

## CABINET MEMBER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING, CULTURE AND LEISURE

Venue: Town Hall,  
Moorgate Street,  
Rotherham.

Date: Wednesday, 9th August 2006

Time: 10.00 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 11th and 18th July, 2006 (copies herewith). (Pages 1 - 7)
4. Minutes of a meeting of the Children's Board held on 28th June, 2006 (copy herewith). (Pages 8 - 13)
5. Christmas Illuminations (Marie Hayes, Commercial and Promotional Services Manager) (report herewith). (Pages 14 - 25)  
**- to consider the financial implications of the provision of additional lighting and Health and Safety works and to determine the format for the new Christmas Illuminations Tender for 2007-2009.**
6. PETITION - Play Area Leewood Close (Phil Rogers, Head of Culture and Leisure) (report herewith). (Pages 26 - 27)  
**- to note the petition and discuss a resolution to the differing views**

**The following item is likely to be considered in the absence of the press and public as being exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972**

7. Budgetary Realignment - Culture and Leisure Services 2006/07 (Phil Rogers, Head of Service Culture and Leisure) (report herewith). (Pages 28 - 31)  
**- to consider the budgetary realignments as outlined (exempt under Paragraph 3.1 of the Act – information relating to the financial/business affairs of the Council).**
8. Date and Time of Next Meeting

**CABINET MEMBER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING, CULTURE AND LEISURE**  
**Tuesday, 11th July, 2006**

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

**17. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON 6TH AND 20TH JUNE, 2006**

The minutes of previous meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2006 were agreed as a correct record.

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

The minutes of the Christmas Carnival Co-ordinating Group held on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2006 were received.

**19. LEA GOVERNOR APPOINTMENT PANEL**

The minutes of a meeting of the LEA Governor Appointment Panel held on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2006 were received.

**20. LEA GOVERNOR 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:-

Coleridge Primary	Mrs J Pearson	12/7/06
Dalton Listerdale	Mr J. Doe	12/7/06
Swallownest Primary	Mr C Robinson	
12/7/06		
Wales Primary	Mr N Biney	12/7/06
Wales Primary	Mrs S Higgins	
12/7/06		
West Melton Primary	Mrs B Lord	
12/7/06		

**Re-appointments**

Aston Springwood Primary	Mrs SM Tillery	10/9/06
Blackburn Primary	Cllr A Senior	17/11/06
Milton Special School	Mrs P Na	
12/11/06		
Swinton Fitzwilliam Primary	Mr M Hall	1/9/06
Swinton Fitzwilliam Primary	Mr A Johnson	
1/9/06		

Whiston Grange School

Mr R Carter

10/9/06

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

**21. NOMINATION - RECYCLING GROUP**

Resolved:- That Councillors Austen and Littleboy be nominated to serve on the Recycling Group.

**22. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT AS AT MAY, 2006**

Consideration was given to a report of the Acting Head of Service, Resources and Access which gave details of expenditure, income and the net budget position for Culture and Leisure Services compared to the phased budgets for the period ending on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2006 and the projected year end outturn position. This is the first budget monitoring report for the service for 2006/07.

The current forecast is for the service to achieve a balanced budget by the end of the financial year.

The meeting noted that the current projected outturn assumes implementation of a number of service actions and funding decisions that need to be progressed through the Base Budget Review process.

Resolved:- That the current forecast outturn position (Balanced Budget) based on actual costs and income to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2006 and forecast costs and income to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 be noted.

**23. EAST DENE J AND I SCHOOL - PROPOSED ALTERATION TO AGE RANGE**

In accordance with Minute No. 212 of a meeting of the Cabinet Member, Lifelong Learning held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2006, consideration was given to a report of the School Organisation, Planning and Development Manager on the outcome of the consultation undertaken with School Staff, Parents and the School Governors.

In addition, a copy of the consultation papers had been sent to neighbouring schools and Ward Members.

It is proposed to make a prescribed alteration to East Dene Junior and Infant School from September 2006. There will be a change in the age range of the school from its existing age range of 4-11 years to 3-11 years.

The school will have 350 places (R-Y6) with a foundation stage unit able to accommodate up to 50 pupils on a part-time basis (25 pupils in the morning and 25 in the afternoon). The admission number of 50 to the

school (reception onwards) will replace the former admission number of 60 with PFI in 2006/07.

Proposals have stood for 6 weeks and, in the absence of any objections, the matter can now be determined by the Local Authority without reference to the School Organisation Committee.

Resolved:- (1) That, in the absence of any formal objections, the Local Authority has determined the proposal which is to make a prescribed alteration, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2006, by the extension of the age range from 4-11 to 3-11 years at East Dene Junior and Infant School.

(2) That the School Organisation Committee and Secretary of State be informed accordingly.

**24. MALTBY MANOR INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS - PROPOSED AMALGAMATION**

Pursuant to Minute No. 215 of a meeting of the Cabinet Member, Lifelong Learning held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2006, consideration was given to a report of the Manager, School Organisation Planning and Development on the outcome of the statutory consultation with School Governors, Staff and Parents on a proposal to amalgamate Maltby Manor Infant and Maltby Manor Junior Schools by closing both schools and opening a new Maltby Manor Primary School.

Proposals for the amalgamation have stood for 6 weeks (from 5<sup>th</sup> May to 16<sup>th</sup> June) and, in the absence of any objections, the matter can now be determined by the Local Authority without reference to the School Organisation Committee.

Resolved:- (1) That, in the absence of any formal objections, the Local Authority has determined the proposal to amalgamate Maltby Manor Infant and Junior Schools, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007, by closing both schools and opening a new Maltby Manor Primary School.

(2) That the School Organisation Committee and the Secretary of State be informed accordingly.

**25. PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS 4 - SUSTAINABLE VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE**

Consideration was given to a report of the Acting Head of Service, Resources and Access, which contained details of an award made to the Children and Young People's Services of £1.638m Objective 1 Funding from Measure 3.12 (Enhancing the Curriculum for the World of Work).

This measure targets young people aged 14-19 and will further support the delivery of the work related learning in Rotherham Schools.

In addition, the project contributes towards the achievement of the LSC 14-19 Action Plan for Rotherham and is supported by Rotherham Learning Partnership.

The key aim of the Sustainable Vocational Excellence project is to further enhance the offer of vocational education routes to young people in the Rotherham area. This project will add value to the investment made by Pathways 1, 2 and 3 projects in the development of innovative activities which result in growth sector related vocational pathways, appropriate qualifications and comprehensive work related learning which will be embedded in curriculum delivery beyond the lifetime of the current funding opportunities.

The proposal will continue to support initiatives created in Pathways to Success 1, 2 and 3 and in addition will target a number of very specific growth sector areas working in partnership with RIDO, Sheffield, Barnsley and Doncaster Children and Young People's Services and local employers.

The report contained details of Project Delivery and Cross Cutting Themes.

A question was raised with regard to the ability of Schools to support curriculum delivery beyond the term of funding. The meeting was informed that through the delivery of the Path to Success Projects a sustainable model has been developed which will ensure the continuation of activity post Objective 1 funding.

Resolved:- (1) That the information relating to the Pathways to Success – Sustainable Vocational Excellence Project be received.

(2) That an update report giving specific examples of delivery, and the views of schools involved, be submitted to a future meeting in approximately six months' time.

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

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 3.1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

**27. ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING - INTRODUCTION OF FEE POLICY**

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Service, Inclusion, Voice and Influence which contained the details of a fee policy for RMBC Adult Community Learning Provision across the borough, which is presently being pursued by the Government and the Learning and Skills Council (LSC).

Currently there is no fee charging structure for adult community learning in Rotherham.

RMBC has maintained its delivery of non-accredited learning through grants from the LSC at no cost to the learner. By comparison, in Further Education there is the assumption that learners (or their sponsors) will contribute 25% of the learning costs by paying fees. It is the government's intention that this will rise to 50% by 2010.

As from September 2006, the assumption is that adult community learning will aim to raise 10% of its grant allocation by the introduction of a fee policy.

For the next year 2006/07 a new structure of funding involving two grant streams is being established. They are called:

- First Step Learning/Progression from First Step and
- Personal and Community Development Learning (PCDL)
- Wider Family Learning and Family Language Literacy and Numeracy will remain as before at no cost to the learners

**First Step Learning** is intended to primarily target learners who do not yet have a full level 2 qualification and to make a positive contribution to its achievement over time. It includes information, advice and guidance. If learning fits this category it could be offered free to the learner.

However, some elements of First Step Learning will incur a fee, at the point of progression to further learning opportunities.

**PCDL** is intended for provision in each local area, offering a wide range of learning for adults for culture, leisure, community and personal fulfilment purposes, with a better choice of opportunities to encourage adults back into learning. It does not necessarily need to be linked to progression and where it is defined as learning for its own sake, learners will be expected to contribute. A fees policy has been written to outline the Service's approach to fee collection with providers.

Resolved:- (1) That approval be granted for the introduction of a fee policy for RMBC Adult Community Learning Provision across the borough.

(2) That the 2006/2007 Adult Community Learning Development Plan be endorsed.

(Exempt under Paragraph 3.1 – Item consists of information relating to the financial/business affairs of the Council).

**CABINET MEMBER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING, CULTURE AND LEISURE  
Tuesday, 18th July, 2006**

Present:- Councillor St.John (in the Chair); Councillor Littleboy.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Austen.

**28. MUSEUMS, GALLERIES & HERITAGE: MEETING THE ACCREDITATION STANDARD FOR MUSEUM IN THE UK**

Further to Minute No. 156 of a meeting of the Cabinet Member, Lifelong Learning, Culture and Leisure held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2006, consideration was given to a report of the Head of Service Culture and Leisure which gave details of three applications now prepared for - Clifton Park Museum, Rotherham Art Gallery and the York and Lancaster Regimental Museum - as part of the Authority's application for the Museums, Galleries & Heritage: Meeting the Accreditation Standard for Museum in the UK.

Applications must be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2006.

The Museum Accreditation Scheme is the national minimum set of standards for UK museums. Museums qualify for the Scheme by meeting clear requirements on how they care for and document their collections, how they are governed and managed, and on levels of information and services they offer to their users.

In the 2006-07 financial year, the Service was awarded an increased revenue budget in order to achieve and maintain the Accreditation Standards.

Failure to achieve and maintain Accredited Status would effectively mean that the three museums will no longer be recognised as meeting national standards.

The content of the report detailed:-

- Service Development Plan
- Acquisitions and Disposals Policies for Clifton Park Museum & Rotherham Art Gallery and separately for the York & Lancaster Regimental Museum

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

(2) That the report and policy documents be approved for submission for Accreditation status.

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

**29. GUIDELINES FOR FUTURE MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF ROTHER VALLEY COUNTRY PARK**

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Service Culture & Leisure to assist in discussions with Oak Holdings plc about the Council's expectations for future management and development of Rother Valley Country Park, in the event that control is transferred to them, in accordance with agreed terms for their development of the YES! Project at Pithouse West.

In 2003 the Council entered into a Preferred Developer Agreement (PDA) with Oak Holdings plc for the future development of the Pithouse West site adjacent to Rother Valley Country Park. The PDA included provision for the developer to take on responsibility for managing Rother Valley Country Park, including the full cost of operating the park, upon the opening to the public of the Pithouse West development.

Following a decision by Government Office not to call in the Planning Application for the development, it is expected that the consent will be granted by Planning Board in the near future. Oak Holdings are seeking progress towards a Development Agreement for Pithouse West that would take effect upon granting of planning consent. The PDA states that there should be a separate Lease and Development/Management Agreement for Rother Valley Country Park that would take effect when the Pithouse West development opens. Such an Agreement would establish Oak Holdings' responsibilities for the future management and operation of Rother Valley Country Park.

It is proposed that the report and guidance notes be used by both parties as a framework for developing a Lease and Development/Management Agreement for Rother Valley Country Park.

The report set out the Council's guidelines in respect of:-

- Character of park
- Facilities and activities
- Opening times, access and pricing
- Staffing
- Relationship with other tenants
- Site management principles
- Community Involvement
- Other Matters

Resolved:- That officers involved in the preparation of Lease and Development Agreements for Pithouse West and Rother Valley Country Park be instructed to ensure that these conform to the expectations set out in the report and guidance notes, now submitted.



**CHILDREN'S BOARD**  
**Wednesday, 28th June, 2006**

Present:- Councillor S. Wright (in the Chair); Dave Featherstone, Ann Lawrence, J. McIvor and Janet Wheatley.

**1. APOLOGIES**

An apology was submitted from Mike Cuff.

**2. WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to this first meeting of the Children's Board in its revised format. The aim of the Board is to work together to secure the best services for all children and young people in Rotherham.

The Chairman invited Members to submit any item they wish to be discussed at the meeting to Sonia Sharp in order to promote debates on all key issues being faced by each partner.

**3. SUMMARY OF PRIORITIES FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES**

Sonia gave a presentation setting out a summary of the priorities being promoted to meet the needs of all children and young people. The presentation highlighted the following issues :-

- Population
- Ethnicity
- Categories of Risk
- Be Healthy
  - Teenage Pregnancy
  - Dental Health
  - Breastfeeding
  - Smoking
  - Alcohol
  - Illegal Drugs
  - Healthy Eating
- Staying Safe
- Feeling Safe
- Enjoying and Achieving
- Making a Positive Contribution
- Achieving Economic Well Being
- Key Outcomes
- Our priorities

The Board considered each item and commented on how progress would be made.

Agreed:- (1) That the presentation and priorities be noted.

(2) That the activity relating to gathering data be welcomed including the availability of neighbourhood data based on area assembly boundaries and particularly proposals by the police to develop a system of data capture for all 287 neighbourhoods in South Yorkshire.

(3) That a presentation be made to this Board by the Police on school behaviour procedures.

(4) That the ALMO Board be asked to comment on proposals to deal with 96 families who have to share bathrooms.

#### **4. TOWARDS INTEGRATED FRONT LINE SERVICES**

Sonia outlined the matters set out in the report circulated.

The report stated that by 2008 we must have 'children's trust arrangements' in place. This requires integration across key partners at four levels: governance, strategy, processes and frontline services. Through integration of front-line services we are expected to address some of the key concerns raised by the Bichard Enquiry as well as other investigations into gaps between services for the most vulnerable and at risk children and young people. Through integration we should aim to ensure seamless services for children, young people and their families, consequently:

- removing inequalities and gaps in provision created by incompatible criteria and cultural differences between services;
- improving communication and information sharing;
- reducing waiting times for assessment and intervention;
- increasing focus on prevention and early intervention wherever possible;
- increasing personalisation and accessibility of assessment and intervention;
- reducing duplication and unnecessary bureaucracy for both family and worker
- increasing time available for intervention;
- improving co-ordination of services to the most vulnerable families;
- providing access to the right people, in the right place at the right time.

Evaluations of integrated services show that co-location has distinct benefits for facilitating multi-agency working but that the most significant outcomes are achieved through full integration where multi-agency teams are managed by a single person. Most importantly, these evaluations show better outcomes for children and young people. They also stress the importance of investment in team development in the initial stages to secure a shared identity and necessary changes in practice.

This paper describes a possible model for full integration in Rotherham.

Failure to develop integrated services is likely to hinder further development of cohesive and efficient services to our most vulnerable and at risk children and families. We risk failing to safeguard individual children and young people and the potential for inefficient use of resources is increased.

Failure to achieve commitment to integration from one or more partner would severely impede our ability to deliver the Change for Children agenda and we would not achieve children's trust arrangements by 2008.

Failure to jointly invest in good quality accommodation, administrative support, maintenance and the cultural change programme could undermine the team development process and their ability to deliver cohesive, seamless, high quality services.

Board Members supported the development of this initiative and suggested that the review include the aim of achieving Best Value for Money from existing resources and best services to Children and Young People.

Agreed:- That the Joint Leadership Team review the model outlined in the paper to stimulate discussion and agree key features and time-line for integrated front line services in Rotherham and a further report be submitted to the Board.

## **5. COMMISSIONING OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES**

Sonia outlined the matters set out in the report circulated.

This paper is intended to promote initial discussion amongst Board members, related to the commissioning of services for children and young people. This is intended as a forerunner to more detailed proposals which will be presented to the Board in September 2006.

There are risks and uncertainties which are connected to any commissioning model and the detailed proposals will contain consideration of the pros and cons of the various alternatives.

Board Members outlined their positions and supported the development of this initiative.

Agreed:- That an officers group discuss the principles contained in the paper and provide direction for the detailed proposals and a report be submitted to the Board shortly.

## **6. FURTHER DEVELOPING THE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN UNIT**

Sonia outlined the matters set out in the report circulated.

Rotherham has developed a Safeguarding Children Unit to support the work of the Safeguarding Children Board. It has evolved out of the Protection and Planning Section in the Children and Young People's Service (Social Care) The aim is to develop a multi – agency resource to provide advice to all agencies about safeguarding generally and on individual cases, to provide independent chairs and administrative support for the child protection conference and looked after children's systems, and to take forward the action plan of the Safeguarding Board, including audit, quality assurance work and policy development.

There are strong arguments to bring the work of specialist safeguarding advisers together. Also, national guidance has been produced this year to promote integrated working to take forward the Every Child Matters agenda.

The Safeguarding Children Unit has an important role in the development of safeguarding arrangements and the wider integrated working agenda. The long-term accommodation provided for the Unit will be important for its success. The Unit needs to be easily accessible to professionals and service users. It therefore requires sufficient close parking and conference facilities.

The report set out three options for consideration.

Agreed:- That this matter be considered at the next Board Meeting to allow time for partners to obtain the views of their organisations.

**7. PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGY**

John McIvor outlined the key points from the joint Public Health Strategy being promoted by the PCT and the Council in order to raise the profile of public health and develop action that will improve, promote and protect health. A copy of the strategy was provided for each member.

Agreed:- That the strategy be fully supported.

**8. REFINING THE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP IN ROTHERHAM**

Sonia submitted a minute of the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel seeking support to a review of the effectiveness of the governance arrangements for Children and Young People.

It was noted that this review would take place after the governance arrangements had been in operation for a year.

Agreed:- That the position be noted.

**9. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE CHILDREN'S BOARD HELD ON 1ST MARCH, 2006**

Key issues from the minutes of the meeting held on 1st March, 2006 were noted.

**10. MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF ROTHERHAM SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD HELD ON 6TH APRIL AND 8TH JUNE, 2006**

Key issues from the minutes of the meetings held on 6th April and 8th June, 2006 were noted.

**11. JOINT AREA REVIEW**

Sonia provided feedback from the recent Review and drew attention to key issues.

Agreed:- That everyone involved in the Review be thanked personally for their endeavours.

**12. SAFEGUARDING BOARD**

Reference was made to the operation and membership of the Safeguarding Board and the need to consider its operation after twelve months.

Agreed:- That the operation and membership be reviewed in twelve months time.

**13. MOSQUITO DEVICES**

Reference was made to the use of these devices which emitted a high pitched noise to prevent anti social behaviour. It was noted that the police had such a device for use in specific detailed circumstances as just one way of controlling anti social behaviour.

Board Members asked for further information on these devices, particularly if there were any long term effects on the hearing of young people.

Agreed:- That this matter be reviewed at the next Board Meeting.

**14. ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ORDERS**

The Chairman referred to discussions taking place at the Safer Rotherham Partnership relating to the "Naming and Shaming" of those with Anti Social Behaviour Orders.

Board Members expressed concern at this policy and the long term effect on young people.

Agreed:- That the Safer Rotherham Partnership be advised that it is the

view of this Board that children under 16 should not be “Named and Shamed” and that those aged between 16-19 should only be “Named and Shamed” following rigorous consideration of a risk assessment.

**15. LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

Reference was made to the representation of this Board on the LSP.

Agreed:- That John McIvor represent this Board as an integral part of his contribution to the Local Strategic Partnership.

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

13th September, 2006 at 3.00 p.m.

<b>ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS</b>
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<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Lifelong Learning, Culture and Leisure Cabinet Member and Advisors</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> August 2006</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Christmas Illuminations</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Programme Area:</b>	<b>Children &amp; Young People's Services</b>

### **5. Summary**

To consider the financial implications of the provision of additional lighting and health and safety works and to determine the format for a new Christmas Illuminations Tender for 2007-2009.

### **6. Recommendations**

- 6.1 That Members are advised of additional costs for lighting in All Saints' Square and consider additional budget provision for this.**
- 6.2 That Members are advised of additional costs for health and safety works for the treatment of metal bolt fixings and consider additional budget provision for this.**
- 6.3 That the content/format of Christmas Illuminations for 2007-2009, including a decision on the provision of district trees, be forwarded for consideration by full Council.**
- 6.4 That direction on the provision of diverse lights and identification of additional budget is considered.**

## 7. Proposals and Details

### Lighting 2006

The Christmas Illuminations are currently provided under a contract entered into with Blachere Wonderland Illuminations UK Ltd. (2004-2006). Last year a considerable amount of additional work was carried out to install permanent lighting infrastructure via the lighting columns, apart from High Street where this was not feasible. However, under the existing contract there is no provision for lighting in All Saints' Square other than on the Christmas tree. Several comments have been received from both Elected Members and members of the public requesting additional lighting within the Square. The cost for provision of pealights in the 6 No. small trees around the Square is £4,850 for which there is no existing budget provision. Members may wish to agree to request officers to seek money corporately for this small increase.

In addition to this, the Council's Principal Health and Safety Officer has recommended installation of metal guards to the gullies at the edge of the stage area on top of the toilet block in All Saints' Square. This work requires costing and input from other Programme Areas which is unlikely to be completed before this year's Carnival. Therefore, it has been recommended that the number of people on the stage area should be reduced to Hallam FM staff only and the Mayor when turning on the lights and that Elected Members should take up a position down in the Square. This will minimise the risk of injury with a reduced number of people on the stage area.

The Structures Section in Economic and Development Service have also identified that a number of the catenary metal bolt fixings need treatment/repair which will incur additional costs of approximately £500.00.

### Lighting 2007-2009

This is the last year of the existing contract and consideration needs to be made of what we are going to ask for when tendering out for the next 3 years. Issues to consider include:

1. According to Blachere (who provide lights to towns and cities across the country) Rotherham has a large scheme compared to other towns. Most towns only have lights on pedestrianised areas. Members may wish to concentrate the scheme around Effingham Street, Howard Street, College Street, High Street, Frederick Street, Bridgegate and All Saints' Square, thereby reducing costs and allowing a better scheme within the Square.
2. Wellgate – some catenaries (metal ropes suspended across streets from which lights hang) are unsafe or block CCTV cameras and it has not been possible to hang decorations on these in the last couple of years. There are financial implications in securing the unsafe catenaries and implications in gaining permission from building owners to carry out this work (previously attempted but not successful). Shopkeepers on Wellgate have expressed their disappointment at the lack of lights. One option could be to install lights on street lighting columns.



3. Corporation Street – two of the three catenaries are fixed to All Saints' Building. Bearing in mind the future of this building it seems sensible to remove Corporation Street from the scheme.
4. Only one catenary is deemed safe to use on Moorgate Street.
5. There are still likely to be problems with High Street which could not have permanent wiring through lighting columns. The electrical junction box from which the lights are wired is very old and in a poor state of repair.
6. A colour scheme needs agreeing – there has been a mixed reaction to the blue and white scheme currently in operation and Members may wish to go back to a more 'traditional' scheme.
7. Due to historical reasons, there has been a continuing provision of district Christmas trees/lighting to Swinton (Woodman Roundabout), Kilnhurst Church, Woodsetts, Wath Town Centre and Harthill. The cost of trees is met from the Grounds Maintenance Budget. However, barriers and lamping of trees is met from the Christmas Carnival budget (approximately £3,000) with the exception of Harthill who pay for their own barriers/lights. There is no budget provision for these costs due to a reduced contribution from other sources, e.g. Chamber of Trade, Town Centre Management. Due to the unfairness of the provision of trees in some areas and not in others it is proposed that this provision ceases after 2006.
8. Eid lights are provided as part of the current scheme and we have been fortunate, to date, that Eid has coincided with the period of time that the Christmas lights are erected. However, as Eid may move out of this period additional costs will be incurred for bringing contractors in at different times to erect Eid lights. We have also been asked by Equalities and Diversity Unit to consider other festive lights such as Diwali and Chinese New Year, again with additional financial implications. One option would be to reduce the size of the overall scheme to make a budget available for installation of additional diverse lights.

## **8. Finance**

The current budget for Christmas Illuminations is £40,900. The whole of this budget is committed to the hire, erection and dismantling of the lights. Hallam FM support the Switch On evening, providing their services/acts free of charge. However, costs are also incurred from the erection of safety scaffolding around the stage area, electricity costs, provision of lighting/barriers to district trees and, in the last two years, from the provision of an Illuminated Parade.

Town Centre Management has provided a contribution towards this budget over the last few years. However, this has fluctuated considerably making the budget difficult to manage, i.e. 2002 £15,000, 2003 £10,000 £2004 £4,000, £2005 £0, 2006 £3,000.

The Chamber of Trade used to make a contribution of approximately £3,000 until 2004, but nothing has been received since then.

A small amount of income (approximately £500.00) is received from fairground operators for town centre rides over the Christmas period. However, this is also declining and fairground operators only chose to come in on weekends last year.

Attempts have been made to secure sponsorship for the lights but this has not been successful to date.

The new three year tender will have to be specified to be within the available budget.

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

It will be important to carefully chose a scheme for the next three years that will satisfy the majority of people.

A decision to reduce the number of streets within the town centre that are in the scheme may prove unpopular with some shop owners and could attract negative press.

The cessation of district trees may cause adverse reaction from members of the community in those areas. However, these trees could still be provided if costs are met from elsewhere.

Although most of the electrical wiring is now situated within lighting columns with an estimated lifespan until 2015, the catenaries and fixings from which decorations are suspended are very old (some 30 years+) and require regular maintenance/repair. An option could be to fix decorations to lighting columns rather than suspend them from cross street catenaries and this could be built into the new tender specification subject to agreement with the Street Lighting Section in Economic and Development Service.

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

**Achieving** – the installation of high quality Christmas illuminations contributes in raising the profile and image of the town centre. Attractive Christmas illuminations can increase footfall and enhance the shopping experience for customers ensuring that the town centre acts as a hub for social, economic and cultural activity for the wider area.

**Proud** – Christmas illuminations contribute to the “feel good” factor of visitors to the town and, if of good quality, portray a positive image.

**Sustainability** – the installation of permanent wiring has minimised disruption and wear and tear to town centre buildings. Fixing decorations to lighting columns would enable the removal of old catenaries that have reached or exceeded their lifespan.

**Equalities** – The Eid festival is celebrated by the provision of Eid lights on Frederick Street. This has been achievable within existing budgets as Eid has fallen within the same time frame as the Christmas lights. However, should Members wish to provide lights for the celebration of other festivals such as Diwali and Chinese New Year additional funding would need to be identified.

**11. Background Papers and Consultation**

Appendix A – Catenaries – structural report.

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Street	shop 1	Cond 1	ternary: lt or	Cond catny	shop 2	Cond 2	Remarks	suggest wt	prpsed wt	comments
Bridge gate	Ladbrokes	bwk around plate cracked	heavy	ok	Lockwoods interflora	ok	DO NOT USE UNTIL BWK REPAIRED	0	55.7	too heavy -do not use
Bridge gate	Co-op bank	plate rusty but otherwise ok	heavy	bulldogs rusty but otherwise ok	Alexon Sale	ok	thoroughly prepare plate and paint with metal paint	74		
Bridge gate	suite superstore	plate rusty but otherwise ok	heavy	bulldogs rusty but otherwise ok	Temp line employment agency	ok	thoroughly prepare plate and bulldogs and paint with metal paint	74	55.6	ok
Bridge gate	Rhinos/ Physique	unable to access	heavy	ok	Leisure time	ok	ok	74	30.5	ok
Bridge gate	Travel care	ok	heavy	ok	Barclays	ok	ok	74	55.7	ok
Church St	Humby's	paint peeling off & rusty underneath, otherwise ok	heavy	bulldogs rusty but otherwise ok	Victoria Wine	ok	ok	74	31	ok

College St	Dorothy Perkins	ok	heavy	ok	Jonathan James	paint peeling off & rusty underneath,	ok	90	22.8	ok
College St	Spec saver	ok	heavy	ok	Music Zone	otherwise ok	ok	74	53	ok
College St	Nobles amusements	ok	heavy	ok	Woolworth's	bulldogs rusty but otherwise ok	prepare bulldogs and paint with metal	74	59	ok
College St	Alliance and Leicester	ok	heavy	ok	Vision Express	lhs ok, rhs bolts rusty but otherwise ok	ok	74	53	ok
Corporation St	Milano	rhs ok, lhs ok	heavy	ok	Age Concern	lhs ok, rhs ok	ok	90		
Corporation St	Nat West	ok	heavy	ok	ex-Ratcliffe	bulldogs going rusty but otherwise ok	ok	90	60.6	ok
Corporation St	Smiths Jewellers ringshop	ok	heavy	ok	bed & bedroom centre	bulldogs going rusty but otherwise ok	unable to access	90		

Corporation St	xtra style	rhs ok, lhs ok	heavy	bulldogs going rusty but otherwise ok	optical express	ok	ok	90		
Corporation St	Wilkinsons	ok	heavy	bulldogs going rusty but otherwise ok	Gordons	ok	ok	90		
Doncaster Gate	Tsunami	Binocular inspection only-bolts rusty but otherwise ok	heavy	ok	snooker club	bottom right hand bolt spinning	replace spinning bolt; prepare bolts and paint with metal paint	56	31.9	ok
Doncaster Gate	Disraelis	Binocular inspection only -ok	heavy	bulldogs going rusty but otherwise ok	whsmith	paint peeling off & rusty underneath, otherwise ok	prepare bulldogs and paint with metal paint	74	31.9	ok
Effingham St	Bradford & Bingley	lhs - ok, rhs bolts going rusty but otherwise ok	heavy		Greggs		prepare bolts and paint with metal paint	90	42.8	ok
Effingham St	Phones for u	bottom right hand bolt spinning	heavy	ok	Thomas Cook	ok	replace spinning bolt	74	30	ok

Effingham St	Nobles amusements	left hand side - middle right bolt spinning. Rhs ok	heavy	ok	bulldogs going rusty but otherwise ok	Abbey National	ok	replace spinning bolt	90	30 ok	
Effingham St	Birthdays	lhs ok, right hand side bottom middle bolt spinning	heavy	ok	ok	Dr & Natural care	ok	replace spinning bolt	90	30 ok	
Effingham St	Barnsley Building Soc	ok	heavy	ok	ok	Boots	ok	ok	56		
Effingham St	Marriott Travel	bottom right hand bolt spinning	heavy	ok	ok	Boots	nuts going rusty but otherwise ok	replace spinning bolt	56		
Effingham St	Old Town Hall	ok	heavy	ok	ok	Boots	nuts going rusty but otherwise ok	prepare bolts and paint with metal paint	56		
Frederick St	Bright House	Binocular inspection only -ok	heavy	ok	ok	Carphone warehouse	Binocular inspection only -ok	ok	56	25 ok	
Frederick St	Super Pound	Binocular inspection only -ok	heavy	ok	ok	Graftons	Binocular inspection only -ok	ok	56	37 ok	
Frederick St	New Look	Binocular inspection only -ok	heavy	ok	ok	Bon Marché	Binocular inspection only -ok	ok	56	22 ok	

Frederick St	Mk One	Binocular inspection only -ok	heavy	ok	Town Hall (mayors parlour)	Binocular inspection only -ok	ok	56	37 ok	
High Street	Royal Bank of Scotland	ok	heavy	ok	Eastwood Domestic	two lower bolts spinning	replace spinning bolt	56	41.2 ok	
High Street	Pets Pantry	ok	heavy	bulldogs going rusty	British Heart Foundation	middle left bolt spinning	replace spinning bolt	56	24 ok	
High Street	Connexions	ok	heavy	ok	Phoenix Business Centre	one bolt spinning	replace spinning bolt	0	37 ok	
High Street	fabric forum former s-	N/A	heavy	catenary removed	The Old Monk	not checked	N/A	56	24 ok	
High Street	Johnson Estate Agent	ok	heavy	ok	Snafu	ok	ok	70	36.6 ok	
High Street	Essoldo Chambers	one bolt spinning	heavy	bulldogs going rusty	Masons Jewellers	ok	replace spinning bolt	56		
High Street	Ladbrokes	ok	heavy	bulldogs going rusty but otherwise ok	Brookes Victoria Wine	ok	prepare bolts and paint with metal paint	56		
High Street		lhs ok. Right hand side - top two bolts spinning	heavy	ok	Age Concern	bottom plate ok, top plate ok	ok	90		
Howard St	Burger King	Binocular inspection only -ok	none		Farmfoods	Binocular inspection only -ok		0	bulbs only	
Howard St	Old town hall	Binocular inspection only -ok	none		Knights	Binocular inspection only -ok		0	0 bulbs only	



Howard St	JJB sports	Binocular inspection only -ok	none			Superdrug	Binocular inspection only -ok			0	0	0	bulbs only
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Howard St	JJB / Qdos	Binocular inspection only -ok	none			Argos	Binocular inspection only -ok			0	0	0	bulbs only
Howard St	Old Town Hall	Binocular inspection only -ok	light	ok		Argos	Binocular inspection only -ok	ok		10	42.7	10kg	too heavy reduce features to approx
Market St	Travel Agency Services	Binocular inspection only -ok	heavy	ok	bulldogs going rusty but otherwise ok	Merrills café	Binocular inspection only -ok			56	22	ok	
Market St	Dolls House Gallery	Binocular inspection only -ok	heavy	ok	bulldogs going rusty but otherwise ok	Ratcliffes	Binocular inspection only -ok			56	22	ok	
Moorgate Street	Morthing ltd	Binocular inspection only -ok	light	changed to lightwt by contractor		Reeds Rain	Binocular inspection only -ok	ok		56	22	ok	
Moorgate Street	The Litten tree (exYB)	Binocular inspection only bolts going rusty	light	ok	bulldogs going rusty but otherwise ok	Johnson Estate Agent	Binocular inspection only -ok	ok for lightwt only		11	22	10kg	too heavy reduce features to approx

Ship Hill / Corp St	ex cinema	Binocular inspection only -ok	heavy	bulldogs going rusty but otherwise ok	Elliots	Binocular inspection only -ok	prepare bolts and paint with metal paint	56		
Upper Millgate	Wray Butcher	paint flaking from plate but ok	heavy	ok	News agent	ok	prepare plate and paint with metal paint	56		
Upper Millgate	Optical Express	ok	heavy	bulldogs going rusty but otherwise ok	bed & bedroom centre	ok	prepare bolts and paint with metal paint	70		
Wellgate	Disraelis	ok	light	ok	Royal Bank of Scotland	ok	ok	31	28	ok
Wellgate	Lloyds TSB	ok	light	bulldogs going rusty but otherwise ok	No10	ok	prepare bolts and paint with metal paint	31		28 ok
Wellgate	20-20	ok	light	bulldogs going rusty but otherwise ok	Etons	ok	prepare bolts and paint with metal paint	31		28 ok
Wellgate	Master barbers	some bolts going rusty but otherwise ok	light	ok	Ks	ok	prepare bolts and paint with metal paint	11		too heavy reduce features to approx 28 10kg
Wellgate	Chawan Restaurant	ok	light	ok	T English Optician	ok	ok	31		28 ok

<b>ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS</b>
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<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Delegated Powers: Cabinet Member Lifelong Learning, Culture and Leisure</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> August 2006</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Petition: Play Area Leewood Close</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Programme Area:</b>	Corporate Services

**5. Summary**

To update Members on the petitions received by the Council concerning Leewood Close, Brampton.

**6. Recommendations**

- (i) That Members note the petition.**
- (ii) That Officers, in consultation with the Cabinet Member, Lifelong Learning Culture and Leisure and Ward Members, attempt to resolve the differing views over the Leewood Close Play Area.**

## **7. Proposals and Details**

Two petitions have been received by the Council which concern the future of the play site on Leewood Close Brampton. The petitions take opposite views of the site with one asking that it be removed and the other seeking its retention.

Officers have written to both sets of petitioners informing them that along with the Cabinet Member a resolution to the problem is being sought.

Officers are also examining the whole of the estate area in which the playground is situated to access the potential for satisfying both sets of petitioners. In addition Officers are seeking to identify the necessary funding to carry out any removal.

## **8. Finance**

No budgetary provision exists to pay for the removal and/or relocation of this play equipment. If it is decided to relocate/remove the equipment then monies will have to be identified.

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

Whichever solution is decided upon there is some risk in that at least one group of petitioners will be unhappy with the solution.

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

Play Area Strategy

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

Site Meeting with Leewood Close Residents  
Culture and Leisure Service Plan 2006-09

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