

CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Venue: *Town Hall, Moorgate Street, Rotherham.

Date: Monday, 2 April 2007

Time: *8.30 a.m.

** please note the change of venue and start time for this meeting*

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 a meeting of the Town Centre Management Group held on 5th March, 2007 (Pages 1 - 4)
4. Minutes of meeting of the Cabinet Member and the Area Assembly Chairs and Vice-Chairs held on 7th March, 2007 (Pages 5 - 6)
5. Minutes of a meeting of the Tourism Panel held on 19th March, 2007 (Pages 7 - 10)
6. Development Control - Scheme of Delegation (Pages 11 - 26)
Assistant Development Control Manager to report.
 - to consider updating the scheme of delegation.
7. Local Transport Plan (LTP) Capital Programme 2007/2008 (Pages 27 - 33)
LTP Delivery Manager to report.
 - to outline the capital programme for 2007/2008.
8. Petition - A618 Main Street, Aughton (Pages 34 - 39)
Transportation Unit Manager to report.
 - to report receipt of the petition and the results of investigations.
9. A618 Pleasley Road, Guilthwaite - Accident Investigation and Prevention Study (Pages 40 - 45)
Engineer to report.
 - to consider the outcomes of the Study
10. Temporary Events Notice - Big Screen Events 2007 (Pages 46 - 49)
Assistant Town Centre Manager to report.
 - to seek permission for alcohol to be consumed at tables & chairs set out in All Saints' Square at specified Big Screen events.

11. Revenue, Fee Billing and Trading Resources - Monitoring Report April 2006 to February 2007 (Pages 50 - 58)
Service Accountant to report.
 - to report performance for the period April, 2006 to February, 2007.
12. Conferences/Seminars (Pages 59 - 64)
 - to consider attendance at:-

LGC Conference – “Strengthening the Role of Councillors – Developing strong and successful communities through effective local leadership” – 7th June, Earls Court, London. (information attached)

The Cabinet Member authorised consideration of the following three items in order for investigations to be undertaken into the issues raised:-

13. Petition - re:- redevelopment of St. Ann's car park and provision of temporary car parks (Pages 65 - 67)
Network Regulation Engineer to report.
 - to consider the petition and covering report.
14. Petition - re: Planning Permission RB2007/0155 (Pages 68 - 69)
A copy of the petition will be available at the meeting.
15. Petition re: Woodsetts Recreation Ground RB2007/378 (Page 70)
A copy of the petition will be available at the meeting.
16. 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 Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended March 2006) (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular individual (including the Council)):-
17. Revision of Permit and Scratch Card Parking (Pages 71 - 76)
Director of Rotherham Streetpride Service to report.
 - to report revised arrangements.
18. Rotherham Economic Regeneration Fund (RERF) Bid - Town Centre Safety Management Project (Pages 77 - 86)
Town Centre and Markets Manager/Programmes Officer to report.
 - to consider RERF funding for the introduction of a Town Centre Safety Management project and the subsequent delivery of a Town Centre Crime Action Plan.
19. Rotherham Markets Miscellaneous Charges (Pages 87 - 88)
General Manager, Markets, to report.
 - to report on the annual review of Rotherham Markets Miscellaneous Charges in accordance with audit

requirements.

20. Markets Outdoor Rent Reviews 2007-2008 (Pages 89 - 91)
General Manager, Markets, to report.
 - to consider the proposed rent review.
21. Market Traders Car Parking - Review (Pages 92 - 93)
General Manager, Markets, to report.
 - to review the Market Trader Car Parking Fees from 1st April 2007.
22. Fairs - Review of Charges 2007-2009 (Pages 94 - 96)
General Manager, Markets, to report.
 - to report on the annual review of Fairs Charges in accordance with audit requirements.

The Cabinet Member authorised consideration of the following item in order to consider the recommendations made in the report:-

23. Report of a Stage 3 Complaint Panel (Pages 97 - 104)
 - to receive the notes of the meeting of the Complaint Panel and to note the Panel's decisions and recommendations.
(Exempt under Paragraph 2 of the Act – information likely to reveal the identity of an individual)

TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT GROUP
Monday, 5th March, 2007

Present:-

Bernadette Rushton	Assistant Town Centre Manager
Chris Hayes	Streetpride Area Co-ordinator
Marie Hayes	Commercial and Promotional Services Manager
Ryan Shepherd	Senior Planner
Gerald Smith	Cabinet Member, Economic Regeneration and
Development	Services
Paul Smith	Design Consultancy Manager
Eric Stowe	Access Officer
Peter Thornborrow	Conservation and Urban Design Officer

9. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:-

Simeon Leach	Economic Strategy Manager
Michelle Musgrave	Director of Neighbourhood Development
Dave Potts	Project Officer
Julie Roberts	Town Centre & Markets Manager

10. TOWN CENTRE ACCOMMODATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF VACANT SITES

Paul Smith, Project Co-ordinator, gave a powerpoint presentation on the above as follows:-

RMBC OJEU Procurement Activity

- OJEC Notice issued 23rd April, 2006, covering:-

- Lot 1 – new Civic accommodation
 - Lot 2 – new Cultural accommodation
 - Lot 3 – Development of vacated sites

- Market brief issued 23rd May, 2006, based on the SDF 10 goals and SDF boundary
- 5 bids received on 22nd June, 2006
- Pre-Qualification Documentation received from 5 No bidders 22nd June 2006.
- 2nd August 2006, following appraisal of bidders Pre-Qualification submission all 5 bidders were invited to participate in Competitive Dialogue as follows.

- Lot 1 - 3 No bidders
 - Lot 2 - 3 No bidders
 - Lot 3 - 5 No bidders

- 3 No bidders withdrew from the process in August & September.
- In September Stage 1 Submissions were received from:-

Evans of Leeds for Lots 1, 2 & 3
Express Park for Lots 2 & 3

- In November 2006 Evans of Leeds withdrew from the Competitive Dialogue on Lots 2 & 3.
- Evans Completed Lot 1 RIBA Stage B Design – Jan 2007
- KPMG/District Audit are over-sighting this procurement activity.

Guest and Chrimes Site

- Purchased 2005
- Former Guest & Chrimes brass foundry – derelict / contaminated site with listed buildings
- Area 14.6 acres
- Large enough to accommodate both RMBC and RCAT requirements
- Listed buildings to be retained and protection works completed
- Planning consent granted for commercial and residential uses
- Archaeology surveys and recording completed
- Demolition works imminent
- Remediation contract to follow demolition phase

Civic Quarter Development – Timings

- Evans purchased site 2005
- Professional team selected and appointed, RMBC and RCAT procurement teams engaged, established Civic Quarter Strategic Group – RMBC and RCAT
- Public Consultation planned for June / July 2007.
- Target complete RIBA Stage D Design & Submission of Planning – Sept 2007
- Target completion for Civic Quarter development - 2010

Guest & Chrimes Development Summary

- High quality project – delivering major brownfield mixed-use regeneration
- Potential to deliver some 244,000 sq ft of new Council accommodation plus approx 170,000 sq ft of new College facility
- Potential for complementary commercial and residential uses
- Opportunity for public realm enhancements – subject to funding
- Provides major environmental benefits
- Provides wider regenerative benefits to fulfil Rotherham Renaissance Goals & ambitions
- Public / private partnership approach
- Estimated total capital investment £60-£100m
- Long-term commitment to Rotherham

New College Campus

- Stage 1 - Feasibility January 2005 - October 2006 - OJEU April, 2006, ongoing
- Stage 2 - Design to RIBA Stage C - May 2007
- Outline Planning Approval - September 2007
- LSC In-Principle Approval - October 2007
- Project Completion - April 2010

Next Steps

- Develop project brief
- Progress negotiations
- Test required site area - around 4.5 acres - in context
- Prepare outline proposals
- Prepare cost plan
- Finalise funding strategy

Paul was thanked for his informative presentation.

11. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 5TH FEBRUARY, 2007

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th February, 2007.

The following amendment was made:- Page 4, Minute No. 5(iv) should read Stage 2 (not 3) bid.

Agreed:- That the minutes, with the above amendment, be approved as a correct record.

12. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Townscape Heritage Initiative

Nothing had been received in writing as yet as to whether the bid had been successful or not.

Agreed:- That Charles Hammersley be invited to make a presentation to the next meeting on this issue.

13. EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS

Bernadette Rushton reported that the Town Centre would change dramatically over coming years which would entail a lot of disruption. The Town Centre Management Team's aim this year was to try and retain the footfall whilst the work was being undertaken. A number of events were planned including:-

Farmers' Market starting 25th April, 2007 and the last Wednesday of each

month thereafter.

Big Screen – the BBC had indicated they would wish to extend the partnership with Rotherham up until March, 2008. Subject to Cabinet Member approval, there would be live relays from the Opera House and sporting activities.

Market Charter - 800th Anniversary – subject to Cabinet Member approval, it was proposed that there be a celebration 3rd-11th August of the markets starting with a medieval festival, concluding with a continental market. It would then be followed by Rotherham by the Sea for 1 week.

Rotherham in Bloom – it had been suggested that a floral market be held in June in an attempt to encourage businesses to become more involved.

14. TOWN CENTRE ACTION PLAN UPDATE

A brief update was given on actions contained within the schedule.

15. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

Agreed:- That the next meeting of the Town Centre Management Group be held on MONDAY, 16TH APRIL, 2007, at 3.30 p.m. to 5.15 p.m. at the Town Hall, Moorgate Street, Rotherham.

**CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT
SERVICES**

Wednesday, 7th March, 2007

Present:- Councillor Smith (in the Chair); Councillors Ellis, Goulty, Hodgkiss, Johnston, Robinson, Rushforth, G. A. Russell and Whysall.

Apologies for absence: were received from Councillors Burke, Dodson and Littleboy.

233. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council)).

234. USE OF COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

The Chairman outlined the history to this issue which had stemmed from a workshop on the use of community buildings by the Chief Executive of Lewisham Local Authority who was undertaking a review on behalf of Ruth Kelly.

The Local Government White Paper also referred to the empowerment of local people to manage neighbourhoods and their own community facilities.

Ian Smith, Director of Asset Management, circulated copies of a document he had prepared, which detailed a number of extracts from various reports, including the White Paper and a report submitted to the Regeneration and Asset Board. A copy of the report that was submitted to the Regeneration and Asset Board on the 15th November, 2006 would be circulated to all those present.

Further information and detail was provided on the extracts contained as part of the report submitted and questions/comments were welcomed.

Arnold Murray, Asset Manager, reported on the work currently taking place with colleagues in Neighbourhoods to produce a process and methodology for the production of area based asset management plans to support the community plans as a result of proposals that may be confirmed as part of the White Paper.

This proactive approach may assist with any Community Calls for Action or implications associated with it.

Arnold Murray explained that the transfer of assets to community groups was supported by the Community Development Trust. The day after the White Paper was published a newsletter was circulated by the Community Development Trust advising about the white paper and workshops arranged to assist community groups to obtain transfers of assets to

community groups.

Arnold Murray explained how discussions were taking place with the Community Planning Teams to integrate community and area asset management planning and develop criteria to support this process.

It was important to look at the bigger picture and to consider the management of all assets should a transfer request come from a community group.

Councillor Ellis, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, confirmed that as a group of Area Assembly Chairs discussion had taken place and the Our Future Group 3 had also done some work on this issue.

All agreed that it was important that the Council had some safeguards should approaches be made by community groups, with careful consideration about the best use of buildings and using the buildings wisely.

Discussion ensued and various issues were raised and debated. These included:-

- Outcome of the Quirke Review.
- How Parish Councils would be affected and their use of community buildings.
- Takeover bids for libraries etc.
- Possibility of conflict between community groups.
- Need for clear guidelines.
- The need for the Council and Parish Councils to work together.
- Advantages and disadvantages.
- Data collection to support a decision.
- Role of the Area Assembly.
- Robust financial planning.
- Equal opportunities and activity by Rotherham North Area Assembly.
- Outcome of the White Paper.

It was suggested that views put forward were only speculative at this stage until further information was provided on the White Paper as it became law and the Quirke Review as it became available. On this basis a further meeting should be re-arranged once further information was accessible.

Resolved:- (1) That a further meeting be arranged once information required was available.

(2) That copies of the report on the White Paper that was submitted to the Regeneration and Asset Board on 15th November, 2006, be circulated to all those present for information.

**TOURISM PANEL
MONDAY, 19TH MARCH, 2007**

Present:- Councillor Smith (in the Chair); Councillors Hall, Austen, Boyes and Walker.

together with:-

Matthew Beck	Magna
Dawn Runciman	Events and Promotions Officer
Karen Oliver	Assistant Tourism Officer
Joanne Wehrle	Partnership Officer
Michael Savage	Sheffield University (Observer)

55. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from:-

Councillor Littleboy	Senior Adviser, Culture & Leisure
Councillor St. John	Cabinet Member, Culture & Leisure
Guy Kilminster	Manager, Libraries, Museums & Arts
Marie Hayes	Commercial & Promotional Manager
Julie Roberts	Town Centre & Markets Manager
Joanne Edley	Tourism Manager

56. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 5TH FEBRUARY, 2007

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting of the Tourism Panel held on 5th February, 2007.

Resolved:- That the minutes be approved as a correct record.

57. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

58. EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS UPDATE

The Events and Promotions Officer reported on proposed town centre events to be held in 2007/2008.

The key benefits of the event to the Town Centre and to the wider community were highlighted.

Key factors against which events could be benchmarked and prioritised were also reported.

Reference was made to the teams within the Directorate which contributed to the events programme, and also to the role of the Rotherham Renaissance PR and Marketing Group.

The following events, which were a mix of established and new events, were highlighted.

- Combining Rotherham by the Sea with events to celebrate Rotherham's 800th anniversary of its Market Charter (including Medieval Market, Plant and Flower Market, Festival Market and Charities Market)
- Rotherham Show, including Antiques Market
- Christmas Activities:- switch-on; Santa's Grotto; Access to Shopping; Craft and Collectables Market; live festive entertainment; Aviemore reindeer
- Launch on 25th April of the Farmers' Market (30th May; 27th June; 25th July; 29th August; 26th September; 31st October; 28th November and 19th December – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.)
- Events to link with Bollywood – 8th Annual International Indian Film Academy 2007 Awards Ceremony
- Rotherham in Bloom:- looking towards producing sculptural floral features rather than hanging baskets
- Community element:- Colourscape and Spiegeltent

It was also reported, that subject to the continued partnership with the BBC, it was proposed to show several events on the Big Screen including, Royal Opera House performances of Swan Lake and Don Giovanni; Last Night of the Proms; Bollywood; Wimbledon and other sporting events; film nights etc.

Resolved:- That the events programme be welcomed and further details be sent to Members of the Panel.

59. YORKSHIRE SOUTH TOURISM WORK IN PROGRESS

The Assistant Tourism Officer reported on the following:-

- (i) British Travel Trade Fair in Birmingham

This was aimed at the Group Travel market and contacts had been established with the coach operators for a familiarisation visit to be organised in the Autumn.

- (ii) Development of a Destination Marketing System

A training course had been organised to which Hotels, other accommodation providers and attractions could log on to. The system allowed in put of information re: rates and availability. The system had been launched at the Yorkshire South Conference Partnership.

60. ROTHERHAM TOURISM UPDATE

The Assistant Tourism Officer reported on the following:-

- (i) New Accommodation guide (also available on the Website) had been launched.
- (ii) New Visitor Attractions guide – this would be available on 2nd April
- (iii) Excellent press coverage of Throapham House Guest Accommodation

61. INTERNATIONAL LINKS

Members of the Panel received a PowerPoint presentation by the Partnership Officer in respect of work to promote International links.

(A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes.)

Members of the Panel commented on:-

- More recognition was needed of the work being done by schools e.g. in Africa.
- Links with the Youth Cabinet.
- The need for more feedback from young people who had been on exchange visits.

Resolved:- That the Partnership Officer be thanked for her informative and comprehensive presentation.

62. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended March 2006) (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council)).

63. YORKSHIRE SOUTH TOURISM UPDATE

Councillor Boyes, (the Council's representative to the South Yorkshire Destination Management Partnership (now known as Yorkshire South)) spoke to a previously circulated report, detailing the progress in the establishment of the DMP, and achievements to date.

The following aspects were highlighted:-

- Change to the original representation on the Board
- Attendance record of members
- Securing of premises
- Secondment of staff from Sheffield City Council and other partners
- Involvement of PwC in progressing financial issues
- Extension of the Ambassador programme
- Development of a programme to attract academic conferencing (noting that Rotherham needed to promote its facilities in this field)
- On-going production of an Accommodation Strategy
- Commissioning of Sports Impact to research and develop proposals to improve the sports image of South Yorkshire

Reference was made to remaining concerns in respect of:-

- Scrutiny arrangements:- Rotherham had offered to take the lead on this if necessary.
- Production of a large scale database

Copies of the following Yorkshire South publications were made available:-

- Inspiring Places
- Group Travel Guide 2007

The Director of RiDO also referred to the importance of the YES Project and to the recently opened conference facilities at Magna.

Resolved:- That Councillor Boyes be thanked for her comprehensive and informative report.

64. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Resolved:- That the next meeting of the Tourism Panel be held on MONDAY, 30TH APRIL, 2007 at 2.00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Rotherham.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Delegated Powers Meeting
2.	Date:	Monday 2 April 2007
3.	Title:	Development Control Scheme of Delegation
4.	Programme Area:	Environment and Development Service

5. Summary

Proposed amendments to the Council's Scheme of Delegation relating to powers delegated to the Director of Planning and Transportation Service.

6. Recommendation

- (i) That Members note the proposed changes to the Scheme of Delegation.**
- (ii) That the reviewed Scheme of Delegation be presented to the Planning Board, Cabinet and Council for formal approval, being a change to Council policy.**

7. Proposals and Details

The Scheme of Delegation was last amended by the Council in June 2005 and the current report sets out further changes proposed to the scheme. The proposed revised Scheme is attached at Appendix 1, and the existing Scheme is attached at Appendix 2.

The changes proposed are primarily those of clarification and to address some anomalies that occur under the current Scheme. The changes can be summarised as follows:

- The Scheme would refer to 'approval' or 'refusal' of applications rather than 'determination', as determination could imply approval or refusal.
- Retrospective applications that are recommended for refusal would be referred to Chairman and Vice Chairman so that enforcement action can be considered.
- Applications where further information has been requested but not received can be 'Finally Disposed of' (this is a formal determination of the application that is not recorded as part of the 8/13 week targets)
- Reserved matters applications for residential developments over 25 dwellings are referred back to Members (currently, once an outline permission is granted then all reserved matters can be determined under Delegated powers.) It should be noted that the revised requirements relating to information now required at outline stage will give Members a much better idea of the general layout and scale of the development proposed at the outline stage.
- The erection of up to 10 dwellings or conversion of a property to form up to 10 flats on land where planning permission has been granted for such development within last 3 years. Currently, this is restricted to only a single dwelling/flat where planning permission has previously been granted.
- A new section for 'Other Application Types' has been formed (such as Listed Building, variation of condition, tree felling applications). These applications are currently within the 'Miscellaneous' section.
- The approval of details required by a planning condition (such as approval of materials, landscaping etc) has been included.
- Removal of reference to Section 215 notices (relating to untidy land) in the Enforcement section as these are now dealt with by Neighbourhoods (Environmental Health Service).
- Removal of reference to applications for approval of matters within Enterprise Zones as these areas no longer exist.
- Certain applications would be referred to the Chairman and Vice Chairman where objections are received (irrespective of the number of objections or the recommendation) and where a decision has to be made within limited time periods. This would include prior approval for telecommunication proposals, such as masts up to 15m high, as if the Council does not make a decision within the relevant time period the approval is automatically given.

8. Finance

There are no financial implications relating to the proposed changes to the Scheme of Delegation.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The revised Scheme will avoid possible challenges to the determination of planning applications

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The Scheme of Delegation, as amended approximately 18 months ago, continues to contribute to the improved performance figures that have been achieved over this period. Certain anomalies have arisen as a result of working with the revised Scheme and further improvements/clarifications have also been identified. To address these issues it is recommended that the Scheme is further amended.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

The proposed and existing Schemes are attached at Appendix 1 and 2 respectively.

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1.0 PURPOSE

To ensure that the section has an established protocol for regulating delegated planning decisions.

2.0 SCOPE

This procedure applies to the Development Control Unit of RMBC's Planning and Transportation Service.

3.0 REFERENCES

None.

4.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 The Director of Planning and Transportation Service is responsible for approving this procedure, and for any changes in policy and/or practices in relation to this procedure.

4.2 The Planning Manager is responsible for implementing, controlling and monitoring the adherence to this procedure.

4.3 All Development Control staff are responsible for complying with this Procedure.

5.0 DEFINITIONS

None.

6.0 PROCEDURE

6.1 The Director of Planning and Transportation Service's delegated powers are exercised by the Planning Manager, and the Assistant Development Control Managers and Major Applications, Minerals and Waste Manager in his absence.

The powers are limited to the following extent

6.1.1 Approve applications within Sections 6.2 - 6.7 (A) except where objections have been received, (see paragraph 6.10

below).

6.1.2 Refuse applications within Sections 6.2 - 6.7 (A) even where objections have been received, apart from retrospective applications (see paragraph 6.10 below).

6.1.3 Refuse an application where the plans are inadequate or supporting information is insufficient and this is the primary reason for refusal.

6.1.4 Under Article 25 of the General Development Procedure Order 1995, to 'finally dispose of' applications where further information has been requested and the time period for appealing against non-determination of the application has elapsed.

6.2 Applications for householder development

6.2.1 Alterations or extension to dwellinghouses

6.2.2 Erection of buildings within the curtilage of residential properties, to include garages etc.

6.2.3 Erection of a fence, wall, gate, or other means of enclosure

6.2.4 Formation of a vehicular access onto a classified road

6.2.5 A minor householder development not falling within the above criteria

6.3 Applications for residential development

6.3.1 Conversion of a building to a dwellinghouse

6.3.2 Conversion of a building to flats

6.3.3 The erection or conversion of up to 10 dwellinghouses on land for which planning permission has been granted within the past 3 years.

6.3.4 The approval of reserved matters (up to 25 units) in respect of dwellinghouses or of flats

6.3.5 Erection of up to five dwellings or five flats within an area allocated for residential development in the Unitary Development Plan (including Mixed Use allocations that include C3 residential in the 'mix')

6.3.6 Outline applications with a site area up to 0.2 hectares in area within an area allocated for residential development in the Unitary Development Plan (including Mixed Use allocations that include C3 residential in the 'mix')

6.4 Applications for commercial, industrial, retail, leisure or recreation development

6.4.1 A modification or construction of a new shop front, including installation of security shutters

6.4.2 A minor change of use or other minor development.

6.4.3 The display of an advertisement, including on Listed buildings

6.4.4 Outline applications with a site area up to 2 hectares where the site is allocated as such in the Unitary Development Plan (including Mixed Use allocations that includes the relevant use within the 'mix').

6.4.5 The erection of new commercial, industrial, leisure or recreation development and reserved matters relating to such development or related mixed use schemes where the total floor area proposed is under 2,000 square metres, on land either currently used for that purpose, or allocated as such within the Unitary Development Plan (including Mixed Use allocations that includes the relevant use within the 'mix').

6.4.6 The alteration or extension (up to 2,000 square metres) of commercial, industrial, retail, leisure or recreation premises within an area allocated for such use in the Unitary Development Plan (including Mixed Use allocations that includes the relevant use within the 'mix') or in an existing area or complex containing such uses.

6.4.7 The erection of overhead electricity lines up to 66KV, and installation of statutory undertakers equipment, which is not classed as permitted development.

6.5 Applications submitted by the Council

6.5.1 Applications submitted by the Council, either solely or in conjunction with a partnership body, for small scale development, such as small new buildings/extensions to Council buildings (up to a floor area limit of 300 square metres), formation of related parking areas, temporary buildings, fencing, etc.

6.6 Applications for Minerals and Waste

6.6.1 Except where reserved to the Planning Board, the approval or amendment of reserved matters, in an application for planning permission, relating to schemes of working, restoration and aftercare.

6.6.2 The approval of siting of plant, machinery, buildings, structures or erections, proposed by a minerals undertaker under Part 19 of Class B of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995.

6.6.3 The approval of siting of plant, machinery, buildings, structures or erections, proposed by the Coal Authority or a licensed operator on an authorised site under Part 20 of Class C of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995.

6.7 Other application types

(A)

6.7.1 Applications for Conservation Area Consent, relating to development falling within the scheme of delegation.

6.7.2 Applications for Listed Building Consent for Grade 2 Listed Buildings for development falling within the scheme of delegation.

6.7.3 Variation of conditions on previous approvals not determined by the Planning Board.

6.7.4 Applications to prune and fell trees covered by Tree Preservation Orders.

6.7.5 Applications for prior approval for agricultural development and demolition.

(B)

6.7.6 Power to determine certificates of lawfulness of existing and proposed use/operations in respect of Sections 191 and 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

6.7.7 Applications to prune and fell trees subject to 6 weeks notice within a Conservation Area

6.7.8 Applications for works to, and the removal of historic hedgerows

6.7.9 Applications for prior approval for telecommunications apparatus.

6.8 Planning Enforcement (see also 6.10)

6.8.1 Power to seek a warrant for entry in the magistrates court (Section 196B of the Town and Country Planning Act)

6.8.2 Power to serve a requisition for information (Section 330 of the Town and Country Planning Act)

6.8.3 Power to serve a planning contravention notice (Section 171C of the Town and Country Planning Act)

6.8.4 Power to serve a breach of condition notice (Section 187A of the Town and Country Planning Act)

6.9 Miscellaneous

6.9.1 The determination of the need for an Environmental Impact Assessment and screening and scoping, in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999.

6.9.2 The carrying out of statutory publicity.

6.9.3 The agreeing of minor amendments to approved plans.

6.9.4 The determination of whether an application constitutes a departure from the Development Plan.

6.9.5 The undertaking of negotiations to conclude an agreement under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

6.9.6 The making of Tree Preservation Orders

6.9.7 The confirmation of Tree Preservation Orders where no objections have been received.

6.9.8 Power to decline to determine applications for planning permission, under Section 70A of the Town and Country Planning Act.

6.9.9 The approval of details required by a planning condition

6.10 In consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair

6.10.1 The service of a planning enforcement or (Temporary) Stop notice

6.10.2 The pursuance of a prosecution in respect of:

- Failure to return a requisition for information/planning contravention notice
- Failure to comply with an enforcement notice
- Failure to comply with a Breach of Condition Notice
- The unauthorised display of signage
- Unauthorised works to listed buildings
- Unauthorised works to a protected tree

6.10.3 The authorisation of default works under Section 178 of the Town and Country Planning Act.

6.10.4 The approval of an application under sections 6.2 - 6.7 (A) of the Scheme of Delegation where no more than 5 objections have been received (separate objections from separate addresses).

6.10.5 The approval/refusal of applications under section 6.7 (B), irrespective of the number of letters of objection.

6.10.6 The refusal of a retrospective applications, irrespective of whether objections have been received, to allow possible enforcement action to be considered, other than proposals falling within Schedule 1 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations.

6.10.7 Responses to consultations from other Local Planning Authorities on planning applications covered under this scheme of delegation

6.10.8 To agree amendments of a minor nature to completed S106 Agreements.

7.0 RELATED FORMS

7.1 NONE

Author	Approved by	Issue Status	Issue Date
Development Control	Karl Battersby	Edition 1 Revision 1	01/06/2005
See all paragraphs in section 6			

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Scheme of delegation to the
Head of Planning
Transportation

1.0 PURPOSE

To ensure that the section has an established protocol for regulating delegated planning decisions.

2.0 SCOPE

This procedure applies to the Development Control Unit of RMBC's Planning and Transportation Service.

3.0 REFERENCES

None.

4.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 The Head of Service is responsible for approving this procedure, and for any changes in policy and/or practices in relation to this procedure.

4.2 The Development Control Manager is responsible for implementing, controlling and monitoring the adherence to this procedure.

4.3 All Development Control staff are responsible for complying with this Procedure.

5.0 DEFINITIONS

None.

6.0 PROCEDURE

6.1 The Head of Planning and Transportation Service's delegated powers are exercised by the Development Control Manager, and the Assistant Development Control Managers in his absence.

The powers are limited to the following extent

Determination, except where;

- Objections have been received

6.2 Applications for householder development

6.2.1 Alterations or extension to dwellinghouses

6.2.2 Erection of buildings within the curtilage of residential properties, to include garages etc.

6.2.3 Erection of a fence, wall, gate, or other means of enclosure

6.2.4 Formation of a vehicular access onto a classified road

6.2.5 A minor householder development not falling within the above criteria

6.3 Applications for residential development

6.3.1 Conversion of a building to a dwellinghouse

6.3.2 Conversion of a building to flats

6.3.3 The erection or conversion of a dwellinghouse on land for which planning permission has previously been granted

6.3.4 The approval of reserved matters in respect of dwellinghouses or of flats

6.3.5 Erection of up to five dwellings or five flats within an area allocated for residential development in the Unitary Development Plan (including Mixed Use allocations that include C3 residential in the 'mix')

6.3.6 Outline applications with a site area up to 0.2 hectares in area within an area allocated for residential development in the Unitary Development Plan (including Mixed Use allocations that include C3 residential in the 'mix')

6.4 Applications for commercial, industrial, retail, leisure or recreation development

6.4.1 A modification or construction of a new shop front, including installation of security shutters

6.4.2 A minor change of use or other minor development.

6.4.3 The display of an advertisement, including on Listed

buildings

6.4.4 The alteration or extension of commercial, industrial, retail, leisure or recreation premises within an area allocated for such use in the Unitary Development Plan (including Mixed Use allocations that includes the relevant use within the 'mix') or in an existing area or complex containing such uses.

6.4.5 The erection of new commercial, industrial, leisure or recreation development under 2,000 square metres and reserved matters, on land either currently used for that purpose, or allocated as such within the Unitary Development Plan (including Mixed Use allocations that includes the relevant use within the 'mix').

6.4.6 Outline applications with a site area up to 2 hectares where the site is allocated as such in the Unitary Development Plan (including Mixed Use allocations that includes the relevant use within the 'mix').

6.4.7 The approval of a reserved matter in a planning scheme for an Enterprise Zone Scheme.

6.4.8 The erection of overhead electricity lines up to 66KV, and installation of statutory undertakers equipment, which is not classed as permitted development.

6.5 Applications submitted by the Council

6.5.1 Applications submitted by the Council, either solely or in conjunction with a partnership body, for small scale development, such as small new buildings/extensions to Council buildings (up to a floor area limit of 300 square metres), formation of related parking areas, temporary buildings, fencing, etc.

6.6 Minerals and Waste

6.6.1 Except where reserved to the Planning Board, the approval or amendment of reserved matters, in an application for planning permission, relating to schemes of working, restoration and aftercare.

6.6.2 The approval of siting of plant, machinery, buildings, structures or erections, proposed by a minerals undertaker under Part 19 of Class B of the Town and Country Planning (

General Permitted Development) Order 1995.

6.6.3 The approval of siting of plant, machinery, buildings, structures or erections, proposed by the Coal Authority or a licensed operator on an authorised site under Part 20 of Class C of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995.

6.7 Planning Enforcement

6.7.1 Where there is a breach of planning control, the determination as to whether it is expedient to take action.

6.7.2 Power to seek a warrant for entry in the magistrates court (Section 196B of the Town and Country Planning Act)

6.7.3 Power to serve a requisition for information (Section 330 of the Town and Country Planning Act)

6.7.4 Power to serve a planning contravention notice (Section 171C of the Town and Country Planning Act)

6.7.5 Power to serve a breach of condition notice (Section 187A of the Town and Country Planning Act)

6.7.6 Power to serve a notice requiring proper maintenance of land (Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act)

6.8 Miscellaneous

6.8.1 The determination of the need for an Environmental Impact Assessment and screening and scoping, in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999.

6.8.2 The determination of applications for Conservation Area Consent, relating to development falling within the scheme of delegation.

6.8.3 The determination of applications for Listed Building Consent for grade 2 listed buildings for development falling within the scheme of delegation.

6.8.4 The carrying out of statutory publicity.

6.8.5 Variation of conditions on previous approvals not determined by the Planning Board

6.8.6 The agreeing of amendments to approved plans.

6.8.7 The determination of whether an application constitutes a departure from the Development Plan.

6.8.8 Power to issue certificates of lawfulness of existing and proposed use/operations in respect of Sections 191 and 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

6.8.9 The undertaking of negotiations to conclude an agreement under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

6.8.10 The making of Tree Preservation Orders

6.8.11 The determination of applications to prune and fell trees covered by Tree Preservation Orders, subject to no objection by the Council's arboroculturalist

6.8.12 The confirmation of Tree Preservation Orders where no objections have been received.

6.8.13 The determination of applications for works to, and the removal of historic hedgerows

6.8.14 The determination of prior approvals for agricultural development, telecommunications apparatus and demolition.

6.8.15 Power to decline to determine applications for planning permission, under Section 70A of the Town and Country Planning Act.

6.8.16 Power to grant planning permission for development already carried out, falling within section 6.2, 6.3 and 6.4 of the Scheme of delegation, and not falling within Schedule 1 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations

6.9 The Refusal of the following types of application

6.9.1 All proposals falling within Sections 6.2, 6.3 and 6.4 of the Scheme.

6.9.2 An application where the plans are inadequate, or supporting information is insufficient, and this is the primary reason for refusal.

6.10 In consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair

6.10.1 The service of a planning enforcement or (Temporary) Stop notice

6.10.2 The pursuance of a prosecution in respect of:

- Failure to return a requisition for information/planning contravention notice
- Failure to comply with an enforcement notice
- Failure to comply with a Breach of Condition Notice
- The unauthorised display of signage
- Unauthorised works to listed buildings
- Unauthorised works to a protected tree

6.10.3 The authorisation of default works under Section 178 of the Town and Country Planning Act.

6.10.4 The approval of an application under sections 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 and 6.5 of the Scheme of delegation where no more than 5 objections have been received (separate objections from separate addresses).

6.10.5 Responses to consultations from other Local Planning Authorities on planning applications covered under this scheme of delegation

6.10.6 To agree amendments of a minor nature to completed s106 agreements.

7.0 RELATED FORMS

7.1 NONE

Author	Approved by	Issue Status	Issue Date
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ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Development Services
2.	Date:	2 April 2007
3.	Title:	Local Transport Plan Capital Programme 2007/2008
4.	Programme Area:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

The report outlines the Council's proposed LTP capital programme for 2007/08, as part of the countywide programme. Details of the individual programmes can be found in the three appendices attached to this report.

6. Recommendations

That Cabinet Member resolves to: -

- (a) note the specific allocations for Integrated Transport schemes and for Maintenance for 200708, and**
- (b) agree the principle of the proposed programmes in the appendices as the basis for detailed design and implementation during 2007/08.**

7. Proposals and Details

Cabinet Member will recall the report on 1 February 2007 (Minute Number 203 refers) which outlined the Local Transport Plan capital expenditure settlement for 2007/08.

Overall, South Yorkshire has been awarded a total block allocation of £38,723,000 for 2007/08, made up of £19,293,000 for Integrated Transport, £15,759,000 for Maintenance and a supplementary award of £3,226,000 to support the Objective 1 programme. In addition, for the first time this year there is an additional specific road safety allocation for South Yorkshire of £2,445,040 including £444,998 capital funds and £2,000,042 revenue funds as a result of the changed governance and funding arrangements for Safety Camera Partnerships. As explained in my earlier report the road safety monies will be administered by Sheffield CC. The Supplementary award has been allocated to the SYPTA pending a decision on how it should be apportioned amongst the partners.

The Partner's capital allocations are detailed in the table below.

	Integrated Transport	Supplementary Award	Maintenance	Road Safety	Total
Barnsley	2,499,791		3,016,000		5,515,791
Doncaster	3,259,521		3,785,000		7,044,521
Rotherham	2,849,829		2,009,000		4,858,829
Sheffield	5,860,609		6,949,000	444,998	13,254,607
SYPTA/E	4,823,250	3,226,000	0		8,049,250
Total	19,293,000	3,226,000	15,759,000		38,722,998

Maintenance

The allocation for maintenance for Rotherham is £2,009,000. This has been allocated by the DfT as shown below: -

Highway Maintenance	£1,281,000
Bridge Maintenance	£473,000
Street Lighting	£255,000

Details of the suggested capital programme for 2007/08 is shown in the table below:

	Settlement Allocation	Proposed Budget
Integrated Transport		2,849,829
O1 programme (initially allocated to SYPTA)		tbc
Bridge Assessment & Strengthening bridges		473,000
Structural Maintenance of PRN carriageways		1,281,000
Street Lighting		255,000
TOTAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR 2007/08		4,858,829

Details of the provisional programmes for each of the above block allocations are given below.

Integrated Transport

This programme includes further work on the Dearne and Thrybergh Quality Bus Corridors and it is intended to commence some design work on the Chapeltown corridor. In addition, there will be a programme of Local Safety Schemes and smaller scale traffic management and traffic calming schemes. This year will be the second transitional year, moving from the priorities in LTP1 (2001-06) towards our priorities, shared with the DfT, of congestion, road safety, accessibility and air quality and the new targets / outcomes in LTP2. As part of the accessibility agenda we will again be working closely with the Housing Market Renewal and Gateway initiatives to maximise the benefits of their proposals and the accessibility planning elements of the LTP capital programme. The provisional programme is shown in Appendix A.

Bridge Assessment and Strengthening

The programme for Bridge Assessment and Strengthening includes the ongoing principal inspections, other investigation works and development of Asset Management as well as works on Victoria Street, Kilnhurst. The remainder of the allocation has yet to be determined. The provisional programme is shown in Appendix B.

Structural Maintenance

The proposed programme for structural maintenance works is shown in Appendix C.

Objective 1 Programme

As stated earlier the full allocation has initially been awarded to the SYPTA/E prior to it being divided amongst the Partners. At present the apportionment has yet to be agreed, although it is likely that Rotherham will receive approximately £450,000 to be used to fund integrated transport schemes that complement the Objective 1 programme.

Street Lighting

This year the DfT have provided a specific allocation of £255,000 for improvements to the street lighting stock in Rotherham. The allocation has been divided into 3 blocks, as shown in Appendix D but the individual scheme details have yet to be finalised.

8. Finance

This report deals with the finance of the Local Transport Capital Programme for 2007/08.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The allocations have in the main been awarded as single-year Supported Capital Expenditure (Capital Grant (SCE(C)) approvals in accordance with the prudential capital finance system. This means in effect that all funds will need to be spent by 31 March 2008. There is a risk that the full programme expenditure will not be achieved, although there are monitoring systems in place should be sufficient to ensure that the funds will be fully spent in working towards the Local Transport Plan objectives.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

Transport and the LTP/APR 'score' are crucial to our CPA assessment. As a means to various ends, accessibility and high quality transport systems and infrastructure are vital if we are to achieve the aims of the Community Strategies and the Corporate Plan. In addition, reduced funding will affect our ability to improve our performance on the transport related BVPIs.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

South Yorkshire Local Transport Plan 2006-11

Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber letter dated 18 December 2006.

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Appendix A – Proposed Integrated Transport Programme

Scheme	Description	Estimated Costs
Bus Priority Schemes		
A629 / Brookhill junction	Roundabout - design	125,000
A630 College Road Rdbt signalisation (contribution)	Signalisation of rdbt	125,000
A630 Doncaster Road / Whinney Hill, Thrybergh	Bus lane - feasibility	10,000
A630/A633 St Ann's Rdbt signalisation (contribution)	Signalisation of rdbt	150,000
Special Needs Transport	Community Transport	30,000
Bus Hotspots	Feasibility studies	50,000
A6123 Herringthorpe Valley Road / Ridgeway	Junction imp	
A631 Bawtry Road / B6067 Whitehill Lane	Junction imp	
Blackburn Estate	U turn facility	
Chapel Avenue, Brampton	Parking issue	
Kilnhurst Road / St Nicholas Road junction	Junction imp	
Sub Total		490,000
Bus Infrastructure Schemes		
<u>Rotherham – Thrybergh QBC</u>		
A630 Fitzwilliam Road Bus Lane (c/o)	Bus Lane	70,000
<u>Rotherham – Dearne QBC</u>		
A630 Broad St / Greasborough Rd junction (c/o)	Junction imp	150,000
A630 Broad Street / Taylor's Lane junction (c/o)	Carriageway widening	50,000
Rawmarsh Circle improvements	Bus stops & parking	70,000
Sub Total		340,000
Cycling Schemes		
Cycle Parking Facilities	Cycle lockers	20,000
Cycle Training	Cycle proficiency	40,000
Balance yet to be allocated		30,000
Sub Total		90,000
Traffic Management / Calming (exc. CCTV cameras)		
A6021 Southern Orbital Route / Hollowgate	Junction imp	100,000
A631 Bawtry Road, Brecks	Junction imp	100,000
A631 East Bawtry Road, Whiston	Gap closures	150,000
Barnsley Road, West Melton - Phase 2 (c/o)	traffic calming	30,000
Coleridge Road, Eastwood	School Safety zone	15,000
Doncaster Road, East Dene	School Safety zone	35,000
St Mary's Road, Rawmarsh - calming	Traffic calming	30,000
Westgate Demonstrator Project - junction improvement	Junction imp	150,000
<u>Demand Management Measures</u>		100,000
Town Centre Controlled Parking		
Residents Parking Schemes		
Sub Total		760,000

Scheme	Description	Estimated Costs
Local Safety Schemes		
Sandy Lane / Cumwell Lane, Hellaby	Visibility improvements	5,000
A618 / School Road , Wales	Junction imps	150,000
A618 Guilthwaite Hill, Whiston	Bend improvements	80,000
B6060 Green Arbour Road, Thurcroft	Traffic calming	40,000
B6060 Morthern Road / Kingsforth Lane	Junction imps	75,000
B6089 Stubbin Road / The Whins, Nether Haugh	Junction imps	30,000
B6090 Wentworth Road / B6092 Blackamoor Road	Junction imps	10,000
B6060 Royds Moor / Moorhouse Lane, Whiston	Bend Imps & footway	40,000
Main Street, Rotherham TC	Traffic calming	60,000
Sub Total		490,000
Walking Schemes		
Rawmarsh Hill	Footway imps	50,000
Todwick Road, Dinnington	Footway imps	70,000
Sub Total		120,000
Travel Planning		
Yet to be identified		50,000
Sub Total		50,000
Road Crossings		
A6123 Herringthorpe Valley Road	Puffin	75,000
B6060 Nursery Road, North Anston	Zebra crossing	25,000
Broom Lane, Broom	Refuge	10,000
B6053 Rotherham Road, Swallownest	Zebra crossing	25,000
Sub Total		135,000
New / Local Road Schemes		
A57 Improvement - Major scheme	Development costs	100,000
Waverley Link Road - Major scheme	Development costs	25,000
B6463 Todwick Road, Dinnington	Highway imps	50,000
Sub Total		175,000
Other Schemes		
SY LTP Central Team	Staff costs	45,000
Consultation, Feasibility, Monitoring and Management		130,000
Air Quality		40,000
Wheels to Work Initiative – SY scheme	Contribution	30,000
Miscellaneous (yet to be identified)		4,829
Sub Total		249,829
TOTAL INTEGRATED TRANSPORT PROGRAMME 2007/08		2,849,829

Appendix B – Proposed Bridge Assessment and Strengthening Programme

Scheme	Estimated Costs
Principal Inspections	£50,000
Asset Management	£55,000
Whitelea Road Bridge, Swinton	£115,000
Chantry Bridge, Rotherham TC	£55,000
Victoria Street, Kilnhurst	£80,000
Crossroads/Old Flatts Investigation Works	£60,000
Miscellaneous Capital Schemes	£58,000
TOTAL BRIDGE ASSESSMENT AND STRENGTHENING 2007/08	£473,000

Appendix C – Proposed Structural Maintenance Programme

Road Name	District		Estimated Costs
Fitzwilliam Road A630	East Dene	Carriageway surfacing.	£85,000
New Wortley Road west (1)	Masbrough	Carriageway microasphalt fibre.	£42,500
New Wortley Road west (3)	Masbrough	Carriageway microasphalt fibre.	£42,500
Rotherham Road A631	Maltby	Carriageway surfacing.	£85,000
Wellgate A6021	Rotherham TC	Carriageway surfacing.	£85,000
Wellgate A6021	Rotherham TC	Carriageway surfacing.	£55,500
Blackamoor Road B6092	Swinton	Carriageway surfacing.	£51,000
Brinsworth Road B6067	Brinsworth	Carriageway surfacing.	£129,000
Church Street	Greasbrough	Carriageway surfacing.	£85,000
Flanderwell Lane C101	Sunnyside	Footway surfacing.	£34,000
Hollings Lane C98	Thrybergh	Carriageway surfacing.	£85,000
Kiveton Lane	Todwick	Carriageway surface dressing	£8,500
Laughton Road	Thurcroft	Footway surfacing.	£42,500
Thrybergh Hall Road C760	Rawmarsh	Carriageway reconstruction.	£68,000
Todwick Road	Dinnington	Carriageway surfacing.	£85,000
Victoria Street B6090	Kilnhurst	Footway surfacing.	£21,000
Aughton Road	Aughton	Footway surfacing.	£85,000
Morthen Road B6060	Thurcroft	Carriageway microasphalt fibre.	£34,000
Muglet Lane B6427	Maltby	Carriageway microasphalt fibre.	£55,500
Eastwood Lane UC	Rotherham TC	Carriageway surfacing.	£42,500
Howard Street UC	Rotherham TC	Carriageway surfacing.	£59,500
TOTAL STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME 2007/08			£1,281,000

Appendix D – Proposed Street Lighting Programme

Block	Estimated Costs
Routes to school block	£140,000
Bus routes and improved access to services block	£100,000
Accident reduction schemes block	£15,000
TOTAL STREET LIGHTING PROGRAMME 2007/08	£255,000

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Economic and Development Services Matters
2.	Date:	2 nd April 2007
3.	Title:	Report Receipt of Petition Requesting Improved Road Safety Measures and Results of Investigation A618 Main Street Aughton – Ward 6 - Holderness
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

To report receipt of and the results of an investigation into a petition with 482 signatures requesting improved road safety measures on A618 Aughton Road and Main Street, Aughton

6. Recommendations

Cabinet Member resolve that:

- i) The request for improved road safety measures be noted and that the current proposed road safety measures be monitored to ascertain their effectiveness.
- ii) The lead petitioner is informed of the proposed measures and the monitoring process thereafter.

7. Proposals and Details

A letter and petition has been received regarding Main Street Aughton. The petition, attached, contains 482 signatures. Both letter and front sheet of the petition are attached as Appendix A.

The letter / petition was presented by Mr Bird 12 Catherine Avenue, Aughton, to the Cabinet Member for Economic, Regeneration and Development Services at a recent Aston Cum Aughton Parish Council meeting. The petition requests improved road safety measures on the A618 Main Street / Aughton Road, Aughton.

The A618 runs in a North / South direction from the A57 to Rotherham Town Centre, a distance of approximately six miles. The section of road running through Aughton is subject to a 30mph speed limit. Mr Bird and the petitioners are requesting improved road safety measures along this length of road following a fatal accident involving an elderly pedestrian near to the junction of Hall Road in January 2007. Since this petition was generated a further fatality involving an elderly pedestrian has also occurred near to the junction of Beech Way in February 2007.

A review of the injury accident record along A618 Main Street / Aughton Road between Aston Lane B6067 and Rotherham Road B6053 (but not including the junctions), shows that there have been eight injury accidents within the last three years resulting in 10 slight casualties. Further analysis of these 10 casualties shows 1 pedestrian, 1 motorcyclist, 1 car passenger and 7 vehicle drivers were injured. The data provided is only available up to 31st December 2006.

As a result of previous investigations into road safety issues in Aston, Aughton and Swallowneast a number of schemes have been derived to address some of the concerns in the area. One of these is Aughton Road / Main Street. Specifically the scheme involves construction of a zebra crossing near to the Aughton Early Years Centre and a further three central refuges located near to the junction of Westfield Avenue, Aughton Avenue and adjacent to the Wetherby Public House. This scheme is currently being implemented and therefore it is recommended that its effect on the injury accident record is monitored. This monitoring will take place 3, 6 and 12 months after completion of the scheme.

8. Finance

The scheme currently being implemented is being funded from the 2006/2007 LTP Integrated Transport Capital Programme.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

None.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The recommendation is in line with objectives set out in the South Yorkshire Local Transport Plan, for improving road safety and facilities for vulnerable road users.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

In order to assist in the delivery of the first Local Transport Plan a programme was drawn up which set out a timetable for looking at and building road improvements, in each area of Rotherham, over a five year period. As part of this programme we have looked at traffic and road safety problems in the Aston, Aughton and Swallownest areas. As a result of this investigation we identified a need for improved pedestrian crossing facilities on the A618 Aughton Road.

The results of the survey into road safety and traffic problems were reported to the Cabinet Member and Advisors meeting for Economic and Development Services on 2 February 2004 (Minute No 263 refers)

South Yorkshire Police, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive, The South Yorkshire Metropolitan Ambulance and Paramedic Service and Local Ward Members had no objections to the proposals.

A consultation letter was delivered to 226 households directly affected by the proposed scheme in October 2005. Of these 226 households 11 (4.9%) responded. From the 11 who responded 8 were broadly in favour of the scheme and 3 were against.

The results of this consultation exercise were reported to the Cabinet Member and Advisors meeting for Economic Regeneration and Development Services on 4th September 2006 (Minute No 83 refers)

Consultation with the Local Ward Members regarding the petition for improved road safety measures on the A618 through Aughton has taken place. No responses have been received at the time of writing

Contact Name : *Nigel Davey, Engineer, Ext. 2380,
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I'm here to present Rotherham Borough Council/Highways Department with a petition about road safety measures for Aughton Road/Main Street.

There is a general concern with the people of Aston, Aughton and Swallownest regarding the safety of these roads.

At the beginning of January, there were two accidents on Aughton Road. One of which resulted in an elderly lady who lives on The Windy Ridge complex being injured.

On the 12th January, Jack Sunderland, aged 82, was knocked

down by a taxi outside the Black Bull public house. As a result of his serious injuries, Jack died in hospital on the 15th.

This has now made this a personal concern as he was my father-in-law.

The last week in January two more accidents occurred, one on Aughton Rd outside the secondary school, the other outside Aughton Early Years Centre.

On Tuesday 6th February, a lady aged 68 was knocked down and was dead on arrival at the hospital. This also happened on Aughton Road.

I have so far had more than 400 signatures for the petition. The response has been overwhelming. Since the last accident, I have had numerous requests for the petition and I am still collecting signatures today.

On behalf of my family, I hope that the council understands the seriousness of this matter and give it their upmost attention.

Thank you

PETITION REQUESTING ROAD SAFETY MEASURES FOR AUGHTON ROAD/MAIN STREET

We the undersigned petition Rotherham Borough Council/Highways department to make safe the above road. We as a community feel that the road above is hazardous for children and the elderly to cross. Due to a number accidents in the last month, one resulting in a fatality, the safety of the road is inadequate. The road serves an Infant and Junior School, a Nursery and Early Years Children's Centre, elderly accommodation on both sides of the road and several shops. There are no crossing facilities and the road is extremely busy and congested especially at peak times.

NAME

ADDRESS

D WALTON	Black Bull
Mark E James	1 Springwood Ave.
Cheryl Henry	Black bull
P. Robinson	69 High Street
Rachael Cox	4 Workshop Road, Swall
Angela Robinson	69 High Street
E & A Allee	35 ASTON CLOSE
R COOPER	27 SPRINGWOOD AUGHTON
T COOPER	27 SPRINGWOOD AVE AUGHTON
J FIRTH	28 MASON DRIVE
G WINGFIELD	35 ST SEBASTIAN DRIVE
R. CARMODY	15 DANIELS DRIVE
C Smith	Black Bull
C Longden	Black Bull
KAY BURNS	Black Bull
KATH LONGDEN	Black Bull
SHAWN KENNY	BLACK BULL
RYAN WILD	BLACK BULL
JOHN STORRY	BLACK BULL
DUNCAN McANSLANE	BLACK BULL

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Economic Regeneration and Development Services Matters
2.	Date:	2 April 2007
3.	Title:	Accident Investigation and Prevention Study. A618 Pleasley Road, Guilthwaite. Ward 15 - Sitwell
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

To inform Cabinet Member of the outcome of the Accident Investigation and Prevention Study into accidents on the A618 Pleasley Road in Guilthwaite and to seek approval to conduct the necessary consultation and to carry out detail design.

6. Recommendations

Cabinet Member resolve that:

- i) the necessary consultations be undertaken regarding the proposed treatments**
- ii) detail design to be carried out and subject to no objections being received the recommended treatments and speed limit reduction be implemented**
- iii) the proposed scheme be funded from the LTP Integrated Transport Capital Programme for 2007/08**
- iv) an evaluation and cost benefit analysis be carried out on the recommendation to remove the existing climbing lane**

7. Proposals and Details

In the summer of 2006 the traffic signs and road markings on the A618 in Guilthwaite were improved to bring them up to current standards. However as a result of ongoing injury collisions and concerns expressed by local residents and Councillors a detailed Accident Investigation and Prevention study has been undertaken at this location to identify measures that could be implemented to reduce the number and severity of injury collisions

The study identified problems with;

- a) wet skid resistance on the southbound carriageway on the bend within Guilthwaite which in the main is caused by run off onto the carriageway
- b) relatively inexperienced drivers under 25 years old losing control
- c) a higher than expected number of accidents in the dark
- d) the current road marking layout

It recommends five treatments;

- a) improve the skid resistance on the bend within Guilthwaite by providing anti-skid surfacing
- b) make changes to the existing road marking layout and road signs
- c) improve road side drainage to reduce run off onto the carriageway
- d) provide a system of street lighting
- e) remove the climbing lane

The report also recommends that the existing speed limit be reduced from national speed limit to 50mph. Although this would not lead to an accident reduction it is considered that it would act as a visual clue to remind drivers to reduce their speed on this section of the A618.

Of these five recommended treatments, four would have a positive impact. However the treatment to remove the climbing lane would introduce some disbenefit, and could lead to new accidents caused by inappropriate overtaking. Although this treatment may result in an accident reduction an evaluation and cost benefit analysis should be undertaken before it is considered further for implementation.

It is recommended that the first four treatments are implemented and that the treatment to remove the climbing lane is investigated further before it is considered for implementation.

8. Finance

The recommended scheme is estimated to cost £100,000. Funding is available from the Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport Capital Programme for 2007/08.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

There may be an expectation that the proposed treatments will lead to the removal of all accidents at this location however, it must be acknowledged that some accidents will still take place and that these treatments only seek to reduce their number and severity.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The proposals are in line with objectives set out in the South Yorkshire Local Transport Plan.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

A copy of the Accident Investigation and Prevention report will be made available at this meeting.

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ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Economic and Development Services Matters
2.	Date:	2 nd April 2007
3.	Title:	Report Receipt of Petition Requesting Improved Road Safety Measures and Results of Investigation A618 Main Street Aughton – Ward 6 - Holderness
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

To report receipt of and the results of an investigation into a petition with 482 signatures requesting improved road safety measures on A618 Aughton Road and Main Street, Aughton

6. Recommendations

Cabinet Member resolve that:

- i) The request for improved road safety measures be noted and that the current proposed road safety measures be monitored to ascertain their effectiveness.
- ii) The lead petitioner is informed of the proposed measures and the monitoring process thereafter.

7. Proposals and Details

A letter and petition has been received regarding Main Street Aughton. The petition, attached, contains 482 signatures. Both letter and front sheet of the petition are attached as Appendix A.

The letter / petition was presented by Mr Bird 12 Catherine Avenue, Aughton, to the Cabinet Member for Economic, Regeneration and Development Services at a recent Aston Cum Aughton Parish Council meeting. The petition requests improved road safety measures on the A618 Main Street / Aughton Road, Aughton.

The A618 runs in a North / South direction from the A57 to Rotherham Town Centre, a distance of approximately six miles. The section of road running through Aughton is subject to a 30mph speed limit. Mr Bird and the petitioners are requesting improved road safety measures along this length of road following a fatal accident involving an elderly pedestrian near to the junction of Hall Road in January 2007. Since this petition was generated a further fatality involving an elderly pedestrian has also occurred near to the junction of Beech Way in February 2007.

A review of the injury accident record along A618 Main Street / Aughton Road between Aston Lane B6067 and Rotherham Road B6053 (but not including the junctions), shows that there have been eight injury accidents within the last three years resulting in 10 slight casualties. Further analysis of these 10 casualties shows 1 pedestrian, 1 motorcyclist, 1 car passenger and 7 vehicle drivers were injured. The data provided is only available up to 31st December 2006.

As a result of previous investigations into road safety issues in Aston, Aughton and Swallowneast a number of schemes have been derived to address some of the concerns in the area. One of these is Aughton Road / Main Street. Specifically the scheme involves construction of a zebra crossing near to the Aughton Early Years Centre and a further three central refuges located near to the junction of Westfield Avenue, Aughton Avenue and adjacent to the Wetherby Public House. This scheme is currently being implemented and therefore it is recommended that its effect on the injury accident record is monitored. This monitoring will take place 3, 6 and 12 months after completion of the scheme.

8. Finance

The scheme currently being implemented is being funded from the 2006/2007 LTP Integrated Transport Capital Programme.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

None.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The recommendation is in line with objectives set out in the South Yorkshire Local Transport Plan, for improving road safety and facilities for vulnerable road users.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

In order to assist in the delivery of the first Local Transport Plan a programme was drawn up which set out a timetable for looking at and building road improvements, in each area of Rotherham, over a five year period. As part of this programme we have looked at traffic and road safety problems in the Aston, Aughton and Swallownest areas. As a result of this investigation we identified a need for improved pedestrian crossing facilities on the A618 Aughton Road.

The results of the survey into road safety and traffic problems were reported to the Cabinet Member and Advisors meeting for Economic and Development Services on 2 February 2004 (Minute No 263 refers)

South Yorkshire Police, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive, The South Yorkshire Metropolitan Ambulance and Paramedic Service and Local Ward Members had no objections to the proposals.

A consultation letter was delivered to 226 households directly affected by the proposed scheme in October 2005. Of these 226 households 11 (4.9%) responded. From the 11 who responded 8 were broadly in favour of the scheme and 3 were against.

The results of this consultation exercise were reported to the Cabinet Member and Advisors meeting for Economic Regeneration and Development Services on 4th September 2006 (Minute No 83 refers)

Consultation with the Local Ward Members regarding the petition for improved road safety measures on the A618 through Aughton has taken place. No responses have been received at the time of writing

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ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Economic & Development Services
2.	Date:	2 nd April 2007
3.	Title:	Temporary Events Notice for Big Screen Events
4.	Programme Area:	Environment & Development Services

5. Summary

The Town Centre Management Team are currently planning for the Big Screen summer events programme. The cultural events held last year, including 3 live relays from the Royal Opera House, were a great success. However, taking on board feedback gathered through formal surveys, it is proposed that that this year permission is granted for alcohol to be consumed at tables & chairs set out in All Saints' Square at specified Big Screen events. Permission would be sought via the application for a Temporary Events Notice.

The following reports sets out the justification for this proposal in context of the town centre's designation as an alcohol exclusion zone.

6. Recommendations

That members support an application for a Temporary Events Notice with a view to allowing alcohol to be consumed at specified Big Screen events.

7. Proposals and Details

The proposed events programme associated with the Big Screen for 2007 includes 3 exclusive live relays from the Royal Opera House as follows:

May 31- Swan Lake

June 13- Don Giovanni

July 3- Tosca

In addition it is also proposed to screen The Last night of the Proms on September 9.

The Town Centre Manager holds the premises license for All Saints' Square which allows for entertainment and event activity but does not in its own right allow for the sale or consumption of alcohol.

The events listed above are comparable to those held in 2006 at which alcohol was available, but was restricted to the purchase and consumption within Churchill's Bistro and on their terrace. Alcohol could not be taken into the square itself and consumed at the tables & chairs that are set out during such events.

A number of other screens across the country allowed attendees to either bring their own alcohol or to purchase alcohol from a supplier within the event space. There is an expectation by the public that they will be able to enjoy alcohol at such events. Feedback gathered in Rotherham through formal surveys suggests that being unable to consume alcohol at the table and chairs set out in All Saints' Square spoilt the enjoyment of the event for some attendees. Many people suggested that they would have liked to accompany their picnic or refreshments with a glass of wine or champagne.

The designation of Rotherham Town Centre as an Alcohol Exclusion Zone was implemented in response to the prevalence of late night alcohol related nuisance, disorder and offending in the town centre, and from time to time, nuisance and annoyance to members of the public associated with the consumption of alcohol in pedestrianised streets, areas and other public places within the town centre.

The Alcohol Exclusion Order does not mean that there can be no consumption of alcohol within the boundary areas; it does however grant the Police Authority the powers to deal with drink related nuisance. An offence is committed if a person continues to consume alcohol within a public place after being requested not to do so by a Police Officer or Police Community Support Officer.

It is not therefore anticipated that the consumption of alcohol at the events highlighted will contradict the principles of the Alcohol Exclusion Order. The events themselves will be managed by the Town Centre Management Team with security being provided by the appropriate number of Security Industry Authority (SIA) registered staff. Any attendees at the event must adhere to the entrance and ejection policies and all events are planned with the input of South Yorkshire Police.

South Yorkshire Police's Licensing Officer has been informally consulted and has no objections to the proposal as outlined in this report. As such it is suggested that an application for a Temporary Events Notice be submitted which would allow people to consume alcohol at the tables and chairs in All Saints' Square.

The cultural events provide a unique opportunity for people in Rotherham and it is hoped that this years' events will be even more successful than those held in 2006. It is believed that the permission to consume alcohol will add to the enjoyment for those attending and will help to attract a bigger and more diverse audience.



Views of the event space, All Saints' Square



8. Finance

There are no financial implications to report.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

There is a risk that if the consumption of alcohol is not permitted at the highlighted events that they will fail to attract a larger audience this year.

With regard to each individual event, risk assessments will be prepared with input from RMBC's Health & Safety Team and South Yorkshire Police. These assessments will address any potential risks associated with the consumption of alcohol at the events. Some of the measures to minimise risk include the implementation of entrance & ejection policies and the provision of SIA registered staff etc.

There is a risk that members of the public will misinterpret the consumption of alcohol at events as a contradiction of the principles of the Alcohol Exclusion Order. It will therefore be necessary to ensure that communication regarding the decision is communicated clearly through the appropriate channels.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The project significantly contributes to the cross cutting issue of Regeneration, in particular in terms of achieving Rotherham Renaissance.

In previous reports it has been demonstrated how the project relates to various strategic priorities which continues as the project progresses.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Consultation has taken place with:

- Big Screen Content Management Group
- Screen Manager/ Head of Live Events- BBC
- Director of Rotherham Investment & Development Office
- South Yorkshire Police- Licensing Officer
- RMBC Neighbourhoods

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ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Economic and Development Services Matters
2.	Date:	2nd April 2007
3.	Title:	Revenue, Fee Billing and Trading resources monitoring report for 2006/2007
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

This report advises on the performance against budget for the Environment and Development Services Programme Area Revenue, Fee Billing and Trading resources for the period – **April 2006 to end February 2007**. The Directorate is currently forecasting to achieve a balanced budget by the end of the financial year.

6. Recommendations

That Members note the anticipated outturn position for the Environment & Development Services Directorate budgets as at end February 2007.

That this report be referred to the Regeneration Scrutiny Panel for information.

7. Proposals and Details

Members are asked to receive and comment upon budget monitoring reports on a monthly basis from June onwards. This report reflects financial performance against budget for the period 1st April 2006 to 28th February 2007. The attached **appendices** give a summary of the projected 2006/07 revenue position for the Programme area;

Appendix A – E&DS Summary Report.

Appendix A1 to A5 – Service Level Summary Report.

- Following the February round of budget meetings the Directorate has identified that it is likely to achieve a balanced budget against its total net revenue budget of £17,104,000.

Rotherham Investment and Development Office

At this point in the financial year the Service is reporting a balanced position against its revenue budget. However there are cost pressures including a shortfall on outdoor markets rental income. But it is currently felt that the overall position on the account is a manageable one and that a balanced budget can be achieved.

Planning and Transportation

The overall position on this account is currently a projected balanced budget, however there are cost pressures on Land Charges (£128,000) and the Transportation (£116,000) budgets which are currently compensated for by excess fee income from Development Control (£256,000).

Asset Management

At this point in the financial year the Service has a projected balanced budget against its revenue budget. There are confirmed pressures in respect of unbudgeted Office Accommodation costs across such areas as repairs and maintenance (£116,000), utility price increases (£76,000) and other facilities based costs (cleaning, rental payments and costs associated with opening of new Customer Services Centres. Due to the nature of these costs, service management will find it difficult to effect sufficient savings to address this level of overspend within the existing budget. Consequently a bid is being progressed against the Authority's capital minor works funding allocation to cover the repairs and maintenance element, whilst a separate bid to the Authority's contingency reserve will also be made in respect of the unfunded utility price increase. However there is an expected surplus from Rotherham Construction Partnership's fee income for 2006/07 which is being used to off-set the above confirmed pressures.

The current forecast outturn position is based on the assumption that both the bids to corporate funding will be successful.

Streetpride

There are pressures in respect of the Service's car-parking budget, but these are currently being managed through savings on works budgets and design and contract management. Further to reports presented to Cabinet member on the 17th July 2006 and 16th October and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel on the 3rd November 2006 there is now a confirmed (following the Adjudicator's decision) issue in respect of contractual and litigation costs of £389,508 which have now been made paid to Ringway in respect of the Authority's ground maintenance contract (5th January). These costs are for the 2005/06 financial year. As confirmed at a meeting with

Ringway on the 31st January 2007 there are also a further £143,000 in unbudgeted costs which will have to be found in 2006/07. The total £533,000 cannot be contained within the existing budget due to the size of the cost pressure and so funding has been sought from corporate sources to cover both the 2005/06 and 2006/07 elements. The availability of such funding cannot be confirmed at this stage and will be the subject of a further report to C.M.T (9th March) and the Cabinet on the 28th March by Central Finance outlining the overall position. However the current forecast outturn position is based on the assumption that this funding source will be available.

Business Unit

There are no significant cost pressures or savings to emerge as this point in the year.

Corporate Accounts

Vacancy Factor – A nil variance is projected at this stage in the financial year.

8. Finance

Please refer to the attached appendices for detailed financial analysis.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The projected outturn position is based on firm indications of rising cost pressures and identifiable savings. These are examined as a matter of urgency but they may have an impact on the accuracy of the currently reported position. There is a risk associated with the accuracy of the currently reported Asset Management and Streetpride positions as they are dependent on successful bids against corporate funding sources, which at this time cannot be known with certainty. The overall Directorate balanced position is a combination of cost pressures currently being compensated for by savings/additional income being generated elsewhere within the Service. The Strategic Director and Cabinet Member have determined this is an acceptable way of balancing the budget currently in accordance with Financial Regulation Virement Note Section 11, without the need for implementing virement.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The CPA Resources Action Plan sets out the requirement to improve the financial monitoring and reporting to Members and to maintain and improve budget monitoring and control. Directorate spend is aligned only to Directorate and corporate priorities.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

This is the ninth budget monitoring report for the Directorate for 2006/07 and reflects the position from April 2006 to February 2007. This report has been discussed with the Strategic Directors of Environment and Development Services and Financial Services.

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REASONS FOR VARIANCE FROM APPROVED BUDGET (Based on available information as at end February 2007)

Service	Under (-) / Over (+) Spending Projected to Year End £,000	Reasons/Implications	RAG Status	Actions Proposed	Impact of Actions	Revised RAG Status
Rotherham Investment & Development Office	0	Funding from external funding sources and fees earned will off-set mainstream budget costs on Development and Work Implementation team accounts.	G	No action recommended at this stage.		G
Planning & Transportation	0	Cost pressures on Land Charges fee income (£128k) and Transportation account (£116k) off-set by Development control income levels (-£256K).	G	To contain shortfall within overall Service position and seek corrective action to restore Land Charges to balanced position		G
Asset Management	0	Now confirmed costs on office accommodation in respect of repairs and maintenance, utility prices and facility services costs. However these are off-set by a projected fee-billing surplus over and above current budget target on Projects and Partnerships and Consultancy Management accounts after allowing for impact of actions proposed.	A	Funding bids are being prepared to the capital programme and corporate contingency to cover the repairs and maintenance and utilities prices issues. For management to explore urgently where savings can be made, although the nature of the expenditure makes this a difficult task. A BIP for 2007/08 of £250,000 for unbudgeted office accommodation costs is within the current budget process.	To restore budget to a balanced position as far as is practicable.	G
Streetpride	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year. The contractual dispute with Ringway has now received legal opinion which has resulted in significant unbudgeted additional costs being incurred (£389k) for compensation and litigation for 2005/06 with a further estimated £143k in unbudgeted costs likely in 2006/07 in full and final settlement. This risk was reported to EDS Cabinet Member on the 17th July 2006 and the 16th October. An income shortfall has now been confirmed in Car parking which is being covered by savings across the Service.	A	Due to the size of the cost pressure it will not be possible to cover from savings in other areas. Consequently corporate funding is being sought to cover both the payment made for 2005/06 and the estimated shortfall in budget for 2006/07 of £143k. The achievement of a balanced budget is therefore dependent on corporate support being approved.	To restore budget to a balanced position.	G
Business Unit	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year.	G	No action recommended at this stage.		G
TOTAL	0					

REASONS FOR VARIANCE FROM APPROVED BUDGET (Based on available information as at end February 2007)

Rotherham Investment & Development Office	Under (-) / Over (+) Spending Projected to Year End £,000	Reasons/Implications	RAG Status	Actions Proposed	Impact of Actions	Revised RAG Status
Business Development	-12	Reduced spend on promotional items	G	No action required.		
Commercial Properties	-21	Anticipated underpsend due to slower vacation of properties and therefore consequent loss of income.	G	No action required.		
Development Promotion	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Strategy Development	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Programmes	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Work Implementation	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Business Centres	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
RERF	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Town Centre Mgt	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Valuation Group (Fee Billing)	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
40 Bridegate	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Tourism	-7	Reduced spend on promotional items	G	No action required.		
Markets	40	Outdoor markets rental income shortfall	A	To contain shortfall within overall Service position.	Will restore budget to a balanced position.	
Town Centre Management	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Externally funded schemes	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
TOTAL	0					

REASONS FOR VARIANCE FROM APPROVED BUDGET (Based on available information as at end February 2007)

Planning & Transportation Service	Under (-) / Over (+) Spending Projected to Year End £,000	Reasons/Implications	RAG Status	Actions Proposed	Impact of Actions	Revised RAG Status
Forward Planning	12	Sales publication income not being achieved as public opt for internet searches.	R	To contain shortfall within overall Service position.		A
Planning Support	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Management	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Land Charges	128	Cost pressures in respect of a reduction in fee income from statutory search fees as clients opting for cheaper personal search fee option. A BIP of £180k was sought for 06/07, with £100k being awarded. A BIP for 07/08 for £100k has been re-submitted.	R	To contain shortfall within overall Service position.		A
Development Control	-256	Planning application fee income exceeding budgeted level as a consequence of current market conditions.	G	No action required.		G
Building Control (72% Trading)	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G			G
Building Control (28% Revenue)	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Transportation	116	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
TOTAL	0					

REASONS FOR VARIANCE FROM APPROVED BUDGET (Based on available information as at end February 2007)

Asset Management	Under (-) / Over (+) Spending Projected to Year End £,000	Reasons/Implications	RAG Status	Actions Proposed	Impact of Actions	Revised RAG Status	Swing
Facilities Management	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.			
Facilities Management (Education Premises)	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.			
Community Buildings	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.			
Office Accommodation	135	There are now confirmed cost pressures on unbudgeted office accommodation in respect of repairs and maintenance (£116k), utility prices (£76k) and facility services costs etc (£135k). The headline figure of £135k is based on the assumption that the funding sources identified under actions proposed are made available.	A	Funding bids are being prepared to the capital programme and corporate contingency to cover the repairs and maintenance and utilities price elements of the cost pressure respectively and management will urgently explore where further savings can be made, although the nature of the expenditure makes this a difficult task. A BIP for 2007/08 of £250,000 for unbudgeted office accommodation costs is within the current budget process.	To restore budget to a balanced position as far as is practicable.	G	
Environmental Management	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.			
Caretakers	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		G	
Public Conveniences	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.			
Bailey Suite	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		G	
Emergency and Safety	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.			
Swinton District Heating	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.			
Misc. Fee Accounts	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.			
Strategic Support Team	-30	The number of Right to Buys' completed has maintained a higher level than was budgeted.	G	No action required.			
Miscellaneous Properties	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.			
Building Cleaning	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.			
Fee Billing - Projects & Partnerships	-52	Projected fee-billing surplus earned over and above current budget target.	G	Continue to monitor and review likely surplus in year			
Fee Billing - Consultancy Management	-53	Projected fee-billing surplus earned over and above current budget target.	G	Continue to monitor and review likely surplus in year			
Transport	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		A	
TOTAL	0						0

REASONS FOR VARIANCE FROM APPROVED BUDGET (Based on available information as at end February 2007)

Streetpride	Under (-) / Over (+) Spending Projected to Year End £,000	Reasons/Implications	RAG Status	Actions Proposed	Impact of Actions	Revised RAG Status
Community Delivery Teams	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year. The contractual dispute with Ringway has now received legal opinion which has resulted in significant unbudgeted additional costs being incurred (£389k) for compensation and litigation for 2005/06 with a further estimated £143k in unbudgeted costs likely in 2006/07 in full and final settlement. This risk was reported to EDS Cabinet Member on the 17th July 2006 and the 16th October.	A	Due to the size of the cost pressure it will not be possible to cover from savings in other areas. Consequently corporate funding is being sought to cover both the payment made for 2005/06 and the estimated shortfall in budget for 2006/07 of £143k. The achievement of a balanced budget is therefore dependent on corporate support being approved.	To ensure budget meets a balanced position.	G
Trees & Woodlands	0					
Schemes & Partnerships	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Network Management	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year. However there are pressures in respect of car parking's income budget but this is currently been covered by identified savings in works' budgets and design and contract management.	A	Continue to monitor the level of car parking shortfall and therefore requirement for savings to be identified.	To ensure budget achieves a balanced position.	G
Corporate Accounts - Streetpride	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
TOTAL	0					

REASONS FOR VARIANCE FROM APPROVED BUDGET (Based on available information as at end February 2007)

Business Unit	Under (-) / Over (+) Spending Projected to Year End £,000	Reasons/Implications	RAG Status	Actions Proposed	Impact of Actions	Revised RAG Status
Administration Services	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Training	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Payments to RBT Management	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year.	G	No action required.		
Business Support	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Performance & Quality	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Plan Printing	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
TOTAL	0					

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ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member and advisors meeting
2.	Date:	2 April 2007
3.	Title:	Petition relating to the redevelopment of St Ann's car park & provision of temporary car parks
4.	Programme Area:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

For Cabinet member to consider a petition objecting to the provision of four new temporary car parks, which are to be provided to enable development of the existing St Ann's car park site.

6. Recommendations

a) that the objections to the building of the proposed temporary car parks be overruled in view of the fact that the proposals have been subject to full, detailed democratic process'

b) that the petitioners be informed of the above.

7. Proposals and Details

A petition, signed by 176 residents, objecting to the provision of four temporary car parks adjacent to Fitzwilliam Road and St Ann's Road, has been received. A copy of the petition is attached as appendix A to this report.

The original report, dated 5 April 2006, relates to the car parks, and the need to serve appropriate notices to the current lessees on parts of the land under consideration. The report also outlined that the proposal would require a planning approval and an off-street parking order. Both of these processes require statutory consultations, and follow a full democratic process.

The report was subsequently called in and further considered by the Performance and Scrutiny Overview Committee on 28 April 2006.

At the meeting a number of issues were raised and a full report, outlining the proposals and the full extent of previous and proposed consultations was sent to all members in Wards 2 and 12 on 18 July 2006. An invitation was made for comments relating to the proposals, but none were made.

Formal separate planning applications were made for each of the four proposed site towards the end of 2006, and Planning Board considered the applications on 21 December 2006. As part of the application a traffic impact assessment was commissioned and submitted.

In each of the four applications it was resolved:-

“(1) That the application be referred to the Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber (GOYH) for consideration as a departure from the Rotherham Unitary Development Plan under the Town and Country Planning (Development Plans and Consultation) (Departures) Directions 1999.

(2) That consequent upon GOYH deciding not to intervene on this application, planning permission be granted for the reasons listed in the report ..”

Following discussions with the planning officer dealing with these applications, I can confirm that the Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber has concluded that the Secretary of State's intervention would not be justified in each of these car parking sites.

Therefore, due to the applications raising issues of no more than local significance the decisions as to whether to grant planning permission will remain with the Council.

On the basis of Planning Board being disposed to grant planning permission, subject to the applications not being 'called in', planning permission for each of the sites will be granted in the near future.

In relation to the Parking Places Order, the order was advertised on site and a local newspaper at the latter end of 2006, and as no formal objections were received, the order was duly made.

Both the planning process and the Traffic regulation Order process followed the democratic procedures and afforded members of the public the opportunity to object to the proposals.

8. Finance

Reports relating to the finance required for the construction of the car parks were submitted to the Regeneration Asset Board meeting on 21 March 2007. The construction works need to be implemented as soon as possible to ensure that a sufficient level of parking stock is maintained.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

If the development at St Ann's commences in June 2007, as programmed, and the construction of the temporary car parks is delayed and there will be no alternative parking provision and this may well significantly affect the economic growth of the Town Centre. As a consequence of this it is also quite likely that residents parking in the surrounding area will be adversely affected.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

Local Transport Plan
Eastwood Neighbourhood Masterplan.
Transport (parking) policy

11. Background Papers and Consultation

A copy of the petition will be available at the meeting.

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