

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, CULTURE AND LEISURE SERVICES**

**Venue: Town Hall, Moorgate  
Street, Rotherham.**

**Date: Tuesday, 18 January 2005**

**Time: 8.30 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. Rotherham Cultural Consortium (Pages 1 - 9)  
- to receive minutes
4. Summer 2004 Key Stage 2 Assessment Results (Pages 10 - 17)  
- to inform of Key Stage 2 attainment in Rotherham Primary Schools in 2004
5. Ofsted Inspections of Rotherham Schools: Summer and Autumn Terms 2004 (OFSTED Section 10 reports for all schools inspected - NOT AVAILABLE ELECTRONICALLY). (Pages 18 - 21)  
- to inform Members of the outcome of the Ofsted inspection of those schools inspected during the Autumn and Summer Terms
6. Education, Culture and Leisure Complaints Summary April-September, 2004 (Pages 22 - 26)

**(The Chairman authorised consideration of the following open item at the meeting to enable Members to be informed of the current situation).**

7. School Balances and Planned Use (Pete Hudson, Strategic Finance Officer) (report herewith). (Pages 27 - 33)

**The following item is likely to be considered in the absence of the press and public as being exempt under Paragraph 8 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972:-**

8. Opening of Tenders - New Library and Clinic Building at Ellis Street, Brinsworth, Rotherham. (Pages 34 - 35)
9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

**ROTHERHAM CULTURAL CONSORTIUM  
WEDNESDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 2004**

Present:- Councillor Boyes (**in the Chair**)

Councillor K. Wyatt

Mrs. E. Temple

Mr. S. Lister

Mr. B. Beeley

Mrs. J. Williams

Ms. C. Cox

Mr. R. Newman

Mr. D. Gayton

Mr. R. Bye

R.M.B.C. Officers:-

Mr. Guy Kilminster

Manager, Libraries, Museums & Arts

Mr. Tony Preston

Project Development Manager, Culture, Leisure & Learning

Lifelong

Mrs. Marie Hayes

Commercial & Promotional Services Manager

Mr. Steve Hallsworth

Business Manager, Leisure and Green Spaces, Culture, Leisure and Lifelong Learning

**13. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Austen, Littleboy and St. John, Martin Happs, Val Allen, Michelle Mellor (representing Tourism Officer) and Tony Clabby.

**14. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15TH SEPTEMBER, 2004**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a correct record.

**15. MATTERS ARISING**

**(a) The Old Three Cranes, High Street**

In response to a question raised regarding the present position of ownership of these premises, the meeting was informed that the owner had now sold it on. Economic and Development Services was currently trying to ascertain the name of the purchaser.

The main issue for the Council was the need to act upon a Notice served requiring the removal of the shop front or action to tone it down. There was presently no Conservation Officer in post within Economic and Development Services.

Agreed:- That Councillor Boyes raise this matter with the Executive Director, Economic and Development Services at the next meeting of the

Property Board.

**(b) St. Ann's Swimming Pool**

A question was raised regarding the completion date of 2007 for the new central swimming pool and whether this continued to be on target.

It was confirmed that this remained the case.

**16. FUTURE PERFECT: ROTHERHAM'S CULTURAL STRATEGY**

Quarterly update reports were given on the implementation of individual elements of the Future Perfect Action Plan, as follows:-

**Museum & Arts** - The official opening of the newly refurbished Museum would take place on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2005 and all members of the Consortium would receive an invitation to attend.

A "soft" opening for members of the public was planned for Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2005 and work was on target to meet this date.

It had been almost seven years since the original bid had been submitted to Heritage Lottery Council which was the usual timescale for projects of this size.

Building work was expected to be completed by Christmas 2004.

Display units were now well under way and graphic panels had arrived. Staff were moving back and the installation of objects started next week. A great deal of work was to be done in the next six weeks.

The meeting paid tribute to all staff for their efforts in achieving the completion of a massive project to schedule.

The new museum was a significant improvement and the project had dominated other work.

Members of the Consortium paid compliments to Friends Groups which it was felt had been crucial to the success of the project and looked forward to the opening of such a prestigious project.

**Libraries** – Excellent news was that Charter Mark status had recently been awarded for good customer focus within the Library Service.

In addition, the Authority had recently been awarded overall scores of 3 for their approach to 'Framework for the Future' and in relation to Public Library Standards. This compared to scores of 3 and 1 last year.

This was viewed as a good foundation to build on and was a consequence of the hard work of library staff.

Library Standards remained challenging and new challenges remained to be focused on next year. Work was ongoing to identify what those challenges were and how it was possible to meet them.

Councillor Boyes made the point that both awards were of great benefit to the Council in terms of the way it was regarded and assessed both locally and nationally. It was particularly pleasing to have a representative from the IdEA peer assessors from other Councils to look at developing excellent targets in Councils across the country who had made a request to work with Rotherham to improve Library Services in general and to learn from Rotherham's good work. Officers from Rotherham had also been invited to Kent County Council to discuss good practice in Rotherham.

It was noted that Assessors had commented on the good relationships with Friends Groups and the whole range of support in order to achieve success in this work.

Particular reference was made to the good work carried out by the Friends of Maltby Library and Junior Cricket Club.

Questions were raised on the following areas of work:-

- purchase of books produced locally – funding initiatives
- accessing new cataloguing system on line
- future work/plans to address the physical condition of libraries and need for new build
- local funding/editorial support for local history writers

The meeting noted the new appointment of Sarah Wickham, Principal Officer to the Archives and Local Studies Service.

The meeting praised the hard work and dedication of the staff of the Archives Department, in particular to research and support recently given to the Rotherham Rep.

Agreed:- That the Manager, Libraries, Museums and Arts liaise with colleagues regarding issues raised in the discussion of this item and feed back advice to relevant members of the consortium.

**Theatre and Arts Centre** – The Pantomime had opened to the public this week. Tickets were still available but the number of seats sold and revenue from sales had increased compared to last year.

A recent visit had been made to the Brindley Theatre and Arts Centre in Runcorn (Halton) – a new impressive complex. The visit had included a Learning Centre and Sports Stadium and had been worthwhile.

One member referred to the recent success of a play performed by

Rotherham Rep and felt it should be preserved as a Rotherham play. It was further suggested that the performance be repeated in the future.

**Leisure and Green Spaces** – Friends of Parks Schemes continued to be successful.

The Green Space Audit leading to a Green Space Strategy (and the Playing Field Strategy) were both nearing completion. An additional element has been to catalogue information in terms of Areas Assemblies and attend those meetings to share information.

Green Space Unit has received funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to carry out work at Clifton and Boston Parks. This is ongoing.

A new play area had been opened at Bradgate Park as a result of funding through partnership work with the Friends of the Park. A successful opening event had taken place.

Recreation ground at Canklow – the new playing/changing facilities was now complete and available for use.

Valley Park – There are plans to build a new play area over the next few months. and a Friends of Valley Park Group had recently been formed.

**Events Programme** – This had been extended in Green Space this year, and also included sports events organised by Urban Park Rangers. This had been well received and successful.

**The Urban Park Ranger Scheme** continued to be successful. The Service continued to be temporary but every effort was being made to secure sustained funding so that the scheme would continue into the next financial year.

**Clifton Park** – A successful partnership had been formed with a private operator which had allowed investment into the park. There were new rides at reduced costs. It was hoped this would be well received and well used.

Councillor Wyatt raised an issue regarding Highfield Park, Swinton. The park was a priority 4(a) deemed by the European Commission to be one of the most deprived areas. The Highfield Park Action Group had tried to obtain funding from various sources over the years. The Group had been given support to write bids by Groundwork but had failed every time.

Steve Hallsworth undertook to look into this matter and pointed out that the long term view of RMBC, through the work of the Green Space audit and strategy, was to establish a plan to enable more decisions to be made and be more successful in terms of accessing funding.

**Thrybergh and Rother Valley Country Parks** – The management of

cafes has now transferred back to RMBC which had been seen by Managers as a good opportunity to develop facilities and offer a quality service to the users of the parks.

**Grange Park Golf Course** – RMBC was to work with the successful partner to maintain a municipal golf course and to create the required investment. A great deal of interest had been shown in the invitation to bid from which a shortlist would be drawn up on 21<sup>st</sup> December. It was hoped that in early January the parties will be invited to make presentations, with a final partner being chosen who then had a reasonable lead into the new season to start making long term improvements.

**Sport and Leisure** – The Council had recently secured a partnership with the All Pakistani Women's Association to establish a community coaching initiative.

This had secured further funding for the delivery of target sports in communities. There was a great deal of interest and funding was available to make it happen but the biggest problem was finding people qualified to deliver – the object of this initiative being to fill that gap. Partnership work was ongoing with Rotherham Rugby Club.

The Council had secured funding for a Football Development Officer from the Football Foundation. This is a 5 year full time and a two year part-time post. The Football Foundation had recently approved the person specification and adverts would be published in the New Year. It was hoped to have an Officer in post by 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2005.

**Rotherham Rugby Club** – RMBC were working in partnership with Kimberworth partnership/Rawmarsh Sports College and the All Pakistani Women's Association in Ferham with plans for the next Panel in the New Year for a multi-sports coach (north and south of the Borough) to have a disability and gymnastic coach working across the borough. In working together with communities it was possible to demonstrate a strategic approach to delivering initiatives.

**Disability** – A Disability Sport and Activity Forum had been established in October. The next meeting was in January, 2005. This consisted of members from SCOPE (a Disability Group) who had advised the Council on ways of establishing sport and leisure facilities for disabled.

**Sport** – A regular programme of events had been established throughout the year.

**Health and Fitness Open Day (April, 2005)**- Girls Football Festival (May) – and Rotherham Schools Sports Centenary Year in 2005, a grand day was planned using the fields and athletic track and which would involve lots of children in a host of activities.

There was also a regular programme of swimming activities.

**Street Sports** – A mobile unit was touring the borough with skateboarding facilities.

**Herringthorpe Leisure Centre** – A good festival of gymnastics was to take place. Several groups and organisations would be participating, including disability groups.

A question was raised regarding an update on the development of indoor sports facilities and re-development at HLC. The meeting was informed that the whole programme was scheduled to be complete by the end of 2007.

There was no further progress in terms of the detail of the build but a selection process was ongoing. Members of the Consortium would be updated once further information was available.

Plans were still progressing in terms of the Maltby Leisure Centre development.

Members of the Consortium raised issues concerning the following aspects:-

- Walking Festival
- Footpaths/Disability Access Forum – corporate links
- Health Benefits
- Community Data
  - Minority Sports – i.e. Yoga
  - List of Speakers

The meeting was informed that a team of Sports Development Officers had recently been established to form a physical activity group and that work was taking place with the Primary Care Trust (PCT) and others in order to re-address the need for a joined up approach to the promotion of physical activity – which included walking and cycling. Services organised by Economic and Development Services (which included the Walking Festival) and meetings of Boston Park and Clifton Park and heritage landscape formed part of those discussions.

Agreed:- That consideration be given to placing an advertisement in Rotherham Matters regarding the availability of the Helping Hands Directory – a data base on the Council's website containing information on Groups/Organisations.

## 17. CULTURAL CONSORTIUM ADVISORY PANELS

**Green Spaces** - Limited progress had been made due to the non-availability of members at the last meeting.

It may be more suitable to merge this Panel with Sport and Leisure in view of some members attending both forums.

The Urban Park Ranger Team had given a presentation at the last meeting of the Panel and discussion had taken place regarding the value of this service and the need to sustain it.

The Panel had also noted all areas of work contained within the Green Space Strategy and other work which included Heritage Park Schemes, and Green Flag Award, and officers were looking forward to raising the profile of green space and awareness of Local Strategic Plans of corporate objectives.

Agreed:- That a letter be sent to all Panel Members on suggestions for the future makeup and business of these groups.

**Sport and Leisure** – This was a very worthwhile group who met on a regular basis and throughout the year specific sessions would take place.

The Panel was currently reviewing sport and recreation strategies and members of the group were involved. A Service Plan was currently being drafted which would be shared with members of the Advisory Group. As part of this work site visits would be made to staff.

**18. FUTURE OF THE HERITAGE, ARCHIVES & TOURISM AND THEATRE, LIBRARIES, WRITING AND THE ARTS PANELS**

**Heritage, Archives & Tourism/Theatre, Libraries, Writing and the Arts**  
– In view of poor attendance at meetings, it was felt appropriate to merge both Panels.

A letter would be sent to members of both Panels inviting expressions of interest in the two merged groups, which will include times and details of the proposed dates for 2004/05.

It will be suggested that in order to ensure consistency of membership, a specific day throughout the twelve month period must be adhered to.

A question was raised regarding the future of Kimberworth Manor House.

The meeting was informed that it was presently intended to move Education staff out of the building as it was not suitable for office use. A decision on the most suitable way to dispose of the building would then be determined by the Property Board. The Planning Service would control any planning proposals on its future use in view of its Grade II listed building status.

**19. THE COUNCIL'S CORPORATE VISION AND KEY PRIORITIES. RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ROTHERHAM PARTNERSHIP AND COMMUNITY STRATEGY**



The meeting considered the contents of a document outlining the way the Council will work in delivering the Borough Vision, the main themes of which were:-

- Rotherham Learning
- Rotherham Achieving
- Rotherham Alive
- Rotherham Safe
- Rotherham Proud

The topics had been agreed in partnership with Rotherham Partnership and the Council in ensuring the aims of both were integrated, both parties having signed up to the same priorities.

These priorities will be reflected in the Community Strategy next year and work was presently being developed within those priorities. Officers would ensure that the cultural centre is well represented and support all schemes. Members of the Cultural Consortium will be given an opportunity to discuss their views.

Agreed: That a further update report be submitted to the next meeting.

### **20. 3RD ROTHERHAM CULTURAL CONFERENCE, 2005**

The meeting considered a draft timetable for the next Cultural Conference to be held on 6th May, 2005.

The topic is Built and Landscape Heritage.

Discussion took place on the membership of the Cultural Consortium with a suggestion being made that it should be expanded.

Officers reported that it was intended to focus future meetings on specific issues and invite relevant specialists to attend certain meetings.

Consortium members felt the conference offered an exciting timetable of events and was an appropriate topic to coincide with the newly refurbished museum.

An appropriate publication would be included in the next issue of Rotherham Matters and invitations sent to Heritage Groups within the Borough nearer the time of the Conference.

### **21. THE SOUTH YORKSHIRE CULTURAL PROSPECTUS**

Consideration was given to a document on South Yorkshire Culture (a spoke of Yorkshire Culture, the Regional Cultural Consortium) and their role in continuing to work to promote the cultural sector as a key element of the regeneration agenda.

The paper set out the following:-

- The Vision
- The vision expressed in four strategic themes
- South Yorkshire Spatial Strategy Group: Vision for Rotherham

It was pointed out to members of the consortium that both Guy Kilminster and Tony Preston are attending meetings to represent this Consortium.

It was the intention to promote the cultural aspect at the South Yorkshire level and to identify good projects which work sub-regionally.

Further details of this work was made available to members of the Consortium.

A further update would be given on this matter at the next meeting.

**22. LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL**

The meeting considered a request to nominate up to three co-optees to the Lifelong Learning Opportunities Scrutiny Panel from this forum.

Agreed:- That Christine Cox, Joyce Williams and Roy Newman be appointed to serve on the Lifelong Learning Opportunities Scrutiny Panel as co-optees for a further year.

**23. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The meeting welcomed the recent award of the Turner prize to Jeremy Deller.

Jeremy was known to this Authority through his work and involvement in the reconstruction of the Battle of Orgreave at Rother Valley Country Park and was held in high regard for the work he had carried out.

Agreed:- That Guy Kilminster send a letter of congratulations to Jeremy on behalf of this Consortium.

**24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Agreed:- That the next meeting of this Consortium be held on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2005 at 2.00 p.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>18<sup>th</sup> January 2005</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Summer 2004 Key Stage 2 assessment results</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Programme Area:</b>	<b>ECALS</b>

**5. Summary:**

To inform Members of Key Stage 2 attainment in Rotherham primary schools in 2004.

**6. Recommendations:**

- i) That the report be received.
- ii) That Cabinet is pleased to note the improvements in Key Stage 2, most particularly at L4+.
- iii) That Cabinet encourages all schools to improve their results, but particularly those not meeting the DfES Floor Target of 65%.

## 7. Proposals and Details:

Background: All primary schools must conduct teacher and statutory assessment each school year.

### Key Stage 2

SUBJECT	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Difference 2003 - 2004	2004 National (%change)
<b>PERCENTAGE L4+</b>								
English SAT	63%	71.9%	72.2%	70%	70%	73%	+3%	77%(+2%)
Reading SAT	72%	79.4%	78.5%	76%	76%	79%	+3%	83%(+2%)
Writing SAT	47%	53.4%	55.5%	55%	57%	59%	+2%	63%(+3%)
Mathematics SAT	63%	71.3%	70.7%	73%	69%	71%	+2%	74%(+1%)
Science SAT	73%	83.8%	88.3%	86%	85%	84%	-1%	86%(-1%)
<b>PERCENTAGE L5+</b>								
English SAT	17%	24.0%	25%	22%	21%	21%	0%	27%(0%)
Reading SAT	25%	36%	36%	31%	34%	34%	0%	39%(-3%)
Writing SAT	10%	12%	13%	14%	13%	13%	0%	17%(+2%)
Mathematics SAT	18%	22.9%	23%	25%	25%	27%	+2%	31%(+2%)
Science SAT	23%	34.1%	34%	36%	37%	41%	+4%	43%(+2%)

The 2004 Key Stage 2 Level 4+ results present a very positive profile of improvements for Rotherham compared to those reported nationally. The greatest majority of improvements at this level exceeded those nationally and prompted a letter of congratulations from David Milliband School Standards Minister. He praised the "excellent" Key Stage 2 results in 2004, and said children in Rotherham had some of the most improved results in the country for English and maths. The strength of these improvements have narrowed the gap between Rotherham's performance at L4+ and those reported nationally in all aspects except in writing, and in science where the 1% decline was inline with the national trend, therefore maintaining the same distance from the national average as reported in 2003. English, reading and writing were 4% below the national averages, mathematics 3% below and science 2% below.

Level 5+ results presented a mixed picture of performance both locally and nationally with English, reading and writing in Rotherham maintaining the same standards as 2003. No declines at this level were noted in Rotherham, compared to a 3% national decline in reading. Improvements in mathematics were in line with the national trend while the 4% improvement in science exceeded that nationally by 2%. The gap between Rotherham's performance and the national averages is most significant in English at this higher level with a 6% difference, while science is closest with a difference of 2% compared to a 4% difference in 2003.

2004 L4+ English and writing results reached the highest outcome for Rotherham to date as did L5+ mathematics and science.

## 1998-2003 KEY STAGE 2 COMPARISONS

<b>SCHOOLS ACHIEVING:</b>	<b>L4+ overall</b>	<b>90%+</b>	<b>&lt;50%</b>	<b>&lt;65% (DfES Floor Target)</b>
ENGLISH SAT 2004	73%	14	5	19
ENGLISH SAT 2003	70%	6	7	26
ENGLISH SAT 2002	70%	6	12	33
ENGLISH SAT 2001	72%	8	6	23
ENGLISH SAT 2000	71%	9	7	23
ENGLISH SAT 1999	64%	6	12	39
ENGLISH SAT 1998	55%	1	26	54
ENGLISH (READING) SAT 2004	79%	25	3	9
ENGLISH (READING) SAT 2003	76%	14	5	14
ENGLISH (READING) SAT 2002	74%	14	5	19
ENGLISH (READING) SAT 2001	78%	19	5	13
ENGLISH (READING) SAT 2000	79%	23	2	11
ENGLISH (READING) SAT 1999	74%	12	3	21
ENGLISH (READING) SAT 1998	60%	2	18	46
ENGLISH (WRITING) SAT 2004	59%	3	21	45
ENGLISH (WRITING) SAT 2003	57%	0	25	57
ENGLISH (WRITING) SAT 2002	55%	1	32	63
ENGLISH (WRITING) SAT 2001	55%	1	26	58
ENGLISH (WRITING) SAT 2000	53%	2	27	67
ENGLISH (WRITING) SAT 1999	48%	1	43	65
ENGLISH (WRITING) SAT 1998	47%	0	46	71
MATHEMATICS SAT 2004	72%	7	6	21
MATHEMATICS SAT 2003	69%	3	7	29
MATHEMATICS SAT 2002	73%	12	10	27
MATHEMATICS SAT 2001	71%	13	9	26
MATHEMATICS SAT 2000	71%	14	8	24
MATHEMATICS SAT 1999	63%	9	14	42
MATHEMATICS SAT 1998	49%	0	39	65
SCIENCE SAT 2004	84%	43	3	7
SCIENCE SAT 2003	85%	34	2	7
SCIENCE SAT 2002	86%	41	1	7
SCIENCE SAT 2001	88%	48	0	1
SCIENCE SAT 2000	83%	37	2	8
SCIENCE SAT 1999	74%	22	6	22
SCIENCE SAT 1998	60%	7	35	46

**\*Floor Targets apply to English, mathematics and science**

Another indicator of improvement is to consider the number of Key Stage 2 schools (84 in all) attaining within attainment bands. The table above shows the improvement in Level 4 results from 1998 – 2004 but also shows the number of schools attaining 90% Level 4 or better and the number of schools attaining below 50% Level 4 or better.

In addition it also indicates the number of schools with results below the DfES Floor Target of 65% Level 4+ attainment for primary schools. In 2004 the proportion of schools below this critical measure has been reduced from 2003 in English and mathematics. This reduction must continue and forms a specific focus for 2004/05 planned intervention in primary schools.

Action being taken to improve results. 2004 Key Stage 2 results have shown good improvements, however they continue to be well below the statutory targets agreed with the DfES for 2004 in English (83% L4+, 33% L5+) and mathematics (85% L4+, 34% L5+).

Through the National Primary Strategy, the Council is working actively to impact on improving results by focusing different levels of support and intervention to different schools dependent upon need. The School Improvement Consultant team has been strengthened and the group of Consultant Headteachers has been extended further and will be working with schools with the greatest capacity and/or need to improve their results.

A further national programme of intensifying support (ISP) is being implemented in a group of ten schools with results below the DfES floor targets of 65%. These levels of support will be required to enable Rotherham schools to respond to the challenging targets agreed with the DfES for 2005 in English (84% L4+, 34% L5+) and mathematics (85% L4+, 37% L5+).

**8. Finance:**

The Primary Strategy initiatives and Intensifying Support Programme is funded through the Standards Fund Grant and targeted to greatest need.

**9. Risks and Uncertainties:**

Should Rotherham's schools show insufficient progress this could impact on the Council's Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) grading. In addition the Council's monitoring via the DfES Standards and Effectiveness Unit (SEU) and the individual inspection of schools by OFSTED could have a negative impact on the public image of Rotherham's education provision.

**10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications:**

The action plan arising from the 2004 primary performance data should be consistent with the Community Strategy and Corporate Plan. The improvement actions should address the Corporate Priorities for:

- Regeneration:       - improving the image of Rotherham.  
                          - providing sustainable neighbourhoods of quality, choice and aspiration.
- Equalities:           - promoting equality.  
                          - promoting good community relations.
- Sustainability:      - improving the quality of life.  
                          - increasing employment opportunities for local people.

**11. Background Papers and Consultation:**

*"Key Stage 2 End of Key Stage assessment Summer Term 2004"*

Individual school attainment outcomes for Key Stage 2.

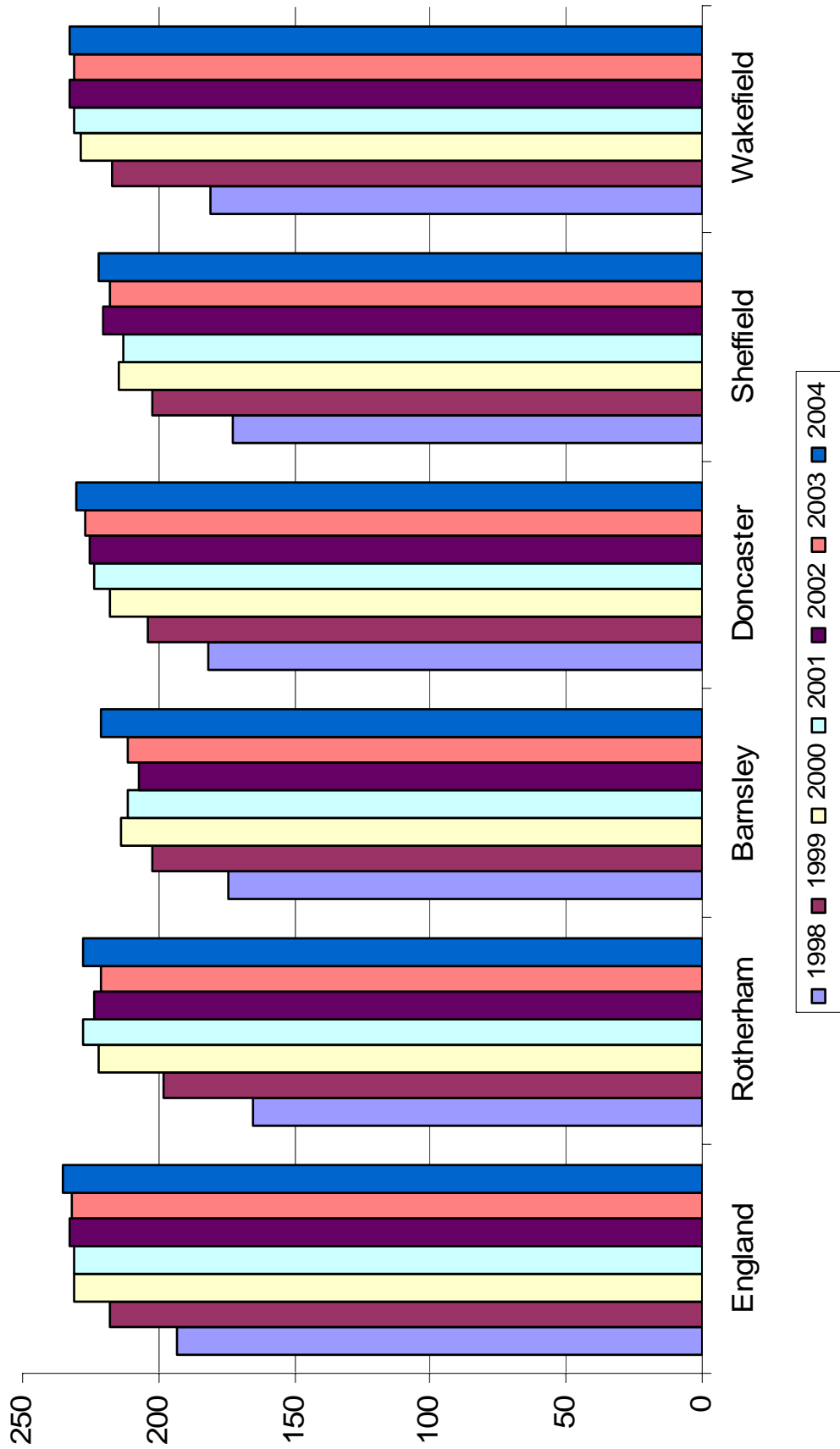
Documents published for all Rotherham primary schools with detailed information on school performance.

Individual schools' Key Stage 2 results are public information formally published by the DfES. Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 results are not subject to the same procedures. Aggregated LEA results are public information.

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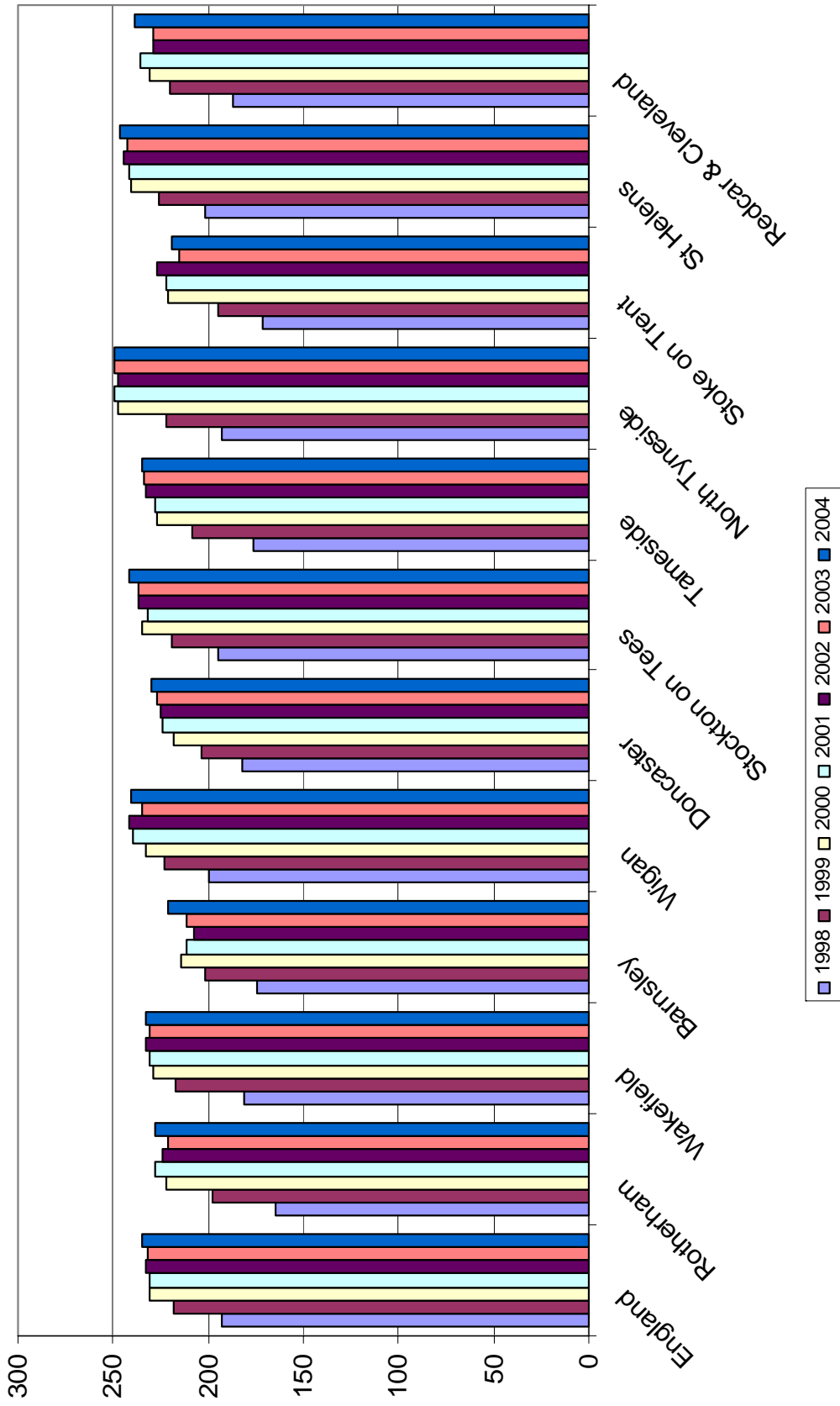
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Key Stage 2 aggregate scores 1998 - 2004  
Rotherham performance compared with England and local LEA's

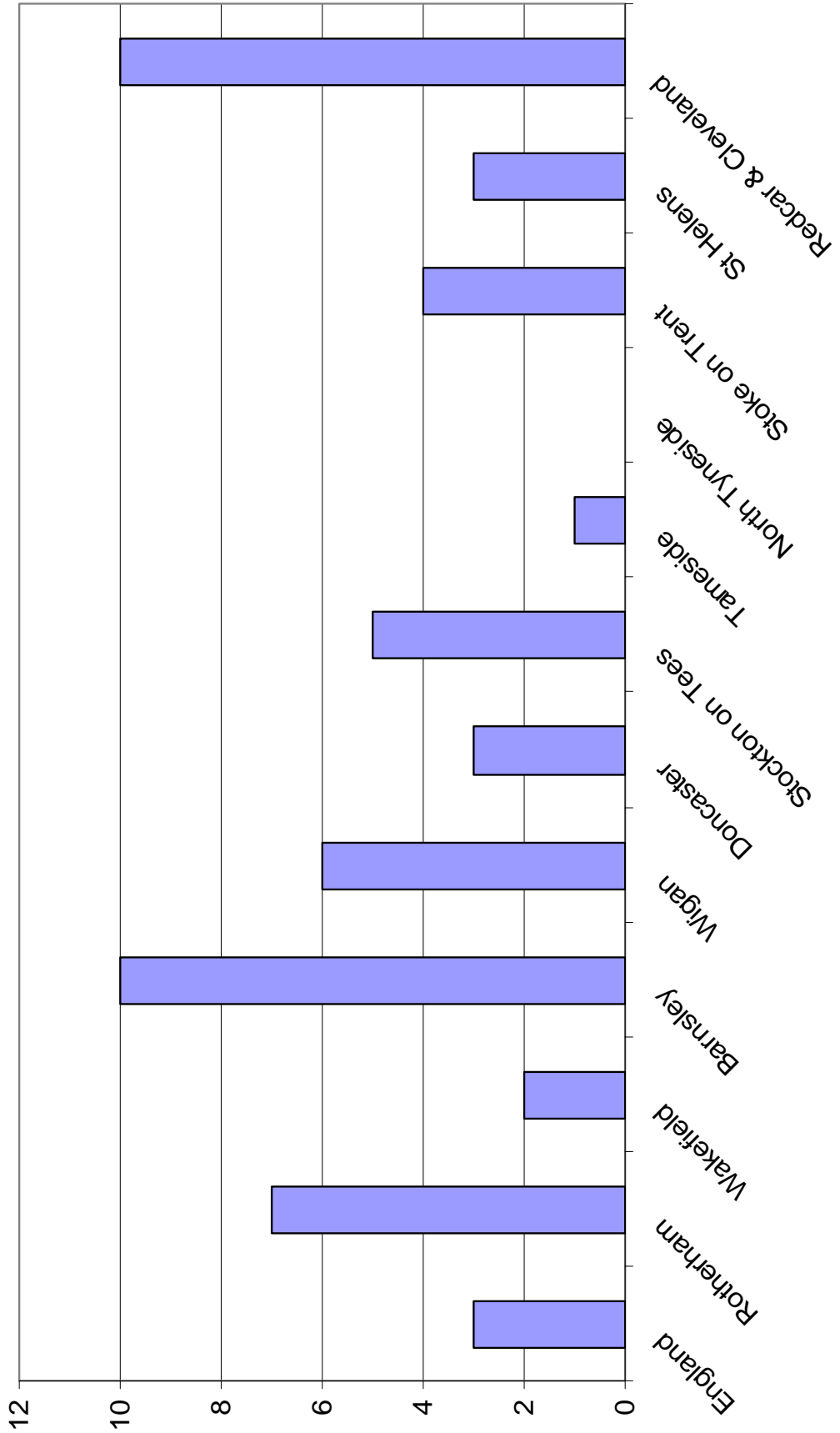




Statistical Neighbours LEA's  
Key Stage 2 aggregate scores 1998 - 2004



Statistical Neighbourhood LEA's - aggregate scores  
Key Stage 2 Level 4 Percentage points improvement 2003 - 2004



<b>ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS</b>
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1.	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Cabinet Member and Advisers</b>
2.	<b>Date:</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> January 2004</b>
3.	<b>Title:</b>	<b>OFSTED Inspections of Rotherham Schools: Summer and Autumn Terms 2004</b>
4.	<b>Programme Area:</b>	<b>ECALS</b>

5. **Summary:** To inform members of the outcome of the Ofsted inspection of those schools inspected during the Summer and Autumn Terms 2004. To highlight effective schools and to inform members of any school that was identified as having concerns.

6. **Recommendations:**

- i) **That the reports be received**
- ii) **That those schools with very good and good provision be congratulated on the outcome of their OFSTED inspection.**
- iii) **That schools with identified weaknesses be encouraged to improve further the quality of their educational provision as rapidly as possible.**

**7. Proposals and Details:**

Over the Summer and Autumn Terms 2004 thirteen schools (10%) were inspected by Ofsted. This included five primary schools, five infant schools, one special school, one secondary school and the Hospital Teaching and Home Tuition Service. The parents' summaries for each of these schools are attached as Appendix 1 together with Part D: Summary of the Main Inspection Judgements from the main report. This is graded on OFSTED's seven point score (1=excellent, 2=very good, 3=good, 4=satisfactory, 5=unsatisfactory, 6=poor, 7=very poor) and will give Members an effective oversight of the strengths and weaknesses of each school inspected.

Since they were last inspected two of the schools have made very good improvement, four have made good improvement and in the other six improvement was satisfactory. The Hospital and Home Teaching Service had not been inspected before, therefore no judgement, in relation to improvement, was made. The overall effectiveness of every school inspected was either satisfactory or better with nine being good overall and one very good. Standards of pupil achievement and teaching and learning were judged as good in ten schools and satisfactory in the other three. Leadership and management overall were judged as very good in two schools, good in eight schools and satisfactory in three. In eight of the thirteen schools, the very good leadership of the head teacher was cited as a strength of the school. Value for money was good or better in ten schools and satisfactory in the other three. In all but one school pupils' attitudes and behaviour were good and in over half of these it was very good.

Particular strengths mentioned in many of the schools inspected were: partnership with parents; provision for children with Special Educational Needs and; the quality of the curriculum, particularly where in primary schools it had been enriched and extended to support pupils' learning. It is clear from this that Rotherham primary schools are beginning to take on board the Government's drive for both excellence and enjoyment. Recurring areas for development in a number of schools were around assessment, including the tracking of pupil progress, marking and reporting and recording. The School Improvement Service, through the Primary Strategy with its focus on Assessment for Learning, will be supporting schools in this area of work. In a few schools monitoring of the wider curriculum, beyond the core subjects, was mentioned and ICT, although cited as an area of strength in four of the schools was an area for development in others.

Rotherham Council is committed to reducing the number of schools in the OFSTED concern categories and to improve the proportion of schools judged with higher gradings. In this term's group of schools it is pleasing to report no schools were placed in OFSTED categories, the majority of schools were judged as good with one more school judged as very good. All schools were judged to be making at least satisfactory progress.

- 8. Finance:** Schools that fall into any of OFSTED's categories of weak schools, special measures or serious weakness, normally receive support from the centrally held School Improvement grant (a previous Standards Fund Grant allocated specifically for this purpose) to assist the school to remedy causes of weakness as quickly as possible. This group of schools draws significantly on support from the School Improvement Service, Inclusion Support Services in addition to other, centrally funded Services depending on the weaknesses identified. Support is deployed to the schools to help them improve as quickly as possible.
- 9. Risks and Uncertainties:** The designation, by Ofsted, of a school falling into one of their categories of concern impacts on the Council's Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) grading. In addition the Council's monitoring via the DfES Standards and Effectiveness Unit (SEU) could have a negative impact on the public image of Rotherham's education provision.
- 10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications:** Any plans arising from an analysis of in these inspection reports should be consistent with the Community Strategy and Corporate Plan. The improvement actions should address the Corporate Priorities for:
- Regeneration:                   - improving the image of Rotherham.  
  - providing sustainable neighbourhoods of quality, choice and aspiration.
- Equalities:                       - promoting equality.  
  - promoting good community relations.
- Sustainability:                 - improving the quality of life.  
  - increasing employment opportunities for local people.
- 11. Background Papers and Consultation:** OFSTED Section 10 Reports for all schools inspected (See Appendix 1)

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**Appendix 1: Parental summaries of OFSTED reports for:**

<b>School:</b>	<b>Inspection date</b>
Greasbrough J&I School	4-6th May 2004
St Bede's RC Primary	17-19 <sup>th</sup> May 2004
Sitwell Infant School	26-28th April 2004
Woodsetts J&I School	14-16 <sup>th</sup> June 2004
Thorpe Hesley Infant School	14-16 <sup>th</sup> June 2004
Hospital Teaching and Home Tuition Service	7-8 <sup>th</sup> July 2004
Brampton Cortonwood Infant School	13-15 <sup>th</sup> setember 2004
Newman Special School	13-16 <sup>th</sup> September 2004
Brinsworth Howarth J & I School	27-29 <sup>th</sup> September 2004
Bramley Sunnyside Infant School	27-29 <sup>th</sup> September 2004
Aston Fence J & I School	4-6 <sup>th</sup> October 2004
Aton Comprehensive School	1-5 <sup>th</sup> November 2004
Brinsworth Manor Infant School	8-10 <sup>th</sup> November 2004

<b>ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS</b>
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<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	Cabinet Member and Advisers, Education, Culture and Leisure Services
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> January 2005
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Education, Culture and Leisure Complaints Summary, April – September 2004 [Programme Area only]</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Appendix A - Details of ECALS Programme Area Complaints April – September 2004</b></li> </ul> [Wards affected – All]
<b>4.</b>	<b>Programme Area:</b>	Education, Culture and Leisure Services

### 5. Summary

This report summarises the number of complaints received by Education, Culture and Leisure within the period April 2004 to September 2004 with comparative analysis by category and 2003 data. [N.B. This does not include school complaints].

Appendix A provides details of individual complaints received, whether or not they were upheld and subsequent action taken.

### 6. Recommendations

- **That the Report be received**

## 7. Proposals and Details

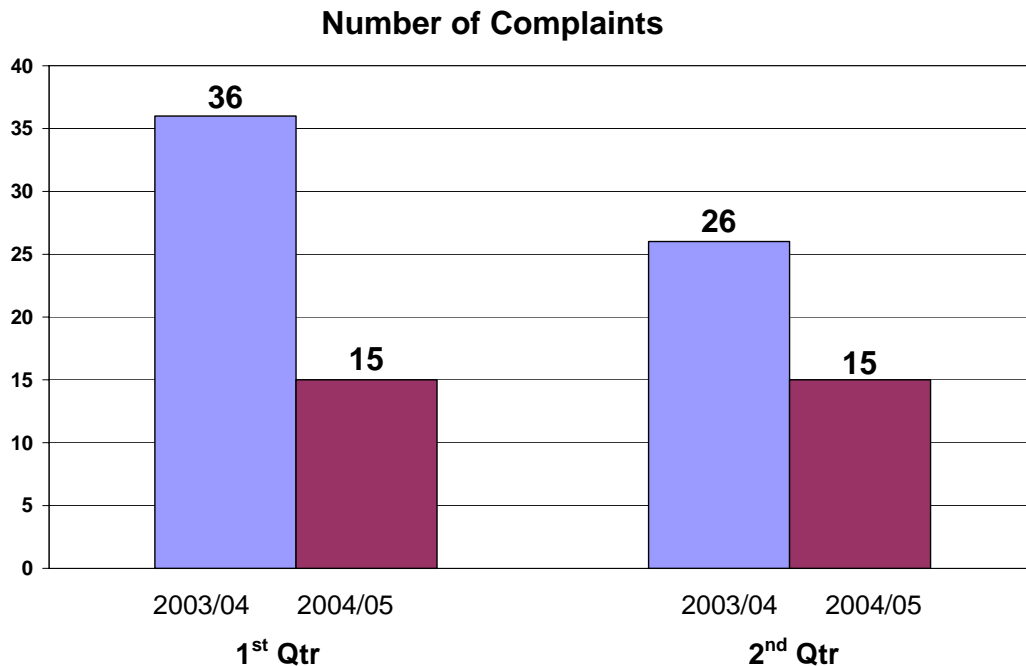
Within the period April 2004 to September 2004 there has been a total of thirty official complaints received by the Programme Area. Twenty of which have been upheld.

Members attention is drawn to the following table which summarises the number of complaints by Corporate category for the first two quarters of the 2004-05 financial year.

Category	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	6 Month Summary	
	Apr - June	July - Sept	Numbers	Percentage
ACTION OF STAFF	0	1	1	3.3%
COST OF SERVICE	0	1	1	3.3%
DELAY IN SERVICE	1	0	1	3.3%
LACK OF SERVICE	5	6	11	36.7%
LACK OF INFORMATION	1	0	1	3.3%
QUALITY OF SERVICE	5	4	9	30.0%
OTHER	3	3	6	20.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	15	15	<b>30</b>	

Individual details of each complaint are shown in Appendix A.

In addition members attention is drawn to the following table which details number of Programme Area complaints for the first two quarters of 2003/04 and 2004/05.





## **8. Finance**

There are no financial implications to this report. The relevant Service Leader and Budget Holder will address financial implications of action to address individual issues in response to complaints. Members will be consulted where appropriate.

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

The Programme Area is committed to provide high quality customer focused services, our aim is to raise expectations and failure to deliver to these expectations will affect customer satisfaction.

Where appropriate action plans are developed and service improvements are implemented in response to upheld complaints.

## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

The report is structured around the designated Corporate complaints categories, and the data within contributes to the Corporate complaints reporting mechanism supporting the Performance Management Framework.

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

- ECALS Complaints Database
- Correspondence and discussions with service managers

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## Details of ECALS Programme Area Complaints April – September 2004

[Does not include school complaints]

Category	Establishment	Details	No of Complaints	Upheld	Action Taken	
<b>Action of Staff</b>	Commercial & Promotional	Issue relating to the recruitment process [Ref: 835]	1	No		
<b>Cost of Service</b>	Dinnington Library	Charges relating to use of facsimile [Ref: 814]	1	No		
<b>Delay in Service</b>	Inclusion	Refusal to issue statement of SEN following assessment. [Ref: 741]]	1	Yes	A statement of SEN was issued	
<b>Lack of Information</b>	Admission & Appeals	Unhappy with Appeal Panel decision [Ref: 796]	1	No		
<b>Lack of Service</b>	Central Library	Lack of Books written in Urdu [Ref: 782]	1	Yes	Additional stock being purchased	
		Lack of information – Hire of DVD procedure [Ref: 760]]	1	Yes	Procedures reviewed to ensure clarity	
		Access to restricted web-sites [Ref: 764, 768]	2	No		
	Clifton Park	Barrier to entrance locked [Ref: 795]	1	Yes	Procedures reviewed to ensure safe operation	
	Grange Golf Course	Telephone booking-line busy [Ref: 797]	1	Yes	Fault on telephone line dealt with	
	HR	Job application form misplaced [Ref: 794]	1	No		
<b>Quality of Service</b>	Oakwood Swimming Pool	Changing facilities for 1 infant only [Ref: 769]	1	Yes	Short term – customers encouraged to use general changing benches as an alternative Long term – replacement facilities planned	
	Resources and Information	Discontinuation of the school uniform voucher scheme [Ref: 767]	1	No		
	Thrybergh Country Park	Request for additional disabled parking spaces [Ref: 800]	1	Yes	Provision considered as part of refurbishment of car park – funding not yet identified	
	Wath Library	Stock provision [Ref: 722]	1	Yes	Additional stock being purchased	
	<b>Total Number of Complaints for Category</b>			<b>11</b>		
	<b>Quality of Service continued]</b>	Central Library	Re-location of stock within library [Ref: 802, 757, 754, 803]	4	Yes	Signage made clearer
		Clifton Park	Cleanliness of toilets [Ref: 770, 792]	2	Yes	Instruction issued to contractors to improve standards
		Coronation Park Maltby	Vandalism to play equipment [Ref: 763]	1	Yes	Removal of vandalised equipment, repair of surface and replacement of tyre
		Greasbrough Park	Dog fouling [Ref: 747]	1	Yes	Increased monitoring and enforcement by Urban Park Rangers and Environmental Wardens
		Maltby Sport Centre	Insufficient segregation for adult swimming abilities [Ref: 791]	1	Yes	Review of pool programming and sessions structures underway. Programme structure improvements to be introduced early 2005
<b>Total Number of Complaints for Category</b>			<b>9</b>			

Category	Establishment	Details	No of Complaints	Upheld	Action Taken
Other	Brampton-Bierlow Moorbridge Crescent	Location of play area [Ref: 787]	1	No	
	Central Library	Virus detected on users email [Ref: 766]	1	Yes	Source of virus investigated
	Herringthorpe Library	Noise generated by children using library [Ref: 766]	1	Yes	Staff reminded of need to speak to people acting inappropriately
	Mowbray Gardens Library	Erection of fencing around recreation field [Ref: 742]	1	No	
	Rosehill Victoria Park	Youth Nuisance and vandalism [Ref: 789]	1	Yes	Direct intervention by on-site Ranger, including meeting with complainant and removal of graffiti
	Ulley Country Park	Vandalism to Packmans Bridge [Ref: 785]	1	No	
<b>Total Number of Complaints for Category</b>			<b>6</b>		
<b>Total number of Complaints for April – September 2004</b>			<b>30</b>		

<b>ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL</b>
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<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Cabinet Member and Advisors</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>18th January 2005</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>School Balances and Planned Use</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Programme Area:</b>	<b>Education, Culture and Leisure Services</b>

- 5. Summary:** This report advises of the level of School Balances as at the end of March 2004 and how the level of balances compares with previous years, and how the 63 Rotherham Schools with surplus balances in excess of 5% at the end of 2003/2004 intend to use these balances.

The number of schools with surplus balances in excess of 5% has reduced from 86 as at the end of 2002/03 to 63 as at the end of 2003/04.

**6. Recommendations**

- 6.1 That the levels and planned use of balances be noted**  
**6.2 That the Schools Finance Team work closely with those schools needing support to develop their financial management skills.**

7. **Proposals and Details:** Appendices 1 to 3 show the amounts and movement in School Balances.

Appendix 4 shows how the schools with surplus balances in excess of 5% have advised they plan to utilise these balances.

It should be noted that combined balances (delegated budget plus money invested in 'declared savings') of £4,643,120 as at the end of 2003/04, reduced by £178,746 (3.7%) from £4,821,866 school balances at the end of 2002/03.

Concern was raised at the end of 2002/03 that Primary school balances were considered high – these reduced by almost 23% by the end of 2003/04 to a more appropriate level.

Concern was raised at the end of 2002/03 that Secondary school balances were considered too low – these increased to a more appropriate level by the end of 2003/04.

Concern was raised that at the end of 2002/03 Special school balances were also high. These balances further increased by over 56% by the end of 2003/04.

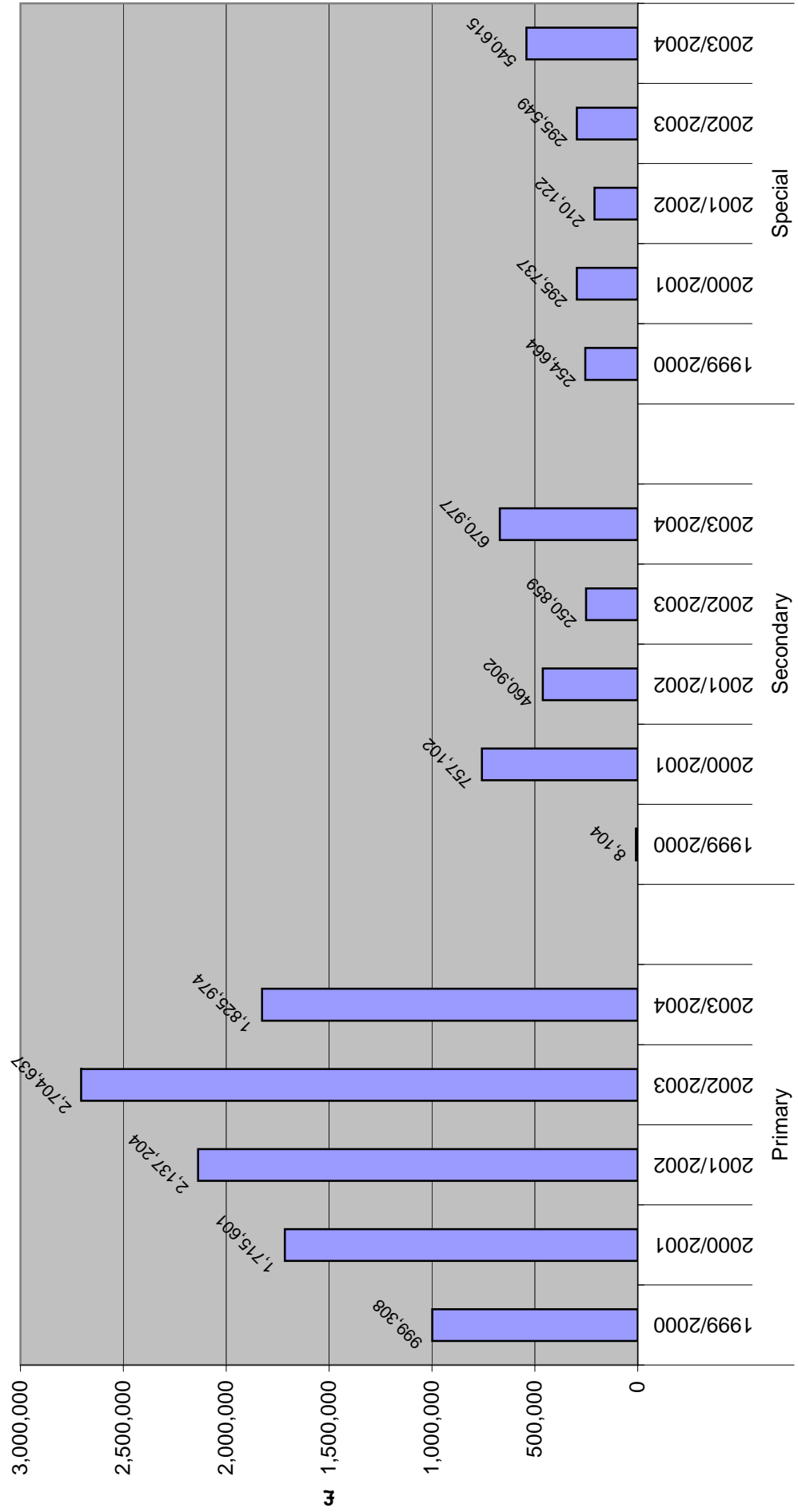
Overall balances per pupil

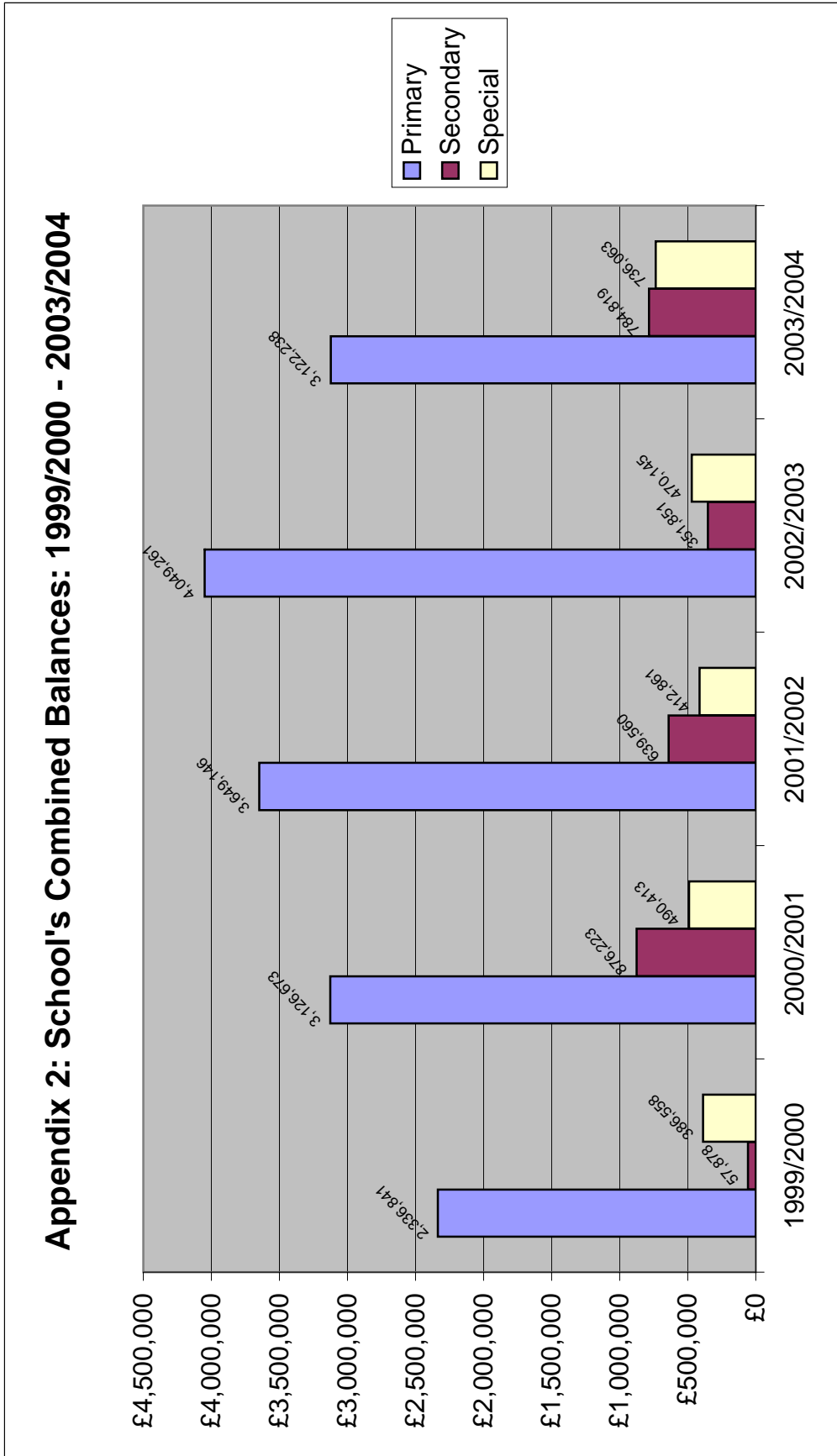
Sector	2002/03	2003/04	Change
Primary	£168	£133	-£35
Secondary	£19	£42	+£23
Special	£671	£1,060	+£389
<b>Total</b>	<b>£113</b>	<b>£108</b>	<b>-£5</b>

8. **Finance:** There are no financial implications arising from this report.
9. **Risks and Uncertainties:** Failure to challenge schools constructively on the planned use of their balances would be to abdicate a key role of the Council. Such challenge also facilitates the identification of schools in greatest need of support to improve their financial management skills.
10. **Policy and Performance Agenda Implications:** N/A
11. **Background Papers and Consultation:** Education, Culture and Leisure Services Outturn Report 2003/04 (Cabinet Member and Advisors ~ 29/6/04)

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Appendix 1: School's Delegated Budget Balances: 1999/2000 - 2003/2004

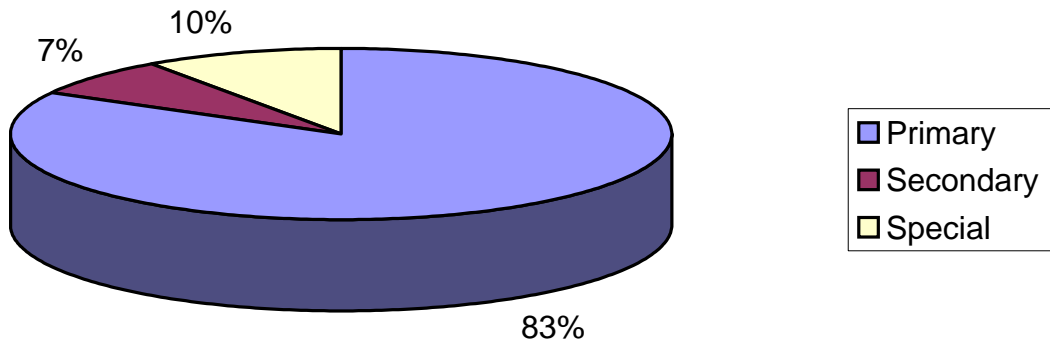




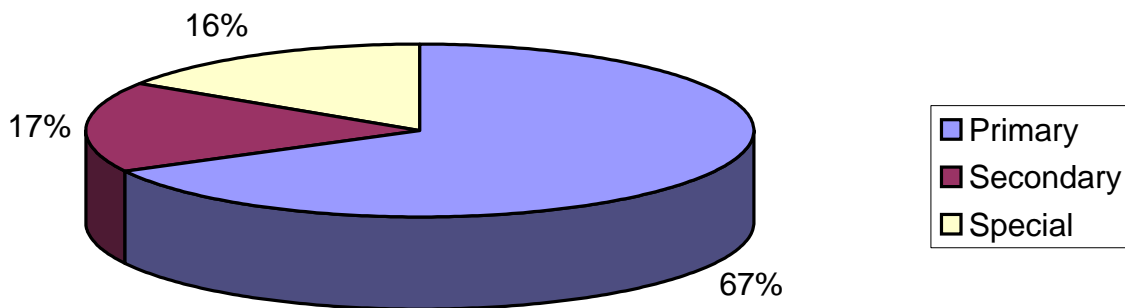
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Percentage Movement in Sector Combined Balances: 2002/03 to 2003/04

Combined School Balances: 2002/2003



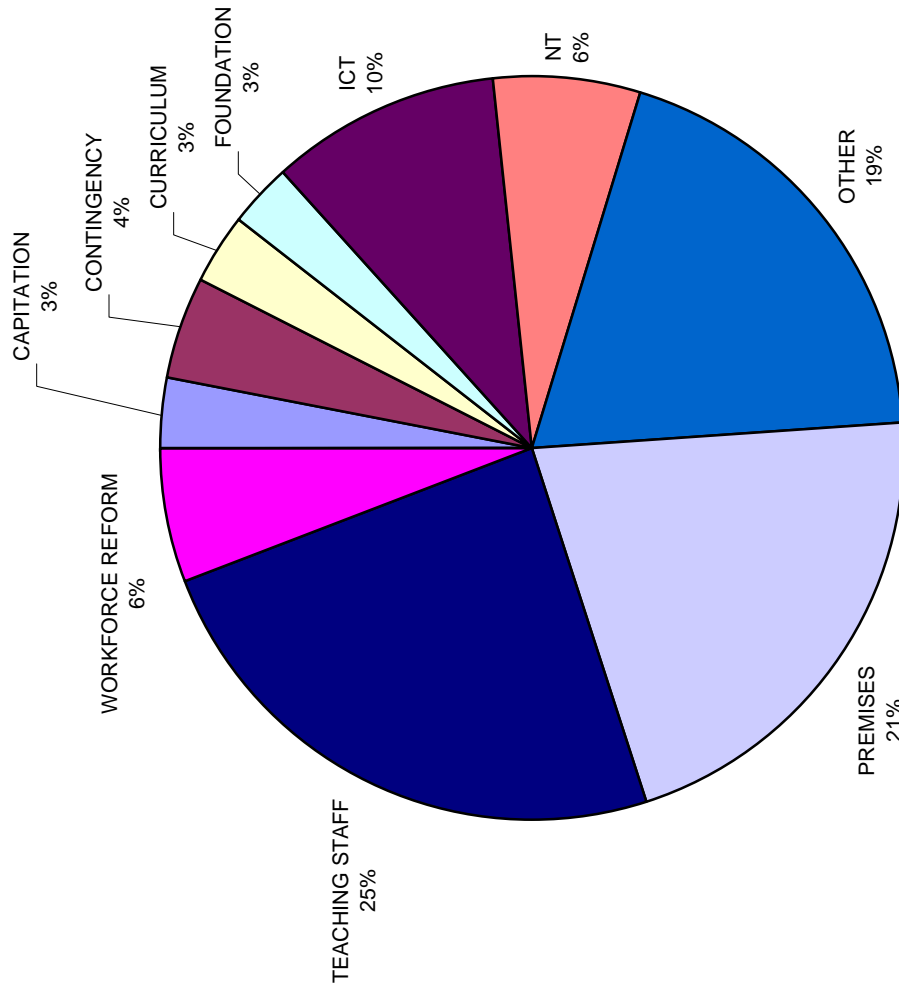
Combined School Balances: 2003/2004





Area	Sum of Amount Earmarked (£)	Area											Grand Total
Schools	CAPITATION	CONTINGENCY	CURRICULUM	FOUNDATION	ICT	NT	OTHER	PREMISES	TEACHING STAFF	WORKFORCE REFORM	SEN	Grand Total	
Abbey	30,000				50,000	40,000	9,000	75,000	10,521			174,000	
Anston Park Infant												40,521	
Aston Fence J&I			4,051		21,500	10,000						35,551	
Aston Hall J&I		0						0			0	0	
Aughton Primary					8,000			18,100	26,000			52,100	
Badsley Moor Infant		24,454		8,697		20,000		1,900	40,000			95,051	
Badsley Moor Junior							31,161		24,985			56,146	
Bramley Grange Primary							40,000		37,000			77,000	
Brampton Cortonwood Infant					6,532	13,885						20,417	
Brampton the Ellis CE Infant								10,000	24,441			34,441	
Brampton the Ellis CE Junior								2,500		30,000		32,500	
Canklow Woods Primary			30,000				15,589	32,000				77,589	
Catcliffe Primary							25,216					25,216	
Dalton Foljambe Primary							7,000		22,000			29,000	
Ferham Primary		7,204			35,000	6,000	5,000	88,026	11,977			65,181	
Green Arbour						15,000			20,000			123,026	
Herringthorpe Junior		10,000	2,000					17,000		5,000		34,000	
High Greave Junior					23,000			9,000	22,084			54,084	
Kelford													
Kiveton Park Meadows Junior			7,000			8,000			12,000			27,000	
Laughton All Saints CE Primary							19,083					19,083	
Laughton J&I					6,000		18,000	10,100				34,100	
Listerdale (Dalton) J & I				10,000						17,428		27,428	
Maltby Craggs Infant					0		0	0	10,000			10,000	
Maltby Craggs Junior					25,000		13,000	10,000				48,000	
Maltby Hall Infant				0			0	0		0		0	
Maltby Manor Infant				31,439		14,094						45,533	
Maltby Manor Junior	11,609						11,000		30,904			53,513	
Meadowhall Junior							12,360	3,476		33,000		48,836	
Milton							75,757	70,000	34,000			104,000	
Newman								103,000	50,000			125,757	
Pope Plus X Catholic High School					50,000		3,505			28,282		181,282	
Rawmarsh Rosehill Junior		16,517	5,500									28,522	
Rawmarsh Ryecroft Infant		18,100			4,500				9,500			32,100	
Rawmarsh Thorogate J&I									30,000			30,000	
Redscope Infant		5,000					37,287					42,287	
Redscope Junior							46,249					46,249	
Sitwell Infant								13,863	18,270			32,133	
St Gerard's Catholic Primary (Thrybergh)						9,320						9,320	
St Mary's Catholic Primary (Herringthorpe)							39,761					39,761	
St Mary's Catholic Primary (Maltby)				7,885			24,329					32,214	
Swinton Fitzwilliam Infant					8,000		4,000	4,000	26,510			26,510	
Swinton Fitzwilliam Junior					9,000		11,690		5,000			21,000	
Swinton Queen Primary		21,577		13,500	9,000		10,000		10,008			65,775	
Thrybergh Comprehensive					12,000				120,700			142,700	
Thrybergh Fullerton CE Primary								4,500		8,000		12,500	
Thurcroft Infant	20,612	9,608										30,220	
Thurcroft Junior					11,934				22,000	30,000		63,934	
Todwick J&I		1,000				7,000		14,450	10,000			32,450	
Wath Central Junior	12,479					7,000		27,982	11,000	10,000		68,461	
Wath Victoria J&I							55,963					55,963	
Wentworth CE J&I		12,456	15,000		1,000	2,500	1,610	1,500	10,000			44,066	
West Melton J&I							28,314					28,314	
Whiston Grange			27,000						30,000			57,000	
Whiston J&I	9,976							6,515	5,000	5,000		26,491	
Wickersley Northfield Primary							73,349					73,349	
Woodsetts J&I			2,200		16,429	27,476		570	880			47,555	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>84,676</b>	<b>125,916</b>	<b>92,751</b>	<b>71,521</b>	<b>287,895</b>	<b>180,275</b>	<b>544,874</b>	<b>599,831</b>	<b>684,780</b>	<b>166,710</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,839,229</b>	

**APPENDIX 4: ANALYSIS OF SCHOOLS INTENDED USE OF BALANCES**



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