

CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Venue:	3rd Floor conference room, Bailey House, Rawmarsh Road, Rotherham	Date:	Monday, 4 April 2005
		Time:	9.00 a.m.

A G E N D A

1. To determine if the following matters are to be considered under the categories suggested, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972.
2. To determine any item which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered later in the agenda as a matter of urgency.
3. Minutes of a meeting of the RMBC Leisure Joint Service Centre Board held on 4th March, 2005 (Pages 1 - 2)
 - to note the issues discussed and receive the minutes.
4. Minutes of meeting Monday, 7th March, 2005 of Tourism Panel (Pages 3 - 7)
5. Minutes of a meeting of the Town Centre Management Group held on 7th March, 2005 (Pages 8 - 11)
6. Local Transport Plan Capital Programme 2005/2005 (Pages 12 - 18)
Streetpride Group Engineer to report.
 - to report the proposed LTP Capital Programme or 2005/2006.
7. Road Safety on Rotherham Road, Catcliffe (Pages 19 - 21)
Schemes and Partnerships Manager to report.
 - to report the minutes of a site meeting with Catcliffe Parish Council.
8. Employee Opinion Survey (Pages 22 - 27)
Head of Planning and Transportation Service to report.
 - to report a summary of the Employee Opinion Survey.

The Chairman authorised consideration of the following item in order to progress the matter referred to.

9. Objection to Proposed Waiting Restrictions - Mendip Rise, Brinsworth.
10. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The following items are likely to be considered in the absence of the press and public as being exempt under the Paragraphs, indicated below, of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972:-

11. Revenue, Fee Billing, Trading and Capital Resources Monitoring report 2004/2005 (Pages 28 - 42)
Executive Director to report.
 - to report on performance against budget for April 2004 to February 2005.(Exempt under Paragraph 8 of the Act – report contains financial information)
12. Virement of Community Buildings Budget to Economic and Development Services (Pages 43 - 48)
Finance and Accountancy Manager to report.
 - to consider virement for Community Buildings.(Exempt under Paragraph 8 of the Act – report contains financial information)
13. CERB Update Report for 2004/2005 (Pages 49 - 58)
Economic Strategy Officer to report.
 - to update Members.(Exempt under Paragraphs 5 and 8 of the Act – report relates to financial assistance and expenditure)
14. Stage 3 Complaint - Mr. and Mrs. K. (Pages 59 - 63)
 - to note the outcome of a Stage 3 Complaint Panel.(Exempt under Paragraph 7 of the Act – financial or business affairs of someone except the Council)

RMBC LEISURE/JOINT SERVICE CENTRE PROJECT BOARD
4th March, 2005

Present:-

Councillor Georgina Boyes	Cabinet Member, Education, Culture and Leisure Services (in the Chair)
Councillor Gerald Smith	Cabinet Member, Economic and Development Services
Tony Preston	Business Development Manager, Education, Culture and Leisure Services
Peter Ross	Consultant
Phil Rogers	Strategic Leader, Culture, Leisure and Lifelong Learning
Graham Sinclair	Acting Strategic Leader, Resources and Information, Education, Culture and Leisure Services
Adam Wilkinson	Executive Director, Economic and Development Services
Kevin Gallacher	Primary Care Trust

Apologies for Absence:-

Kath Atkinson	Director of Strategic Planning and Development, Primary Care Trust
Jonathan Baggaley	Principal Accountant, Corporate Finance

54/05 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of this Project Board held on 4th November, 2004, were agreed as a correct record.

55/05 General Progress Report**Issue of Invitation to Negotiate**

Graham Sinclair reported on the various strands of discussions/negotiations that had taken place since the last meeting.

Invitations to Negotiate had been issued on 12th January, 2005.

A copy of the timetable of tasks necessary prior to commencement on site in November 2005 was made available.

Current position regarding bidders

Work was on target to meet the first cost benchmarking checkpoint on the 11th March, 2005 and the current position regarding potential bidders was outlined.

Financial remodelling/cost benchmarking

Comparisons were being made between three cost benchmarks – (a) Outline Business Case (b) Costs compiled by Price-Waterhouse Cooper and (c) Costs from potential bidders.

The position was progressing towards the formulation of an updated Outline Business Case.

The meeting discussed the following issues/associated factors:-

- Re-scoping of Project
- Town Centre Regeneration/Renaissance Proposals – Wider Context
- Housing Pathfinder
- PFI Credits
- Footfall figures
- Building Schools for the Future Initiative

The Executive Director, Economic and Development Services agreed to make a presentation on the town centre and other regeneration initiatives to an appropriate meeting of bidders.

Peter Ross, Consultant agreed to prepare a summary report on the Maltby Dry Centre submission for The Leader.

56/05 Any Other Business

Discussion took place on the following issues:-

- Marketing/Press Release/Public Meetings
- Pooling of corporate visions/Community Strategy/Corporate Plan launch – five aims/objectives
- Value-added initiatives

The Executive Director, Economic and Development Services gave an update on the present situation with regard to the Maltby JSC and Customer Service Strategy. This included:-

- exploration of sites
- potential partners – both public and voluntary sector
- 4 methodologies of customer transactions

A report on this matter would shortly be submitted to The Cabinet.

The meeting requested that the Executive Director, Economic and Development Services continue to attend this meeting.

In addition, it was noted that the Executive Director, Resources was to be invited to attend future meetings of this Board.

Discussion took place on the present position and key aspects of the planning application for Aston Pool.

57/04 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Project Board would take place at the Town Hall, Moorgate Street, Rotherham, on Thursday, 2^{1st} April, 2005, commencing at 9.00 a.m.

**TOURISM PANEL
MONDAY, 7TH MARCH, 2005**

Present:- Councillor Smith (in the Chair); Councillors Hall and Walker.

together with:-

Mr. Colin Scott, Rotherham Chamber of Trade and Sarah Crossland, Rotherham Churches Tourism

and the following officers:-

Julie Roberts	Town Centre, Tourism & Markets Manager
Joanne Edley	Tourism Manager
Dawn Runciman	Events & Promotions Officer
Richard Poundford	Head of RiDO
Marie Hayes	Commercial & Promotional Manager
Guy Kilminster	Manager, Libraries, Museums & Arts

28. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from:-

Councillor J. Austen	Advisor, Education, Culture & Leisure
Councillor R. Littleboy	Senior Advisor, Education, Culture & Leisure
Phil Rogers	Strategic Leader, ECALS

29. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 7TH FEBRUARY, 2005

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th February, 2005, be approved as a correct record.

30. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising not covered on the agenda.

31. UPDATE OF PROPOSALS FOR SOUTH YORKSHIRE DESTINATION MANAGEMENT ORGANISATION

The Town Centre, Tourism and Markets Manager reported on the latest discussion at sub-regional level regarding the establishment of a Destination Management Organisation in South Yorkshire.

It was reported that the outcome of the various meetings was that at this stage it was not felt appropriate to introduce a private limited company. However, it was agreed that the way forward would be to establish a private public partnership with a Board and that Sheffield City Council would be the authority leading on the mechanics of establishing the

partnership.

As a result KPMG had been instructed about the next actions. A paper would be prepared by Steve Walmsley of Sheffield City Council to seek agreement by all local authorities to the proposals and communicated to KPMG. This brief would outline the Terms of Reference, Board Membership etc. Once agreed a Business Plan and Marketing Plan would be produced.

Resolved:- That the information be noted and further updates be provided as appropriate.

32. DRAFT SCHEDULE FOR TOURISM PLAN

The Tourism Manager reported that it was proposed to bring a draft plan to the next meeting of the Panel and to present the plan to the Tourism Forum on 5th April, 2005.

Resolved:- That the information be noted.

33. TOURISM UPDATE

The Tourism Manager reported on the following:-

(i) Production of a new Group Travel Folder

It was pointed out that the folder had been designed to hold inserts e.g. eating out, accommodation etc

Reference was made to the print/background contrast on some of the material.

(ii) Locations for Coach Parking

This continued to be monitored to assess demand

(iii) Yorkshire Tourist Board – Marketing Consultation and Overseas Forum – York – 10th March, 2005

It was proposed to attend this event.

(iv) Joint Marketing

It was reported that discussions were taking place with the Museum and with Magna regarding joint marketing of facilities, resources and events.

(v) Caravan Park

It was reported that there was a proposal for a small caravan park at Wales, adjacent to fishing facilities.

(vi) Olympic Bid

It was reported that several requests had been received for the Service Area to support the Bid.

The Libraries, Museums and Arts Manager added that it was proposed to present a draft policy to Members' for consideration so that there could be clarity about this issue.

Resolved:- That the Manager, Libraries, Museums and Arts and the Town Centre, Tourism and Markets Manager prepare a joint report be presented for Members' consideration on this issue.

34. EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS OFFICER VERBAL UPDATE

The Events and Promotions Officer reported on the following:-

- (i) Ice Magic 12th to 18th February 2005
- (ii) Bolton Group Travel Show 26th February, 2005
- (iii) Continental Market – 19th to 21st May, 2005
- (iv) Rotherham in Bloom
- (v) Outdoor Show, Birmingham – 18th to 20th March, 2005
- (vi) Walking Festival – 2nd to 17th July, 2005

Resolved:- That the items now reported be noted.

35. EUROPEAN WEEK

Further to Minute No. 23 (ii) of the meeting of the Tourism Panel held on 7th February, 2005, the Town Centre, Tourism and Markets Manager, reported on discussion that had been held concerning the feasibility of linkages with Town Twinning, Rotherham Show and Festival with the Continental Market.

The outcome of the discussions focussed on the following:-

- a competing event would dilute the impact of the Show
- a market operator would want the market in the town centre
- it would send out a mixed message about the Show
- it would be difficult to engage a market operator in September
- should not copy other local authorities, rather try to develop something unique for Rotherham
- what audience would the event(s) be aimed at?

The idea of an event on the theme of Fair Trade was suggested. It was pointed out that this would need a basic event plan drawing up to define the aims and objectives and that to identify ways to minimise cost. The event would be proposed for March 2006.

Resolved:- That the information be noted.

36. RE-OPENING OF CLIFTON PARK MUSEUM

The Libraries, Museums and Arts Manager circulated a paper summarising the re-opening of Clifton Park Museum on 29th January, 2005.

It was reported that to date 20,000 people had visited the museum, and it was pointed out that the size of the building could not sustain this number.

Reference was made to:-

- positive feedback from the public
- extensive publicity received
- re-use of the kitchen range
- success of the café and shop
- items that require “snagging work”
- income being generated
- future plans and Phase 2 of the Redevelopment of the Museum

Resolved:- That the report be received.

37. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (i) Rotherham Visitor and Information Centre

Councillor Walker wished to convey her thanks to staff at the Visitor Centre for their help in providing information for her Travel Club.

- (ii) Festivals and Activities Manager, Education, Culture and Leisure

It was reported that an appointment had now been made, and Kate ?? would be taking up this post shortly.

- (iii) Rotherham’s 3rd Cultural Conference – 6th May, 2005 – Clifton Park Museum

Arrangements for this event were being made and Members of the Panel would be invited.

- (iv) 5 Churches Walk – new leaflet

The Project Manager, Rotherham Churches Tourism Initiative, distributed copies of the new leaflet

(v) Churches Regional Commission Project – establishment of post of Regional Churches Tourism Officer/Co-ordinator

The Project Manager, Rotherham Churches Tourism Initiative, reported on the creation of the above post, which would take a lead on strategic issues.

(vi) South Yorkshire Forum for Churches Tourism

The Project Manager, Rotherham Churches Tourism Initiative, reported on the creation of the above forum.

38. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Resolved:- That the next meeting of the Tourism Panel be held at the Town Hall, Rotherham on Monday, 25th April, 2005 at 2.00 p.m.

TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT GROUP
Monday, 7th March, 2005

1. PRESENT:-

Present:-

Philip Ashton	Renaissance South Yorkshire
Georgina Bourne	Planning Services
Brij Chaggar	Rotherham Chamber
Steve Charles	Rotherham Chamber
P. Johnson	Rotherham Partnership
Colin Knight	Streetpride
Julie Roberts	Town Centre, Tourism and Markets Manager
Dawn Runciman	Events and Promotions Officer
Colin Scott	Rotherham Chamber of Trade
Ryan Shepherd	Planning Services
Councillor G. Smith	Cabinet Member, R.M.B.C
Andrew Stevenson	Planning Services
Peter Thornborrow	Planning Services
Nigel Tranmer	Neighbourhood Services
Paul Woodcock	RiDO

Apologies:-

Stuart Carr	Facilities Management
Russell Potts	Parking Services, Streetpride, R.M.B.C.
Jeff Wharfe	Rotherham Partnership

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON

Nominations for the appointment of Chairperson were requested.

Councillor G. Smith proposed that meetings of this Group should be chaired by the Town Centre, Tourism and Markets Manager.

Colin Scott seconded that proposal.

It was agreed:- That Julie Roberts, Town Centre, Tourism and Markets Manager be appointed Chair of this Group.

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION FROM JULIE ROBERTS, TOWN CENTRE, TOURISM AND MARKETS MANAGER

Julie welcomed those present to this the first meeting of the Town Centre Management Group and introductions were made.

She explained that the Council's aspirations to regenerate the town centre had meant that there had been a need to reconfigure the various groups working towards this. Over the past 18 months Town Team (Yorkshire

Forward's Round 2 of the Urban Renaissance programme) had been working with consultants and various representatives from other agencies with an interest in the town centre, including the Youth Cabinet and community groups and the Council, and had produced a 20 to 25 year vision for the town centre (a new strategic development framework). Town Team's job was now complete and it was now for the various groups to deliver the plan.

4. STRUCTURE OF TOWN CENTRE GROUPS

A paper illustrating the new framework was distributed to those present, and an explanation of the terms of reference and anticipated membership was given. It was pointed out that the predecessor (the Town Centre Initiative Steering Group) had now been disbanded, and that there was a need for a new delivery framework for the town centre to respond to the dynamic town centre environment and to changes in planning legislation.

It was proposed that this Group was intended to support the overall Renaissance of the town centre by delivering operational improvements and progress specific urban centre initiatives and management issues. It would deal with non-physical measures that needed a cross Council approach. It would also provide support to town centre businesses and customers in the transition.

Its role would be to put together and deliver a three year rolling business plan for the town centre.

The Group would report to the Town Centre Strategy Group. The inter connectivity between the various other groups was explained (i.e. linkages with Town Centre Safety Group, Town Centre Zone Reps and Town Centre Forum).

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE

A paper outlining the proposed Terms of Reference for this Group was distributed.

Julie explained the rationale behind the proposals. She emphasised that the Group's key purpose was to produce a three year "rolling" Town Centre Business Plan.

Those present discussed the six objectives listed in the paper and agreed amendments, including the removal of the fourth objective.

It was pointed out that the Town Centre Strategy Group would report into the Council via the Economic and Development Services Cabinet Member Delegated Powers Meeting and to the Regeneration Board.

6. GROUP MEMBERSHIP

A spreadsheet listing the proposed membership was distributed to those present.

Julie explained the expected role of those listed.

It was noted that the contribution from the Church, SYPTE, Business link and Education, Culture and Leisure Services would need to be determined. Julie agreed to discuss the involvement of the SYPTE with the Senior Transportation Officer.

It was pointed out that it would be possible to co-opt specific representatives when necessary and therefore the membership needed to be kept fluid.

7. TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN

It was explained that the primary purpose of this Group was to produce a three year “rolling” Town Centre Action Plan, taking cognisance of the Council’s three year Regeneration Plan.

The idea of the Plan was to produce a scheme of influencing factors, with key themes and objectives.

As a first stage it was therefore necessary to carry out a baseline information gathering exercise to find out from representatives what they were already doing that impacted on the town centre, what was planned, what research had been completed etc. Reference was made to the Local Development Framework, Regional Spatial Strategy, Schedule for the cleaning of the Town Centre, policy relating to safety on the highway, the Townscape Heritage Initiative, the Westgate Demonstrator Project, the Chambers’ customer surveys etc. Each representative was therefore provided with a spreadsheet to complete and return to Julie by 21st March, 2005 via:-

FAX: 01709 336888

Post: Rotherham Visitor and Information Centre, 40 Bridgegate, Rotherham.

Email: julie.roberts@rotherham.gov.uk

(An Email proforma could be provided on request.)

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Definition of the town centre area

It was pointed out that it would be necessary to determine a geographical area for the town centre.

9. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed:- That the next meeting of this Group be held on MONDAY, 11TH APRIL, 2005 at 3.30 p.m. at the Town Hall, Moorgate Street, Rotherham.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Economic and Development Services
2.	Date:	4 April 2005
3.	Title:	Local Transport Plan Capital Programme 2005/06
4.	Programme Area:	Economic and Development Services

5. Summary

The report outlines the proposed capital programme for 2004/05. Details of the individual programmes can be found in the three appendices attached to this report.

6. Recommendations

That Cabinet Member resolves that: -

- (i) Members note the specific allocations for Integrated Transport schemes and for Maintenance.**
- (ii) The proposed programmes detailed in the appendices are adopted as a basis for detailed design and implementation during 2005/06.**

7. Proposals and Details

Cabinet Member will recall the report on 7 February 2005 (Minute Number 168 refers) which outlined the Local Transport Plan capital expenditure settlement for 2005/06.

Overall, South Yorkshire has been awarded a total block allocation of £39.327m for 2005/2006, made up of £19.5m for integrated transport, £14.092m for maintenance and £5.735m supplementary. This and Partner's allocations are detailed in the table below.

£m	Maintenance	Integrated Transport	Supplementary Bid	Total
Barnsley	3.094	2.517	1.200	6.811
Doncaster	3.063	3.311	0	6.374
Rotherham	2.291	2.868	1.735	6.894
Sheffield	5.644	5.928	2.600	14.172
SYPTA	0	4.875	0.200	5.075
Total	14.092	19.500	5.735	39.327

The maintenance allocation follows the national formula which has been weighted differently this year. The integrated transport allocation has been split according to the agreed percentages for South Yorkshire. The supplementary bid has been allocated to individual authorities in the amounts approved by Ministers, on the basis of the bid, although the bid has not been supported in full.

We retain full freedom to 'teem and ladle' between IT and Maintenance (providing it is in pursuance of targets in the LTP) but the supplementary award can only be used in support of transport schemes and projects linked to the Objective 1 programme.

Major Schemes (>£5m)

It should be noted that the DfT now require a re-appraisal of the A631 West Bawtry Road and A57 Improvement Schemes when the schemes are submitted for full approval.

Maintenance

The allocation for maintenance for Rotherham is £2.291m. Additional information from the DfT has been provided that confirms the expected split between carriageway and bridge maintenance as shown below: -

Bridge Assessment & Strengthening:

PRN Bridges	£0.750m
Non PRN Bridges	£0.376m
Structural Maintenance of PRN carriageways	£0.218m
Structural Maintenance of non PRN carriageways	£0.947m

9.5 Objective 1

The settlement letter supported in part the Countywide Supplementary Bid to the amount of £5.735m. On the basis of the bid the Council has been allocated £1.735m

for schemes and projects that support the Objective 1 programme. Again, additional information from the DfT confirmed that they had arrived at this figure by considering the schemes that they thought were committed and needed continued support.

The need to continue to make progress towards targets and outcomes across the whole LTP programme has resulted in the following allocations being suggested for the main elements of the programme: -

Integrated Transport	£2.668m
O1 programme	£1.735m
Bridge Assessment & Strengthening of PRN bridges	£0.390m
Bridge Assessment & Strengthening of non PRN bridges	£0.376m
Structural Maintenance of PRN carriageways	£0.300m
Structural Maintenance of non PRN carriageways	£1.425m
TOTAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR 2005/06	£6.894m

Details of the provisional programmes for each of the above block allocations are given below.

Integrated Transport

The provisional programme is shown in Appendix A, attached to this report. This programme shows work continuing on the Quality Bus Corridors and associated sectors. Cabinet Member will recall approving schemes on the Thrybergh, Sheffield and Dearne (S) QBCs and in the Swinton, Whiston and Broom / Clifton and Aston / Aughton / Swallownest sectors.

Local Safety Schemes, aimed at reducing road accident casualties have also been approved. Further sites have now been identified and solutions will be developed during the year.

Objective 1 Programme

The provisional programme for O1 schemes includes for the completion of the Highfield Lane bridge. In addition, an amount will be set aside to contribute towards the cost of a new bridge at Parkgate to provide an additional access/egress to Retail World. This scheme is being funded from a combination of Objective 1 supplementary award, the PTE's capital programme and a contribution from the developer.

Bridge Assessment and Strengthening

The replacement of the Highfield Lane Bridge was originally intended to be funded from the Bridge Assessment and Strengthening programme, but insufficient funding had not, until recently been available. Objective 1 funding of £800,000 became available in 2004/05 enabling the scheme to be procured through the Strategic Partner. The costs for this scheme in 2005/06 are being met from both the O1 and BAS PRN allocations and the respective programmes in these areas amended to accommodate this. The programme for 2005/06 and this is detailed at Appendix B.

Structural Maintenance of Carriageways and Footways

The programmes for Structural Maintenance are listed in Appendix C and includes schemes on the principal and non-principal road network as well as small schemes on the unclassified road network and associated footways. The full programme can only be determined following completion of detailed inspections, currently underway, to produce priority assessment of known maintenance need sites.

As last year, part of the Structural Maintenance allocation, £150,000, will be used to fund further improvements to the street lighting stock in Rotherham.

8. Finance

This report deals with the finance of the Local Transport Capital Programme for 2005/06.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The allocations have been awarded as single-year Supported Capital Expenditure (Capital Grant (SCE(C))) approvals in accordance with the new prudential capital finance system. This means in effect that all funds will need to be spent by 31 March 2004. There is a risk that the full programme expenditure will not be achieved, although there are monitoring systems in place should be sufficient to ensure that the funds will be fully spent in working towards the Local Transport Plan objectives

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

Transport and the LTP/APR 'score' are crucial to our CPA assessment. As a means to various ends, accessibility and high quality transport systems and infrastructure are vital if we are to achieve the aims of the Community Strategies and the Corporate Plan. In addition, reduced funding will affect our ability to improve our performance on the transport related BVPIs.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

South Yorkshire Local Transport Plan 2001-06
Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber settlement letter dated 2 December 2004 and letters of clarification dated 11 and 19 January 2005.
Minute No. 168 of 7 February 2005.

Contact Name:

Dave James, Local Transport Plan Delivery Manager, Planning and Transportation Service, extension 2954, dave.james@rotherham.gov.uk

Appendix A: Integrated Transport and Objective 1 Programme for 2005/06

Scheme		Integrated Transport	Objective 1	Total
Quality Bus Corridors				
<u>Maltby</u>		280,000		280,000
	Bawtry Road bus lane extension			
	Bus stop improvements			
<u>Thrybergh</u>		225,000		225,000
	Mushroom Rdbt - pelican relocation			
	Fitzwilliam Road bus lane (o/b)			
<u>Dearne (S)</u>		100,000	450,000	550,000
	Retail World pelican crossing			
	Parkgate Bridge			
<u>Sheffield</u>		100,000	0	100,000
	Meadowbank Road / M1 J34			
	Sheffield Road / Old Sheffield Road			
	Meadowbank Road safety scheme			
<u>Chapelton</u>		100,000	0	100,000
	Bus stop improvements			
	A629 / Brookhill junction improvement			
	A629 / London Way signals			
Sectors				
<u>Maltby/ Wickersley</u>		120,000	0	120,000
	Maltby High Street - Phase 2			
	A631 Hellaby to Maltby Phase 1			
	Grange Lane, Maltby			
	Tickhill Road, Maltby			
	Northfield Lane, Wickersley			
<u>Broom/Clifton</u>		80,000	0	80,000
	Badsley Moor Lane, Clifton			
	Broom Valley Road			
	Moorhouse Lane, Whiston			
<u>Wath</u>		380,000	0	380,000
	Barnsley Road, Wath			
	Station Road Improvement			
<u>Swinton</u>		35,000		35,000
	Queen Street			
	Lime Grove - Phase 2			
<u>Rawmarsh</u>		30,000	0	30,000
	Barbers Avenue, Rawmarsh			
<u>Thrybergh</u>		35,000	0	35,000
	Park Lane, Thrybergh			
<u>Ferham / Kimberworth</u>		50,000		50,000
<u>Thorpe Hesley / Scholes</u>		30,000	0	30,000
<u>Greasbrough</u>		50,000	0	50,000
<u>Aston / Aughton / Swallownest</u>		100,000	0	100,000
	The Chase, Aston			
	Lodge Lane, Aughton			
	Aughton Road, Aughton			
<u>Brinsworth / Orgreave</u>		30,000	0	30,000
	Rotherham Road, Catcliffe			
<u>Dinnington / Anston / Laughton Common</u>		100,000		100,000
<u>Coalfields</u>		10,000	0	10,000

Scheme		Integrated Transport	Objective 1	Total
	Rural	25,000	0	25,000
	Woodsetts village traffic calming			
Local Safety Schemes		270,000	0	270,000
	A57, Todwick to Worksop boundary			
	Bonet Lane / Bawtry Road			
	Far Dalton Lane			
	Highthorn Road, Swinton			
	Anti skid surfacing			
Safer Routes to School		50,000	0	50,000
	School Travel Plan schemes			
Cycling		75,000	0	75,000
	Cycle parking			
	Cycle schemes			
	A618 cycle/footway			
Powered 2 wheelers		10,000	0	10,000
	P2W parking			
Demand Management				
	Travel Planning	25,000	0	25,000
	TravelWise Initiatives	25,000	0	25,000
Programme Development				
	Feasibility Studies etc.	50,000	0	50,000
	Consultation	20,000	0	20,000
	A631 and A57 Major Schemes	150,000	0	150,000
	LTP Director	45,000	0	45,000
Monitoring		40,000		40,000
Social Inclusion				
	Special Needs Transport	28,000	0	28,000
Highfield Lane Improvement		0	1,285,000	1,285,000
Programme Totals		2,668,000	1,735,000	4,403,000

Appendix B – Bridge Assessment and Strengthening

Scheme	Estimated Cost
A630 Tinsley Marshalling Yard Bridge	350,000
Structural Inspections / Assessments	40,000
TOTAL PROGRAMME	390,000

Appendix C – Structural Maintenance

Road Name	District	Year End	Comments
PRINCIPAL ROADS			
Hollowgate A6021	Wellgate	£112,000	Carriageway surfacing
Mansfield Road A618	Waleswood	£45,000	Carriageway surfacing.
Sub Total		£157,000	
NON PRINCIPAL ROADS			
Bonet Lane B6067	Brinsworth	£78,000	Carriageway surfacing.
Brecks Lane C275	Herringthorpe	£112,000	Carriageway surfacing.
Burrs Lane C162	Gildingwells	£45,000	Carriageway surfacing
Carriageway Microasphalt	Rotherham	£78,000	
Doncaster Road CUNN	Wath-upon-Dearne	£112,000	Carriageway surfacing.
Flanderwell Lane C101	Sunnyside	£112,000	Carriageway & footway surfacing
Main Street B6093	Bramley	£67,000	Carriageway surfacing.
Pontefract Road B6273	Brampton Bierlow	£67,000	Carriageway surfacing.
Ravenfield Lane B6093	Ravenfield	£67,000	Carriageway and footway surfacing.
Sheffield Road C-UNN	Swallownest	£56,000	Carriageway surfacing.
Wentworth Road B6090	Swinton	£112,000	Carriageway surfacing.
Sub Total		£906,000	
UNCLASSIFIED ROADS AND FOOTWAYS			
Footway Crossings		£76,000	Footway crossings.
Churchfield Drive	Wickersley	£112,000	Carriageway trial holes.
Drainage Works	Rotherham	£22,000	
Fellowsfield Way	Kimberworth	£112,000	Carriageway reconstruction.
Lidget Lane UC	Bramley	£112,000	Carriageway reconstruction.
Surface Dressing		£78,000	Carriageway surface dressing
Sub Total		£512,000	
Street Lighting Improvements		150,000	
TOTAL STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME FOR 2005/06		£1,725,000	

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Economic and Development Services
2.	Date:	4th April 2005
3.	Title:	Road safety on Rotherham Road Catcliffe – Minutes of a site meeting with Catcliffe Parish Council. Ward 3
4.	Programme Area:	Streetpride

5. Summary

To report the minutes of a site meeting with Catcliffe Parish Council to discuss road safety issues on Rotherham Road at Catcliffe.

6. Recommendations

- i) The minutes of the site meeting be noted;**
- ii) Investigations be undertaken into improving road safety on Rotherham Road, and to report the findings to the Cabinet Member for EDS.**

7. Proposals and Details

It is proposed to investigate improving road safety on Rotherham Road between its junction with New Brinsworth Road and Treeton Lane.

8. Finance

Funding for any works identified will be available from the LTP Integrated Transport Programme for 2005/06.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Not applicable in this instance.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

Any proposed scheme would be in line with objectives set out in the South Yorkshire Local Transport Plan, in conjunction with the Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council's Road Safety and Traffic Management strategies, for improving road safety.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Catcliffe Parish Council requested a site meeting to discuss road safety issues on Rotherham Road. A copy of the minutes of the site meeting, which was held on 14th March, are attached as Appendix A.

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Appendix A

Road Safety Issues on Rotherham Road, Catcliffe – notes of a site meeting held on 14 March 2005 at 5pm

Present:- Councillor Littleboy, Brian Jolly, Chairman of Catcliffe Parish Council, 4 other representatives of the Parish Council, and PC Suzanne Snowden.

and

Stuart Savage (SS), Streetpride, Highways and Traffic Group Section Engineer,
Matthew Lowe (ML) , Streetpride, Highways and Traffic Group Assistant Engineer

Matters Arising

The site meeting was called by Catcliffe Parish Council to discuss concerns about road safety on Rotherham Road.

Their main concerns relate to the speed and volume of traffic using Rotherham Road and the difficulty this creates for pedestrians wanting to cross the road. During the site meeting their main areas of concern were looked at. These included:-

- vehicles not stopping at the zebra crossing outside the school when pedestrians are waiting to cross;
- the speed of traffic, particularly outside the school
- the difficulty pedestrians have crossing the road near to the junction with Old School Lane;
- road safety at the junction of Rotherham Road and New Brinsworth Road.

Solutions to these problems were discussed and it was agreed that a proper investigation be carried out by SS and ML into the issues raised and the outcome be reported back to the Parish Council and Ward Members.

Resolved:- (i) Solutions be investigated to reduce the speed of traffic and improve the safety of crossing pedestrians and the outcome be reported back to the Cabinet Member for EDS, the Parish Council and Ward Members.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Delegated Powers
2.	Date:	4 April 2005
3.	Title:	Results of the Employee Opinion Survey 2004
4.	Programme Area:	Economic & Development Services

5. Summary

The report provides a summary of the findings from the Council's Employee Opinion Survey and compares the EDS results to those of the Council as a whole.

6. Recommendations

- 1. Cabinet member notes the report, and acknowledges the improved performance since last year, and the position compared to the Council as a whole.**

7. Proposals and Details

The survey by RBA Research Ltd is carried out annually, and the response rate for EDS was 28%, which equates to 421 responses.

The 5 highest scoring questions were as follows:

1. I understand my role and responsibilities with the Council
2. My Manager provides me with adequate support
3. My Manager trusts me to take responsibilities for my work
4. I can explain how I contribute to the achievements of my unit/service's aims and objectives
5. I received a copy of Unite

The results to the five questions are significantly higher than the Council average.

The 5 lowest scoring questions were:

1. I feel the Council deals effectively with excessive workloads
2. The different parts of the Council work well together
3. I think that communication between units/services with the Council is effective.
4. I feel that the Council deals effectively with stress
5. I think it is safe to speak up and challenge the way things are done in the Council

The 5 most improved questions since 2003 are:

1. I believe the Council provides good information about the training and development available to me
2. If I want to put forward ideas or suggestions for improvement, I know how to do so
3. I am satisfied with my current level of training and development
4. I am confident my ideas or suggestions will be listened to
5. I feel my job security at the Council is good

The results are summarised into 8 categories:

1. The Council
2. Your job
3. Your work environment
4. Your Manager
5. Performance & Development
6. Customer Service
7. Communication
8. Health, Safety and Welfare

The Council

In Economic and Development Services as a whole, the level of pride in working for the Council continues to increase (up from 54% in 2003 to 64%). 76% of EDS employees say the Council is a good employer (up 17% on 2003). This compares to 64% for RMBC overall. Within RiDO there has been a 27% increase since 2003 with 77% of employers saying they believe the Council is a good employer.

There has been an increase in the proportion of EDS employees who feel that senior management show effective leadership (up 12% from 30% in 2003 to 42%) and value the work that employees do (up 14% from 31% in 2003 to 45%).

Encouragingly, 76% of EDS employees, agree they can explain how they contribute to the achievement of the Council's aims and objectives (up 15% on 2003), while 87% can explain how they contribute to the achievement of their service's aims and objectives (up 10% from 2003).

For the new question added this year, 73% of EDS employees say they believe the Council is committed to equality and diversity.

Your Job

For EDS as a whole, 67% of employees feel their job security at the Council is good (up 19% on 2003) and within Business and Corporate Support Unit there has been a 29% increase (from 49% to 78% agreement).

Of the new questions added this year, 90% of EDS employees agree that they understand their role and responsibilities within the Council and 75% say they enjoy their job.

Your Work Environment

For EDS as a whole, 59% of employees agree they have the resources to do their job properly (up 9% on 2003). There has been a 25% increase within Business and Corporate Support Unit (from 51% in 2003 to 76%) while there has been a 12% decrease within RiDO (from 69% in 2003 to 57%).

35% of EDS employees say morale is high where they work (up 15% on 2003).

74% of EDS employees agree that their unit is always trying to improve the way they do things (up 14% from 60% in 2003 to 74%), and within Business and Corporate Support Unit there has been a 24% increase (from 56% in 2003 to 80%).

58% of EDS employees say they are encouraged to try out new ideas and approaches (up 10% on 2003).

There has been a 13% increase in EDS employees agreeing that the different parts of the Council work well together (from 12% in 2003 to 25%)

Your Manager

For EDS as a whole, 89% of employees say their manager trusts them to take responsibility for their work (up 1% on 2003) and 70% say that their manager recognises and acknowledges when they have done their job well (up 4% on 2003). This compares to 86% and 66% respectively for RMBC overall.

There has been a 10% increase in EDS employees who say their manager motivates them to do their job well (from 48% in 2003 to 58%) with a 25% increase within Business and Corporate Support Unit (from 38% in 2003 to 63%).

70% of EDS employees say their manager is open and honest with them (up 11% on 2003) compared to 63% for RMBC overall.

Performance and Development

Overall, 77% of EDS employees have had a Performance and Development Review in the last 12 months. This is 4% up on 2003 (73%) and is higher than the RMBC overall figure of 54%. Of those who have had a review, 43% have discussed their Personal Development Plan with their manager since the review. This is a 16% increase on last year.

61% of EDS employees are satisfied with their current level of training and development (up 19% on 2003) and 6% higher than the RMBC overall result (55%). Receiving constructive and appropriate feedback from managers is more common in 2004, with 57% of EDS employees receiving such feedback, compared to 42% in 2003.

There has been a 14% increase in the proportion of EDS employees who feel they have the opportunity for personal development and growth within the Council (48% compared to 34% last year).

41% of EDS employees say across the Council they help each other learn and develop (16% up on 2003).

There has been a 22% increase in the proportion of EDS employees who believe that the Council provides good information about the training and development available to them (up from 42% in 2003 to 64%). This compares to 53% for RMBC overall.

Customer Service

Views of customer service are more favourable than in 2003 with significant improvements in all criteria. The figures are also higher than the RMBC overall results of 69%, 62% and 58% respectively.

69% of respondents feel we act on feedback received from customers (EDS 79%).
62% of respondents feel that customers are regularly consulted (EDS 68%).
58% of respondents feel the quality of the service has improved over the last 12 months (EDS 64%).

There has been a 15% increase in the proportion of Business and Corporate Support Unit who say their customers are regularly consulted as to their needs and expectations (from 44% in 2003 to 59%).

Communication

60% of EDS employees feel it is safe to express their opinions at work (up 11% from 2003) and 4% higher than the RMBC overall results of 56%, while 32% feel it is safe to speak up and challenge the way things are done in the Council (up 8% from 2003).

Within EDS team meetings are happening less regularly than in 2003, with 70% of EDS employees having regular team meetings (down 2% on 2003). However, this is 4% higher than the RMBC overall figure (66%). There has been an increase in the proportion of employees who feel their team meetings are effective in allowing them to share information (up 3% from 61% in 2003 to 64%) and in allowing them to plan work (up 1% from 50% in 2003 to 51%).

There have been large increases amongst Business and Support Unit employees where 78% say their team meetings are effective in allowing them to share information (up 22% from 56% in 2003 to 78%) and in allowing them to plan work (up 17% from 51% in 2003 to 68%). Positively, 86% of Planning and Transportation Service employees say their team meetings are effective in allowing them to share information.

EDS employees are more likely than in 2003 to feel the information they receive is understandable, well presented, relevant to them and timely. There have been large increases in those who say the information is relevant to them (up 18% on 2003) and understandable (up 10% on 2003). The results are higher than those for the Council as a whole. Again there have been large increases within Business and Corporate Support Unit.

50% of EDS employees say they are kept well informed about what the Council is doing (up 6% on 2003).

Awareness of the Council's Employee Suggestion Scheme has again increased (by 4% from 63% in 2003 to 67%). When we look at employees confidence that their ideas or suggestions will be listened to and that they would get feedback on their ideas, the figures are still relatively low (40% and 37% respectively). These results are in line with those for RMBC overall (39% and 37% respectively). However, they are a vast improvement on 2003 with increases of 19% and 14% respectively.

Health, Safety and Welfare

EDS employees have increased confidence that the Council deals effectively with stress issues of its employees, excessive workloads and bullying and harassment. There have been increases of 12%, 11% and 10% respectively since 2003.

61% of EDS employees feel able to strike the right balance between their work and home life (up 7% on 2003). There has been a 17% increase within Business and Corporate Support Unit but a 3% decrease within Planning and Transportation.

There have been improvements when it comes to workloads. 30% of EDS employees feel they are given unreasonable workloads, compared to 39% in 2003. It follows that there has been a 15% increase in those who feel they have enough time to do their job effectively (43% compared to 28% in 2003). Also, there has been a 12% decrease in those EDS employees who feel stressed due to work life (44% compared to 56% in 2003) which includes a 21% decrease for Business and Corporate Support Unit but a 17% increase for Planning and Transportation.

Summary

Overall, the results show a substantial improvement on last year. One particular note is the significant improvement in the Business Unit, which demonstrates both the impact of the Career Grade Scheme and the new management structure of the team.

8. Finance

No financial implications at this stage.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

An action plan will need to be produced, to address areas of concerns and ensure that the Directorate continues to improve its workforce development.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The emerging Corporate Plan identifies the fact that staff are a key resource. A Workforce Development Strategy is being produced, and the production of such a strategy is a target in the draft Corporate Plan.

The results of the survey would help to inform the strategy.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

2004 Employee Opinion Survey

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