

CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Date: Friday, 1st November, 2013

Time: 10.30 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 as a matter of urgency.
3. Apologies for absence
4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th October, 2013 (Pages 1 - 7)
5. Minutes of a meeting of the RMBC Transport Liaison Group held on 25th September, 2013 (Pages 8 - 12)
6. Opening of Offers (Page 13)
7. Environment and Development Services - Revenue Budget Monitoring 2013/2014 (Pages 14 - 18)
8. Petition - Rotherham By the Sea - request for extended time (Pages 19 - 22)
9. Annual update on the Waverley Development (Pages 23 - 26)
10. Exclusion of the Press and Public
The following item is likely to be considered in the absence of the press and public as being exempt under Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended March 2006 – information relates to finance and business affairs).
11. Rotherham Town Centre Business Vitality Grant Scheme (Pages 27 - 29)
12. Date and time of next meeting - Monday 2nd December, 2013 at 10.30 am

**CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT
7th October, 2013**

Present:- Councillor Smith (in the Chair); Councillors Clark and Godfrey; together with Councillor Dodson.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Pickering.

G47. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 2ND SEPTEMBER, 2013

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Regeneration and Development, held on 2nd September, 2013, be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

G48. OPENING OF OFFERS

Resolved:- That the action of the Cabinet Member in opening the following tenders on Monday, 23rd September, 2013, be noted:-

- land at Fenton Road (former Bradgate Quarry), Kimberworth.

G49. PETITION - BUS SERVICE NO. 4 (SUNNYSIDE)

Consideration was given to a petition, containing 112 signatures, from residents of the Dalton and Sunnyside area, opposing the reductions in bus service number 4, serving Sunnyside and Magna Lane.

Resolved:- (1) That the petition be received.

(2) That the petition be referred to the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive for further consideration.

G50. ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES - REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2013/2014

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Finance Manager concerning the budget monitoring of the Environment and Development Services Directorate Revenue Accounts for the period to 31st August, 2013, including the forecast out-turn of overspending of £711,000 to the end of the 2013/14 financial year. The submitted report included information on the variances reported by each Division of Service.

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

(2) That the latest financial projection against budget for the 2013/14 financial year, for the Environment and Development Services Directorate, based on actual income and expenditure to 31st August, 2013, be noted.

(3) That the report be referred to the Self Regulation Select Commission for information.

G51. A630 FITZWILLIAM ROAD, ROTHERHAM - PROPOSED DELETION OF HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT LINE

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Transportation and Highways Projects Manager describing a proposal to delete a road improvement line which currently safeguards the possible future improvement of the A630 Fitzwilliam Road, Eastwood, Rotherham.

The report stated that this section of Fitzwilliam Road has been protected from other development by a long-established road improvement line (imposed by the former Rotherham County Borough Council), because of a historical intention to construct a dual carriageway in this location. The recent improvement of this part of Fitzwilliam Road, together with the effects of current transportation policies, mean that the road improvement line is no longer required and may be deleted.

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

(2) That the highway improvement line along the A630 Fitzwilliam Road, Eastwood, now indicated on the plans submitted, be deleted and no longer declared on a Local Authority Search Enquiry.

G52. MAIN STREET, ROTHERHAM - PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

Further to Minute No. 13 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Regeneration and Development held on 14th June, 2013, consideration was given to a report presented by the Transportation and Highways Projects Manager concerning the objection from the South Yorkshire Police to the proposed 20mph zone extension on Main Street, Don Street and The Statutes, Rotherham.

Members noted that the South Yorkshire Police are generally supportive of the pedestrian improvement scheme, but feel that without additional traffic calming measures along Main Street, the speed of vehicles will not be in accordance with the guidelines issued by Department for Transport for the proposed speed limit. In turn, the Council has given assurances to the South Yorkshire Police that once the scheme is completed, a further speed survey will be undertaken and should vehicle speeds not be in accordance with the Department for Transport requirements, consideration will be given to the implementation of further measures to ensure that speeds are commensurate. However, given the proposed changes to the environment of Main Street, including the introduction of the Zebra crossing, the carriageway widening and junction amendments, changes to paving materials, it is considered that these features will result in the required reduction in vehicle speeds being achieved.

A drawing of the proposed pedestrian (Zebra) crossing and environmental enhancement scheme was appended to the submitted report.

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

(2) That the objection be not acceded to and the detailed design for the pedestrian improvement scheme at Main Street, Rotherham be undertaken and the scheme be implemented.

(3) That appropriate monitoring be undertaken to evaluate the success of the 20 mph zone at Main Street, within the initial six months of the scheme being completed.

(4) That, further to (3) above, should the monitoring indicate that vehicle speeds are not commensurate with the 20 mph speed limit, additional speed reducing measures be designed and be subject to consultation and further consideration prior to approval and implementation.

G53. PROPOSED JUNCTION SIGNALISATION - A630 DONCASTER ROAD / B6090 KILNHURST ROAD, HOOTON ROBERTS

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Transportation and Highways Projects Manager describing the proposal to install traffic signals at the junction of the A630 Doncaster Road and the B6090 Kilnhurst Road, Hooton Roberts. Details of the results of consultations which have been carried out were included and the layout of the scheme was shown on the diagram appended to the report.

The report stated that the scheme had been identified as part of the South Yorkshire County-wide Road Safety Initiatives Project. Statutory consultation with the emergency services and with Ward Councillors has been undertaken and no objections have been received. Consultation with local residents has resulted in some changes to the proposed layout being made, to overcome concerns about the position of the stop line and access to and egress from the shared driveway of numbers 2 to 8 Doncaster Road.

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

(2) That the detailed design for the scheme to install traffic signals at the junction of the A630 Doncaster Road and the B6090 Kilnhurst Road, Hooton Roberts, as detailed in the report now submitted, be undertaken and the scheme be implemented.

(3) That the scheme be funded from the Local Transport Plan Central Fund for 2013/14.

G54. ROTHERHAM VOLUNTARY BUS PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Transportation and Highways Projects Manager describing the progress of discussions between this Council, the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive and major public transport operators about making improvements to the bus offer in Rotherham, through the potential to enter into a voluntary agreement to form a partnership.

The report stated that the objective of improving the bus offer in Rotherham would be achieved principally through network design changes, new ticketing products and the agreement from bus operators involved in the partnership to adopt minimum standards for vehicles operating on the agreed network in Rotherham.

Members noted that the costs of the proposed consultation exercise would be met from the South Yorkshire Local Sustainable Transport Fund and the Local Transport Plan fund allocations in 2013/14.

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

(2) That the principle of entering into an agreement in respect of a Bus Voluntary Partnership for Rotherham, as described in the report now submitted, be supported.

(3) That consultation procedures be commenced and a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Regeneration and Development describing the outcome of the consultation process.

G55. ROTHERHAM TOWN CENTRE - FREE PARKING ON SATURDAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS 2013

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Business and Retail Investment Manager, seeking approval for the allocation of £24,000 from Environment and Development Services revenue budgets in order to offer free parking in Council-owned car parks and in on-street parking bays in the Rotherham town centre on the six Saturdays before Christmas: on 16th, 23rd and 30th November, 2013 and on 7th, 14th and 21st December, 2013.

The suggested funding would also cover the cost of implementing a comprehensive marketing and communications plan, to inform shoppers and residents of the free parking incentive.

The promotional materials would include reference to the fact that the free parking would only be available in Council-owned car parks (to avoid confusion with the car parks on Westgate, near the entrance to the multi-storey car park and the surface car park opposite the railway station entrance at Bridge Street/College Road, which are owned by other

organisations). In addition, all promotional material would include reference to the fact that 'Maximum Stay still applies' which identified to the shopper that where a parking space was limited to, for example, a two hours stay, there must still be adherence to the maximum stay period of two hours.

It was noted that the people would have to pay to park their vehicles, once again, in Council-owned car parks and in on-street parking bays on Saturday, 28th December 2013.

Members were informed of the study which will be undertaken to ascertain the overall benefit to the Rotherham town centre economy of this free parking arrangement (including feedback from town centre businesses). A report about the study will be submitted to Members during 2014.

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

(2) That an allocation of £24,000 from Environment and Development Services revenue budgets, as detailed in the submitted report, be approved to cover (i) the loss of revenue and (ii) the marketing activity associated with offering free parking on Saturdays in Council car-parks and in on-street parking bays for the period 16th November, 2013 to 21st December, 2013 (inclusive).

G56. 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 items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended (information relating to the financial/business affairs of any person (including the Council)).

G57. ROTHERHAM TOWN CENTRE - SHOP FRONT IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

Further to Minute No. 34 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Economic Development, Planning and Transportation held on 27th July, 2009, consideration was given to a report, presented by the Project Officer, concerning an application from the owner of a town centre retail shop for a grant from the Rotherham town centre Shop Frontage Improvement Scheme. The report stated that the objective of this scheme was to improve the quality of individual shop frontages in the town centre and contribute towards the overall street scene. Grant aid of up to 75% of eligible costs (excluding VAT) is available to independent businesses towards the cost of ground and upper floor improvements. Eligible works include the restoration of traditional/historical features, repairs to rendering or stone-work, the removal of inappropriate signage and fittings and the introduction of appropriate lighting. The applicant's proposals to

improve the premises were described in the report and also shown on a plan submitted to the meeting.

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

(2) That a grant of £7,500 from the Rotherham town centre Shop Frontage Improvement Scheme be awarded to the town centre retail premises, now identified and in accordance with the details contained in the submitted report.

G58. ROTHERHAM TOWN CENTRE - APPLICATION FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Business Investment Manager concerning an application for a Business Development Grant in respect of a retail shop situated within the Rotherham town centre.

The report stated that the Town Centre Business Development Grant Scheme is designed to encourage and support existing retail and catering businesses to improve their businesses in the Rotherham town centre. Members noted that this project satisfied the eligibility criteria of the Scheme.

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

(2) That a Business Development capital grant of £7,500 be awarded to the premises at Corporation Street, now identified, as a contribution towards the cost of refurbishing the premises and making improvements in order to increase sales capacity at the premises.

G59. ROTHERHAM TOWN CENTRE - APPLICATIONS FOR BUSINESS VITALITY GRANT AND STREET CAFE GRANT

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Business Investment Manager concerning applications for a Business Vitality Grant and a Street Café Grant in respect of two retail shops situated within the Rotherham town centre.

The report stated that the Town Centre Business Vitality Scheme is designed to encourage and support new independent niche retail businesses to open up in the Rotherham town centre. The applicants for the Street Café Grant wish to re-instate a street café area outside the premises. Members noted that both of the projects satisfied the eligibility criteria of the Scheme.

With reference to the application for the Business Vitality Grant, Members noted the reasons for the increase in rental charges for the premises, payable by the applicant business, due to the change of landlord.

With reference to the Street Café Grant (which is part of the Business Vitality Grant scheme), Members were informed of the previous grant to the former owner these premises, in respect of the provision of a street café. The new owners will be required to submit a fresh application for planning permission only if the area of the proposed street café is larger than the area previously granted planning consent.

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

(2) That, further to Minute No. 28 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Regeneration and Development held on 15th July 2013, a Business Vitality capital grant of £2,250 be awarded to the premises at High Street, now identified, as a contribution towards the cost of fitting out the premises.

(3) That, further to the award of a grant described at (2) above, a rental contribution be approved for the subject premises at High Street, to provide 50% of annual rent (exclusive of VAT) in year one and 25% of annual rent (exclusive of VAT) in year two and the grant shall be paid quarterly in arrears on submission by the applicant of proof of payment of rent.

(4) That, further to Minute No. G19 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Town Centres, Economic Growth and Prosperity held on 18th July, 2011, a Street Café grant, to a maximum of £2,335 (being 75% of eligible costs, excluding VAT, of the purchase of street café furniture by the new owners of the premises), the grant awarded being a maximum sum of £2,000 for this independent business within the Imperial Buildings, plus a maximum sum of £335 towards the cost of planning application fees, should such fees be required.

RMBC TRANSPORT LIAISON GROUP
Wednesday, 25th September, 2013

Present:- Councillor Smith (in the Chair); Councillors Andrews, Atkin, Beaumont, Goult, G. A. Russell, R. S. Russell, Sims, Swift, Whelbourn, Whysall and Wootton, together with Mr. A. Wright (SYPTTE), Mr. B. Gilligan (First Group) and Mr. S. Hewitson (Rotherham Community Transport).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Burton, Dodson, Falvey, Hoddinott and Pickering and from Mrs. G. Greensitt (SYPTTE).

8. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 26TH JUNE, 2013

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting of the Transport Liaison Group, held on 26th June, 2013.

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

9. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

With regard to Minute No. 6 of the meeting of the Transport Liaison Group held on 26th June, 2013, Members noted that, during November 2013, the Governing Body of the Rotherham Clinical Commissioning Group will be considering the issue of the relocation of services from the NHS Walk-in Centre, Rawmarsh Road, Rotherham to the Rotherham hospital, including the implications for public transport services.

10. UPDATES FROM THE TRANSPORT OPERATORS

(1) First Group – Various service changes were outlined, including changes to Service 22 from the end of October 2013, with a reduced frequency of 12 minutes on a Saturday and a new Sunday service; new buses have been allocated to service 69.

(2) Stagecoach East Midlands – no report.

(3) Stagecoach Yorkshire – Members again expressed concerns about the service reductions affecting services 108 and 109 along the A633 between Rotherham and Rawmarsh; acknowledging the commercial considerations, Members noted that these services are to be reviewed, perhaps with a view to restoring a level of service in response to public demand. Discussion also took place on the changes to the new service 217 in Swinton (Lime Grove), which began during July 2013, to serve the new housing development in that area.

(4) South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYPTTE)

Consideration was given to a report, presented by Andy Wright (SYPTTE), describing the following issues:-

: improvements at the Rotherham Interchange;

: negotiations about the possibility of introducing a Bus Partnership in South Rotherham;

: A630 Doncaster Road, Thrybergh – the bus lane improvement works have almost been completed.

: consultation about carrying cycles on the new tram-trains (route linking Sheffield, Rotherham and Parkgate);

: the SYPTE is publicising its “inmotion!” campaign, urging people to opt for public transport or cycling to ease congestion; in addition, through the Better Bus Area Fund, there have been promotions at the Job Centre to raise awareness of opportunities for people seeking employment to take advantage of help with the cost of travelling;

: SYPTE staff were in attendance at the Rotherham Show on 7th and 8th September 2013, to publicise various schemes;

: two young people from Rotherham’s Youth Cabinet have participated in the making of a DVD film to be used in bus driver training at SYPTE’s Transport Academy and two representatives of the Youth Cabinet attended the Rotherham Transport Users Group meeting on 5th September 2013;

: SYPTE has revamped its Onboard website, specifically for pupils, parents and teachers.

(5) Rotherham Community Transport – Members received up-to-date details of service timetables and also the Community Transport contact details. An increase in Dial-a-Ride bookings was highlighted, particularly from people living in the south of the Rotherham Borough area. Shopper Bus services continued to be well used, although there had been a decline in the number of passengers travelling as part of a community group, in comparison to the previous year.

(6) Robin Hood Airport – Members noted that construction works are due to begin in respect of the new road which will provide a link from the airport to the M18 motorway.

(7) Northern Rail – no report.

11. UPDATES FROM RMBC TRANSPORTATION UNIT

(1) A57 Worksop Road - discussion took place on the progress of the construction of the A57 relief road, linking the M1 motorway (Junction 31) and Anston and Worksop. The scheme is currently under budget and is scheduled to be completed by February/March 2014, subject to any delay

caused by the Winter weather conditions. There will be an element of night-time working and temporary road closures prior to completion of the scheme.

(2) A630 Centenary Way fly-over, Rotherham (adjacent the bus station and the new Tesco supermarket) – it was noted that the demolition of the fly-over was scheduled to take place during the first three weekends in November 2013. Most of the works will occur at night, in order to minimise disruption to traffic.

(3) Schemes funded by the Local Transport Plan during the period to 31st March 2015 -

: A630 Doncaster Road, Thrybergh – the bus lane improvement works have almost been completed;

A630 Doncaster Road, Dalton and Thrybergh – improvements to pedestrian crossings;

: Main Street, Rotherham – installation of zebra crossing near to the entrance to the Council's Riverside House building, as well as environmental improvement works (most of the works will occur at night, during October 2013, to minimise traffic disruption);

: Junction of the A618 Moorgate Road and Alma Road, Rotherham – junction and pedestrian crossing improvement scheme, due to begin during October 2013;

: various low-cost highway and road safety improvement schemes : including acquisition of an additional vehicle-activated speed sign, for use throughout the Borough area;

: Rotherham town centre – introduction of the 20 mph vehicle speed limit on roads within the Rotherham town centre;

: many of the 'Keep Clear' markings on roads outside schools have been re-painted and enhanced and the parking restrictions will be strictly enforced by the Council.

(4) Schemes funded by the Local Sustainable Transport Fund during the period to 31st March 2015 -

: installation of the South Yorkshire Intelligent Transport System (syITS) and the Urban Traffic Control (UTC) system in and around the Rotherham town centre;

: surfacing of the footpath and cycle path alongside the canal, between the Rotherham town centre and the Rotherham-Sheffield boundary at Meadowhall/Tinsley;

: surfacing of the new footpath and cycle path linking the Waverley development and Sheffield.

(5) Pool Green roundabout, junction of A630 Centenary Way and Main Street, Rotherham – detailed scheme design has begun for the construction of crossroads at this road junction, to replace the roundabout and subways.

(6) Main Street, Rotherham – road closures whenever the Rotherham United football club plays a home match (category C or D); Members noted that a temporary Traffic Regulation Order applies to the road closures of Main Street; the football club arranges and regulates the road closures, with the benefit of a special dispensation from the South Yorkshire Police; Members also acknowledged that the Police presence at football matches will be increased or reduced, depending upon the category of football match being played.

(7) Highway Schemes affecting Rawmarsh and Parkgate - Members referred to a number of proposals under consideration affecting roads between the Rotherham town centre, Parkgate and Rawmarsh (eg: cycle path improvements alongside the A633 Rawmarsh Road and the possible introduction of traffic signals and a bus lane at the A6123 Great Eastern Way and B6375 Taylor's Lane roundabout). The Transport Liaison Group acknowledged the difficult task ahead to try and reduce traffic congestion in this area of Rotherham and noted that proposals are at a very early stage of investigation. The appropriate ward Councillors will be kept informed of progress with any proposals.

(8) Parking Enforcement Vehicle – Members noted that the vehicle and systems were almost ready to begin use, in respect of parking enforcement throughout the Borough area.

(9) Operation of Pedestrian Crossings – in response to concerns about the effective operation of certain signalised pedestrian crossings, Members noted the eventual phasing-out of the use Pelican Crossings, which will ultimately be replaced by Puffin and Toucan Crossings; the Transport Liaison Group acknowledged that there are only limited funds available for the maintenance of these crossing facilities; however, such facilities are sometimes able to be improved and modernised as part of schemes to improve cycle routes.

(10) South Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority – it was noted that the current budget deliberations may ultimately lead to the withdrawal of subsidies for some of the tendered bus and rail services.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members noted that there will be public exhibitions about the High Speed Two (HS2) railway on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th November, 2013 at the English Institute of Sport, Coleridge Road, Sheffield.

13. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Agreed:- (1) That the next meeting of the RMBC Transport Liaison Group be held at the Town Hall, Rotherham on Wednesday, 4th December, 2013, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

(2) That future meetings of the Transport Liaison Group take place on:-

- Wednesday 19th March, 2014
- Wednesday 25th June, 2014

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member and Advisers for Regeneration and Development
2.	Date:	Monday 4th November, 2013
3.	Title:	OPENING OF OFFERS
4.	Directorate:	Chief Executive's

5. Summary

The purpose of this report is to record the opening of offers for the following:-

on Monday 7th October, 2013 and on Wednesday 16th October 2013 for:-
 - Land and buildings known as the former Kimberworth Park Library and Health Clinic, Wheatley Road/Duke Street, Kimberworth Park

6. Recommendation:-

That the action of the Cabinet Member in opening the offers be recorded.

7. Proposals and Details

Offers in respect of the following were opened by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development

on Monday 7th October, 2013 and on Wednesday 16th October 2013 for:-

- Land and buildings known as the former Kimberworth Park Library and Health Clinic, Wheatley Road/Duke Street, Kimberworth Park

8. Finance

To secure value for money. To secure a capital receipt.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Service implications and public perception issues.
 Costs associated with securing empty assets.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

In accordance with financial and contractual requirements.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

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ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1	Meeting:	Cabinet Member and Advisers for Regeneration and Development Services
2	Date:	Friday 1st November 2013
3	Title:	Environment and Development Services Revenue Budget Monitoring Report to 31st August 2013
4	Directorate :	Environment and Development Services

5 Summary

To report on the performance against budget for the Environment and Development Services Directorate Revenue Accounts at **the end of September 2013** and to provide a forecast outturn for the whole of the 2013/14 financial year.

Members are asked to note the forecast outturn position of **an overspend of £755k** for the Environment & Development Services Directorate based on expenditure and income as at August 2013.

6 Recommendations

That the Cabinet Member notes the latest financial projection against budget for the year based on actual income and expenditure to the end of September 2013, as outlined in the Briefing Note already circulated (*as agreed there will be no Officer to present this report*). This report is referred to the Self Regulation Overview and Scrutiny Select Commission for information.

7 Proposals and Details

7.1.1 Cabinet Members receive and comment upon budget monitoring reports on a monthly basis. This report reflects the position against budget for the period 1 April 2013 to 30 September 2013.

7.1.2 The table below summarises the forecast outturn against approved budgets for each service division:

Division of Service	Net Budget	Forecast Outturn	Variation	Variation
	£000	£000	£000	%
Business Unit	750	744	-6	
Regeneration, Planning and Cultural Services	7,440	8,144	+704	
Streetpride	29,425	29,482	+57	
Total Environmental and Development Services	37,615	38,370	+755	2.0%

Following the September cycle of budget monitoring the Directorate has identified that it is likely to be overspent by **£755,412 (2.00%)** against its total net revenue budget of **£37,615,369**. All possible actions to mitigate this are being taken.

7.1.3 The details below are as offered in the Briefing Note already circulated to relevant Cabinet Members :

CABINET MEMBER BRIEFING NOTE

For Cabinet Members: Cllrs McNeeley, Rushforth, R.Russell, Smith, Wyatt.

SUBJECT: EDS REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING

1. Update on the current projections for EDS Revenue Budget Monitoring at the end of September 2013.

The table below shows the monitoring figures for April – September with narratives explaining the current projections.

	April- September
Service	£000
Business Unit	-6
Regeneration, Planning, Customer & Cultural Services	704
Streetpride	57
TOTAL	755

Business Unit £6k-

At this stage in the financial year a small saving is being reported on staffing costs.

Regeneration, Planning, Customer and Cultural Services £704k+

At April – August, £559k+ overspend was reported. The details below are the key pressures as at the end of September.

Regeneration and Planning (£359k+) :

The key pressures within Regeneration and Planning total +£359k are : +£426k from Planning due to reduced income from planning applications, additional required spend on the Local Development Plan and a VAT payment due from previous years, resulting from an audit. Smaller pressures are reported in Building Control (+£4k) and Markets (+£46k). These are being partially offset by identified savings £80k- from higher than expected occupancy levels at the Business Centres, and further savings of £37k- from other areas

Customer and Cultural Services (£345k+) :

Within Customer and Cultural Services there is an overspend of +£345k. Heritage Services are projecting a net pressure of +£27k (pressure relating to Clifton Park Museum, partially offset by a not filling a vacant post). Other areas within Cultural Services are reporting a net pressure of +£37k. Within Customer Services there remains an unachievable saving from 2012/13 of +£80k and a further +£120k from the 2013/14 savings proposals and a further +£82k within the Customer Contact Centre.

These pressures continue to be reviewed, and wherever possible, the budget holders will look to reduce any costs to mitigate the forecast overspend.

Streetpride £57k+

The position at April – August was £157k+ over-spend. Streetpride are now reporting an improved position of £57k+ overspend.

Network Management is projecting a pressure of £99k+.

Network Management is projecting a shortfall on income recovery (+£137k) where income targets were inflated on Parking Services budgets by 2.5%, and a further (+£10k) to fund free parking on Saturdays prior to Christmas. Other service pressures (+£19k) are mitigated by increased income from Adoptions and Searches and reduced Street Lighting energy costs (£50k-), and reduced costs on Highways Maintenance £18k-.

Waste Services £91k+

Waste Management services have pressures primarily on income from sale of recyclables as a result of a general reduction in waste volumes, and from commercial waste contracts which are still less than budgeted following the downturn in economic activity. Current projections show a pressure of +£360k, but negotiations with waste disposal contractors are mitigating this by £263k- and small savings on the waste PFI are showing a small surplus of £6k-.

Leisure and Green Spaces +£150K.

Green Spaces position shows +£36K, allotments saving proposal pressure and +£160K retrospective VAT adjustment relating to RVCP & TCP Cafes, following an audit report. This is partially off-set by some savings on recreational grounds and urban parks mainly due to vacant posts, £66k-. Leisure are reporting +£14K pressure on Sports Development due to late implementation of saving at Herringthorpe Stadium, and small pressures across other areas totalling +£6k.

Corporate Transport is showing a forecast saving of £136k- mainly due to reduced costs on Home to School Transport. A surplus on Stores is now anticipated £51k- as a result of an increase in the volume of materials issued primarily associated with the Street Lighting capital programme.

Across the rest of Streetpride services an improved position of -£96k is being reported, partially due in increased income from current transportation and highways work, which is offsetting some pressures within Community Services from costs of waste disposal.

Summary

The Directorate is currently forecasting an overspend of **+£755k** with key pressures noted on under recovery of income across a wide range of services. The forecast overspend in Streetpride currently excludes a potential pressure of **+£466k** for Winter Maintenance based on a 5-year average of previous year's spend.

Details have been requested for spend on Agency, Consultancy and Overtime:

Agency Costs

Total expenditure on Agency staff for Environment and Development Services for the period ending 31st August 2013 was £305,649. This is higher than the same period last year, mainly due to changes in pay for seasonal workers and due to agency staff being used whilst a waste management restructure is implemented. (The data for September is not currently available).

Consultancy

For the period ending August 2013 the total expenditure on Consultancy was £67,297. (The data for September is currently under review).

Non contractual Overtime

Actual expenditure to the end of September 2013 on non-contractual overtime for Environment and Development Services is £253,607 whilst the same period to September 2012 spent was £234,974, some of the increased costs are due to the new services now being included and reported within EDS (Customer Services).

The actual costs of Agency, Consultancy and Overtime are included within the financial forecasts.

8. Finance

There are no other details to report this month.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The overall Directorate budget shows an overspend of £755k which have been identified and explained above and in the appendices. If Winter Maintenance pressure were included this figure would increase by £466k to a total of £1,221k.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

Directorate budgets are aligned only to corporate priorities and spending within the agreed Directorate cash allocation is key to demonstrate the efficient Use of Resources.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

This is the first budget monitoring report in this format for the Directorate for 2013/14 and reflects the position from April 2013 to September 2013. This report has been discussed with the Strategic Directors for Environment and Development Services and the Chief Finance Officer.

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ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member and Advisers for Regeneration and Development
2.	Date:	Friday 1st November, 2013
3.	Title:	Petition requesting that Rotherham by the Sea be extended to two weeks
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

To inform the Cabinet Member of the receipt of a 406 signature petition requesting that Rotherham by the Sea be extended from one week to two weeks.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 That Rotherham by the Sea retains its current successful one-week format.**
- 6.2 That the petitioners be informed of the rationale for the decision and be thanked for their appreciation of, and support for, the event.**

7. Proposals and Details

A petition has been received from some of the attendees of Rotherham by the Sea requesting that the event be extended to two weeks (see Appendix A).

Rotherham by the Sea has been running for the last 11 years. It started out as a two-week event but it has been a one-week event since 2005. The event consists of transforming All Saints' Square into a beach for the week, complete with deckchairs and buckets and spades. Daily entertainment (10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.) is provided by professional entertainers working to various theme days such as Pirates Day, Teddy Bear's Picnic Day, etc.

The event is extremely popular with approximately 2,000 attendees over the week. Businesses in the immediate vicinity of the Square report additional trading during the week. However, businesses in other parts of the town have said that it has no effect on their trading.

While parents and accompanying adults are expected to take appropriate responsibility for children attending the event, Council and Police staff are required to provide the necessary additional safeguarding support. The RMBC Events Team, Town Centre Wardens and PCSOs all concentrate their time around the Square area during the event in order to prevent any adverse incidents.

8. Finance

The cost for staging the one-week event is £6,500. The event management company which currently runs the event has indicated that to extend to two weeks would cost approximately £12,000. This would mean that an additional £5,500 would have to be found, exclusive of costs to market and promote the event.

It should, however, be pointed out that the petitioners have offered to fund raise towards the additional costs. £5,500 is an ambitious figure to reach via fundraising and requests for donations to subsidise a Council run event may not be received favourably by some members of the public. Even if the funds could be raised, there are additional staff resource implications as indicated in Risks and Uncertainties below.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

- (a) The timing of Rotherham by the Sea is also close to Rotherham Show. Any extension of the event beyond its current week would impact significantly on the Event Team's capacity to organise and deliver the Show – the biggest event in Rotherham's calendar.
- (b) If the event was extended to two weeks, this would put an additional strain on the Town Centre Wardens/PCSOs, deflecting them from duties elsewhere in the town centre.
- (c) Given current budgetary constraints, other events would have to be cancelled or scaled down, if budgetary resources had to be re-allocated to extend this event.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The town centre events programme directly relates to actions/priorities contained within the Corporate Plan, namely "More people come to the town centre for work, shopping and for things to do and see". Events are aimed at increasing footfall, creating a vibrant and fun atmosphere and enhancing the shopping experience. A varied programme of different events is essential to achieve the desired objectives.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Appendix A – Letter and petition from attendees of Rotherham by the Sea

Contact Name: Marie Hayes, Marketing and Events Manager, Communications and Marketing. Ext. 55501. Marie.Hayes@rotherham.gov.uk

To Carl Battersby,

Firstly, please accept our petition with 406 signatures on.

The reason for the petition is, we as a group love spending our time at the Rotherham by the Sea event. It's a fantastic experience for both children of all ages as well as the adults who bring them. We would really like you to consider the idea of extending the experience back to the two week event, as it was when it first started as the whole experience is not just beneficial to families, but also to a lot of businesses in the town. They have been a lot busier with shoppers who are spending time at or have visited the beach. They are wanting to buy anything from a simple coffee to a full meal or just crisps and pop. The increase in business is increasing business revenues which in the current climate cannot be a bad thing. The event is also helping with the town's regeneration, as we have been getting families from all over the county coming to our small town, all because they want a good time. It would be great if you could be the same entertainment team as this year as they were awesome. They managed to get

Everyone involved, no matter age or ability.
That even includes us crazy mums.

We appreciate that we are asking alot. We know that everything costs money and that prices are rising all the time. Me and my amazing group of friends are very willing to give up our spare time to get a licence that will then allow us to fundrais to help cover some of the costs. I have spoken to alot of people while getting the petition signed and everyone I spoke to said that they would be happy to donate.

I have also been around some of the businesses and got them to write down testimonials about how Rotherham by the sea helps them.

The People of Rotherham love this event and for that we can't thank you enough.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours Faithfully

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member and Advisors for Children, Young People and Family Services
2.	Date:	16th October 2013
3.	Title:	Annual update on the Waverley Development
4.	Directorate:	Children and Young People's Services

5. Summary

This report provides the Cabinet Member and Advisors for Children, Young People and Family Services with an update on the Waverley Estate development and the action being taken by School Organisation in response to a proposed deed of variation to the Section 106 agreement.

6. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

The Cabinet Member and Advisors for Children, Young People and Family Services note the current position in relation to the Waverley development.

The proposed deed of variation to the Section 106 Education Contribution agreement be supported to keep the Waverley development viable.

7. Proposals and Details

An initial report on the Waverley development was brought to the Cabinet Member and Advisors for Children, Young People and Family Services on 5th December 2012 and the recommendations below were approved at that meeting:

- A) The permanent removal of the Waverley Estate (formerly Orgreave Mining Site) from the Treeton C of E Primary School catchment area.
- B) A shared interim catchment area for primary provision of Education for pupils living at the Waverley Estate of Catcliffe Primary School and Brinsworth Howarth J & I school be established until the opening of the first Waverley new build School.
- C) The commencement of formal discussions with the Governing Body and the Senior Leadership Team at Brinsworth Howarth in relation to a temporary expansion of the school to meet expected future demand.
- D) An initial catchment area line to define the provisional catchment area boundaries, subject to annual review until such time as the development is established to a point where a permanent catchment area boundary for both primary and secondary provision can be accurately determined.

Update position from the above action points:

- A) The Waverley Estate has been removed permanently from the catchment Area of Treeton C of E Primary School.
- B) The shared Primary phase catchment area of Catcliffe J & I School and Brinsworth Howarth J & I School has been established until the opening of the Waverley Primary School.
- C) Following successful discussions with the Governing Body at Brinsworth Howarth J & I School, a temporary increase in the Published Admission Number (PAN) has been agreed in FS2 / Reception from 30 to 45 2013/14 Academic Year and subsequent cohorts thereafter until the opening of the Waverley Primary School.
- D) An initial Secondary Education catchment area line has been defined and will be kept under review as the development progresses to ensure an equal share of the pupil yield from the development.

Update and current position:

The proposed High Speed 2 rail link potentially passing through or near Waverley and, the current housing market climate is creating some anxiety with the developers Harworth Estates, Barratt Homes, Harron Homes and Taylor Wimpey Homes in

relation to the release of £ 5.5M at the trigger point of the 550th new built home being occupied.

Given these uncertainties and apprehensions, Harworth Estates were keen to discuss the Section 106 agreement currently in place with a view to keeping the site viable with a revised 3,598 dwellings on the site as opposed to the 4,000 original dwellings.

The outcome of the meeting being that a deed of variation to the original Section 106 agreement will need to be drafted, with amended trigger points for the release of funds for the new Waverley Schools. Harworth Estates would like to have the deed of variation agreed in the next 2-3 months if possible.

Provisional agreement has been reached in relation to a phased release of funding to create an eventual 3 form entry primary school on the site (having consulted School Effectiveness Service prior to the meeting) and in the future to make the Brinsworth Howarth expansion permanent.

The proposed new trigger points for release of funding are:

Occupation of the 550th dwelling will release funds for the design / procurement process.

Occupation of the 750th dwelling will release funds to create a 1 form entry primary school.

Occupation of the 1750th dwelling will release funds to expand the school to a 2 form entry primary school.

Occupation of the 2500th dwelling will release funds to expand the school to a 3 form entry primary school.

The original trigger points were:

Occupation of the 400th dwelling will release funds for the design / procurement process.

Occupation of the 550th dwelling released funds for a 2 form entry primary school.

Occupation of the 1550th dwelling will release funds for the design / procurement process.

Occupation of the 1750th dwelling released funds for a second 2 form entry primary school.

The current position at Waverley is that 66 dwellings are occupied and 40 dwellings are currently under construction. The full pupil yield from occupation of new dwellings does not occur instantly.

Primary school aged places have been created temporarily already by the expansion of Brinsworth Howarth J & I School from an admission number of 30 to 45 in FS2 from September 13 and subsequent FS2 cohorts thereafter until Waverley Primary School phase 1 is constructed. School Organisation are comfortable with the revised trigger points given that the school currently has surplus places in all year groups and FS2 entry in September has 24 places allocated with a new admission number of 45 for that cohort.

Creating a single form entry new school and expanding as demand increases, also means that the utilisation of only half of the new school building for several years can be avoided as would have been the case under the original Section 106 agreement.

Given the financial and site uncertainties as opposed to several years ago when the original agreement was drafted, the deed of variation will provide assurances to developers, keep the site viable and provide education facilities at a time and scale more appropriate to the current climate.

8. Finance

The cost of the additional teaching and learning spaces required during the interim catchment area period at Brinsworth Howarth have, been funded from Basic Need funding allocation. The deed of variation to the Section 106 agreement will assure the funding being available on a phased basis for the Waverley new school as trigger points for the release of funds are reached.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The main risk in the allocation of catchment areas is that there could be too much demand for a specific school. As the arrangement is of a temporary nature until the opening of the first primary school phase and clear definition of the boundary for secondary schools can be determined the risk will be managed as, the more houses are built the clearer the boundary for catchment areas will be defined.

There are always risks and uncertainties when school place provision is considered since future pupil numbers are based on estimations. Over provision at one school could influence pupil numbers at other schools. Local Authorities are obliged, however, to provide sufficient places, promote diversity and increase parental preference.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The major theme supported by the proposal is 'to ensure that everyone has access to skills, knowledge and information to enable them to play their part in society'.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Consultation to establish the initial catchment area arrangements for the Waverley Development from September to December 2012.
Report to Cabinet Member 5th December 2012 and approval to establish Education arrangements for the Waverley development.

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