rotherham Foodbank	1 st May 2012	Launch of Rotherham Foodbank	Raised awareness of the Foodbank Service and acknowledgement that this type of service is necessary in the current climate
Rural Action Yorkshire	8 th May 2012	Localism Workshop	Free training and advice for community groups, local councillors and voluntary and community organisations on Localism, Community Rights and Neighbourhood Planning
RotherFed	8 th May 2012	Deaf Futures Stall	Part of Deaf Futures Week to promote deaf awareness.
Heroes Support Group	11 th May 2012	Heroes Support Group	Heroes Support Group is a new support group for members and ex members of the Armed Forces who meet on the second Friday of each month 1pm-3pm in the Brinsworth Community Hall.
SYFAB	15 th May 2012	Funding Advice Surgeries	One to one advice sessions for VCS in need of information or advice on funding their group or organisation
RotherFed	22 nd May 2012	RotherFed Quality Awards	Community groups from across Rotherham were honoured for the excellent work they have carried out on behalf of their local neighbourhoods.
ROPF	May 2012	ROPF are asking Older People What Matters Most to Them	Over 70 older People's groups received a survey which asked them to discuss with their members 'What matters most to them'.
REMA	24 th May 2012	Dementia Awareness Information Event	Alzheimer's Society Rotherham is encouraging engagement with Ethnic Minority groups to increase understanding about dementia and the support available
Rotherham LGBT	28 th May 2012	Rotherham LGBT Group Meeting	Rotherham LGBT are a new group in Rotherham South Yorkshire and their aim is to help and support people from the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender

Lead	Date	Activity	Outcomes
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Rural Action Yorkshire	31 st May 2012	Survival Skills for Community Groups beyond 2012	Free training and advice to help projects or groups survive and prosper!
RotherFed	May 2012	Small Grants for Rotherham Tenant Groups 2012-13	£200 grant programme for new and existing TARA groups to support their development.
Ferham Community Group	5 th June	Ferham Picnic in the Park	Community Jubilee Celebrations
Winthrop Park	5 th June 2012	Jubilee Craft Day	Jubilee celebration for the community
VAR	7 th June 2012	Rotherham Volunteer Centre Open Day	Let people know how to volunteer, what volunteering opportunities are available and how VCS can be supported to recruit and support volunteers.
RotherFed	12th June 2012	Community Group Training	A five week training course looking at developing and joining community groups.
RotherFed	12 th June 2012	Assertiveness for Women	Training to help women feel more comfortable about being assertive
VAR	13 th June 2012	Police and Crime Commissioners Event	VCS attended to find out about the New PCC and what this could mean for the sector and how to get involved
VAR	13 th June 2012	Launch of the Safer Futures Communities Network	VCS attended to find out how to get involved in influencing the PCC and how to join the network
Apna Haq	15 th June 2012	Evening with Women Writers from Diverse Communities	Inspirational Role Models, Real-Life Cases, Three Course Meal & Opportunity to Network
LINKrotherham	15 th June 2012	Annual General Meeting	Updated LINK members on the Healthwatch developments and potential involvement in the Rotherham Health and Wellbeing board
SYFAB	19 th June 2012	Funding Advice Surgeries	One to one advice sessions for VCS in need of information or advice on funding their group or organisation

Lead	Date	Activity	Outcomes
Rotherham Ministry of Food	June 2012	480 Rotherham Adults to Be Helped to Cook For Free	Funding secured to work with VCS to provide cooking courses to 480 Rotherham Adults
VAR & TfR	20 th June 2012	Project Development and Advice Surgery	One to one advice sessions for VCS in need of information or advice on building the capacity of their group or organisation
VAR	21 st June 2012	VCS meeting with RMBC Chief Executive	An opportunity for VCS to maintain links with RMBC and understand and influence any policy or strategic direction.
VAR	29 th June 2012	Welfare Reform Event - What will it mean for the people I work with?	An event to inform frontline workers of the effect the welfare reform could have on their client group.
REMA	11 th July 2012	Elderly Asian Mens Group	Raising awareness of health issues and continuing engagement.
VAR	19 th July 2012	Rotherham Partnership Update and Welfare Reform Impact	An event to inform VCS of changes to the Rotherham Partnership, opportunities to get involved and the possible impact of the Welfare Reforms in Rotherham
VAR, REMA and LINKrotherham	24 th July 2012	Health and Wellbeing Strategy Event	VCS and LINK members had the opportunity to feed their comments into the draft Rotherham Health and Wellbeing Strategy
SYCIL	31 st July 2012	Choosing Independence Event	Raising awareness of Adult Services in Rotherham and the support available for disabled people.
VAR	7 th September	VCS to meet 3x MPs	Opportunity for VCS to meet and converse with Rotherhams 3x MP's
Rotherham Pensioners Action Group	7 th September	Rotherham MP's event	Opportunity for pensioners, and members of the public to meet and converse with Rotherham 3x MP's
VAR & TfR	20 th September 2012	Project Development and Advice Surgery	One to one advice sessions for VCS in need of information or advice on building the capacity of their group or organisation

One Town One Community

One Town One Community supports local people to join together to build better lives for everyone and better communities, where people get on well together.

One Town One Community events and activities

- **Living My Life exhibition** (May 2012) - Rotherham hosted a unique touring exhibition celebrating the lives of Trans people through a series of inspirational photographic portraits. The aim was to improve wider understanding of the issues and challenges that trans people face and to showcase a new information resource for people who identify as trans or who are beginning to explore their gender identity. The Rotherham part of the tour was organised by the Rotherham LGB&T Inter Agency Group.
- **Diamond Jubilee Street Parties** (2-4/6/12) – grants to support street parties celebrating the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee in Anston, Broom, Catcliffe, Dinnington, Ferham, Maltby, North Anston and Whiston
- **Developing Community Leadership** (15-17/6/12) – A residential course at Northern College for 12 volunteers from Rotherham Mosques.
- **Rotherham Torch Relay (May – July 2012)** – Carrying a replica Olympic torch, youth groups across Rotherham, supported by RMBC Youth Service, hosted visits and visited new groups to spread the message of peace, unity and friendship.
- **Away shirt partnership with Rotherham United** - The agreement for the forthcoming 2012/13 season includes the display of the One Town One Community logo on the shirt worn by the First Team at all 23 scheduled away games, along with perimeter boards at the New York stadium; space in the home match day programmes to provide information about the latest One Town One Community activities, and player participation in a range of schools and community events.
- **Rotherham United matches in the new stadium (From July 2012)** – Work with local groups to identify service users and their support workers who attend a match, meet the staff and enjoy the game. For most of them it has been their first experience of watching a live match.

Rother Fed

Promoting local democracy and non-political campaigning is at the heart of some of the work undertaken by RotherFed and our member tenants and resident associations (TARAs). We are not a political organisation but we do encourage activism at all levels:

- The local community level through our TARAs and area housing panels (AHPs)
 - Borough wide through engagement with partners in both the statutory and community sector
 - Sub regionally through our work with the South Yorkshire Tenants and Residents Network
 - Regionally as part of the Northern Tenants Alliance
 - Nationally as members of Tenants and Residents of England
 - Internationally for our support for International Tenants Day on 1st October 2012
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- RotherFed and our members become involved in all issues relating to housing and communities at all levels, from responding to government consultations to putting forward our views on changes in our local communities on the local radio. There have been major changes in social housing this past year. The Localism Act became law in November 2011. RotherFed has responded to the proposed changes, working with partners locally, sub regionally and nationally to put forward the views of Rotherham tenants and residents. We have held local workshops and presentations and put in a collaborative response to government proposals through the South Yorkshire Tenants and Residents Network particularly around tenure, powers of scrutiny, tenant panels and affordable rents.
 - We play a major role supporting tenants to be involved in influencing and shaping Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council's (RMBC) quality and standards challenge group monitoring and improving services locally for council tenants. We also played a major role in supporting tenant involvement in an RMBC review of the Area Housing Panels in Rotherham, a fantastic example of tenants at the heart of decision making and have control of local budgets.
 - At the Rotherfed Board away day on 18th June 2012, community empowerment and campaigning were seen as central to the way RotherFed work now and in the future. We have done some work this last year giving our local community groups the campaigning tools they need to be able to influence decisions and make a difference. Democratic accountability is central to the way we work with all our volunteer board elected from TARAs and AHP's representing the seven area assembly areas in Rotherham.

- The Golden Seven project continues to work in geographic communities linking community leaders with particular communities of interest through innovative and creative new projects. Volunteer led, some of these projects are community arts based, engaging community members in ways they have not been before.
- We have just begun some work as the trusted lead body for Thurcroft Big Local putting residents at the heart of planning and decision making in their community. We are also key partners with Voluntary Action Rotherham and RMBC in supporting the community first programme in some of our most deprived wards, supporting and enabling communities to become involved in creating and shaping a local community plan for their area.

Thurcroft Big Local

The village of Thurcroft has been allocated £1million to spend on making the community a better place to live as part of a pioneering Big Lottery Fund (BIG) scheme to put decision-making power in the hands of local people. Residents will get to decide how to spend the £1m funding to improve the village over the next ten years. The scheme is administered by the Local Trust. RotherFed and a Community Involvement Officer (Area Assemblies) will be helping residents get the project started.

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