

REGENERATION AND ASSET BOARD

Venue: Town Hall,
Moorgate Street,
Rotherham.

Date: Wednesday, 22nd February 2006

Time: 8.45 a.m.

A G E N D A

1. To determine if the following matters are to be considered under the categories suggested, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972.
2. To determine any item which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered later in the agenda as a matter of urgency.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th January, 2006. (copy attached) (Pages 1 - 9)
4. Matters arising.
5. Regeneration Plan Review. (report attached) (Pages 10 - 39)
Head of RiDO to report.
 - to present a draft version of the mid-term review and seek approval.
6. Business Incubation Development (BID) Fund. (report attached) (Pages 40 - 43)
Business Development Manager to report.
 - to provide details of the new DTI fund for incubation.
7. European Structural Funds. (report attached) (Pages 44 - 47)
Economic Strategy Officer to report.
 - to report settlement of funds for 2007-2013.
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. Increase in RERF contributions to Rotherham Youth Enterprise. (report attached) (Pages 48 - 51)
Economic Strategy Officer to report.
 - to consider funding to cover running costs in 2006/2007.
(Exempt under Paragraph 8 of the Act – finance)

10. RERF contribution towards the cost of a feasibility study into the Regeneration of the Lower Don Valley. (report attached) (Pages 52 - 55)
Economic Strategy Officer to report.
 - to consider a contribution towards the cost of feasibility study into the regeneration of the Lower Don Valley.(Exempt under Paragraph 8 of the Act – finance)
11. Chapel Walk Mosque, Rotherham. (report attached) (Pages 56 - 63)
Head of Asset Management to report.
 - to consider disposal of land.(Exempt under Paragraph 9 of the Act – land and property)
12. Rawmarsh Customer Service Centre. (report attached) (Pages 64 - 71)
Head of Asset Management to report.
 - to consider the selection of a site for a Customer Service Centre.(Exempt under Paragraph 9 of the Act – land and property)
13. Customer Service Centres Programme Progress Report. (report attached) (Pages 72 - 78)
Asset Manager to report.
 - to note the progress for each of the six Customer Service Centres
 - to select one site at Aston-cum-Aughton for development, subject to confirmation of viability following a detailed appraisal.(Exempt under Paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Act – finance/land and property)
14. Land and Property Bank: Capital Receipts Update. (report attached) (Pages 79 - 81)
Head of Asset Management to report.
 - to highlight changes to the forecast of capital receipts.(Exempt under Paragraph 9 of the Act – land and property)
15. Land Transactions Update. (report attached) (Pages 82 - 86)
Head of RiDo to report.
 - to update Members on the current position regarding major land transactions throughout the borough.(Exempt under Paragraph 9 of the Act – land and property)
16. Breathing Space. (report attached) (Pages 87 - 96)
Head of Asset Management to report.
 - to report the development work and progress to design, build and the turn key delivery of a £7.1M innovative and environmentally sustainable building as part of a revolutionary £10M Breathing Space Programme for the treatment of respiratory conditions, notably Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)(Exempt under Paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Act - finance/land and property)

17. Westgate Demonstrator Project. (report attached) (Pages 97 - 105)
Implementation Team Leader to report.
 - to update Members on the project.(Exempt under Paragraph 9 of the Act – land and property)

For information:-

18. Date, time and venue of next meeting:

Wednesday, 22nd March, 2006 at 10.00 a.m. at the Town Hall, Rotherham.

REGENERATION AND ASSET BOARD
Wednesday, 18th January, 2006

Present:- Councillor Smith (in the Chair); Councillors Boyes, Ellis, Robinson and Wardle.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Wyatt and R. S. Russell.

98. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 7TH DECEMBER, 2005

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

99. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising not covered on the agenda.

100. MINUTE NO. 91 OF THE MEETING OF THE PERFORMANCE AND SCRUTINY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE HELD ON 11TH NOVEMBER, 2005

Consideration was given to the resolutions set out at Minute No. 91 of the meeting of the Performance and Scrutiny Overview Committee held on 11th November, 2005, regarding:-

(i) Performance and Scrutiny Overview Committee's opinion that the Board had disregarded the views of scrutiny and the Ward Members in respect of its decision re: Land at Golden Smithies Lane.

(ii) the request by the Performance and Scrutiny Overview Committee that the Board review its Terms of Reference.

It was noted that the Chairman of the Regeneration and Asset Board had spoken to the Chair of the Performance and Scrutiny Overview Committee about these issues.

The Board stated that it was very clear about its Terms of Reference and those of the other Committees of the Council, and in this particular case the remit of the Planning Board, and emphasised that the role of the Regeneration and Asset Board was to raise capital for the Council's projects.

It was pointed out that in June 2005 the Board's Terms of Reference had been reviewed and these had now been included in the Council's Constitution as Delegated Powers. The Board expressed the view that it was not normal procedure to review the remit of Council Committees until at least twelve months had elapsed.

The Board confirmed that, in its discussion of the issue re: land at Golden Smithies Lane, it had considered a range of issues including:-

- current use and designation in the Unitary Development Plan;
- adjacent land ownership;
- access options;
- the planning process and guidance on greenfield development;

(Minute No. 73 of the meeting of the Regeneration and Asset Board held on 19th October, 2005 refers),

and in its further consideration (Minute No. 83 of the meeting of the Regeneration and Asset Board held on 9th November, 2005 refers) had taken account of issues such as economic well being and the views of Scrutiny and the Ward Members.

101. ACTION PLAN TO PROMOTE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING IN THE TOWN CENTRE

Further to Minute No. B163 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 30th November, 2005, consideration was given to a report, presented by the Policy Officer, relating to a proposal to develop and implement a social and environmental well-being action plan to complement the Town Centre Renaissance programme.

Members were provided with a map which illustrated the area which had been designated as the Town Centre based on the Housing Market Renewal area development framework boundaries and also an Inner Area which was an area within one mile of the centre (based on ODPM Home Office definition)

It was reported that a needs analysis had identified the following key points:-

- small town centre population
- young population
- large Pakistani minority and higher than average proportion of people from other ethnic groups
- health problems
- lack of qualifications and skills
- high unemployment
- high crime rate
- a level of general deprivation

The establishment of a task and finish officer group, proposed timescales and consultation were noted. It was hoped to present the Action Plan to Cabinet by March 2006.

Resolved:- That the report, and proposal to develop an Action Plan to promote the social and economic well-being of the Town Centre, be

noted.

102. 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.

103. GARAGE SITE AT MOORLANDS CRESCENT, WHISTON

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Strategic Property Manager seeking approval for the disposal of the above-mentioned former garage site which had been declared surplus to the requirements of Neighbourhoods. A plan illustrating the 0.19 acres site was appended to the report.

Reference was made to the following access issues:-

- Whiston Parish Council's wish to safeguard pedestrian access to its allotment site.
- Provision of rights of vehicular and pedestrian access over the site to permit residential development on part of a garden of an adjoining property.

The capital receipt would support the Housing Revenue Account/HIP.

The views of the Head of Planning and Transportation and Head of Legal and Democratic Services were also contained within the report. It was noted that the site was designated for residential use in the Unitary Development Plan and that four expressions of interest had already been received.

Members discussed the site's configuration and noted the Head of Planning and Transportation's view that any development should have regard to the amenity of the area and had suggested a single storey development.

Resolved:- (1) That approval be given to the disposal of the asset as set out in the report now submitted.

(2) That the Head of Rotherham Investment and Development Office markets the site.

(3) That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services completes the necessary documentation.

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

104. LAND TO THE REAR OF NOS. 37 TO 45 ROWMS LANE, SWINTON

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Strategic Property Manager, seeking approval for the disposal of the above mentioned site which had been declared surplus to the requirements of the Economic and Development Services Programme Area. It was reported that the land had been retained for a future traffic scheme. However the proposed highway improvements had now been abandoned.

A plan illustrating the 0.127 acres of land was appended to the report. Details of the usage and current lease agreements were also set out in the report.

It was noted that the site already had planning permission for use as a storage facility and for car parking. It was reported that the Head of Planning and Transportation had no objections to its disposal for this purpose.

Reference was made to the historical and heritage value of this site as the location of the former Don Pottery Yard.

Resolved:- (1) That, subject to the satisfaction of the Head of Planning and Transportation regarding any conservation and heritage issues at this site, approval be given to sell the above asset as detailed in the report.

(2) That the Head of Rotherham Investment & Development Office negotiates the terms of the disposal.

(3) That the Head of Legal & Democratic Services completes the necessary documentation.

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

105. LAND ADJACENT TO NO. 19 MOOR ROAD, WATH UPON DEARNE

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Strategic Property Manager, seeking approval for the disposal of the above mentioned site which had been declared surplus to the requirements of Culture, Leisure and Lifelong Learning Services. A plan illustrating the 0.035 acres of land was appended to the report.

It was reported that planning permission had recently been acquired for residential development which extends to the boundaries of the site and the developer required this area of land to construct a pedestrian access/amenity space.

Reference was made to the adjacent site of Wath Swimming Pool which would be declared surplus when a new facility had been built and whether this had any implications on the proposed sale of this land.

Resolved:- (1) That approval be given to sell the above asset as detailed in the report submitted.

(2) That the Head of Rotherham Investment & Development Office negotiates the terms and conditions of the disposal.

(3) That the Head of Legal & Democratic Services completes the necessary documentation.

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

106. SALE OF ASSETS AFTER EXCHANGE OF CONTRACTS

Minute No. 91(3) of the Regeneration and Asset Board held on 7th December, 2005, consideration was given to a report, presented by the Strategic Property Manager, detailing options available in dealing with the sale of assets, after exchange of contracts, particularly with reference to timescales and possible revaluation.

The report covered the background to this issue, and in particular reference was made to the situation at Flash Lane. In regard to delays in the planning process Members were asked to consider whether any significant delay should be covered by the insertion of a clause in the contract, which served to review the offer, following a given period of e.g. six months.

Members were advised of the risks and uncertainties surrounding this proposal and noted the changing nature of the land and property market.

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

(2) That approval be given to the inclusion of a clause giving the Council the option to review purchase prices in all future contracts for sale, and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services constructs a suitable clause for inclusion in future contracts for sale.

(3) That the Valuation Manager reviews purchase prices after a period of six months and submits recommendations to the Board as part of the normal update reporting process.

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

107. AUCTION RESULTS

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Principal Officer, detailing the outcome of an auction of three surplus assets.

Members noted the overall good return.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

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

108. LAND AND PROPERTY BANK: CAPITAL RECEIPTS UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Strategic Property Manager, updating the Board of changes to the forecast of capital receipts accruing to the General Fund resulting in a revision of the Council's capital programme.

Reference was made to:-

- legal costs and expenses
- forecast for 2007/08 and for 2008/09
- issues in respect of the identification of future assets for sale

Resolved:- That the position on the current status of the capital programme be noted.

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

109. MAGNA CONFERENCE AND EVENTS SPACE JOINT AGREEMENT FOR DELIVERY

Further to Minute No. 168 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Development Services held on 9th January, 2006, consideration was given to a report, presented by the Partnership Implementation Officer, relating to a proposal for a joint legal agreement to be drawn up with Magna Trust for the delivery of the Conference and Events Space project at Magna, to enhance Rotherham's offering in the event and conference market.

Information was given, and discussion took place, on the following:-

- Sources of funding and timescale
- Procurement issues
- Delivery through Rotherham Construction Partnership (RCP)
- Advantages of the proposed solution
- Risks
- Council support for Magna and realisation of the Council's corporate objectives
- Sustainability of Magna

Members commented on the need to maximise the benefits of developments and tourism opportunities at Magna and to link these with the town centre.

Resolved:- (1) That the report and the "in principle" decision of the Cabinet Member be noted.

(2) That a further report be submitted to the Board when the legal and financial details have been agreed.

(3) That possible links between Magna and the town centre to maximise the economic and tourism benefits be examined and a report submitted to a future meeting.

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

110. REQUEST FOR RERF CONTRIBUTION BY MAGNA TRUST

Further to Minute No. 156 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Development Services held on 19th December, 2005, consideration was given to a report, presented by the Economic Strategy Manager relating to the rejection of an application from Magna Science Adventure Centre for Rotherham Economic Regeneration Fund monies.

Members were referred to the reasons for this decision, which were explained in the report.

It was noted that Magna had since secured other sources of funding for their Aqua Tek project and that the facility was due to open at Easter 2006.

Resolved:- That the application and decision of the Cabinet Member be noted.

(Exempt under Paragraphs 5 and 8 of the Act – financial assistance and expenditure)

111. RERF APPLICATION - PROVISION OF CAR PARK ON SHEFFIELD ROAD

Further to Minute No. 129 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Development Services held on 28th November, 2005, consideration was given to a report, presented by the Economic Strategy Manager, relating to the approval of a request for RERF capital funding to provide a temporary long and short stay, pay and display off street surface car park on the site of the now demolished Sheffield Road public baths.

It was noted that at this stage all the costs were being requested from RERF until a decision about a funding application to Transform South Yorkshire was reached later in January, 2006, which if successful would contribute funding towards the costs of this project and enable the return of the stated amount to RERF.

A request was made for an update on the discussions with the Chapel Walk Mosque Trust re: car parking.

Resolved:- (1) That the report and the decision of the Cabinet Member be noted.

(2) That an update on the car parking issues on Chapel Walk be submitted to a future meeting of the Board.

(Exempt under Paragraphs 5 and 8 of the Act – financial assistance and expenditure)

112. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:- That the next meeting of the Board be held on Wednesday, 22nd February, 2006 at 8.45 a.m. at the Town Hall, Rotherham.

(The Chairman authorised consideration of the following items in order to update Members of the current position.)

113. LAND TRANSACTIONS

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Development Surveyor, detailing the current position regarding major land transactions throughout the borough.

Members were asked to note the position in respect of:-

Zamor Crescent, Thurcroft
Flash Lane, Bramley
Daneshill, Moorgate
Brookfields Park – Phase II and Phase III
Manvers West – Express Parks
Lakeside South – Limes Development

Resolved:- That the position on the current status of land sales be noted.

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

114. ASTON AND AUGHTON CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE

Consideration was given to a report and accompanying maps, presented by the Asset Manager, relating to the results of an initial appraisal of two alternative council-owned sites being considered for the joint location of a proposed Customer Service Centre and Health Centre to serve the communities of Aston, Aughton and Swallownest.

Sites considered included:-

- Mansfield Road (a greenfield site)
- Mill Stone Quarry Site
- Main Street/Rotherham Road

It was reported that the PCT and GP Practice favoured the Mill Stone Quarry Site. Details of anticipated preliminary works that would be required to this site were set out in the report, together with an indication of costs.

Members were asked to consider the allocation of funding for survey work to be carried out from the capital allocation approved for the Swinton Customer Service Centre, and were assured that this would not compromise the Swinton project.

A brief update was also given to Members re: the progress in respect of the Swinton and Rawmarsh Customer Service Centres.

Resolved:- (1) That a full site and ground condition survey be carried out at the Mill Stone Hill site and the implications of the results of the survey be reported back to a future meeting of the Regeneration & Asset Board.

(2) That the site and ground condition survey, at a budget cost of £21,500.00, be funded from the capital allocation approved for the Swinton Customer Service Centre, to enable the survey to be carried out in the current financial year.

(3) That concurrent with the survey, the Parish Council, Ward Members and community be consulted through the Council's Community Engagement Manager.

(Exempt under Paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Act – finance/land and property issues)

115. UPDATES RE: VARIOUS SITES

The Executive Director, Economic and Development Services updated the Board on the following issues:-

- (i) Brookfields Park:- end user and job creation.
- (ii) Bestobell site:- remediation and reclamation activity.
- (iii) Guest and Chrimes:- formulation of three separate collaborative agreements between the developer and the PCT, RCAT and the Council; the commissioning of architects and commencement of stakeholder involvement in respect of the design.
- (iv) the YES project:- awaiting details to satisfy the Highway Agency and then progress to Planning Board.

Resolved:- That the updates be noted.

(Exempt under Paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Act – finance/land and property issues)

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

1.	Meeting:	Regeneration and Asset Board
2.	Date:	15th February, 2006
3.	Title:	Regeneration Plan review
4.	Programme Area:	EDS

5. Summary

To present a draft of the mid term Review of RMBC's Regeneration Plan and seek approvals prior to its publication.

6. Recommendations

- 1) That, subject to final comments from appropriate Programme Areas and any comments of this Board, the draft Mid Term Review of the Regeneration Plan be approved;**
- 2) That the reviewed Plan be forwarded to Cabinet for approval to go ahead with publication.**

7. Proposals and Details

The Board has previously received a report on progress of the Council's Regeneration Plan 2004-2007 and proposals to carry out a mid term review of the Plan (Minute 86 of the meeting of 7th December, 2005). This further report is to present the attached draft of that review (appendix 1).

The review has re-profiled the Plan's 60 key actions under the seven themes of the revised Community Strategy, ensuring very close fit. It has assessed each action against the priorities set in the Community Strategy, the Corporate Plan, the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy (itself currently under review) and the Regional Economic Strategy 2006-2015. Account has been taken of an equalities impact assessment of the Plan carried out as part of the Council's work to achieve the Equality Standard, together with current work to develop a Rotherham Children and Young People's Plan. This exercise has led to some revisions, amalgamations and additions to the key actions. It is not, however, the intention that the review should produce a major re-write of the Plan; that will come with work next year to roll it forward to 2007-2010.

The review provides an assessment of how the Plan is progressing at this 'half way' stage. This is done through both its own Performance Indicators, as set in the original Plan, and the monitoring of progress on each of the Plan's key actions and on what it identified as transformational regeneration projects (ten in total).

The link between the Local Area Agreement and the Regeneration Plan is important, the Agreement's four blocks embracing much of the activity included in the Plan and many of its outcomes being delivered through regeneration actions. Similarly, there is a close direct link between the Plan and the key lines of enquiry in the forthcoming Comprehensive Performance Assessment.

Appropriate Programme Areas and Services and a number of key external partners have been consulted and their comments used to inform the review. Any views expressed by this Board and any remaining input from Programme Areas will be used to finalise the reviewed Plan prior to its submission to Cabinet on 1st March. Following approval by Cabinet, the Plan will go for printing and be published for the start of the new financial year.

8. Finance

Implementation of the Plan's various key actions is dependent upon a wide range of funding, ranging from the Council's own resources and Partners' funds to external funds, Government programmes and the private sector.

The significance of the South Yorkshire sub regional investment planning process and the LAA, both of which have been introduced since the Plan was originally produced, is highlighted in the draft Review document.

9. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The Regeneration Plan is a central element in delivering the partnership priorities of the Community Strategy and the corporate priorities of the Borough Council. Cross referencing has been incorporated into the Plan to demonstrate how it helps both partnership and corporate priority delivery.

10. Background Papers and Consultation

Regeneration Plan 2004-2007 RMBC 2004
Monitoring reports March - September 2005
Working paper 1 – alignment with Community Strategy
Working paper 3 – alignment with Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy

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Regeneration Plan
2004 – 2007

Mid term review
February 2006

Introduction

Rotherham Borough Council's first Regeneration Plan grew out of a Best Value Review of its various regeneration activities and the effectiveness of its approach to regeneration. This took a corporate, holistic approach to regeneration spanning Council services that had hitherto been subject to separate strategies and plans. It recognised that all parts of the Council (schools, housing, sport and recreation, economic development and many other services) have an important contribution to make to the Borough's regeneration. The result was a Plan that set the framework for unified regeneration activity across the Council and its partnership with other agencies delivering local regeneration – economic, housing, educational, social, community. Adopted by the Council in September 2004, the Plan covers the period April 2004 to March 2007. The Plan will be rolled forward to cover the subsequent three years in 2006; in the meantime, this mid-term review has been produced to report on achievements to date and to ensure that the Plan remains current and on track, in particular to ensure that it fully fits with the Borough's new Community Strategy.

A reminder of what the Council means by regeneration: "the mainstream and added value activity that aims to significantly improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of people who live and do business in the Borough of Rotherham".

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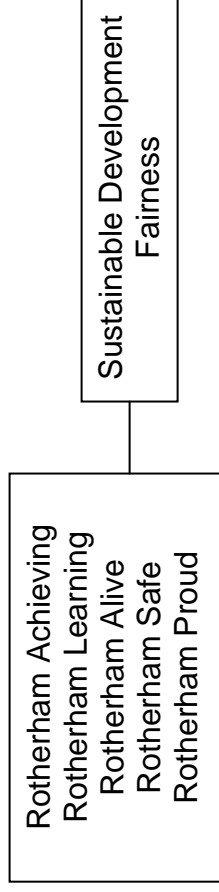
Part 1, the Plan Context

Community Strategy and Corporate Plan, 2005

A new Community Strategy, and the Council's subsequent new Corporate Plan, adopted a revised approach to defining the Borough's priorities for public, voluntary and community sector activity and partnership working with the private sector. These two overarching documents are the main context for this review of the Regeneration Plan. A first step in this review has been to bring the published Plan into alignment with them and identify any gaps in what the Plan does to meet the agreed priorities.

The strategic action plan at Part 2 of the Plan as been recast to relate to the Rotherham Partnership priorities of the Community Strategy and the Council priorities of the Corporate Plan, rather than to its own priorities - the five regeneration priorities set out in the published document. This does not mean that the thrust of the Plan as expressed in those original priorities has altered.

Regeneration activity is not relevant to all partnership priorities in the Community Strategy, but the Plan nevertheless contributes in greater or lesser degree to achieving many of them. These priorities are grouped into five Priority Themes and guided by two Cross Cutting Themes, thus:



The Regeneration Plan and its key actions play a part in every one of these themes, emphasising the cross-cutting impact of regeneration.

Regional Economic Strategy

Similarly, the Regional Economic Strategy has been updated since publication of the Regeneration Plan, to cover the period 2006-2010, and also provides context for the review of this Plan. As with the Community Strategy, the Plan has been tested to ensure it remains aligned to regional objectives and priorities and explore if there are additional key actions that need to be added.

Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy

Rotherham Partnership's Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy has also informed this review. Its broad aim is to address the root causes of deprivation in target neighbourhoods and communities and ensure that benefits arising from action under the Community Strategy reach down to neighbourhood

level, and particularly to the most deprived neighbourhoods. The Strategy focuses on action to address the underlying causes of inequality in the Borough, namely action to:

- improve the life chances of children and young people;
- enable everyone to achieve functional skills for life;
- improve the position of the economically disadvantaged through sustainable employment.

The Regeneration Plan has a part to play under all three of these areas. One purpose of this review has therefore been to ensure that the Plan mainstreams action in order to contribute to priorities identified for each of the NRS's designated 13 target neighbourhoods and four 'communities of interest'. Without a focus on neighbourhood renewal, delivery of the Plan could benefit some neighbourhoods and communities more than others. Targeting and specific action built into it will ensure that the Plan can benefit all communities, and close the gap between the Borough's most deprived neighbourhoods and communities.

Rotherham Children and Young People's Plan

All local authorities are required to produce a single Children's Plan. This Regeneration Plan review is being carried out concurrently with preparation of RMBC's Children and Young People's Plan and reflects the work so far done on the CYPP. (The full review and roll forward will provide a further opportunity to embed the CYPP within the Regeneration Plan.)

The Regeneration Plan and actions within the CYPP have close alignment and are complementary, for instance in relation to the CYPP outcome 'Achieve Economic Well-Being'. Actions within this outcome are focused on helping young people prepare for working life, improving the skills of young people and their families and increasing family income. These are also key actions in the Regeneration Plan. Aligning the two plans ensures that how regeneration activity affects children and their families and contributes to their lives is, again, explicitly considered.

Rural Strategy

The Council has embarked upon the production of a strategy for its rural areas. Initial work - a rural position statement - has been used to inform this Review. As with the Children and Young People's Plan, this Plan will take on such additional action as arises from the developing strategy. Integrated review and monitoring will co-ordinate the three plans.

Equalities Impact Assessment

As part of RMBC's work towards achieving Equality Standard, equality impact assessments have been carried out on a wide range of plans and services, including the Regeneration Plan. This review has been informed by the E.I. assessment, considering in particular how to more explicitly reflect equalities in the strategic action plan.

Progress since publication

Mid term monitoring against the Performance Indicators set out in the published Plan has been used to check the overall progress of regeneration. PI information is given at Appendix 1. This shows a mix of some good progress towards the 06/07 targets and other areas where performance has perhaps been slower than intended. (PIs have also been realigned to the Community Strategy.)

Similarly, regular monitoring has been undertaken to ascertain what progress has been made on each of the Plan's individual actions and transformational projects, and identify where action has not gone forward as anticipated. This has been used to review Part 2 of the Plan, the strategic action plan.

Progress on the ten transformational projects that the Plan identified is summarised in Appendix 2 and shows the momentum of regeneration activity in the Borough to be accelerating.

144 new businesses and business expansions in 04/05.

46% of pupils achieved 5+ GCSEs (A-C) in 2004 compared to 41.6% in 2002.

Proportion of LA houses classed as non decent reduced by 11.3% in 04/05.

Claimant count in Rotherham in October 2005 under half the highest level recorded in Yorkshire and Humber Region.

Developer selected for £30m apartment, retail and office developments, Rotherham Town Centre Renaissance.

Advanced Manufacturing, Brookfields and Dinnington business parks under way.

4 new Children's Centres operational.

Skills for Life team appointed.

3 Excellence Partnerships established – education, training providers and support services.

Adult Community Learning Plan.

Rotherham Enterprise Network, Construction Skills Academy, Investors in Education, Jobmatch.

Moorgate Crofts Business Centre.

Anti-litter campaigns.

Resources

A fundamental change in the way much regeneration activity is funded has come into operation since the Plan was prepared. This is the production of sub regional investment plans to allocate Yorkshire Forward (Single Pot) and related resources to projects. The programmes that have been agreed for inclusion in the South Yorkshire SRIP are:

- Rotherham Town Centre: this major allocation will fund substantial parts of Priority 5 of the original strategic action plan (achieve Rotherham Town Centre renaissance);
- M1 Technology Corridor: will fund capital schemes within Priority 2 (provide an excellent and sustainable environment for businesses);
- Templeborough Flood Alleviation: will facilitate various projects in the above two programmes;
- Rotherham Enterprise Programme and
- Rotherham Children and Young People's Project: will fund some of the revenue schemes within Priority 2;
- Social Infrastructure: will fund voluntary and community delivery of aspects of Priority 3 (provide sustainable neighbourhoods of quality, choice and aspiration);
- Connected Communities;
- Transitional Labour Market: will fund the provision of job and training opportunities under Priority 4 (provide an excellent environment for people to fulfil their potential);

- Gateways: will fund improvements that will particularly contribute to Priority 1 (improve and promote the image of Rotherham) and Priority 5 and also assist in achieving Priority 2.

The recent introduction of a Local Area Agreement (LAA) for Rotherham provides the framework to maximise SRIP funding and other available external resources, and to align them with mainstream plans and programmes. The Rotherham LAA will support delivery of this Regeneration Plan, its four blocks (below) embracing much of the activity included in the Plan and its outcomes being closely linked to key actions of the Plan.

Economic Development and Enterprise
Children and Young People
Safer and Stronger Communities
Healthier Communities and Older People

Consultation and Engagement

Summary

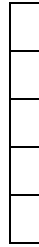
This review has not been subjected to as comprehensive a process of consultation and engagement as the original production of the Plan. (This will occur when the Plan is rolled forward for the 2007 to 2010 period.) Nevertheless, key partners have been asked to comment on how the Plan is working out in practice and on any areas that they consider need revision or addition in the light of Community Strategy, NRS and other policies.

Part 2, the Reviewed Strategic Action Plan 2004-2007

In the following tables, cross references to Partnership Priorities and Corporate Priorities are shown numerically. The corresponding priorities are reproduced in full in Appendix 3.

Key Actions (and Performance Indicators) are as in the original action plan, with amendments, revisions and amalgamations shown in *italics* and additions shown in **bold italics**.

Progress against key actions is graded thus:



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Abbreviations used in the tables are:


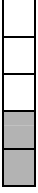
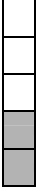
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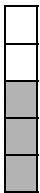



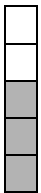
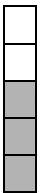
ASS	Adult Social Services
CX	Chief Executive
CYPS	Children and Young People Services
EDS	Economic and Development Services
Ns	Neighbourhoods
2010	2010 Rotherham Ltd


Others






BLSY	Business Link South Yorkshire
CABE	Commission for Architecture & Built Environment
FE/HE	Further/Higher Education
HMR(P)	Housing Market Renewal (Pathfinder)
LEGI	Local Enterprise Growth Initiative
LSC	(South Yorkshire) Learning and Skills Council
LTP	Local Transport Plan
NRF/S	Neighbourhood Renewal Fund/Strategy
PC	Parish Councils
PCT	(Rotherham) Primary Care Trust
PFI	Private Finance Initiative
PI	Performance Indicator
RCoC	Rotherham Chamber of Commerce
REN	Rotherham Enterprise Network
RLN	Regional Language Network
RSEU	Rotherham Social Enterprise Unit
RSY	Renaissance South Yorkshire
RTF	Rural Target Fund
SYF	South Yorkshire Forest
SYPTE	South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive
YF	Yorkshire Forward

Priority Theme		Rotherham Achieving				
Partner ship	Priorities	Regeneration Plan Key Actions		Timescale/ mid term status	Lead Programme Area and role	Funding
		Corporate	rate			
2	1	Bring forward large scale transformational projects, in particular Dearne SEZ and South Yorkshire Technology Corridor.		2004-07. 	EDS – delivering projects, facilitating projects, working with YF and RSY.	Objective 1, Single Pot (SRIP), SRB, RMBC
2	1	Ensure that local people benefit from the employment opportunities in and near the Borough, particularly focusing on the most excluded groups and areas, by developing an Employment Plan for the Borough.		2004-05 	EDS – delivering Plan and influencing follow-on actions, leading employability partnership	RMBC
4	1	Increase the number and competitiveness of businesses by strengthening support and after care services, fostering links with higher education / research establishments and developing supply chain and local procurement initiatives.		2004-07 	EDS – delivering services, working with BLSY, RCoC, RSY, FE/HE, and with large purchasers e.g. PCT and large companies	RMBC, Objective 1, Single Pot (SRIP),
3, 4	1	Stimulate the emergence of new and small businesses including self employment.		2004-07 	EDS – delivering incubation premises and support, leading REN, working with partners.	RMBC, Objective 1, Single Pot (SRIP), SRB
3	1	Raise awareness of enterprise and self employment among young people.		2004-07. 	CYPS – delivering Youth Enterprise and work with schools, working with RCoC, LSC	RMBC, Single Pot (SRIP)
1 1	1 2	Enhance, develop and focus support on sectors that (a) have strong growth prospects or cluster foci , OR: (b) target businesses run by ethnic minorities, social enterprises and the voluntary and community sector in NRS target areas, women, people with disabilities, young people and FE/HE graduates.		2004-07 	EDS and CYPS – delivering business support, working with YF, BLSY, RCoC, RSEU.	RMBC, Single Pot (SRIP)


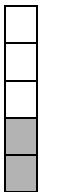
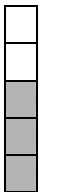
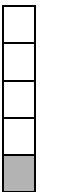
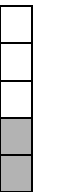

9	5	Develop support for the rural economy, including support for enterprise, innovation and sustainable tourism, enhancing the market town / service centre role of small urban settlements and production of a rural strategy.	2004-07 	CX – developing rural strategy. EDS – delivering projects, facilitating projects, working with YF, RSY, SYF, PC.	Objective 1, Single Pot (SRIP), RTF, BID, LEGI
8	4	Take forward proposals to construct a light railway extension from Sheffield.	2004-07 	EDS – influencing/supporting bid for funding, preliminaries	SYPTE, Government
7	3	Support and enhance Rotherham Town Centre as a place to live, invest, shop and visit by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring that the river and canal form a key part in the town's future; • Populating the Town Centre – making the centre a desirable place in which to live; • Improving the quality of life in the Town Centre including the development of its cultural and entertainment assets; • Setting Rotherham within a landscape of the highest quality; • Putting Rotherham Town Centre at the centre of a dynamic public transport network; • Removing and downgrading parts of major road infrastructure; • Establishing a new civic focus for the Town Centre; • <i>Ensuring the best in architecture and urban design for the Town Centre;</i> • Promoting health and social regeneration and a safer Town Centre; • Ensuring a broadly based, dynamic local economy with a vibrant Town Centre as its focus. 	2004-07 	EDS – working with and influencing developers. EDS and Ns – delivering HMR. EDS, Ns, CYPs – delivering projects, working with RSY. EDS – working with RSY, SYF. EDS – working with and influencing SYPTE. EDS – working with RSY. EDS – delivering in association with private developments. EDS, CYPs – delivering projects, working with RSY, CABE, influencing developers. EDS, SS, CYPs – working with Police, PCT, private partners. EDS – working with YF, RSY, RCoC.	RMBC, Objective 1, Single Pot (SRIP) + private HMRP, private external SYPTE, private private private


Priority Theme		Rotherham Learning				
Partner ship	Priorities	Regeneration Plan Key Actions	Timescale/ mid term status	Lead Programme Area and role	Funding	
10,11, 12	6	Promote measures to improve educational attainment and inclusion amongst young people, including attainment in key areas of importance to the Borough's competitiveness, particularly languages.	2004-07  (see PIs)	CYPS – delivery, Transform Schools, working with PCT, RLN, facilitating.	RMBC, external, PFI	
12	8	Develop a skills strategy defining the Council's key contribution to and priority areas for raising skills in the Borough.	2004-05 	EDS, CYPS – delivery, working with LSC, Rotherham Partnership, skills partners.	RMBC	
12, 13	8	Strengthen links between local employers and education providers to promote a greater understanding of work among young people.	2004-07 	EDS, CYPS – working with YF, RCoC, LSC, Business Education SY, Prince's Trust.	RMBC	
13,15	7	Review the Council's life long learning activity and agree common focus & priorities for future activity by the Council.	2004-07 	CYPS – delivery	RMBC	
15	7	Increase & widen participation in adult learning both internal and external to the Council and particularly among excluded and under represented groups and older people.	2004-07 	CYPS, CX – delivery, working with Connexions, LSC.	RMBC, external	
14	7	Enhance skills for life among adults, particularly those in NRS target communities.	2004-07 	CYPS, ASS – delivery, working with Connexions, LSC.	RMBC, external	
14,25	13	Enhance skills for life among children and young people.	2006-07	CYPS – delivery, working with FE.	RMBC, external	
3, 12	1, 8	Promote the development of entrepreneurial skills among adults of all ages.	2006-07	EDS working with LSC, skills partners, RLN.	RMBC, external	

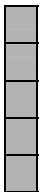





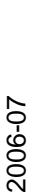


18	7	<p>Ensure that local people benefit from the employment opportunities in and near the Borough, particularly focusing on the most excluded groups and NRS target areas, by promoting training and skills development in areas of skills and jobs growth such as IT, construction and creative and design industries.</p>	<p>2004-07</p> 	<p>EDS, CYPs, Ns – facilitating, working with Phoenix, Jobcentre Plus, RCoC, skills providers</p>	
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Priority Theme		Rotherham Alive				
Regeneration Plan Key Actions		Timescale/ mid term status	Lead Programme Area and role	Funding		
Partner ship	Corpo- rate					
26,19	9,12	2004-07 	CYPS – delivering projects, working with Sport England.	RMBC,PFI		
27	9,11	2004-07 	CYPS – delivering projects, EDS – facilitating through Town Centre Renaissance.	RMBC, external		
27	11	2004-07 	CYPS, CX, EDS – delivering projects, promotional activity, working with Rotherham Cultural Consortium et al.	RMBC, external (including Lottery)		
24	10,22	2004-07 	Ns, ASS – working with housing associations & private partners.	RMBC, private		
23	10,22	2004-07 	ASS – delivering, working with health & private sector partners.	RMBC, partners		
23,19	10,12	2006-07	CX, Ns, EDS, CYPS – facilitating, working with partners including PCT and voluntary sector. Link to Public Health Strategy	RMBC, partners		

25	13	<i>Promote involvement of children and young people in plans and decisions affecting theirs and Rotherham's future well being.</i>	2006-07	CYPs – facilitating, working with Council and external partners.	RMBC
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Priority Theme		Rotherham Safe				
Regeneration Plan Key Actions		Timescale/ mid term status	Lead Programme Area and role	Funding		
Partner ship	Priorities Corpo- rate					
34,36	14	<p>Improve <i>environmental performance of the Borough</i> by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increasing household recycling targets; • improving the cleanliness, appearance and safety of the Borough through initiatives such as Streetpride; • incorporating and encouraging energy efficiency demonstrators in key developments 	2004-07  (see PIs)	EDS, Ns – delivering, working with private sector partners.	RMBC	
32	15	Restructure the housing market to tackle low demand and match housing to local need (<i>housing market renewal</i>).	2004-07 	Ns – working with housing associations and private sector housing partners.	RMBC, external	
32,33	15	Improve the quality of housing, with the initial focus on the housing market renewal areas, NRS target areas and other priority housing issues .	2004-07 	Ns, 2010 – delivery, working with other housing associations and private sector partners.	HMRP, private	
33	15	Ensure types and mixes of housing that attract new people and encourage people to stay.	2004-07 	Ns, EDS – working with housing associations and private sector housing partners.	Government/RMBC	
	16	Ensure the highest possible design and build quality in new developments.	2004-07 	EDS – influencing, working with CABE	External, private	
28-31	17, 18	Improve quality of life by reducing crime and the fear of crime - including among children and young people, other susceptible groups and in NRS target communities – and by empowering communities to address their own anti-social behaviour problems .	2004-07 	Ns, CX – working with SY Police and Safer Rotherham Partnership	External, RMBC, Private	

30	19	<p>Assist businesses to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • plan for and respond more effectively to a serious incident or disaster; • combat and respond to crime against them. 	<p>2004-07</p> 	<p>EDS – delivering, working with SY Police, Ambulance, Fire & Rescue services</p>	<p>Private sector, RMBC</p>
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Priority Theme		Rotherham Proud				
Partner ship	Priorities	Regeneration Plan Key Actions		Timescale/ mid term status	Lead Programme Area and role	Funding
		Corpo- rate				
40	20		Develop a new forward looking vision and identity for the Borough.	2005 	Corporate Management Team/ Cabinet – Corporate Plan	RMBC, partners, external
45	20		Enhance links and working with key European, national and regional networks and partnerships to ensure a positive message.	2004-07 	CX – delivering, working with other local authorities.	RMBC, European funds.
45	20		Improve and raise Rotherham's image both internally and externally.	2004-07 	CX, EDS -delivering, working with partners.	RMBC
45	20		Promote the Borough as a visitor attraction.	2004-07 	EDS – delivering.	RMBC, external
37	24		Develop community development and involvement performance indicators.	2004-05 	CX – delivering.	RMBC
41	23		Strengthen community cohesion, including the introduction of a Community Cohesion Strategy.	2004-05 	CX – delivering.	RMBC
39	21		Ensure that the voluntary and community sector is able to help shape and own regeneration priorities and actions, and actively support the work of the sector.	2006-07 	CX – working with Voluntary Action Rotherham and the Rotherham Community Empowerment Network.	RMBC, external
39	21		Encourage the business community to be active in voluntary and community work and in matters of common interest to Rotherham's regeneration.	2006-07 	EDS – working with local businesses and Rotherham Chamber	RMBC
24	22		Update the Council's Social Inclusion and Anti-Poverty Policy.	2004-05 	CX – delivering, facilitating.	RMBC

Priority Theme		Sustainable Development				
Regeneration Plan Key Actions		Lead Programme Area and role	Funding	Timescale/ mid term status		
Partner ship	Priorities					
Corp- rate						
	25	Develop a common methodology to establish the level of services and facilities to ensure a sustainable community.	EDS, Ns – delivery	RMBC	2004-07	
	25	Promote high quality, sustainable mixed use developments incorporating leisure, business, residential <i>and appropriate retail</i> uses, and seek to achieve mixed neighbourhoods together with socially mixed communities.	EDS – delivering, facilitating, working with YF, RSY, private sector.	Private	2004-07	
	26	Develop a detailed neighbourhood level evidence base to assist in prioritisation and targeting.	CX – delivery, working with Rotherham Partnership.	RMBC	2004-07	
	27	Enhance and strengthen the environment by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> working towards sustainable development in major projects and programmes, including sustainability appraisal; working towards environmental quality standards to improve environmental performance of the Council by reviewing its environmental action plan. 	EDS, CX, Ns – delivery.	RMBC/external	2004-07	
8	29	Create the conditions for long term sustainable economic growth, through an improved environment and improved transport links.	EDS – delivering, facilitating, working with SYPTE, YF, Central Government.	External/Government funds	2004-07	
	28	Support and encourage waste minimisation, recycling and product substitution among local business and foster new businesses providing modern recycling and product substitution solutions.	EDS, Ns – facilitating, working with Environment Agency and private sector business.	RMBC, external, private.	2006-07	

Priority Theme		Fairness				
Partner ship	Priorities	Regeneration Plan Key Actions		Timescale/ mid term status	Lead Programme Area and role	Funding
6	30	Support communities to ensure they gain maximum benefit from regeneration, particularly excluded and under represented groups including disabled people, BME communities and NEETS, through targeted employment and training initiatives and community based delivery mechanisms ; update the Council's Community Development Policy.		2004-07 <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	CX, Ns, EDS – facilitating, working with LSC, training providers, voluntary and community sector.	RMBC, external
6	30	Ensure this Plan addresses particular needs arising from ethnicity, gender, disability and age and review the impact generally of regeneration on the Borough's excluded groups. This action is cross cutting		2004-07 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	CX, EDS - undertaking equalities impact assessments.	RMBC
6	30	Ensure that local people benefit from the employment opportunities in and near the Borough, particularly focusing on the most excluded or geographically isolated groups and NRS target areas, by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> enhancing opportunities for better transport links between all parts of Rotherham and to the main regeneration areas; developing specific projects with employers and inward investors to recruit local labour; other initiatives to remove transport, child care and other barriers that prevent people accessing work and training opportunities. 		2004-07 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	EDS – working with SYPTE, transport providers, businesses. EDS – delivering, working with Phoenix, Jobcentre Plus, Chamber of Commerce, ACE and other partners, facilitating.	RMBC, DWP RMBC, LTP, external RMBC, Objective 1, partners

Appendix 1

Performance Indicators (Regeneration Plan)						
(Theme – Partnership Priority)	Performance Indicator (collation source)	Baseline (03-04 unless stated other)	Target (06-07 unless stated other)	Current Position	Period of current infor	Remarks
Achieving – 1 to 4	Annual net increase in number of VAT registered businesses	60 (2004)	90 (2006)	Not yet available		New PI added. Next published information Nov 06 for year 2005.
Achieving - 2	Land reclaimed by the council for industrial and commercial purposes (RIDO)	33.9ha	24ha 2004 16ha 2005 12ha 2006	12.5 ha	04-05	04-05 outturn figure from RIDO Service Plan
Achieving - 2	Land improved by the council for industrial and commercial purposes (RIDO)	19ha	24ha 2004 16ha 2005 12ha 2006	23.5 ha	04-05	ditto
Achieving - 2	Increase the % of major planning applications dealt with in 13 weeks (BV109a)	55.3%	61%	59.7%	04-05	'Major Application': Site area greater than an hectare OR floor area greater than 1,000 sq metres OR (for residential development) more than 9 dwellings or site area greater than half a hectare. Targets revised. No longer collated. New PIs being developed.
Achieving - 2	Funds attracted by the council through Objective 1, Yorkshire Forward etc. for regeneration and reclamation projects per head population (BV local)	£53	£50			
Achieving - 3	Increase the number of new inward investors, including local expansions (RIDO)	70	90	144 40	04-05 1 st ¼ 05-06	All start ups, expansions and relocations are counted. Increase partly due to fuller capture of information.
Achieving - 4	Increase the amount of land developed for industrial and commercial purposes (RIDO)	8.7ha	8ha 2004 10ha 2005 10ha 2006	4 ha	04-05	ditto
Achieving - 4	Increase the number of new start up businesses accommodated in RIDO business and managed workspace units (RIDO)	+26	+39	4 new companies moving in 4 companies growing and taking on new units 5 companies using virtual facilities	04-05	Achieving PI is dependent upon grow on space into which existing tenants can move and provision of additional units at Moorgate Crofts.

Performance Indicators (Regeneration Plan)

(Theme – Partnership Priority)	Performance Indicator (collation source)	Baseline (03-04 unless stated other)	Target (06-07 unless stated other)	Current Position	Period of current infor	Remarks
Achieving - 7	Increase in the amount of funds attracted by the council for the regeneration of the Town Centre (BV local)	£2.875m	£2.5m (04-05) £10m (05-06) £30m (06-07)			No longer collated. New PIs being developed.
Achieving - 7	Improve the vacancy rate of town centre premises (BV local)	9.7%	9%	10.2%	04-05	
Achieving - 7	Increase footfall in the town centre (RIDO)	27.17m (04-05)	28.53m	Not yet available		Surveyed bi-annually Next survey 2006
Achieving - 7	Increase user satisfaction in the town centre (RIDO)	60% (04-05)	70% (07-08)	Not yet available		Surveyed bi-annually Next survey 2006
Achieving - 2 Learning - 12	Percentage of working age adults achieving NVQ Level 3 or above	36.1%	To be set	Not yet available		New PI. 5% below regional average and 7% below national
Learning – 11	Increase % of 15 year olds in schools maintained by the local education authority achieving 5+ GCSE's grades A*-C or equivalent (BV38)	44.5% (03)	55% (06)	46%	04	
Learning – 11	Increase % of pupils in schools maintained by the local education authority achieving level 4 or above in key stage 2 Mathematics (BV40)	68.2%	83%	71%	Autumn term 04	74% nationally, being a 1% increase on previous year; Rotherham's annual increase was 2.8%. The reason behind the target and outturn variance is that the target was an LPSA target based on national expectation and not on individual prior attainment predictions.
Learning – 11	Increase % of pupils in schools maintained by the local education authority achieving level 4 or above in key stage 2 English (BV41)	69.4%	83%	73%	Autumn term 04	Performance over the past 3 years continues to reflect a positive trend. 78% nationally, being a 3% increase; Rotherham's increase was 3.6%.
Learning – 13	Participation of 16-18 year olds in education, training and employment (BV local)	87.27%	N/A	88.7%	04-05	

Performance Indicators (Regeneration Plan)

(Theme – Partnership Priority)	Performance Indicator (collation source)	Baseline (03-04 unless stated other)	Target (06-07 unless stated other)	Current Position	Period of current infor	Remarks
Proud – 45	Increase in the positive perception of the borough (RIDO)	41% (04-05)	51%			Baseline from Reachout 10, Aug 04. Next survey 2006.
Proud – 45	Increase in the number of day visitors per annum (RIDO)	6.8m (04-05)	7.5m			Next update due 05-06
Safe – 32	Increase % of unfit private dwellings made fit or demolished as a direct result of action by the council (BV62)	3.21%	4.7%	4.83	04-05	PI to be deleted for 05-06
Safe – 32	The % change in proportion of non decent LA homes during year (BV184b)	18.78%	11.28% 04-05 3.8% 05-06 17.5% 06-07	11.31%	04-05	
Safe – 34	Increase % of people satisfied with the cleanliness of their local area (BVPI customer satisfaction survey)	58%	70%	Not available		Surveyed every three years
Safe – 36	Increase % of the total tonnage of household waste arising which have been recycled (BV82a)	10.7%	15.6%	Recycled 14% Composted 7%	04 - 05	PI to be amended for 05-06 and target revised
Alive – 23	Number of older people helped to live at home per 1000 population aged 65 and over (BV54)	106.65	103	93.64 (94.7)	04-05 (1 st ¼ 05-06)	Baseline and targets revised in line with BV changes
Alive – 26	Increase % of people satisfied with the local authority sport and leisure facilities (BVPI customer satisfaction survey)	47%	54%	Not available		Surveyed every three years
Alive – 26	Increase % of local residents satisfied with the Local Authority Parks and open spaces (BVPI customer satisfaction survey)	70%	70%	Not available		Surveyed every three years
Sustainable Development – 36	Reduce energy consumption/m2 of LA operational property compared with comparable buildings in the UK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electricity • Fossil Fuels (BV180a/ii)	161% 103%	138% 88%	152% 98%	04-05	PI deleted for 05-06. New monitoring system under development and initial trial
Sustainable Development - general	Increase % of new homes built on previously developed land (BV106)	53%	55%	46.87%	04-05	

Appendix 2

received planning permission, with a section 106 obligation for local employment and training opportunities.

Major transformational regeneration projects

Transform Schools

Rotherham Town Centre Urban Renaissance

The Council has selected the developer Iliad as partner to build four major new buildings for a mix of retail, commerce and residential in the town centre. This will also include the refurbishment of the listed Imperial Buildings. Negotiations are underway with a local development company for the construction of a new, centralised Council Office and replacement College campus on the derelict Guest and Chrimes site. An office and business incubator complex has been completed on the South Grove site.

Advanced Manufacturing Park

The AMP is now operational and establishing itself as a foremost centre of excellence in cutting edge engineering and metals technologies, particularly focused on the aerospace, automotive and medical technology sectors. Already on site are the Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre (a University of Sheffield venture with Boeing), the Welding Institute's research and development centre, a new headquarters and research centre for Casting Technology International. Construction of the Innovation and Technology Centre is well advanced. Phase 2 of the AMP has

Magna Centre for Excellence for New Technologies

Streetpride

Transform South Yorkshire

Manvers West/Brookfield Park

Reclamation of this 84 acre development site is complete. 50 acres have been sold to St. Paul's Development plc and the remaining 34 acres will be sold in March, 2006. St. Paul's have completed a first phase of development and concluded a deal that will bring a 1 million + square foot distribution centre to the site, which will create 1500 new jobs.

A New Generation of Leisure Facilities

Rother Valley Country Park

Oak Holdings plc proposal to develop over 1m sq.ft of entertainment, sport, leisure and hotel space adjacent to the Country Park has reached planning application stage.

Modernisation Strategy for Adult Services

The project steering group has hit the required milestones for completion of the necessary feasibility stages and completed an outline business case identifying possible funding streams. We are at present waiting for the corporate management team to comment on the funding streams identified prior to the scheme moving forward.

Appendix 3

Partnership Priorities (Community Strategy)

1	Develop competitive growth sectors building on the existing strengths and assets in Rotherham & the sub-region to create jobs & diversify the local economy	11	Raise the levels of attainment at Key Stage 2 (age 11), Key Stage 3 (Age 14) & Key Stage 4 (Age 16), & increase attainment at NVQ Level 3 or equivalent (e.g. A-level standard)
2	Create the right conditions for inward investment & the development of world class businesses that will drive the economy by developing the skills of local people, providing high quality facilities and services and a quality environment for growth	12	Address the skills shortage, which is a growing concern for the business community in the borough, particularly in the higher levels skills sector
3	Stimulate enterprise, particularly between education & business), creativity and innovation across the economy, in urban and rural communities, to create new opportunities for wealth creation	13	Encourage more people to become involved in learning & training, both vocational and non-vocational, and ensure that both are recognised equally on their merit
4	Provide the support necessary to increase the number of successful businesses in Rotherham – both new start-ups and expansion of existing businesses, including social enterprises	14	Reduce the number of working age adults lacking essential skills – reading, writing, numeracy and ICT
5	Engage, support and secure private sector and other investment, such as social and community investment, into Rotherham	15	Create specific initiatives to maximise the engagement and participation of particular targeted groups or disadvantaged geographic areas
6	Maximise economic & other opportunities to reduce disadvantage and raise quality of life and living standards, particularly in the most deprived communities	16	Take advantage of new technology and culture & leisure activities to maximise learning and development
7	Develop Rotherham Town Centre as a destination providing a mixed economy of specialist & quality shops, markets, housing, a cultural life for all ages and to establish a strategy to ensure local centres compliment the offer in the town centre	17	Support parents, schools, colleges and communities to raise aspirations, as well as education and learning achievement levels
8	Promote attractive, viable alternatives to the private car & develop a wide choice of integrated transport options for the whole borough, including rural areas	18	Enhance the information, support and guidance of learners to enable them to acquire higher level skills and improve the choice and flexibility of learning opportunities
9	Develop a mixed rural economy to provide specialist shops, markets and events, and ensure complementarity of local centres	19	Reduce premature deaths by continuing to provide high quality services for chronic diseases and accidents, & increasing the emphasis on preventative approaches
10	Increase levels of communication, language & literacy at the end of Foundation Stage (Age 5) & raise levels of attainment at Key Stage 1 (age 7)	20	Address health inequalities by ensuring that mainstream resources from health and other services are accurately targeted to communities & areas with greatest needs
		21	Encourage employers across the public and private sectors to take a more proactive approach to the health and welfare of their workforce
		22	Encourage individuals to take responsibility for actively improving their health through local community learning and support
		23	Respond to Rotherham's ageing population by developing appropriate support services and facilities, and extending the choices available to older individuals

- 24 Develop further support services for vulnerable people, promoting collaborative working between organisations & sectors to deal with increases in demand
- 25 Improve the life chances of children and young people by ensuring they get the best start in life, whatever their individual circumstances
- 26 Create and sustain opportunities for individuals to be involved in a wide range of high quality physical and sporting activities
- 27 Create and sustain opportunities for individuals to be involved in a wide range of high quality cultural and social activities.
- 28 Reduce the impact to the community caused by the misuse of alcohol and illegal drugs
- 29 Increase the confidence of victims to report incidents and to reduce the fear of crime particularly among people most at risk
- 30 Reduce the rate of domestic burglary, vehicle crime and crime against businesses in the Borough
- 31 Reduce the incidence and impact of anti-social behaviour by dealing effectively with the perpetrators and supporting the victims
- 32 Address the pockets of low demand and poor housing that exist in some areas of the borough, through harnessing the resources of all sectors
- 33 Encourage the private sector to develop a greater choice of well-designed, high quality housing across the Borough
- 34 Harness resources to enhance environment and general appearance of neighbourhoods in response to this being a top priority of local people
- 35 Promote a “Neighbourhood Management” approach to service delivery, community participation and strategic development
- 36 Promote increased energy efficiency through better design and planning, and encourage greater recycling of household waste
- 37 Broaden and widen engagement, and eliminate barriers to participation in civic, voluntary and community life and decision making
- 38 Develop local democracy at a neighbourhood level, devolving powers and resources and increasing opportunities for engagement.
- 39 Continue to promote and support the growth of the voluntary and community sector, enabling the sector to make a vital contribution to future service delivery
- 40 Develop the borough’s identity, building on its existing economic, cultural, social and environmental assets to strengthen local pride in and connection with Rotherham
- 41 Support borough wide initiatives that promote strong and cohesive communities, and encourage dialogue and understanding amongst Rotherham’s citizens
- 42 Develop stronger and more positive relationships between people from different backgrounds, breaking down barriers and building mutual trust
- 43 Celebrate cultural diversity and encourage and support individuals and communities to share their different cultures and experiences
- 44 Provide opportunities for people and communities to celebrate their achievements and progress, and ensure that good practice in what works is shared
- 45 Improve the internal and external perceptions of Rotherham and encourage more people to become “Ambassadors for Rotherham” – be they local residents, public sector leaders, successful business people or celebrities.

Corporate Priorities (RMBC Corporate Plan)

- 1 Develop Rotherham as a Prosperous Place
- 2 Minimise Inequalities
- 3 Provide an Excellent Town Centre
- 4 Support Sustainable Transport
- 5 Revitalise Rural Areas
- 6 Maximise Children and Young Peoples’ Potential
- 7 Provide life-long learning opportunities for all Rotherham People
- 8 Develop skills, creativity and innovation
- 9 People feel good
- 10 Enable independence and well-being
- 11 Celebrate culture

- 12 Promote good health and healthy lives
- 13 Invest in the next generation
- 14 Ensure clean, green and well-maintained neighbourhoods
- 15 Provide decent homes for all
- 16 Provide attractive buildings and public space
- 17 Communities are free from anti-social behaviour
- 18 Crime, drugs misuse and fear of crime
- 19 Protect people
- 20 Promote pride in the Borough
- 21 Promote active citizenship and democracy
- 22 Support vulnerable people
- 23 Develop strong sustainable communities
- 24 Ensure involvement in local decision making
- 25 Embed sustainable development into all plans, services and actions
- 26 Maintain social progress that recognises the needs of everyone
- 27 Protect the environment
- 28 More prudent use of natural resource
- 29 Maintain high & stable levels of economic growth
- 30 Ensure equal opportunities
- 31 Ensure equitable access to services
- 32 Tackle prejudice & discrimination

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

1. Meeting:	Regeneration and Asset Board
2. Date:	22nd February, 2006
3. Title:	Business Incubation Development (BID) Fund
4. Programme Area:	EDS

5. Summary

To provide details of a new DTI fund for Incubation and a successful application by RMBC to implement a project focussed on business incubation in Dinnington and surrounding areas.

6. Recommendations

- **That the successful BID Fund application be noted**
- **That RMBC implement the project as set out in the offer letter from UKBI Ltd.**

7. Proposals and Details

In the Budget 2005 the Chancellor announced an additional £5m funding over three years to provide long term support for business incubation in less advantaged areas and communities, building on existing feasibility studies. SBS have appointed UKBI as the lead organisation to administer the fund.

Details of the fund are provided below:-

A. What are the aims of the Business Incubation Development Fund?

The BID Fund will:

- Improve the quality and quantity of business incubation in less advantaged areas/communities. Support is available to all types of business incubators, including those promoting social enterprises.
- Support viable incubators that assist early stage businesses.
- Generate more viable businesses in disadvantaged areas and communities
- Produce a 'multiplier effect' where successful incubators demonstrate best practice for others to emulate.

B. What level of support is available?

Awards of up to £150,000 over a three year period are available towards 50% of eligible project costs. Funding will be available from 2005-06 to 2007-08. Total BID funding must not exceed 50% of eligible costs. Matching funding will need to be identified and where these resources are derived from. Funding will not be available for capital costs.

C. Criteria by which the Proposals will be evaluated

The BID Panel will assess all proposals against the following criteria:

- The scale of support for new/early stage companies and the numbers to be assisted;
- How well the proposals target the deprived areas/communities identified;
- The financial viability of the applicant;
- The viability of the business plan (projects must be self sustaining once the award finishes);
- The quality and experience of the incubator management team;
- The quality and expansion of the network of potential business partners and mentors;

- The amount of additional funding the project would expect to attract if the bid is successful;
- Adherence to core requirements/quality business incubation UKBI's National Business Incubation Framework¹ (NBIF);
- The development of strong links to the relevant Business Links or their equivalents and the relevant Regional Development Agency;
- The effectiveness of the proposals to integrate with existing and anticipated regional and local strategies to stimulate enterprise, particularly the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative;
- The sustainability of the project after March 2008.

Rotherham's bid proposal

At short notice the RiDO team submitted an application, focussing on the Dinnington and south Rotherham area, building on the Incubation Centre feasibility study carried out in 2003 by Angle Technology Limited. A project aimed at Dinnington and south Rotherham was also identified in the adopted Business Support and Incubation Strategy. The bid was agreed through the Rotherham Enterprise Network and the main elements are detailed below:-

- Main partners (at present) – RMBC (RiDO and Rotherham Youth Enterprise), RCAT, Dinnington Area Regeneration Trust (DART).
- 2 year project: April 2006 – March 2008
- £150,000 from DTI BID Fund, with £192,000 match
- Aim is to stimulate incubation and new start companies in Dinnington and surrounding areas.
- Outputs: 60 pre-starts assisted with advice; 15 new businesses started, 30 new jobs created
- A new 2-year funded post of Business Adviser for Dinnington/South Rotherham will be created as part of the RiDO Business Development Team
- The project fits well with the Rotherham LEGI application and also as a precursor to a Dinnington Business Incubation Centre

8. Finance

£150,000 from DTI BID Fund over the two financial years, 2006-07 and 2007-08 will be brought into the local area, with £170,000 of RMBC match over two years which will be sourced from existing budgets.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

When delivering externally funded projects the main areas of risk include:-

¹ A summary of the National Business Incubation Framework can be found at:
<http://www.ukbi.co.uk/?sid=127&pgid=128&spgid=&page=1>

- Delivering the project to the offer letter/funding agreement
- Ensuring that external funds are used appropriately
- Ensuring sufficient, eligible match funding
- Project monitoring and audit
- Ability to meet the main objectives and outputs
- Withholding of grant repayment – details of which are provided in the UKBI offer letter of 13th January 2006.

The risks and uncertainties can be minimised by ensuring good practice is followed for delivering and monitoring externally funded projects, which RiDO has a clear track record and experience of carrying out.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

RiDO's business support and incubation services have an important part to play in the delivery of RMBC corporate priorities:

Theme	Priority	Objective	Target	RiDO's part
Achieving	Develop Rotherham as a prosperous place...vibrant, mixed and diverse economy and flourishing businesses.	Increase the number of new start up businesses.	120 new businesses; 130 businesses safeguarded; 85% survival after 3 yrs	By providing infrastructure for and business support to start up businesses.
Learning	Develop skills, creativity and innovation ... encouraging entrepreneurship.	Increase number of young people who are benefiting from business enterprise activities.	Targets set as part of RYE who have dedicated space at the RiDO Business Centres and are a partner in the BID Fund project.	By working closely with and assisting Rotherham Youth Enterprise and RCAT in this project.
Sustainable Development	Maintain high and stable levels of economic growth.	Increase employment rate		By supporting enterprise and business formation within the local population.

The BID Fund project will assist in achieving these priorities, as well as many others, and in delivering the agreed RMBC Business Support and Incubation Strategy.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

RMBC Business Support and Incubation Strategy, Zernike (UK) Ltd, 2003
RMBC UKBI BID Fund Application and file.

The financing costs and comments in this paper have been discussed with Corporate Finance. Rotherham Youth Enterprise, RCAT and DART have been involved in the BID Fund project from the outset and the bid was also discussed at the Rotherham Enterprise Network (REN).

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ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1. Meeting:	Regeneration and Asset Board
2. Date:	15th February 2006
3. Title:	Settlement of European Structural Funds for the period 2007-2013
4. Programme Area:	Economic & Development Services

5. Summary

To inform Members of the settlement of European Structural Funds for the period 2007-2013, the successor programme to Objective 1. Details have yet to be confirmed.

6. Recommendations that

- 1. Members note the report.**
- 2. Liaison with the South Yorkshire Partnership and Alliance for Regional Aid be continued to lobby for desired outcome for this region.**

7. Proposals and Details

Background

Following on from the enlargement of the E.U, the largest proportion of structural funds have been allocated to the poorest regions. Older member states, such as the UK, will therefore receive less funding.

The Alliance for Regional Aid has been lobbying for compensation from the UK government to cover the reduction in EU funding. The government have resisted the idea thus far, using the argument that UK regional spending has increased (to RDA budgets) and regions will have to take their chances in a future Comprehensive Spending Review.

The Government plan to consult, early in 2006, on the UK's draft National Strategic Reference Framework, which will set out broad objectives for future programmes. As part of the consultation, they will also seek views on the methodology for allocating the UK's Competitiveness funding.

Objectives for the new programme.

The new programme will be based around 3 community objectives

Current Objective	New Objectives under 2007/13 programme	Uk Allocation billion €	Regions covered.
Obj 1	Convergence - will support growth and job creation in regions whose development is lagging behind.	2.6	Cornwall, West Wales & Valleys, Highlands and Islands.
Obj 2	Competitiveness. "Regional competitiveness and employment" will help anticipated economic change.	6.2	To support regions currently eligible under Obj 1 which do not come under the convergence objective.
Obj 3	Co operation for cross border and trans national projects.	0.6	All regions
TOTAL		9.4	Reduction of 6.45 billion € on 2000/07 UK programme.

South Yorkshire will qualify for assistance under the competitiveness objective, being a current recipient of Objective 1 funding.

Under the competitiveness objective, the maximum intervention rate of 50% will apply, though lobbying is underway by the Alliance for Regional Aid for a change to our status (to Convergence strand) which would allow up to 75%.

Management Arrangements

Management arrangements for the new programme are not yet confirmed, however it is certain that Government Office will not be responsible for managing the next programme. Government departments will need to decide how to discharge responsibility for managing the programme to local level. It is expected that the RDA's will have a strong role to play, but it is not clear whether this will include financial management. An alternate approach would be to channel funds via the Local Area Agreements.

When deciding the most appropriate way of managing the programme, integration of the “South Yorkshire Team” should be considered, to include the EU Programme Directorate, Yorkshire Forward and the South Yorkshire Partnership. The latter is responsible for strategic decision making and increasingly programme management through the investment planning process. Ideally, one high level Board should take overall responsibility for prioritising funding. A single appraisal and approval process for project should be used wherever possible.

Focus for Funding.

The new programme will have to be heavily focussed on growth and jobs in line with the EU’s so called Lisbon strategy. In practice it is likely to become harder to fund community development projects. Scheme including hard infrastructure may also be more limited.

In order to maximise EU funding for South Yorkshire and identify what it wants to achieve will be set within the context of the SRIP. At the South Yorkshire Partnership Board on 26th January 2006, it was agreed that an investment plan should be produced by July/September 2006.

8. Finance

South Yorkshire can expect to receive somewhere around €400 million, ring fenced over seven years under the provision of “phasing in” regions. Subject to exchange rates this is about £270 million, compared with £700 million for 2000-2006. The 2007-2013 programme will be heavily loaded into the earlier years, tapering off at the end. The first year allocation should be about £75million, with reducing amounts to 2011, followed by a small amount for each year 2010-13 equal to the national average aid for intensity for Competitiveness regions.

The £270million includes both ERDF and ESF. At this moment in time it is expected that the ERDF spending priorities will be determined at South Yorkshire level, the ESF element may be held at the national or at the Yorkshire & Humber level. The South Yorkshire Partnership will be pressing for this to be devolved to regional level to allow for an integrated programme.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

At European level, the deal is now subject to an inter Institutional Agreement with the European Commission and European Parliament.

Details to be confirmed about the new programme are around the amount of funding for the South Yorkshire area and indeed, how the programme will be managed. In order for to achieve the best possible results for the area, continued working with the South Yorkshire Partnership and also the Alliance for Regional Aid, in lobbying the UK government to argue the case for funds and how they are allocated in the area, so that maximum benefits can be achieved in regenerating the area.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The reduction in the amount of funding available to Rotherham will have implications as to the amount of progress that can be achieved. Discussions are underway at regional level within the context of SRIP, which aim to be concluded by July of this year.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

House of Commons Hansard Written Ministerial Statements for 20 December 2005.

Briefing notes by Simeon Leach, Economic Strategy Manager, Economic Development Services.

Briefing notes by Joanne Wehrle, Partnership Officer, Regional Affairs, Chief Executive's Department.

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