



**CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, CULTURE AND LEISURE SERVICES  
TUESDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER, 2004**

Present:- Councillor Boyes (in the Chair); Councillors Austen and Littleboy.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Rushforth.

**95. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON 19TH AND 26TH  
OCTOBER, 2004**

The minutes of meetings held on 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2004 were agreed as a correct record.

**96. CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL CO-ORDINATING GROUP**

The minutes of a meeting of the Christmas Carnival Co-ordinating Group held on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2004 were received.

**97. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUB-GROUP**

The minutes of a meeting of the Children and Young People's Sub-Group held on 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2004 were received.

**98. THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN OTHERWISE THAN AT SCHOOL**

Consideration was given to a report of the Acting Head of Inclusion Services, together with a policy document entitled The Education of Children Otherwise than at School, about the policy to demonstrate how the Council fulfils its statutory duty to make arrangements for the provision of suitable education, otherwise than at school, for children of compulsory school age who, by reason of illness, exclusion from school or otherwise, will not receive a suitable education without these arrangements.

The policy recognises that for some young people there are periods in their lives when their medical needs prevent them from attending school or they are emotionally vulnerable, unable to cope with the structures and routines of school or experience exclusion from school as a result of exceptionally challenging and difficult behaviours.

In such situations, a period of time in an alternative education setting is appropriate to enable the child or young person to move forward in their lives. Such settings include Pupils Referral Units, Maple House, Welcome Centre, Hospital Teaching and the Home Tuition Service.

The policy focuses on ensuring that Rotherham pupils at risk of social exclusion for a variety of reasons are identified and systems are in place to ensure that each is able to access and receive a suitable education.

Members noted that this policy had been prepared in accordance with guidance issued by the Department for Education and Skills.

Resolved:- (1) That the policy be adopted.

(2) That the current provision for pupils requiring education otherwise than at schools be noted.

(3) That a further report be submitted to a future meeting, providing summary details of pupils being educated otherwise than at school.

**99. MODEL ANTI-BULLYING POLICY**

Consideration was given to a report of the Acting Head of Inclusion Support Services about the policy to support schools in meeting their responsibilities to promote and implement an anti-bullying policy and practice as part of safeguarding children and young people. A model Anti-Bullying Policy was attached to the report.

The policy defines bullying as aggressive or insulting behaviour by an individual or group, often repeated over a period of time that intentionally hurts or harms. Research confirms the destructive effects of bullying on young people's lives.

A proactive approach by schools and early intervention to prevent bullying, combined with robust procedures to deal firmly with any reported incidents of bullying, makes an important contribution to safeguarding children and young people.

A guidance folder for schools which promotes excellent practice will be published in December 2004.

Members noted that this policy had been prepared in accordance with guidance issued by the Department for Education and Skills.

Resolved:- (1) That the model policy be adopted.

(2) That the policy is circulated to all schools and their Governing Bodies with a recommendation to adopt the policy.

(The Chairman authorised consideration of the following item to enable Members to be kept informed of the issues)

**100. SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY - TOWARDS INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS**

The Acting Strategic Leader, Inclusion, submitted details of the report recently published by H.M. Schools Inspectorate, entitled "SEN and Disability – Towards Inclusive Schools".

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Information was provided about Rotherham's current provision for pupils with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties.

Members noted that the report was also to be submitted to the Lifelong Learning Opportunities Panel.

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

**EDUCATION, CULTURE AND LEISURE SERVICES**  
**16th November, 2004**

Present:- Councillor Boyes (in the Chair); Councillors Austen, Littleboy and Rushforth.

**101. MINUTES OF A PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Education, Culture and Leisure Services held on the 2nd November, 2004 were agreed as a correct record.

**102. "BETTER LEARNING, BETTER LIFE" - PRESENTATION**

The Acting Executive Director , Education, Culture and Leisure Services, outlined the context and background to "Better Learning, Better Life" and went on to comment on various aspects relating to the following :-

- The DfES 5 year Strategy for Children and Learners
- Raising achievement
- Inclusive learning communities
- Enjoyment and personal development
- Innovation and integration, the various packages available
- Excellence through partnership having regard to the diversity of learners and providers
- Relationships with schools
- Development of the Children & Young Peoples' Services
- Strengthening joint LEA/LSC working
- Designing and building the future together with emphasis on skills for life
- All of us matter in Rotherham
- The need to fulfil potential and our promise

Members welcomed the presentation and were appreciative of its content.

**103. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Resolved:- That, under Section 100(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 8 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (report contains contractual and financial information)

**104. WATH VICTORIA J. & I. SCHOOL - NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD NURSERY AND SURESTART CHILDRENS' CENTRE**

It was reported that the Wath Victoria J. & I. School project is part of the "Surestart Childrens' Centre Programme" which also supports the Early

Years programme by providing purpose built and designed Childrens' Centres and Nursery Units.

The contract for this project involves an extension to the existing school and will link with the existing Foundation Stage Unit.

Through the procurement strategy for construction related services, BIRSE were appointed as a strategic contracting partner and selected to act as the main contractor to manage the contract to construct the Neighbourhood Nursery and Surestart Childrens' Centre.

The report submitted set out how BIRSE were selected. The Target Cost and Guarantee Maximum Price for the project were then negotiated with BIRSE.

The total cost of the project was noted along with how it would be funded.

Resolved:- That the Target Cost and Guaranteed Maximum Price as negotiated with BIRSE for the New Neighbourhood Nursery and Surestart Childrens' Centre at Wath Victoria J. & I. School be accepted and a start be made on site subject to the conditions of contract being agreed.

(The Chairman authorised consideration of the above item to enable urgent action to be taken)

**105. DINNERINGTON COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL - SPORTS PAVILION AND SYNTHETIC TURF PITCH - TENDER REPORT**

Consideration was given to the content of a report which was submitted in order to obtain approval to accept a negotiated tender from Housing Services for the construction of a Sports Pavilion and Synthetic Turf Pitch with floodlights at Dinnington Comprehensive School.

The report submitted set out details of the contract along with the reasons for negotiating a contract with Housing Services. The report also indicated how the project would be funded.

Members discussed the management of and public accessibility to such facilities in the Borough and the need to have a good spread of quality provision within easy reach of the public.

Resolved:- (1) That the Target Cost Tender Sum and Gross Maximum Price negotiated with Housing Services for the Sports Pavilion and Synthetic Turf Pitch at Dinnington Comprehensive School be accepted and a start be made on site on or after the 6th December, 2004, subject to final approval of the funder, New Opportunities Fund, and to the conditions of contract being agreed.

(2) That information be submitted to a future meeting mapping out the provision of sports facilities in the Borough and how gaps in provision could possibly be filled.

**RMBC LEISURE/JOINT SERVICE CENTRE PROJECT BOARD**  
**4<sup>th</sup> November, 2004**

**Present:-**

Councillor Georgina Boyes	Cabinet Member, Education, Culture and Leisure Services <b>(in the Chair)</b>
Derrick Connolly	Capital Project Development Manager, Culture, Leisure and Lifelong Learning
Tony Preston	Business Development Manager, Education, Culture and Leisure Services
Peter Ross	Consultant
Graham Sinclair	Acting Strategic Leader, Resources and Information, Education, Culture and Leisure Services
Adam Wilkinson	Executive Director, Economic and Development Services

**Apologies for Absence:-**

Kath Atkinson	Director of Strategic Planning and Development, Primary Care Trust
Andrew Bedford	Executive Director, Education, Culture and Leisure Services
Councillor G. Smith	Cabinet Member, Economic and Development Services

**50/04 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting of this Project Board held on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2004, were agreed as a correct record.

**51/04 General Progress Report****Programme Update**

Graham Sinclair reported on discussions that had taken place since the last meeting. Consideration had been given to two options (removal of the St. Ann's scheme from the project and the splitting of the bid between construction contract and leisure management) and were currently not recommended for implementation.

The proposed option combined the remaining options previously identified but more work was necessary in order to prepare:-

- 'Priorities and Parameters' checklist
- Benchmarking mechanism
- Reviewing the outline business case

This meant a delay in issuing the ITN, now scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2005. This should not cause an overall delay in the programme as the extra work undertaken would mean that the evaluation and negotiation periods could be concluded more speedily. The extra work also:-

- Allowed the maximum possible opportunity to achieve two full bidders
- Allowed an opportunity to continue to pursue the 'Two Bidders/One Bank' option
- Provided safeguards to enable progression with the 'One Consortium' option if necessary

Before the release of the ITN, the list of key issues for the Council had to be prepared, issued and responses received. This would form part of the pre-qualification process. Additionally, there would be tests to be undertaken which would now include acceptance of the existence of the indicators and preparation of the bench marking information (statistical and financial), to be issued with the ITN on the 12<sup>th</sup> January. Bidders then had 3 months to respond followed by 55 days for the Council's evaluation and subsequently 105 days for negotiation. The Council would be looking to a declaration of the potential partner in June, 2005 followed by detailed negotiation and a start on site in October, 2005.



It was proposed that a meeting be convened of the Leader, Cabinet Members for Education, Culture and Leisure Services and Economic and Development Services and the Chief Executive to appraise them of the current situation and the proposed option with a report being submitted to the 22<sup>nd</sup> December meeting of the Cabinet.

**52/04 Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

**53/04 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Project Board would take place at the Town Hall, Moorgate Street, Rotherham, on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2004, commencing at 8.30 a.m.

**LOCAL ADMISSIONS FORUM  
11th November, 2004**

Present:- Mr. B. N. Sampson (Church of England), Mrs. G. Atkin (Church of England), Mr. P. Storey (Diocese of Hallam), Mr. F. Hedge (Community Representative) and Mr. G. Lancashire (Junior and Infant Schools)

Also in attendance were Mrs. J. Griffiths, Mr. D. Hill , Miss. M. Jordan (LEA) and Tom Minett (RMBC)

**1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

Agreed:- That Councillor Hodgkiss be appointed Chairman of this Forum for the 2004/05 Municipal Year.

(Mr. B. N. Sampson took the Chair for this meeting)

**2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Agreed:- That Mrs. I. Hartley be appointed Vice-Chairman of this forum for the 2004/05 Municipal Year.

**3. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Boyes, Austen and Hodgkiss, Mrs. P. Powell, Mrs. I. Hartley and Mr. M. Robertson.

**4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE LOCAL ADMISSIONS FORUM HELD ON 13TH MAY, 2004**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13th May, 2004 were accepted as a true record.

**5. MATTERS ARISING - ADMISSION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL 2005/06 - DRAFT BOOKLET**

Marina Jordan informed the meeting that the booklet had been submitted to the Press Office for comments on the content.

Some amendments had been suggested which were incorporated prior to the booklet being distributed.

**6. MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SCHOOL ORGANISATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2004**

The minutes of the meeting of the above Committee were received and the content noted.

**7. MATTERS ARISING - SCHOOL ORGANISATION PLAN 2003/04 TO 2007/08**

David Hill informed the meeting of the up to date situation regarding new build projects.

It was noted that Rotherham schools were still popular with parents that lived outside the Borough, the effect of this and the difficulties that can result for Rotherham schools when places were allowed for extra district pupils were outlined.

The meeting was informed of the situation for 2004 in respect of the number of appeals heard compared with previous years.

The number had been reduced, the main reduction being the number of appeals heard for Church Aided Schools.

## 8. ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION 2006/07

Marina Jordan and Joanne Griffiths reported on the content of a report which, for admission numbers and admissions criteria, gave governors the opportunity to consider the admission arrangements which will apply for 2006/07.

The Local Admissions Forum has previously considered the requirements for consultation and has agreed that the LEA should facilitate this, as far as possible, by use of the Authority's Internet site.

The timetable for consideration of the arrangements is :-

Autumn Term 2004	Governing bodies consider the arrangements which will apply
By 14th January 2005	All relevant details to be forwarded to the LEA
18th January – 1st March 2005	Period of consultation via the LEA's website
By end of March	LEA and other Local Admission Forum consider any changes and forward any comments to appropriate Admission Authority(ies)
By 15th April 2005	All admission authorities to determine their arrangements and notify those consulted.

The report submitted set out the arrangements for Voluntary Aided Schools and for Community Controlled Schools.

Admission numbers, for all schools, for 2005/06 and proposed numbers for 2006/07 were submitted with the report along with advice on action to be taken in order to agree, or not, to the admission number indicated.

Reference was made to the co-ordinated admission arrangements from 2005/06, it being noted that it was intended to amend the scheme for

secondary preferences for 2006/07.

This was only in respect of extending the existing arrangements in South Yorkshire to include Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.

Discussion took place on the admission arrangements for pupils with special needs, whether stated or not.

It was acknowledged that there would be more pupils with special needs in mainstream schools with physical difficulties (without statement) due to increased inclusion. The effect of this on a school's admission criteria was referred to. It would be considered under category (v) for community schools (specific medical reason), as was the reasonableness/practicality of a particular school for a child with special needs e.g. accessibility and / or curriculum requirements.

The Booklet and Common Application Form included reference to the need for parents to inform the Authority/School Governing Body of a child's medical needs. This would enable teaching staff to be made aware at an early stage of a child's requirements both educationally and physically.

The possible effect on schools' budgets was referred to should adaptations be required to cater for a child's needs and the need for schools to have an access plan. Such issues were to be considered when designing future plans of school buildings.

It was accepted that schools which were suitably adapted could receive a disproportionate number of children with a disability, although the numbers involved were low.

Agreed- That the report be received.

## **9. CO-ORDINATED ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS**

Marina Jordon and Joanne Griffiths gave information in respect of :-

(a) the responses received from aided schools and other LEAs. The process appeared to be operating satisfactorily;

(b) the situation whereby parents were reminded to submit a preference for a school.;

(c) the relatively few queries received in respect of the new arrangements, the majority being from parents not living in the Rotherham LEA;

(d) the timetable for the co-ordinated arrangements;

(e) the questionnaire in the booklet (parental survey) and early responses

indicating that the information set out was in a way which parents could understand.

**10. PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ADMISSION BOOKLETS**

Booklets were distributed to those present. It was explained that the information contained therein was available in different formats.

**11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Agreed:- That the next meeting be arranged for Thursday 17th March, 2005 commencing at 9.30 a.m.

<b>ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS</b>
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<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Cabinet Member and Advisers</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> November 2004</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Young People's Services Update</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Programme Area:</b>	<b>ECALS</b>

**5. Summary:** Members have requested an update from Young People's Services as to progress and developments. This report provides this information.

**6. Recommendations:**

**Members are asked to note:**

- **Progress in the development of the Service.**
- **The budget issues facing the Service in 2005/6.**

**Members are asked to consider the appropriateness of Member involvement in the peer evaluation process.**

**Members are invited to visit the new Young People's Centres being built through the PFI programme to see first hand the new quality provision that is being developed**

**7. Proposals and Details:**

**The Green Paper**

The Government is currently writing a Green paper on Youth. This is likely to have considerable implications for Young People's Services. The Green paper is likely to focus on an 'offer to young people' outlining what they can expect from out of school services. An increased availability of 'things to do and places to go' is likely to be part of this offer as is a specification of the information, advice and counselling services that young people should receive.

The Paper is also likely to review the Statutory/Voluntary sector relationship and outline how the sectors should work together.

Options for the future of the Connexions Services are also likely to be contained within the paper.

A further paper to Members will be offered once the Green Paper has been published – this is likely to be in December.

**Children and Young People's Services**

The Service has been very supportive to the development of the Children and Young People's Services (CYPS) agenda. We are taking the lead on the Voice and Influence development strand and are actively involved in the Clifton area pilot. We are committed to the better joining up of services and will continue to prioritise our involvement in CYPS developments.

**Transforming Youth Work**

Members have received earlier reports informing them of the Government initiative 'Transforming Youth Work' which seeks to transform the quality and quantity of youth work nationally. The Service is committed to responding to this initiative and is working hard to improve standards so that we achieve the minimum of a 'good' categorisation in our next Ofsted inspection. In order to achieve this we have instigated developments in several areas.

- **13-19 Focus**

Transforming Youth Work tasked Youth Services to spend 80% of their budget on the 13-19 age range. This has now been achieved. Latest returns show that 85% of contacts are in this range.

- **Quality Mark**

The National Youth Agency has recently published draft standards that Services will need to meet in order to gain the NYA 'Quality Mark'. RYPS is part of a national reference group helping develop the Mark, we have committed ourselves to meeting the targets within the 2005/6 financial and we have started the development process that will result in this end. We are determined to be one of the first Services in the country to be awarded the new Quality Mark.

- **Accreditation**

Within 'Transforming Youth Work' and 'Resourcing Excellent Youth Services' (DfES 2002) (REYS) the Government set targets for both accredited (formal) and recorded (more informal) outcomes. The Service has been working hard to develop systems to record and meet these outcomes and will meet both targets for this financial year. The robust mechanisms designed to demonstrate that we have met the target will be in place by April 2005. The REYS accreditation targets are likely to be included in a new best Value Performance Indicator for 2005/6.

- **Quality Assurance**

Quality Assurance has been a key development issue for the Service over the past year. A quality assurance policy has been written and several new initiatives put in place. The Service now has:

- A peer evaluation structure that inspects and reports on the quality of provision which involves both staff and young people. Members are asked to consider the appropriateness of Member involvement in this peer evaluation process.
- A monitoring process involving Officers and Senior Workers that inspects provision on an ongoing basis.
- A user satisfaction process which consults with young people twice a year.
- Developed a 'Balance Scorecard' of performance indicators which will be used to monitor performance from the start of 2005/6.
- Risk Assessments for all units and areas of work.

- **Staff Development**

Staff Development continues to be a high priority so that the Service can 'grow' its own workers. The staff development policy was accredited by the National Youth Agency in 2003 and provision continues to be of a high quality.

The Service delivers a range of in-service courses including a RVQ level two in youth work accredited by ABC. An RVQ level 3 is currently being developed.



- **eYS**

The Service is developing a Web based Management Information System (eYS) so as to greatly improve the information it has available on who it works with as well as where and why. The introduction of eYS has meant a great deal of investment in an ICT infrastructure for the Service together with an intensive programme of staff training. Ninety percent of the Service should be inputting directly onto eYS by April 2005. This development should vastly improve the quality of information that the Service can provide to Members.

### **Service development**

- **Voice and Influence**

Voice and Influence continues to be a core area of work for the Service. Building in young people's involvement into all decision making processes that affect them is an important and ongoing area of work.

Voice and Influence has been made a pilot area of work for the emergent Children and Young People's Services agenda and successful events with the Corporate Management Team and the Local Strategic Partnership, involving young people, have been held in the last few weeks. Young people's contributions to the Children and Young People's Services conferences (All of us Matter) at Helleby Hall and the LSP's Future of Rotherham Conference were also well received.

The work in building a School Council in every Rotherham school is developing well. So far 16 out of 17 secondary schools have been involved in the Youth Cabinet and the majority now have some form of school council.

The challenge now is to build a permanent structure in Rotherham that builds Voice and Influence into the everyday life of the borough. A further paper to Members will be brought forward in due course.

A recent example of good Voice and Influence practice has been the consultation with young people around the Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy. This has involved over 250 young people and was commissioned by the Safer Rotherham Partnership.

- **Detached Work**

The development of detached work across the borough continues to be problematic. We are advertising again for a senior worker to co-ordinate detached work after failing to appoint twice in recent months. Detached teams exist in the East Team (centred on the Clifton area and Asian young people in the central town area) and in the West Team but vacancies and lack of funding means that provision in the North and South is still patchy.

- **International Work**

International work is still a strength of the Service and groups have recently visited Sweden and Tanzania. The current international situation means that extra care needs to be taken in the planning of visits but this does not mean the work has to stop – just that the risk assessment process needs to be rigorous.

- **Outdoor Education - Longdendale**

Longdendale Outdoor Education Centre was destroyed by fire in September 2002. Designs have now been prepared and the rebuild of the Centre has recently gone out to tender. Once the tender cost is known a paper will be prepared for CMT asking for permission to proceed. At the end of the process Rotherham should have the only purpose built outdoor education centre up to Disability Discrimination Act standards in the whole of the Peak District.

- **Health Work**

Work around the health curriculum continues to be a major focus for the Service.

- Youth Start provides the only specialist advice, information and counselling service for young people in the borough. This is delivered both through town centre premises and extensive outreach sessions.
- The Service either manages, or is one of the partners within, a range of sexual health clinics across the borough.
- Risky Business continues to work with young people at risk of sexual exploitation and a full-time post was brought mainstream in 2004/5.
- Centres across the borough deliver a range of health related projects and curriculum sessions.
- The Lesbian, Gay, Bi – Sexual Youth Group has secured the funding to develop a Peer Education Project around LGB issues over the next 18 months. Producing an easy to access guide to the referral system into the LGB group is one of its current tasks as well as providing information on other agencies and support systems for Rotherham LGB young people.

## **Connexions**

The future of the Connexions Service and Strategy is in some doubt. Changes in VAT regulations has meant that the sub-contracting model has become unsustainable and Connexions South Yorkshire Limited are currently negotiating with RMBC for the transfer of their responsibilities to the Local Authority Sector with RMBC acting as a Lead Body.

Whether Connexions funding in the future will be redirected through the emergent Children and Young People's Partnerships is still an open question and therefore a total restructuring with the next year of the way Connexions is delivered is a distinct possibility.

Further papers to members will be submitted as this agenda develops.

### **Youth Start**

Youth Start is the town centre information, advice and counselling service for all young people 11-25 years old. The unit is housed within the Starting Point building which has recently been sold the RCAT. Discussions are ongoing with RCAT about the long-term future of the building but agreement has been reached for Youth Start to remain where it is at least until Summer 2005.

After this date a partnership is possible with the College where Youth Start would be housed within the new college development offering services to all young people from a new, modern College development.

### **Premises**

The past year has seen much progress with the improvement of YPS premises. Two new Young People's Centres have been opened at Thornhill and Wingfield and three more will be built/refurbished over the next two years at Clifton, Thrybergh and Wath with a smaller presence within the new Wickersley building. This has been made possible through the Schools PFI programme. Members are invited to visit the new buildings to see first hand the new quality provision that is being developed.

DfES Disability Discrimination Act monies have allowed work on several Centres and this money, combined with mainstream and Connexions allocations has meant buildings at Chislett, Bramley, Dinnington, Maltby and Dalton are much improved.

However, where external monies cannot be accessed then the state of buildings can still be very poor and Centres such as those at Treeton, Catcliffe, Parkgate and Brampton are in desperate need of investment. Such investment will need to be a priority for the coming year.

8. **Finance:** Young People's Services is predicting an out turn in line with allocated budgets for 2004/5. The 2003/4 out turn was within £5000 of the allocated budget.

However, the 2005/6 budget has significant potential pressures. The £200,000 NRF funding which was allocated by Members in 2002/3 finishes at the end of the financial year and this currently funds core services. This amount of funding is therefore needed to keep services at their current level in addition to any normal inflation increase. If the Service was not to secure the additional funding up to forty redundancies could result.

In addition the Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC) for Youth and Community Workers has just settled the 2003/4 pay award and a totally new set of grades for JNC workers have been agreed. This seems certain to add an above inflation increase to the 2005/6 wages bill. A report will be brought to Members outlining the issues once local negotiations are completed.

- 9. Risks and Uncertainties:** This paper represents a general update on progress with the development of Young People's Services. There are no risks associated specifically within this paper other than those outlined in section eight and those concerning Longdendale which have been reported separately.
- 10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications:** Young People's Services is a key mechanism through which the Council delivers its overall agenda to young people.

All our services aim to involve young people in issues of social and economic regeneration.

We work within a framework of equal opportunities and we represent a key way in which the Council addresses issues of discrimination. We specifically target our work at those communities most in need.

We deliver extensive services around the health agenda with up to £200,000 being spent delivering the health related curriculum.

The Service is a major contributor to the work of the Safer Rotherham Partnership and works with young people both as victims and perpetrators of crime.

**11. Background Papers and Consultation**

'Transforming Youth Work' (DfES 2001)

'Resourcing Excellent Youth Service' (DfES 2002)

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**REPORTS – CHECKSHEET**

***This Checksheet must be completed by all report writers and the Democratic Services Officer.***

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Cabinet Member and Advisers</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> November 2004</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Young People’s Services Update</b>
<b>Programme Area:</b>	<b>ECALS</b>

1. Have you completed this report strictly in accordance with the Cabinet template and guidance notes?

**YES/NO**

*(The template/guidance notes can be used from the Intranet – Resources A-Z under “C” for Cabinet report.*

2. Has the Chief Executive or relevant Executive Director approved this report for consideration by Members?

**YES/NO**

Name of Report Author:- Rod Norton

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