

REGENERATION AND ASSET BOARD

Venue: Town Hall, Moorgate
Street, Rotherham.

Date: Wednesday, 14 September 2005

Time: 2.00 p.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 the previous meeting held on 10th August, 2005 (copy herewith) (Pages 1 - 3)
4. Matters arising.
5. Regional Economic Strategy - Second Round Consultation (report herewith) (Pages 4 - 17)
External and Regional Affairs Manager to report.
To:-
 - note the second round of consultation related to the Regional Economic Strategy.
 - comment on and approve the draft response at Appendix 3.
 - recommend that the draft response be forwarded to Cabinet for approval.
6. Rotherham Economic Regeneration Fund funding for Rotherham Youth Enterprise (report herewith) (Pages 18 - 20)
Programmes Officer to report.
For R.E.R.F. to match SBR 6 funds to cover salary costs from July, 2005 to March, 2006.
7. Herringthorpe Playing Fields - Lease Agreement (report herewith) (Pages 21 - 23)
Business Manager, Culture and Leisure Services, to report.
To agree to the signing of the lease agreement.
8. 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 those paragraphs, indicated below, of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972:-

9. HMRP - Westgate Demonstrator Project (report herewith) (Pages 24 - 38)
Development Surveyor to report.
To update on proposals and approval on key decisions.
(Exempt under Paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Act – land and property issues)
10. Swinton Customer Service Centre (report herewith) (Pages 39 - 45)
Head of Asset Management to report.
To seek approval to convert the aged persons' centre in Swinton into the Customer Service Centre.
(Exempt under Paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Act – land and property issues)
11. Rotherham Urban Renaissance Bid into South Yorkshire Investment Plan (report herewith) (Pages 46 - 56)
Head of Rotherham Investment and Development Office.
To secure approval for a Stage 2 Application to Yorkshire Forward in support of Rotherham's Urban Renaissance.
(Exempt under Paragraph 9 of the Act – land and property issues)
12. Land at Golden Smithies Lane, Swinton (report attached) (Pages 57 - 60)
Strategic Property Manager to report.
To consider sale of ransom strip.
(Exempt under Paragraph 9 of the Act – land and property issues)
13. Land and Property Bank - Capital Receipts Update (report attached) (Pages 61 - 65)
Strategic Property Manager to report.
To consider sale of ransom strip.
(Exempt under Paragraph 9 of the Act – land and property issues)
14. Sheffield Road Baths Site - Westgate Demonstrator (report attached) (Pages 66 - 71)
Strategic Property Manager to report.
To consider appropriation.
(Exempt under Paragraph 9 of the Act – land and property issues)
15. Housing Market Renewal Pathfinder - Implications for the Capital Receipts Disposal Programme (report attached) (Pages 72 - 80)
Strategic Property Manager to report.
To update on capital programme and method of report transactions.
(Exempt under Paragraph 9 of the Act – land and property issues)
16. Land adjacent to 22 Cannonthorpe Rise, 21 and 23 Shorland Drive, Treeton (report attached) (Pages 81 - 84)
Strategic Property Manager to report.
To seek approval to sell this asset.
(Exempt under Paragraph 9 of the Act – land and property issues)

17. Land at Whitehill Drive, Brinsworth (report attached) (Pages 85 - 88)
Strategic Property Manager to report.
To consider sale of surplus land.
(Exempt under Paragraph 9 of the Act – land and property issues)
18. Thorpe Hesley Development (report herewith) (Pages 89 - 93)
Valuation Manager to report.
To note the petition and representations received.
(Exempt under Paragraph 9 of the Act – land and property issues)
19. Land at Manvers Way, Wath (report herewith) (Pages 94 - 97)
Development Surveyor to report.
To approve proposed disposal.
(Exempt under Paragraph 9 of the Act – land and property issues)
20. Date, time and venue of next meeting:
To confirm:-

Wednesday, 19th October, 2005 at 10.00 a.m.

REGENERATION AND ASSET BOARD
Wednesday, 10th August, 2005

Present:- Councillor Smith (in the Chair); Councillors Boyes and Kirk.

Apologies for absence:- Apologies were received from Ellis, Robinson, Wardle, S. Wright and Wyatt.

36. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 13TH JULY, 2005

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Board be accepted as a correct record.

37. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising not covered on the agenda.

38. RENAISSANCE MARKET TOWNS INITIATIVE

Further to Minute No. 23 of the meeting of the Regeneration and Asset Board held on 13th July, 2005, and following a Council Seminar held on 27th July, 2005, consideration was given to a report, presented by the Economic Strategy Manager, relating to the Renaissance Market Towns Initiative led by Yorkshire Forward.

Consideration was given to Rotherham's three eligible settlement/clusters as follows:-

Wath upon Dearne
Throapham/Dinnington/North and South Anston
Wales/Kiveton Park

A brief explanation was given of the criteria chosen to select these areas, together with other factors which would assist determining the priority order for the submission of these towns as part of the Initiative.

Members expressed the view that there was no need to include Throapham in the Dinnington/North and South Anston cluster, and also suggested that the inclusion of Thurcroft be debated with Yorkshire Forward.

It was pointed out however, that there were some concerns that Yorkshire Forward had used settlement categorisation work by North Yorkshire County Council to identify eligible candidates. This had now been overtaken by a study carried out for the South Yorkshire Local Authorities by Jacobs Babtie which identified settlements that were most sustainable for investment and future growth. It was also pointed out that in this instance both the North Yorkshire County Council and the Jacobs Babtie studies were to be used in preparing the Core Strategy for the Local Development Framework.

Resolved:- (1) That the criteria used for identifying towns eligible under the Renaissance Market Town Programme be noted.

(2) That approval be given to the following order of submission of the following towns to Yorkshire Forward as part of the Renaissance Market Towns Initiative:-

- Dinnington/North and South Anston (noting the deletion of Throapham, and the discussions to take place with Yorkshire Forward about the inclusion of Thurcroft)
- Wales/Kiveton Park
- Wath upon Dearne

39. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in those Paragraphs indicated below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

40. ECO HOMES - HENLEY RISE, KIMBERWORTH

Further to Minutes Nos. 13 and 35 of meetings of the Regeneration and Asset Board held on 20th June and 13th July, 2005 respectively, consideration was given to a report relating to the future use for the land at Henley Rise, Kimberworth.

It was noted that following further discussions with Social Services and Neighbourhoods, and a Council away day on 18th July, 2005, an agreement had been reached that the site would be best utilised for an Eco-housing development.

Reference was made to the Local Development Framework process and to a proposal to introduce a moratorium on the granting of planning permission for residential development on greenfield sites. However, it was noted that the moratorium was not intended to obviate the need to have regard to all other material considerations when determining planning applications but account would need to be taken of PPG3, the sustainability of different locations and consistency in determining planning applications on Council and private land.

Reference was made to the expenses already incurred by Social Services.

Resolved:- That approval be given to the future use of the land at Henley Rise, Kimberworth, for the development of Eco-Housing.

(Exempt under Paragraph 9 of the Act – land and property issues)

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Regeneration and Asset Management Board
2.	Date:	14 September
3.	Title:	Regional Economic Strategy - Second Round Consultation
4.	Programme Area:	Chief Executive's Department

5. Summary

The second round of consultation on the Regional Economic Strategy (RES) was launched in July with the issuing of a Consultation Draft RES. Yorkshire Forward have invited views and comments from stakeholders, including local authorities. As part of the first round of consultation, RMBC submitted comments on a range of questions. The majority of the issues raised have been addressed in the draft RES document. Comments and views from officers across the Council on the Consultation Draft RES have been collated and a draft response is presented at Appendix 3.

6. Recommendations

- i. Note the second round of consultation related to the Regional Economic Strategy.
- ii Comment on and approve the draft response at Appendix 3.
- lii Recommend that the draft response be forwarded to Cabinet for approval.

7. Proposals and Details

Consultation on the review of the RES started in February 2005 with Yorkshire Forward issuing a set of 12 pre draft questions for stakeholders, including local authorities, to consider. Following an officers' workshop and a Members' seminar, a corporate response to these questions was collated and considered by CMT, Regeneration Board and Cabinet before being submitted to Yorkshire Forward in May.

The response provided us with an opportunity to highlight where current best practice in Rotherham might be rolled out on a wider regional basis, to highlight omissions and provide comments for further consideration in the draft RES.

The second round of consultation runs until 28 September 2005. Yorkshire Forward are looking for comments, criticisms and recommendations on the current draft, what we think it does well and how we think it could be improved. Are the priorities in the RES the right priorities, does the RES focus on the right issues and cross cutting themes or where does it need further work?

The strategy has six objectives that reflect the aims of Business, People and Environment. They are:

- more businesses - because higher levels of enterprise are important
- competitive business - making indigenous businesses more productive because they innovate and invest
- skilled people - with talents that employers value and which offer due reward
- to connect people to jobs - because levels of employment make a big difference to people and the economy, and we need more people in jobs in deprived areas
- enhanced transport, infrastructure and the environment - a strong economy needs good transport connections and to make the best of the environment and infrastructure
- stronger cities, towns and rural communities - to ensure they are attractive places to live, work and invest

The Stronger Cities, towns and rural communities objective is a new addition when compared with the objectives in the previous RES. The objective related to more private and public investment from the previous RES has been subsumed into the new business objectives in the Consultation Draft RES.

A new series of targets are also proposed in the Consultation Draft RES. These new targets and indicators are proposed for 2016 as opposed to the dates in the original RES document for tier 1 targets of 2010 and tier 2 targets of 2005. The table at Appendix 1 shows the comparison between the proposed new targets and those included in the original RES document.

An analysis of comments made as part of our response to the pre draft questions and how these have been addressed in the Consultation Draft RES is shown in Appendix 2. This shows that the majority of our comments have been reflected in the Consultation Draft. It is felt that reference to the Regional Freight Strategy is still an omission, although this could indirectly be covered via the Regional Transport Strategy.

Given the considerable work undertaken across the Council to co-ordinate a response to the first round of RES consultation and that the majority of our comments were taken on board as part of the Consultation Draft a more limited consultation exercise was considered sufficient as part of the second round. The draft document was circulated to all Executive Directors, Regeneration Core Officers group, appropriate Heads of Service and officers who had taken part in previous consultation. Views and comments were sought and a draft response collated from the replies received. This is attached at Appendix 3.

It is proposed that the response be considered and approved by the following committees and groups, before being submitted to Yorkshire Forward by the deadline date:

- Corporate Management Team – 12 September
- Cabinet – 21 September
- Regeneration Core Officer Group – 21 September

The deadline for the return of RES review written submissions is Wednesday 28th September, 2005. These will then be taken into consideration to prepare a final draft of the RES for submission to Government on 31st October.

8. Finance

No direct financial implications.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The consultation exercise has presented an ideal opportunity to raise the profile of Rotherham in reporting best practice examples to Yorkshire Forward. This will enable Rotherham priorities to be fed into this regional consultation in an attempt to influence the final Regional Economic Strategy. This would then provide the appropriate policy hooks to enable Rotherham to develop in line with its refreshed Community Strategy and Corporate Plan.

It is also important that there are links between other regional strategies such as the Regional Spatial Strategy, Regional Transport Strategy, Regional Housing Strategy, and Regional Cultural Strategy to ensure policies are complementary and not contradictory.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

It is important that there is corporate involvement as part of the consultation to ensure that the whole range of economic issues are included in our response. There

needs to be alignment with the Corporate Plan and Community Strategy. Both of these documents consider the types of issues raised in the Regional Economic Strategy consultation such as sustainable development, equalities and diversity, regeneration, and health. Much of what is contained within the Regional Economic Strategy has direct implications for Rotherham's Regeneration Plan and the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy, therefore the consultation response is set in this context.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Consultation Draft Regional Economic Strategy issued in July 2005 by Yorkshire Forward.

Consultation on the second round of the RES review was undertaken with officers from across the Council including correspondence with all Executive Directors, Regeneration Core Officers group, appropriate Heads of Service and officers who had taken part in the previous round of consultation.

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Comparison of RES Targets

Target Area	New Targets and Indicators 2016 outcomes	Original Targets Tier 1 by 2010 Tier 2 by 2005
Economic Growth	Increase GDP faster than major competitors	Tier 1 – a year on year increase in GDP growth above EU average Tier 2 – a year on year increase in GDP above EU average – estimated to equate to 1.5 to 2.4% per annum
Employment	Raise the ILO Employment rates from 74.4% in 2004 to 78-80% - equating to around 155-200,000 net extra jobs	Tier 1 - Create 150,000 new jobs Tier 2 – ILO employment rate above 72.8% Tier 2 –in wards in the most deprived 20% in England: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove 34,000 adults from income support households • Remove 3,600 adults out of income based Job Seekers Allowance households • Reduce unemployment claimant count from 59,000 to 53,000
Productivity	Raise GVA per worker by 25-30% from £28,3000 in 2003 to between £35,000-£37,000 (GVA per workforce job)	Increase productivity by at least 6%
Innovation	Double R&D expenditure from 0.5% of GVA in 2002 to 1% of regional GVA (Business Enterprise P&D all industries, total workplace based)	Tier 2 – increase level of business innovation
Enterprise	Increase total business stock by 25% from 32 businesses per 1,000 adults in 2004 to 40 businesses per 1,000 adults – based on VAT registered firms and equating to over 30,000 extra net businesses	Tier 1 – double the rate of business start ups per 10,000 population Tier 2 – 10% increase in number of people considering going into business Tier 2 – 6% increase in productivity of small firms Tier 2 – 10% increase in enterprise in disadvantaged communities
Skills	Raise % of people with NVQ level 2 or higher to 80% (from 70% in 2004) and the proportion within the total with	Tier 1 – 3 million people trained in IT skills Tier 2 – achieve LSC targets on structured learning, NVQ levels 2

	level 4+ from 37% in 2004 to 45%	and 3, literacy and numeracy skills and workforce development
Investment	Achieve real terms increase in transport investment in the region as a % of regional GVA from 0.9% in 2004/05 to over 1% GVA	Tier 2 – Investment – by 2005: 620 active cases and 98 successful projects
Investment	Raise total private sector manufacturing and services investment by 50% from £5.3 billions in 2002 to £8bn	
Quality of Place	Notably improve quality of place in renaissance cities and towns – based on improvement on a new index. Detail to be in final RES based on measures such as migration patterns, skills/incomes, neighbourhood satisfaction and town/city centre demand.	<p>Tier 2 – 60% of new housing to be built on previously developed land</p> <p>Tier 2 – reclaim at least 219 hectares of previously developed (brownfield) land per annum</p> <p>Tier 2 - In 6 pilot market towns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide 1,100 learning opportunities • Create/assist 615 new firm formations • Create/safeguard 1,125 jobs <p>Tier 2 – a 0.15% population increase in wards falling wholly within urban areas</p>
Environment	Reduce greenhouse gas emissions (CO ₂ equivalent) by 20-25% over 1990 baseline, based on modelling of energy/resources consumption attributable to Y&H	Tier 1 – cut greenhouse gases by over one fifth
Diversity	Cut the % of local “super output areas” in the region in the 10% most deprived nationally from 16% (in 2004) to 13% - halving the gap to national average	Tier 1 – halve the number of deprived wards (in the most deprived 10% of the index of deprivation)

APPENDIX 2

Comparison between issues raised via Round 1 consultation and Consultation Draft RES

Theme	Issue raised via consultation	How addressed in revised document:
Transport	Strategies and initiatives need to be aligned	Action 5A (i) Work through the Regional Transport Board and Northern Transport Compact to make the case for priority improvements RES supports the RTS
Transport	Freight transport to be considered in detail	Freight not included in Action Table Link between a region's productivity and the speed of transport links to London Improved transport is at the top of the priority list for business We should not rely too heavily on long car and lorry journeys (page 50)
Transport	Tensions between economic growth and traffic growth need to be addressed. Reduce the need to travel	Action 5B (i) Pilot schemes to reduce car travel Some success in decoupling growth and pollution and more progress required Focus on attracting more journeys to public transport and using land use planning and demand management to reduce congestion
Transport	Concern regarding declining bus services and the impact this will have on accessing training and job opportunities	Action 4E(ii) Encourage location of new jobs in places where communities can easily access them without a car Action 5A (ii) Extend quality bus services/frameworks in all key urban areas. Action 5B (i) Improve public transport access to Robin Hood Airport
Business Support	Business Link (BL) becomes a contracting body procuring private sector agencies. Need to recognise public sector agencies, including local authorities (LAs), still have a major role to play and this mustn't lessen their ability to work with BL	Now states that delivery will come through Business Link but to "most appropriate private or public sector provider at local level." Mentions LA project delivery through economic development teams and that LAs will have enhanced role in delivery of LEGIs.
Skills	Linking of local residents to training & employment opportunities (i.e. Construction Academy)	Action 3B (i) – Make information on job/learning opportunities easier to access and understand and integrate adult guidance services with local partnerships.
Skills	Need for cross boundary and Partnership working	The Regional Skills Partnership will lead on skills policy, taking advice from businesses and their

		representative organisations. The region will seek greater influence over decision-making in this policy area.
Skills	Deliver generic skills training across board, then higher level specialist skills in conjunction with employers	Action 3D(iii) - Work with business, employers and unions to increase employer resources invested in work place training (Skills for Business)
Skills	Skills must be part of a wider package to help people into work and remaining in the Region	Action 3B(ii) - Provide and promote opportunities to develop basic skills, vocational and core employability skills to ensure people are prepared for the world of work
Skills	Already some skills shortages, which will get worse as further development land is brought forward	Will establish a common regional approach to collecting intelligence, which will be used to guide actions, which will be delivered at a more localised level through Investment Plans. No specific reference to the potential skills (workforce?) shortage facing the region.
Skills	Can training provision be linked into planning conditions/ legal agreements?	No mention made.
Education	Increase vocational training opportunities for 14-19 age range	(3.52) - The 14-19 agenda is especially important. It includes a mix of academic and vocational skills and spans provision within and beyond schools and colleges.
Education	Development of a common referral system for pupils aged 14-16, providing a 1-stop-shop for advice & guidance –	No mention made.
Education	Development of vocational partnerships, with specific focus on links to economic growth sectors	Action 3D(ii) – Stimulate demand from and meet the needs of employers and individuals, including a cluster and sector based approach.
Rural & Urban Renaissance	Need to be able to put sufficient funds into urban renaissance to reverse property failure	Action 6B(i) - Implement high quality integrated renaissance delivery plans in large towns – integrating social business environmental & cultural aspects. (Rotherham targeted)
Rural & Urban Renaissance	Transport links to town centre are vital, but without turning rural areas into commuter belts	Action 5A(ii) - Extend quality bus services in all key urban centres
Rural & Urban Renaissance	Need to train and support local community leaders in regeneration and social enterprise	Action 6B(ii) - Improve, leadership, knowledge and capacity to deliver renaissance and support the national Academy for Sustainable Communities in Leeds
Rural & Urban Renaissance	Town centres must have facilities and activities to encourage people to live there, must also be attractive to inward investors –	Action 6E Use culture to contribute to the economy, renaissance and profile
Rural & Urban	Need to share expertise and good	Town teams will act as custodians of their town's

Renaissance	practice on urban/rural renaissance within the Region	charter and vision, bringing together the interests of residents and the private public and voluntary sectors.
Innovation	Promote and encourage better links between Rotherham and universities	Action 2A Foster innovation to develop new markets and products – including good links between business, HE and Science
Innovation	More existing businesses in Rotherham need to links to universities in the region	
Innovation	Links between business and the universities explored and developed via emerging cluster strategies	Action 2D (ii) Bring universities into the Better Deal for Business framework for both R&D and higher level skills Action 2F (v) Make the most of Universities as businesses that trade globally and attract overseas students and investment
Community Economic Development	Economic inactivity is a major, if hidden, problem. Need to include all partners and make sure support is targeted	Action 4C – Develop programmes and projects to tackle worklessness and get more people into good jobs. Action 4C(i) - Deliver pilot projects to get people off benefit & into work in Hull, Bradford & South Yorkshire
Community Economic Development	How to ensure ‘higher quality’ jobs go to local people	Action 3E(iv) – Expand HE provision to increase the number of graduates and scale of learning.
Community Economic Development	Public sector organisations should set example in supporting programmes such as New Deal	No mention made.
Climate Change	Business Link South Yorkshire should raise awareness of climate change issues with SMEs	Regional Environment Forum has put together a Regional Environmental Enhancement Strategy. The strategy aims to raise awareness of and exert influence, particularly on the high level strategy documents that our region must produce, focusing on the key themes of; building knowledge and understanding, conserving environmental resources, managing environmental change and making community connections (page 73)
Northern Way	Which boundary takes precedence – Y&H or Sheffield City Region	RES treats city regions as an economic rather than a political concept. (page 15)
Northern Way	Stronger links need to be made with the RES from adjoining areas	The RES supports the Northern Way and takes forward its priorities where relevant and right for the region. Northern Way is also fully considered in and implemented through the region’s Spatial and Housing Strategies which are integrated with this RES. (page 23) No mention of RES from adjoining areas.
Northern Way	Need for consistent priorities/objectives across other key documents	Yorkshire Futures will play a key role in working with partners across the region to support policy development on economic, social and environmental issues and in marrying together and integrating strategies. A Regional Strategy group will be established to embed this approach. The initial focus
Northern Way	Clear strategy hierarchy needs to be established and a timetable	

	set which enables objectives and priorities to be confirmed at a high level and cascaded down the hierarchy	on economy, planning and housing will be extended to cover culture, health, education and environment and other areas where appropriate (page 70)
Northern Way	RES should not attempt to address detailed land use allocation issues	RES builds on approach in current RPG and dovetails with new RSS. High degree of consistency in place. Sustainable development a central principle e.g. priority to develop in locations that minimise traffic generation (page 71)
Northern Way	Important that results of econometric modelling are as accurate as possible	Yorkshire Futures' regional economic model can provide a "best guess" forecast of how the economy will perform in the future based on national level assumptions. (page 17)
Northern Way	Establishment of South Yorkshire Destination Management Partnership will build on interim marketing and promote SY to incoming visitors	Action 2c (ii) Yorkshire Tourist Board to prepare Tourism Plan to support RES with focus on visitor spend, quality, sustainability and innovation. Action 2c (iii) Campaign to attract tourists from abroad, as part of a North of England initiative, focused on Europe and USA markets
Sustainable Development	Should be built into the RES policy via the Regional Sustainable Development Framework	Sustainable development is a cross cutting theme in each objective. Draft and (near) final versions of the RES will be subject to a robust and objective sustainable development appraisal. This will be based on the appraisal system set out in the RSDF. This is an integral approach that will assess the RES against the environmental, social and economic aspects of sustainable development. This includes health and determinants of health, diversity and rural proofing so that one common appraisal is able to join up different issues. The strategy will also be subject to a strategic environmental assessment in line with legislative requirements.
Sustainable Development	RMBC is exploring the development of integrated appraisal to assess health, sustainability, equalities, economic and social impact	
Investment Plans	RES should be costed	(3.14) Awaiting a response from government on Regional Funding allocations, full details will be included in the final version. Document now sets out the "scale of resources influenced by the RES."
Investment Plans	RES funding needs to link to future EU funding –	(3.10) States that Sub-regional Investment Plans will ensure close co-ordination of funding streams including Single Pot, European funding and other key public funds.
Investment Plans	Investment Planning needs to be more strategic, rather than a collection of projects put together. Could be tackled by a more local monitoring regime to ensure local links made	(3.11) Problems with first round of investment plans are acknowledged. Next set of plans need to have much better linkages at a strategic level and in the localised delivery, no detail on how this will be achieved.
Investment Plans	Links between SRIP and RES need to be clearer	(3.9) Acknowledge that diversity of region means that RES cannot meet all needs. SRIPs will be used to deliver the RES within the sub-regions in a way most

		appropriate to their needs.
General	Show how the RES impacts on quality of life, including SMART objectives to improve quality of life, address deprivation and equality and promote sustainable development	<p>Actions 6B (i) Implement high quality, integrated renaissance delivery plans – focus in Rotherham</p> <p>Recognition that quality of place is a driver of regional economic performance (page 15) Health is one of the aspects making up quality of place. Note importance of culture and raising aspirations (page 21)</p>

**RMBC Draft Response
Consultation Draft RES**

Overall this version of the RES seems easier to navigate through and clearer to understand than the previous document.

However, it is considered that the document could be strengthened in a number of key areas. The focus on people in receipt of incapacity is right given the large numbers in the Region, many of whom would wish to work with the right support. This support however is much wider than that suggested here, key also is occupational and confidence building support which the report should make reference to. Reference could also usefully be made to the numbers in receipt of incapacity benefit to emphasise the scale and nature of the issue.

Climate Change is a major issue and challenge. The actions suggested and main thrust are again too narrowly focused. The Region for example is one of the main energy producers and suppliers. How can the RES, and the Region more generally, contribute to clean or cleaner energy production?

References to health largely focus on a medical model of health rather than a wider public health e.g. the contribution of improved air quality or less unemployment to health. Health is a major challenge in the Region, and it has one of the poorest levels in the Country.

The section on Inclusion and Community Safety reads more as a statement and needs to be supported by evidence with detailed actions.

Links are identified with the Northern Way but no mention is made of adjoining Regional Economic Strategies. There is a need to have regard to neighbouring RES to ensure that Yorkshire and Humber are not operating in a vacuum.

Given that RES and Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) are to be consistent it is important that there is consistency in modelling. Recently further modelling work on the Regional Econometric Model (REM) has been undertaken for RSS and in addition to this a further update to REM released which could have implications for Rotherham (the updated baseline run of the model projects an increase in population as opposed to a decrease in previous work). We therefore need to be satisfied that the modelling work on which RES is based is up to date, accurate and consistent with RSS modelling work. Is the RES modelling based on the latest data and consistent with new RSS modelling, or will any additional modelling work be undertaken?

The indicative physical development priorities for South Yorkshire includes developing renaissance activity in the Dearne focused on prioritised towns (based on catchments and need). It should be made clear that such activity will need to be consistent with the Local Development Frameworks being developed by Rotherham, Barnsley and Doncaster. These will be looking in detail at spatial development of the

boroughs and conclusions could have implications for renaissance development activity.

The Dearne, Rotherham town centre and Waverley AMP are indicated as indicative priorities - is there an argument for including Dinnington as well, given its key role in the South of the borough and the growing momentum around the redevelopment of the former colliery?

There is the potential to target "eco industries" which actively contribute towards sustainable development objectives – for example innovative waste recycling or other green technologies.

Objective 5: Transport, Infrastructure and Environment

We welcome the emphasis within this objective on encouraging more journeys on public transport, introducing demand management and "soft" measures and land use planning to reduce the need to travel. However, there is a need now to ensure delivery on these aspects of the strategy. This requires sufficient funding to introduce the necessary projects and initiatives. There is a balance to be struck between the economic, environmental and social consequences of transport investment and more generally in regenerating the economy. This needs to remain a consideration as part of the delivery of the strategy.

We welcome the proposed increases in funding for Local Transport Plans as outlined in the consultation on Financial Planning Guidelines for LTPs. Whilst the increases in funding for metropolitan areas such as South and West Yorkshire are noteworthy, the overall increase for the Yorkshire and the Humber region is much more modest at around 5% over the five year period to 2010/2011.

Consultation on preparing advice on regional funding allocations does not close until January 2006. Therefore, despite indicative allocations across the three funding streams of transport, housing and economy being available, advice from the regions on implementation of these allocations will not be available until after the RES has been finalised. It is important that these two documents are properly aligned.

We are concerned that despite the RES stating that M1 improvements have been committed, delays in implementing SWYMBUS proposals on the M1, online and improvements in the vicinity of junction 33, could jeopardise the availability of Objective 1 match funding. If the J31-32 element of the SWYMBUS proposals cannot be contractually committed by December 2006, £3m of Objective 1 funding would be lost, which threatens a much needed transport improvement. We are led to believe by the Highways Agency that the remaining SWYMBUS schemes will not commence until after the beginning of 2009. This delay would mean that Rotherham will continue to suffer from the impact and effects of one of the most heavily congested stretches of motorway in the country. We are currently lobbying Government Office for their help in progressing these matters. Any support which Yorkshire Forward could offer would be welcome.

We agree with the focus on attracting more journeys to public transport. However, whilst the strategy supports the concept of quality public transport provision and

connecting people in rural and deprived areas to opportunity, funding is needed to achieve this. If there is to be a focus on large scale schemes which generate major economic benefit, funding for public transport service improvements are unlikely to be a high priority. Will revenue funding be available to support the development of services? If “carrots”, in the form of alternatives to the car, are not provided first, it will be difficult to effectively introduce the “sticks” in the form of pricing policies. We commented as part of the first round of consultation that no mention was made of the Regional Freight Strategy. This is still the case in the draft RES and we feel this is an omission given the role of freight transport and logistics in the regional economy. It could be argued that the Regional Freight Strategy is implicitly considered as part of the Regional Transport Strategy and individual Local Transport Plans which should be aligned to the RES.

The role of the emerging Regional Transport Boards and the Northern Transport Compact need to be clarified. In particular it is important that representation on these groups ensures that there is a balance between social/environmental/economic considerations.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Regeneration and Asset Board
2.	Date:	14th September 2005
3.	Title:	Rotherham Economic Regeneration Fund (R.E.R.F) funding for Rotherham Youth Enterprise.
4.	Programme Area:	Young People’s Services

5. Summary

To note members approval to an application for R.E.R.F match funding of up to £39,522 towards the cost of delivering Rotherham Youth Enterprise business support services for the period 1st July 2005 to 31st March 2006.

6. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- **That members note the approval given to Rotherham Youth Enterprise business support centres and services of up to £39,522 revenue from the R.E.R.F Budget**

7. Proposals and Details

Rotherham Youth Enterprise (RYE) provides specialist support to young people aged 16-30 years who wish to consider starting a business and self employment as their preferred career option. The project provides incubation workspace and a range of business support services to 'start up businesses' throughout the borough.

An application has been submitted to R.E.R.F seeking £39,522 to match SRB6 funding and ensure the delivery of the project at three Youth Business Support Centres until such a time that a current Sub Regional Investment Plan application for Single Pot support has been approved. Should Single Pot Funding become available to the project prior to March 2006 any outstanding funding would be returned to R.E.R.F .

RYE has been awarded SRB6 funding from April 2004 until December 2007 at a rate of 50% of total project costs, during the first year the project received match funding from Business Link South Yorkshire and Yorkshire Forward. The project has since applied for Single Pot funding through the SRIP (Rotherham Enterprise Development project) in order to maintain the project at its present levels and introduce development work during the next 3 years. If approved, the project will receive 100% Single Pot Funding from 2007 -2009.

Whilst awaiting a decision around the Rotherham Enterprise Development SRIP, SRB6 agreed to fund RYE at 100% during the April – June 2005 period, this money being brought forward from the 2006-2007 SRB allocation. As from July 1st, the project is now only in receipt of 50% funding from SRB and needs to secure match until a decision is reached by Yorkshire Forward. The R.E.R.F match funding would allow the project to continue to deliver its current range of provision, e.g. provide incubation units in three Youth Enterprise Centre's – mainly at Brampton and Century, Treeton currently receives mainstream support through Young People's Services. Will ensure the retention of 3.5 experienced staff whose contracts will otherwise terminate, create/assist 20 new Start Up Businesses, engage 28 people in employment/self employment, assist 8 people to come off the unemployment register, engage with 1200 young people in schools and 10 employers participating in the delivery of enterprise activities, assist a minimum of 4 people from disadvantaged groups into employment e.g. disabled, ex offenders or refugees.

RYE works closely with RIDO's business centres operation and, alongside RIDO, played a central part in the Council's successful bids for Beacon Council status for Fostering Business Growth and Supporting New Businesses.

8. Finance

The total cost of the contract for the 2005-2006 financial year is £120,476, with a maximum of £39,522 revenue requested from R.E.R.F, £52,000 approved through SRB6 and the remainder funded through client and RMBC 'in kind' contributions.

There is currently £108,835 R.E.R.F revenue available for new projects.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

If the R.E.R.F bid is not successful, the project outputs would not be met, 3.5 experienced staff would lose their employment, two out of the three Youth Enterprise Centre's would not receive the revenue support they need to facilitate the Incubation Workspace, the numbers of start up businesses being generated in the Borough would decrease and businesses currently accessing the provision may not survive the impact. This may also have a negative effect on the SRIP application as the project would not be at a point where it could begin to deliver its outputs immediately that funding/monies were made available.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

Rotherham Youth Enterprise contributes towards the strategic themes of Rotherham Achieving and Rotherham Learning, as well as the Rotherham Regeneration Plan and Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy. The project is also expected to play a key role in any Local Economic Growth Initiative (LEGI) proposal for Rotherham.

The scheme is a recognised model of good practice nationally and is a key contributor to the 2005-06 Beacon Award for Supporting New Businesses.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

RMBC Business Support and Incubation Strategy - Zernike (UK) Ltd, 2003
Beacon Council Scheme; Supporting New Businesses - RMBC application, 2004

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ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1. Meeting:	Regeneration and Asset Board Cabinet Member and Advisors
2. Date:	14th September 2005
3. Title:	Herringthorpe Playing Fields – Lease Agreement
4. Programme Area:	Education, Culture & Leisure

5. Summary

Further to the report brought to the Board on 13th July, the Strategic Leader, Culture, Leisure and Lifelong Learning has now clarified the legal issues, as requested. The lease agreement has been drafted. Officers are requesting permission to carry out the signing of the lease.

6. Recommendations

1) Members are asked to agree to the signing of the lease agreement.

7. Proposals and Details

Following the request from members the Strategic Leader, Culture, Leisure and Lifelong Learning has determined that the necessary legal obligations will be carried out prior to the signing of the lease agreement. Legal Services have drafted a suitable agreement (Appendix A). Discussions are taking place with the Rugby Club on some of the detail and a verbal update will be given at the meeting. The key elements of the agreement include:

- 25 year term
- Annual rent of £2,500
- Full repair and maintenance on pavilion and area of field to accommodate 3 rugby pitches
- 16 hours per week - community use, including RMBC Sports Development Team.
- 6 hours per week - Rugby Club 1st Team use
- 38 hours per week - Rugby Club junior, women's and educational use (20 hours)

8. Finance

RRUFC will meet all costs relating to the establishment of the lease agreement, relevant planning permission and any reinstatement of land outside the designated area.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

As previously reported the proposals are running in advance of the Green Space Strategy and the intended development of a master plan for the site. Decisions taken to make improvements now, may affect the needs of other users and potential users in the future. Any agreement should enable the maximum flexibility for future developments to meet the aspirations of other stakeholders.

All of the agreements relating to the partnership with the Council to develop community sport and physical opportunities on the site need to be put into writing prior to the signing of any lease agreement in order to ensure this work is sustained throughout the term of the lease. Reference to these needs to be made in the agreement.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

Regeneration: This partnership will contribute to the regeneration of the Herringthorpe Playing Field site, stimulating both capital and revenue investment. The funding provided by RRUFC may be used to support applications to other funding sources.

Equalities: An underlying principle of the development will be to offer a broad range of inclusive sport and physical activity opportunities.

Sustainability: RRUFC is a professional sports club operating at a high level of performance. The club has the funds to make the necessary improvements and will seek further external funding opportunities. The sustainability of the wider activities will be through the creation of the 'Hub', a wider sporting partnership involving other key sports clubs and activity groups from within and around the local community.

This alliance will form the basis of the sustainable opportunities and further capital investment.

Health: An increase in active participation is a major focus of the work of the club and other partners, including the PCT. This scheme will therefore contribute to improvements in health and well being.

Human Rights: no implications.

Corporate Priorities: This scheme and the wider sports Hub plan meet the Council's priorities of *Rotherham Learning, Rotherham Achieving, Rotherham Alive and Rotherham Safe*. In particular it will contribute to Culture and Leisure Service outcomes under the following strategic objectives.

Learning - Improve the potential of Rotherham people by assisting them to develop through the provision of lifelong learning opportunities.

Achieve - Increase the economic vitality of the Borough, specifically the town centre and disadvantaged communities, through targeted investment in cultural initiatives.

Alive - Improve quality of life and levels of health and wellbeing for all people in Rotherham by increasing and widening participation in cultural activities.

Safe - To contribute to safer neighbourhoods and better environments, through the active engagement of priority communities in cultural activity and targeting resources to improve priority sites

Contribution to CPA: the scheme will help to addresses a number of Audit Commission criticisms, including the poor condition of buildings and targeting resources at priorities.

11. Background Papers and Consultation – previous report dated 13th July 2005

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