

CABINET MEMBER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING, CULTURE AND LEISURE

Venue: Town Hall,
Moorgate Street,
Rotherham.

Date: Tuesday, 17 January 2006

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. Minutes of previous meetings held on 6th and 13th December, 2005 (copies herewith). (Pages 1 - 8)
4. Minutes of a meeting of Rotherham Cultural Consortium held on 7th December, 2005 (copy herewith). (Pages 9 - 15)
5. Minutes of a meeting of the Christmas Carnival Co-ordinating Group held on 15th December, 2005 (copy herewith). (Pages 16 - 18)
6. Petition - Parking at Clifton 'A Community and Arts' School (David Hill, Manager, School Organisation, Planning and Development) (copy herewith). (Pages 19 - 21)
- to receive the report and consider the parking situation
7. Date and Time of Next Meeting

LIFELONG LEARNING, CULTURE AND LEISURE
6th December, 2005

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

134. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 22ND NOVEMBER, 2005

The minutes of a meeting held on 22nd November, 2005 were agreed as a correct record.

135. MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CHILDREN'S BOARD HELD ON 9TH NOVEMBER, 2005

Resolved:- That the minutes of the Children's Board held on 9th November, 2005 be received.

(The Chairman authorised consideration of the following two items in order to expedite matters referred to without further delay).

136. MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LEA GOVERNORS APPOINTMENT PANEL HELD ON 29TH NOVEMBER, 2005.

Resolved:- (1) That the minutes of the LEA Governors Appointment Panel held on 29th November, 2005 be received.

(2) That the effective date of appointments be 6th December, 2005 and not 29th November, 2005.

137. LEA GOVERNORS APPOINTMENTS

Pursuant to Minute No. C50 of January 2000, consideration was given to nominations received to fill LEA vacancies on school governing bodies.

Resolved:- That, with the effective date of appointment, the following appointments be made to school governing bodies:-

Greasbrough Junior & Infant 06/12/05	Mrs. L. White	
Rawmarsh Sandhill Primary	Mrs. J. South	
Deferred		
Redscope Primary	Mr. T. Sherburn	Deferred
Swinton Comp Comm School 06/12/05	Mr. S.	Sansome

Both the above appointments are subject to satisfactory checks being undertaken.

138. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

139. CREATIVITY AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY ACCESS PROJECT

Consideration was given to a report of the Cultural Diversity Officer on the work of the Creativity and Cultural Diversity Access Project in developing and sustaining the involvement of asylum seeker and refugee communities in the cultural and heritage sectors. This includes the Diversity Festival at Rotherham Show and the Global Village Programme.

The Development Plan for the Creativity and Cultural Diversity Project identifies 8 key areas:

1. Developing the Diversity Festival
2. Development of the Steering Group
3. Development of individual groups
4. Global Village all year round – a rolling programme of events
5. Developing and supporting individual artists
6. Audience Development
7. Venue development
8. Development of a South Yorkshire sub regional network

The current work is an extension of the 3 year Cultural Diversity Access Project (CDAP), an externally funded project with Heritage Lottery Fund.

Resolved:- That the report be received and the information noted.

(Exempt under Paragraph 4 of the Act – the report contains information relating to recipients of any service provided by the Authority).

140. OPENING OF TENDERS - SUPPLY OF FROZEN FOODS

The Cabinet Member opened six tenders received for the supply of frozen foods.

Resolved:- That the Head of Procurement evaluate the tenders and submit a report to a future meeting.

(Exempt under Paragraph 8 of the Act – report contains information relating to expenditure proposed to be incurred by the Authority under a particular contract.).

CABINET MEMBER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING, CULTURE AND LEISURE
Tuesday, 13th December, 2005

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

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Littleboy.

141. MINUTES OF A PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved:- That the minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet Member for Lifelong Learning, Culture and Leisure held on 29th November, 2005 be received.

142. EDUCATION CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Resolved:- That the minutes of a meeting of the Education Consultative Committee held on 24th November, 2005 be received.

143. BUDGET MONITORING REPORT AS AT OCTOBER, 2005 (CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES)

Consideration was given to a report of the Strategic Leader Resources and Information outlining the performance against budget for the Children and Young People's Services in 2005/06.

The report reflects the organisational change that resulted in the formal cessation of the Education, Culture and Leisure Services Programme Area and the creation of the Children and Young People's Services Programme Area on 1st October, 2005.

The current forecast is to overspend against budget for the financial year by £35k.

This relates to additional costs in Young People's Services resulting from the JNC Pay increase exceeding the budgeted level of inflation (£35k) and loss of income resulting from the delayed re-opening of Longdendale Outdoor Activity Centre following fire damage (£68k). These cost pressures are partially offset by staff slippage and the Pupil Referral Units not operating at full capacity.

Work is ongoing to identify costs savings and potential new income streams to bring this forecast spend in line with budget.

The report set out a detailed variance analysis.

Resolved:- That the forecast outturn for 2005/06 based on actual costs to 31st October, 2005 and forecast costs to the end of March, 2006 be noted.

144. BUDGET MONITORING REPORT AS AT OCTOBER, 2005 (CULTURE

AND LEISURE SERVICES)

Consideration was given to the fourth Budget Monitoring report of the Strategic Leader Resources and Information outlining the performance against budget for Culture and Leisure Services in 2005/06. It is the first separate report for the service, reflecting the organisational change that resulted in the formal cessation of the Education, Culture and Leisure Services Programme Area and the creation of the Children and Young People's Services Programme Area on 1st October, 2005.

The current forecast is to overspend against budget for the financial year by £550k (4.8%).

This predominantly relates to continued pressure on sport and recreational facility budgets, as experienced in previous years (£454k).

Culture and Heritage Services are forecasting an overspend of £146k. This relates to additional costs at the Museum and Museum Store, and to a shortfall in income due to a loss of room hire income at the Arts Centre due to the utilisation of the room as a call centre.

These overspends are offset by a forecast saving on the Library Service budget (£50k).

A detailed variance analysis was set out in the report, together with a number of management actions to bring the forecast overspend closer to budget.

Options for addressing the forecast level of overspend for 2005/06 and into the future are being compiled by managers within the service with support from Corporate Finance, with the aim of creating a medium term plan to ensure the sustainability of the Service into the future from within available resources. Options for Member consideration will be submitted to a future meeting.

Resolved:- That the forecast outturn for 2005/06 based on actual costs to 31st October, 2005 and forecast costs to the end of March, 2006 be noted.

145. SCHOOL BALANCES AND PLANNED USE

Consideration was given to a report of the Strategic Leader Resources and Information which outlined the situation regarding the level of School Balances as at the end of March 2005, how the level of balances compares with previous years, and how the 55 Rotherham Schools with surplus balances in excess of 5% at the end of 2004/2005 intend to use these balances.

The number of schools with surplus balances in excess of 5% has reduced from 63 as at the end of 2003/04 to 55 as at the end of 2004/05.

In addition, the report contained information on the comparative school balances information with other regional authorities who have shared their information through the Regional LMS Officers Group.

Resolved:- (1) That the levels and planned use of balances be noted.

(2) That the comparisons with regional Authority school balances be noted.

(3) That the Schools Finance Team continue to work closely with those schools needing support to develop their financial management skills.

(4) That officers meet with the Head and Chair of Governors of the 3 schools with balances in excess of 5%, who failed to submit their return, in order to discuss the proposed use of their balances.

146. PERMISSION TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDER 44 FROM CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS

Consideration was given to a report of the Strategic Leader Resources and Information which sought approval to suspend Standing Order 44 in order to permit exemption from normal contract standing orders to allow purchase of 'Scran', an image based resource for all schools within the Local Authority, given the unique nature of the product and its suitability for our schools.

Scran has many unique elements to its service, one of which is the ability to provide a secure and safe resource of images, monitored and maintained by the company to serve educational establishments, overriding the need to use visual search engines such as Google Images which provide material that is not appropriate for use by students.

In addition, will be the opportunity for developing local content, in partnership with the Libraries and Archive Service. This content will be hosted and accessible to schools through the Scran portal.

The costs of the facility will be met through the 2005/06 Standards Fund grant.

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

(2) That the request to suspend Standing Order 44 to enable a contract to be established with 'Scran' as a consequence of the circumstances outlined in the report submitted, be approved, subject to discussion with neighbouring authorities as to whether they are aware of any other company who could provide this product.

147. HALF YEARLY REPORT ON COMPLAINTS

Consideration was given to a joint report of Adult Social Services and

Children and Young People's Services which contained details of complaints relating to the Children and Young People's Services for the first half of 2005/06 (April to September).

The report merges information from both Social Services and Education.

The report details complaints at all stages of the procedure, the main focus being the recommendations made and improvements to policies or procedures connected to service delivery.

Both Education and Social Services operate statutory complaints procedures. As the services merge into Children and Young People's Services work is taking place to review the processes and procedures. This review will aim to make improvements to the cost, quality and timescale dimensions of investigations so that Service Users receive an improved service.

Children's complaints covered by Social Services' legislation dictate that at Stage 2 investigation, an independent person must be appointed alongside the Investigating Officer. This impacts on the cost of complaints investigations and this element will be part of the review referred to in the review of processes and procedures.

The details of four Stage 1 complaints for ECALS from 1st April, 2005 to 30th September, 2005 were highlighted.

An annual report will be submitted in April 2006 containing details for the whole of 2005/06.

Resolved:- That the report be received.

148. SCHOOLS PFI PROJECT UPDATE: AUTUMN TERM 2005

Consideration was given to a joint report of the Acting Head of Partnerships and Governance Resources and Acting Head of Resources and Access, Children and Young People's Services containing details of the current situation with regard to the Schools PFI Project Update: Autumn Term 2005.

The Schools PFI Project involves a partnership between the Council and Transform Schools (Rotherham) Limited. The contract includes the rebuilding/refurbishment of 15 schools and their facilities management for a period of 30 years from 1st April, 2004.

By December 2006 the project will provide:-

- New schools for Coleridge, Ferham, Kimberworth, Maltby Crags Infant, Maltby Crags Junior, Meadowhall and Thornhill Primaries; and Winterhill, Wingfield and Wath Secondaries.

- Part new build and refurbished schools at East Dene and Wath Central Primaries; and Clifton, Thrybergh and Wickersley Secondaries.
- Additionally, extended school use will be provided as follows:- new Key Young Persons' Centres will be provided at Thornhill Primary and Wath Secondary; and significantly refurbished centres at Wingfield, Clifton, Thrybergh and Winterhill Secondary Schools. SureStart facilities at Ferham, Thornhill and Wingfield. Space for Sports and Arts facilities at Ferham. Children's Centres at Coleridge and Kimberworth. Clifton Project facilities at the Cranworth Road site.

The Council was awarded £71.4m of PFI credits from the DfES as a contribution towards the costs of the scheme. The remainder of the funding derives from the premises related parts of the schools delegated budgets and the Council itself. Transform Schools receives a monthly unitary payment from the Council which began in April 2004. However, the payment is based on the schools reaching full services availability, and the full unitary payment will not be reached until 2007/08 when all the schools will be complete and operational.

Resolved:- That the progress on the Schools PFI Project be noted.

(THE CHAIRMAN AUTHORISED CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN ORDER TO PROCESS THE MATTER REFERRED TO WITHOUT DELAY)

149. NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR CANKLOW WOODS

Consideration was given to a report of the Acting Head of Service, Resources and Access, Children and Young People's Services, containing details of a recent announcement by the Department for Education and Skills (DFES) of the results of the 2006 Targeted Capital Fund (TCF) bids.

The TCF provides capital funding for standards focused projects at LEA and VA schools which are not covered by other funding streams. Bids are assessed on how well they support the government's current priorities for school improvement and raising educational standards.

Rotherham was successful in securing Targeted Capital Funding of £2,363,200 for a replacement Primary School at Canklow Woods, but unsuccessful in a bid for the replacement of temporary classrooms and expansion of Aston Fence Primary School.

Canklow Woods Primary is a school in a disadvantaged area with very low standards at Key Stage 1 and 2. The new building will address the standards and curriculum improvements criteria through primary enrichment and the extended schools/community use criteria.

The £2,363,200 funding from the Department for Education and Skills is in the form of supported borrowing and is spread over 3 years. This will be phased over the three year period 2006-07 to 2008-09 in the proportions 25%, 50% and 25%. The Authority will also contribute approximately 20% or £583,300 which is a condition of the funding. SureStart funding will also contribute £200,000 to provide the facilities for the Children's centre.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

150. 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 Paragraph 8 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government act 1972.

151. OPENING OF TENDERS - COMPUTER CONSUMABLES 05-005

The Cabinet Member opened four tenders received for the above Project.

Resolved:- That the Procurement Manager RBT evaluate the tenders and report back to a future meeting.

(Exempt under Paragraph 8 of the Act – information relating to expenditure proposed to be incurred by the Authority under a particular contract).

**ROTHERHAM CULTURAL CONSORTIUM
WEDNESDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 2005**

Present:- Councillor Boyes (in the Chair); Councillors Austen and Wyatt and Brian Beeley, Michael Bishop, Ron Bye, Len Johnson, Stuart Lister, David Rowley, Esme Temple, Jeff Wharfe (Rotherham Partnership) and R. Wells.

R.M.B.C. Officers:-

Phil Rogers, Head of Culture and Leisure
Tony Preston, Project Development Manager, Culture and Leisure
Steve Hallsworth, Business Manager, Leisure and Green Spaces
Marie Hayes, Commercial and Promotional Services Manager
Peter Thornborrow, Conservation and Urban Design Officer

54. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Littleboy, R. Russell and Swift, Joanne Edley (Tourism Manager), Roy Newman, Noreen Brown, Joyce Williams and Guy Kilminster (Manager, Libraries, Museums and Arts).

55. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th September, 2005 were approved as a correct record.

56. CULTURAL SERVICE DEVELOPMENT OVER THE LAST THREE MONTHS

Phil Rogers, Head of Culture and Leisure, gave a verbal report on Cultural Service Development over the last three months.

There had been a huge increase in participants following work done by the Commercial and Promotional and Sports Development Teams who had put together a package of activities over the Summer, a series of which had been from both private and non-private sector community groups.

Sports Development

Mega Active Summer Programme

Attracted 2941 young people aged 16 and under. 181 Black and Ethnic participants (majority of delivery in Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy areas).

Community Sports Coach Scheme

RMBC Community Coaches – Football Development worker is already making a huge impact
Delivery since July 2005 (majority in NRS Areas)
Over 1600 young people aged 5-19 involved in the scheme so far
107 disabled participants
50 BEM participants

United Multicultural Centre Community Coach

Delivery since April 2004 (Eastwood and Springwell Gardens area)
Over 1600 young people engaged
208 BEM participants

Kimberworth Park Community Coach

Delivery since July 2005 (Kimberworth Park area only)
Over 200 young people engaged in the programme

Space for Sports and Arts Project (Ferham, St. Ann's, High Greave, Rawmarsh, Thurcroft)

Delivery of programmes at above sites to engage young people in sport/physical activity. Over 500 young people have participated in sports activities to date

Football Development

Several Football programmes have been delivered since April 2005.
Over 1200 young people have been engaged to date

Skills academy for Young People with disabilities

Partnership between Rawmarsh Sports College and Community Coach Scheme, Multi-sport sessions
Current attendance over 25 young people on a weekly basis

Positive Parks Project Maltby (Multi-sports)

Whole project has attracted over 200 young people

Community Arts

Space for Sports and Arts (Arts) Half-term activities

Street dance – 25 participants over the 2 sessions
Halloween Fun – 81 participants over the 4 sessions (33 at Thurcroft)
Circus Skills – 19 over the 3 sessions

School Arts Network

The Schools Arts Network exists to promote art in schools and work with art teachers and activity co-ordinators. Open Minds Theatre Company developed a festival with 8 schools. One of the arts development officers has also developed a performance project with Swinton cluster. This now includes the management of the Helen Billington Fund which provides small grants to Rotherham schools for arts activities.

Libraries

15,000 children actively use Libraries in Rotherham and borrowed 208,508 children's books in 2004/05.

The Library's **People's Network** provides free internet and e-mail to all residents of Rotherham. Sessions held develop skills and confidence in ICT. "Safe Surfing for Children and their Carers" won a national award in 2004.

The 2005 **Children's Book Festival** presented a total of 98 sessions across Rotherham, 39 of which were events that were open to the general public. 28 authors, storytellers and poets and other artistes engaged with invited schools and public audiences in libraries across the borough. 15 sites received an author, storyteller or performer this year. These reached an audience of over 4000 people across Rotherham.

26 schools took part in **the Rotherham Children's Book Award** and 7 schools delivered dramatic presentations of titles they had read.

Schools' Music Service

The Ofsted inspection of the Music Service found it to be one of the best two music services in the country.

Green Spaces

The new **children's amusements** were opened in Clifton Park in March 2005.

A **children's fireworks display** was organised by the Friends of Clifton Park as part of this year's bonfire and firework celebrations in November 2005. Estimated 10,000 people attended. Everyone had enjoyed the event.

Work is currently being undertaken to encourage schools/young people to take up **allotment plots**. Winterhill Comprehensive, Aston Comprehensive, Clifton Comprehensive and Dearne Valley College already have plots. The Multi-Cultural Centre also has a plot which is used by school aged children. In addition Wath Community Partnership and Rawmarsh and Parkgate Community Partnership are setting up allotment plots. Phoenix Enterprises also have allotment plots for training the young unemployed in horticulture. Mencap also have some plots.

An important factor to the success of allotment sites was the installation of secure fencing. Funding to fence two sites had been secured from the Housing Market Renewal Pathfinder Programme.

Junior Rangers have been working in Victoria Park, Rawmarsh to

improve the look of the park by painting old railings, etc. This was featured on Calendar TV.

Urban Park Ranger Service is working alongside South Yorkshire Forest with their **Wetland Wildflower Project**. Rangers go into schools to deliver a set number of lessons aimed at improving the ground's biodiversity and educating children about its importance. Schools taking part so far are Brinsworth Manor Junior, Abbey School, Rockingham J&I School and Maltby Redwood Juniors.

15,000 young people watched or participated in **Living History** at Rother Valley Country Park.

7500 **junior football and cricket matches** on borough council pitches.

15,000 young people learning **watersports skills** at RMBC's country parks.

Audit Inspection

On the 13th March, 2006 there will be an inspection by the Audit Inspection under Corporate Performance Assessment on Cultural Services. This will be the first time this year nationally that Government has asked for a whole service block inspection. This will happen every year from now on.

A great deal of preparation work is underway and Members of this Consortium would be contacted regarding their input and contribution.

Members present raised a number of questions which led to further information being given on:-

- the benefits for the Council resulting from a high score
- work since 2001 on taking Cultural Services forward
- schemes which were presently progressing well
- the amount of external funding to Rotherham over the past few years

Agreed:- That the verbal report be received.

57. CONSERVATION IN ROTHERHAM 2005

Peter Thornborrow, Conservation and Urban Design Officer, gave a presentation on the current position regarding work being carried out in Rotherham on proposals for future projects and the role of Conservation Officers in particular.

The presentation covered the following issues:-

Townscape Heritage Initiative

- £1.145m awarded to be spent on 25 projects
- Historic High Street and All Saints' Church
- Aims – to improve public realm and create an attractive environment
- Reinstatement of traditional details
- LOTS scheme (living over the shop)
- Project buildings and areas identified as having the greatest impact on the area
- Design features of recent work carried out on a listed building on High Street – Phoenix Building

Wath Conservation Area Extension

- Medieval Moat – still visible
- 18th century tunnel/canal aqueduct
- Arts and Crafts Vicarage built in 1910
- Currently being considered by English Heritage for listing and scheduling of moated area

Firbeck Hall

- Grade II Listed Building – currently empty
- History regarding building's uses
- Action taken by RMBC since the building was considered to be "at risk" at the beginning of 2005
- Current scheme of renovation by new owner – role of architects, planners and Conservation Officer
- Georgian and Art Deco features – rarity – in particular, fireplaces

Kimberworth Manor House

- Grade II Listed Manor House on an ancient monument moated site
- Council owned but recently sold at auction to private buyer
- In a poor condition with some structural problems
- Details of Full Inspection and Inventory of fittings
- Current Situation – intention to restore the building to its original use as house
- Owner fully aware of the condition and issues
- Consultation with South Yorkshire Archaeologist

A number of interesting and historical facts were reported. with regard to town centre buildings, Kimberworth Manor House, Wath Conservation Area and Firbeck Hall. Photographs were shown of the buildings/sites, and interior fixtures and fittings were reported on.

The Conservation and Urban Design Officer responded to the following questions raised by Consortium members:-

- was there a comprehensive reference list of listed buildings – (a copy of this document would be sent to consortium members with agenda items in February, 2006)

- security of town centre buildings after improvement work complete
- information about the use of buildings – A1-A3 class uses
- need for “quality” shops

Agreed:- That Peter Thornborrow be thanked for an interesting and informative presentation.

58. ROLLING OUT THE ARCHIVES

Agreed:- That this item be deferred to a future meeting.

59. DRAFT CULTURAL STRATEGY ACTION PLAN

Tony Preston, Project Development Manager, Culture and Leisure, highlighted the key points in the Future Perfect: Draft Cultural Strategy Action Plan (Volume 3).

Members of the Consortium were thanked for their valuable input towards the compilation of this important document which contained a great deal of information relating to work carried out within the Programme Area and the various partnerships and community groups to improve Culture and Leisure Services for the people of Rotherham.

The background to the compilation of the document was outlined. The Cultural Charter had been preserved but realigned within this Action Plan to include the priorities of the Council and partnerships through the Cultural Strategy and Leisure Services.

With regard to the cultural contribution to town centre regeneration, consultations were well advanced for the provision of a new swimming pool and sports complex in two years' time, for which two bids had been submitted.

Future work would address the need for a new Theatre and Arts Centre.

Other themes/projects would be added to the document, which would be updated next year.

Members of the Consortium were asked to feed back any comments on the document as soon as possible to tony.preston@rotherham.gov.uk or by telephone to him on Rotherham 823665.

60. CULTURAL CONFERENCE 2006

Steve Hallsworth, Business Manager, Leisure and Green Spaces, submitted a draft programme for the Cultural Conference 2006.

It is proposed to hold a half day Conference consisting of short presentations, the theme for which was “Rotherham Active”.

The programme was split into the topics of Youth Engagement, Older People and Diversity.

Members of the Consortium discussed the contents of the Draft Programme and the following comments were noted:-

- to include walking groups
- to include morris dancers and garland dancers

Members of the Consortium were asked to feed back any further comments, specifically on potential invitees, to steve.hallsworth@rotherham.gov.uk. or by telephone to Rotherham 822483.

61. ROTHERHAM ALIVE PARTNERSHIP

Consortium members were invited to nominate a member of the Consortium to represent the Cultural Consortium on the Rotherham Alive Partnership.

Phil Rogers, Head of Culture and Leisure, explained that this was a new spoke of the five themes, the main aim of which was to represent Cultural Organisations.

The meetings were held on a quarterly basis, with the next one scheduled for January.

Agreed:- That in view of the number of apologies for absence received, all members be invited by post to indicate whether they were interested in being nominated.

62. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Agreed:- That the next meeting be held on Wednesday, 22nd February, 2006 at 2.00 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL CO-ORDINATING GROUP
THURSDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 2005**

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Jack), Deputy Mayor (Councillor Wootton), Marie Hayes (in the Chair), and Kate Moreman.

Apologies were received from Jane Sinclair, Julie Roberts and Dawn Runciman.

44. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Agreed:- That the minutes of the meeting of this Group held on 27th October, 2005 be received as a correct record.

45. MATTERS ARISING

Decorative Banners

It was reported that there had been no time to pursue this within the current programme of events.

Agreed:- That this be considered in more detail next year.

Premises Licence

Discussion took place on the criteria for applying for a Premises Licence for town centre activities.

Christmas Craft Market

It was reported that this had been a successful event.

Reindeers

The reindeers were arriving in the town centre on Saturday, 17th December, 2005.

Christmas Carols

Agreed:- That the Commercial and Promotional Services Manager liaise with the Events and Promotions Officer regarding the transmission of carols through the LCD screen in the town centre.

Santa's Grotto

Once again, the grotto had been a very successful attraction. This year a Salvation Army band had played nearby on switch on evening. This had been an added attraction.

Illuminated Parade

On the whole, and despite some problems on the journey through town, the illuminated parade had been very good.

However, it was felt this should be reconsidered next year, although there are very few Christmas attractions available through entertainment agencies.

One suggestion was to consider the hire of the Maltby/Rother Valley Lions sleigh next year.

46. SWITCH ON EVENING - DEBRIEFING

The Group discussed a whole range of issues concerned with the organisation of the switch on evening.

These included:-

- Guest appearance of Friday Hill and crowd control
- Stewarding/Staffing issues
- Christmas Tree – Effingham Square
- Tendering exercise for 2007-2009 lighting contract
- Difficulties with respect to the installation of permanent wiring – i.e. permission needed from owners of buildings
- Ideas for entertainment both prior to and after switch on
- Health and Safety issues
- Staffing of snow machines
- Vandalism issues

Apart from two minor incidents which had been dealt with very well, the switch on event had been very successful with approximately 7/8 thousand people in town.

The meeting debated the siting of illuminations for future years and members present shared ideas. For example, one suggestion in particular being whether All Saints' Square could be made more special at the expense of other town centre streets.

Agreed:- That the Commercial and Promotional Services Manager liaise with the Town Centre and Markets Manager regarding funding for the installation of metal gullies needed for the toilet block.

47. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Membership

Reference was made to the need to review membership of this Group next year.

Agreed:- That membership of the Christmas Carnival Co-ordinating

Group be reviewed next year.

Christmas Programme of Activities

South Yorkshire Police had not encountered any problems on switch on evening.

It seemed that in comparison to other local towns, Rotherham had a very good display of illuminations.

Agreed:- That, on behalf of the Council, the Deputy Mayor extend his congratulations to all staff involved in the organisation of this year's Christmas programme, in particular the hard work carried out by all concerned in the organisation of the switch-on event.

48. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Agreed:- That the next meeting of this group take place on Thursday, 20th July, 2006 at 2.00 p.m.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member and Advisers Lifelong Learning, Culture and Leisure
2.	Date:	17th January 2006
3.	Title:	Petition – Parking at Clifton ‘A Community and Arts’ School
4.	Programme Area:	Children and Young People’s Services Ward 12

5. Summary:

A petition has been received from local residents complaining about car parking at Clifton ‘A Community and Arts’ School. The residents, who mainly live on Cambridge Street and Gladys Street, have complained that teachers and other staff are parking their cars on these streets instead of in the new school car park. This is causing congestion and does not allow for local residents to park outside their own houses. An investigation into the problem has identified that even though the new car park has been brought into operation not all the spaces are currently available for use. This is due to continuing construction work on the multi-games court which has limited the number of places available. It is envisaged that once the whole car park is fully available that the necessity for teachers to park on Cambridge Street and Gladys Street will cease.

6. Recommendations:

It is recommended that the petition be received and the petitioners be notified of the non availability of some spaces within the Clifton ‘A Community and Arts’ School car park.

7. Proposals and Details: A petition signed by 29 local residents has been received complaining about car parking at Clifton 'A Community and Arts' School.

(A copy of the petition is attached to this report)

The residents, who mainly live on Cambridge Street and Gladys Street, have complained that teachers and other staff are parking their cars on these streets instead of in the new school car park. This is causing congestion and does not allow for local residents to park outside their own houses.

As part of the Private Finance Initiative (PFI) building programme at Clifton 'A Community and Arts' School a new car park accessed off Middle Lane has been built.

An investigation into the problem has identified that even though the new car park has been brought into operation not all the spaces are currently available for use. This is due to continuing construction work on the multi-games court which has limited the number of places available.

The Head Teacher has informed staff of the concern of local residents and it is envisaged that once the whole car park is fully available that the necessity for teachers to park on Cambridge Street and Gladys Street will cease.

The use of the car park by staff provides them with more secure parking with less chance of being bumped. Whilst parking all day outside a local residents house is not a motoring offence it does not promote 'good neighbours' and if it caused obstruction to the Public Highway or blocked a drive it could lead to an offence being committed.

8. Finance: n/a

9. Risks and Uncertainties: Planning restrictions limit the amount of space that can be made available at schools for car parking and every member of staff cannot be provided with a car parking space. Parking on the Public Highway is not an offence unless obstruction occurs and school staff have equal rights to the local residents to park on the Public Highway.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications: Limiting car parking spaces provides encouragement to school staff to car share, use public transport or to walk/cycle to school which reduces harmful emissions to the environment.

10. Background Papers and Consultation: n/a

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Appendix 'A' 29 Signatures

PETITION TO:- ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Education, Culture and Leisure Services:-

Senior Executive Director - Dr. Sonia Sharp

Chair of Governors, Clifton School - Cllr. Maurice Kirk

WE THE UNDERSIGNED LOCAL RESIDENTS OBJECT TO TEACHERS AND STAFF AT CLIFTON SCHOOL PARKING THEIR VEHICLES# OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL PREMISES - ON CAMBRIDGE STREET - FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

1. There is parking provision for staff on the School site now that building work has finished,
2. We were promised by the School that this staff parking would stop once the on-site parking was ready,
3. Severe congestion already existing* has been made even worse for local residents by this persistent, daily and often long-term parking by staff,
* caused by a combination of:-
pupils being dropped off and picked up, the increase in the number of such pupils using the side-street gate, visitors to the betting shop and local shops, the volume of through traffic and the fact that the street is a frequent service bus route
4. The effects of this increase in the severe congestion are creating a lot of pressure and stress for local residents. For car owners (most residents have cars and no off-street parking spaces) the daily problems of finding parking spaces anywhere near our homes, especially when we need to load/unload things, are worse than ever. For all residents, increasing problems are being created for council and commercial vehicles, providing regular and emergency utility services, in finding anywhere to park at all and times for visits to deliver goods or do work have to be rearranged, and
5. We would like a positive response about what the Council and the School are going to do to improve the situation for us. Please respond to:- Michelle Brown, 24, Cambridge Street, Clifton, Rotherham.

Vehicle details as follows:-

Blue Scenic - Y913 KPE, White Corsa - M24 DKV, Green Punto - N304 AMB, Blue ? - P957 MKW, Escort - P952 PLE and Red Megane - Y641 YFU

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Copy to:- Mr. Marshall, Head Teacher, Clifton School-----Date:-30.11.05