

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL

**Venue: Town Hall, Moorgate
Street, Rotherham**

Date: Friday, 3 October 2008

Time: 9.30 a.m.

A G E N D A

1. To determine if the following matters are to be considered under the categories suggested in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972.
2. To determine any item which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.
3. Apologies for Absence.
4. Declarations of Interest
5. Questions from the press and public
6. Matters Referred from the Youth Cabinet
7. Communications

FOR DISCUSSION

8. 'My Place' (report attached) (Pages 1 - 4)
9. Building Schools for the Future (presentation at the meeting)
10. Children and Young People's Services - Budget Outturn 2007/2008 and Looking Forward to 2009/2010 (reports attached) (Pages 5 - 23)

MINUTES

11. Minutes of a meeting of the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel held on 5th September 2008 (copy attached) (Pages 24 - 28)

12. Minutes of a meeting of the Performance and Scrutiny Overview Committee held on 12th September, 2008 (copy attached) (Pages 29 - 39)

13. Exclusion of the Press and Public
The following item is likely to be considered in the absence of the press and public as being exempt under Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended (information relating to financial or business affairs)

14. School Meals Service (report attached) (Pages 40 - 48)

**Date of Next Meeting:-
Friday, 31 October 2008**

Membership:-

Chairman – Councillor The Mayor (Councillor G. A. Russell)

Vice-Chairman – Councillor Burton

Councillors:- Ali, Currie, Dodson, Donaldson, Fenoughty, Hughes, Kaye, License, Sharp and Sims

Co-optees:-

J. Blanch-Nicholson, Ms. T. Guest,

M. Hall (Statutory Co-optee), Father A. Hayne,

C. Purvis and P. Wade.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Panel
2.	Date:	Friday 3rd October, 2008
3.	Title:	‘My Place’
4.	Directorate:	Children and Young People’s Services

5. Summary:

This paper summarises the Government Capital Investment Programme called ‘My Place’ and Rotherham’s proposal to submit a bid for the building of a 21st century youth facility within the town centre.

6. Recommendations:

- **That the contents of the report are noted.**
- **That support is given for the initial proposals.**
- **That Option 1 as laid out in the report is agreed.**
- **That further reports be received pending a positive outcome of the initial application.**

7. Proposals and Details:

'My Place' is a Government Capital Investment Programme which is making available grants of between one and five million pounds to develop 21st century youth facilities in local areas. The programme has £190m to allocate, with £160m due to be committed in 2008 and a further £30m in the spring of 2009. 'My Place' is designed to enhance the government's "Aiming High for Young People: A 10 year strategy for positive activities" agenda, by responding to what is described as a "*clear ongoing demand*" from young people, parents and communities for more and better places for young people to go.

The 'My Place' project is being managed on behalf of the DCSF by the Big Lottery Fund. Initial proposals are required by the end of September from which successful candidates will be decided by February 2009, and then invited to a second round and far more detailed and substantive submission. Indications are that successful bids are likely to be between £2m and £3m, and key to success is the inclusion of the following features:

- All bids will need to demonstrate partnership between the public and third and /or private sector organisations – although it should be noted that any of these can lead the bid for funding. However, if a bid is third sector lead and is successful then it would benefit from an additional £50k revenue grant specifically to be used for development work to secure the long term sustainability of the project.
- Projects must demonstrate the real participation of young people, particularly disadvantaged young people in the development, design and future running of the project.
- Bids must demonstrate long term sustainability.
- Co- financing is welcome as a demonstration of the commitment and strength of the partnership (although, unlike the above, it is not a requirement for bids).

£23.1m has been allocated to the Yorkshire and Humber region. The deadline for applications is the end of September 2008 and in principle investment decisions will be announced by the end of February 2009. Successful organisations will then have up to 6 months to develop detailed capital and business plans on the basis of which all final non competitive investment decisions will be made by January 2010.

The Rotherham Response

Children and Young People's Services are leading on co-ordinating an initial proposal for 'My Place' and have established a steering group which includes key partners; the Youth Service, Chief Executive's, the Voluntary and Community Sector, EDS and young people. A substantive initial consultation exercise has been undertaken with many groups of young people across all parts of the borough and a summary report of their ideas and input is attached. In addition, Targeted Services of CYPS have recently appointed 2 Young Advisors to work on the agenda of the voice and influence of young people in strategy and service delivery. Both of these posts are involved in the 'My Place' discussions.

Probably the most significant challenge presented by this project is that of sustainability, and to that end the £50k available to the third sector to lead on projects makes that an attractive option. The Voluntary and Community Sector are of course a key partner and integral part of integrated Children and Young Peoples Services, and discussions are well advanced through VAR and the Children's Services Consortium to agree on the most appropriate lead.

Consideration is also being given as to any additional or matched funding which might be available to enhance provision proposed for Rotherham. The Youth Capital Fund is one option and young advisors will be discussing with the Youth Cabinet the possibility of

realising some additional funding from there; in addition there are funding opportunities available to the VCS, for example 'Futurebuilders', which a sustainable business model would explore further. Additionally, the Steering Group has consulted with the Rotherham Chamber and Business Community Links who are fully supportive, and a preliminary meeting is being held with Balfour Beatty who have indicated an interest in becoming a private sector partner.

Possibly the most significant potential for matched funding is that of a site available for the building of a facility. The DCSF have been clear that 'My Place' cannot be used simply to refurbish existing provision, and it has been stated in more than one place that they are looking for "iconic" provision. Discussions with the young people around the best proposal for their facilities in Rotherham concluded that, whilst most understandably would prefer to have such a thing close to hand in their community, the realities of the available funding and what it is that we need to provide mean that a Town Centre venue would be the most appropriate. To this end discussions have taken place with colleagues from EDS, RIDO and others involved in the Rotherham Renaissance Project and a number of sites are being looked at. Clearly the best option by far would be to identify some land, probably RMBC owned, that can be donated as partnership funding to any proposal. The idea of the direct involvement of young people in the design of a building which could occupy a central place in the Rotherham Renaissance Project also has much to commend it.

The "My Place" bid requires that the project is a partnership between the local authority, third sector and/or private sector. Any one of these partners can be the 'lead applicant'. However, the lead partner is also responsible for ensuring the sustainability of the project for a 20 year period. The Steering Group have considered the following options:-

Option 1

The voluntary sector (possibly YMCA in partnership with VAR) becomes the lead partner for the "My Place" development with RMBC acting as a strategic partner and donating/leasing the land.

Advantages:

- Access to £50K sustainability grant/business development funding if proposal is successful at initial assessment phase
- Potential access to "Futurebuilders" grants/loans – funding to support VCS organisations meet the needs of LA services
- Ability to establish the project as a charitable trust thereby providing the opportunity to develop a 'patronage' model supported by donations from supporters both personal and business.

Disadvantages

- RMBC would not be lead partner and would have to donate or lease land to the voluntary and community sector

Option 2

RMBC become the lead partner in the development of the "My Place" project.

Advantages

- Local Authority retains control and responsibility for the building and the provision of activity within.

Disadvantages

- Local authorities cannot access the £50K development funding offered to voluntary and community sector
- Local authority, as lead partner, would be responsible for the sustainability of the building for a 20 year period

- A local authority managed provision could not access the funding available to the VCS or acquire 'charitable trust' status.
- A local authority led proposal may be disadvantaged at assessment stage as the guidance states that My Place is seeking to support "genuine cross-sector partnership working"

Option 3

The third option is that as a local authority the decision is made not to bid for "My Place" funding.

In discussions at the "My Place" steering group meetings it was felt that **Option 1** would be the best way forward. The voluntary sector children and young people's consortium was in agreement with this and would like RMBC to consider either providing RMBC owned land within the town centre as match funding or on a low rental lease agreement.

8. Finance:

As indicated, this is capital funding only, and the issue of revenue sustainability is a particular challenge. The responsibility for ensuring this rests with the 'lead partner' and is required for a 20 year period. Detailed work in a second phase submission is clearly needed, and the £50k available under option 3 would enable that to happen.

9. Risks and Uncertainties:

The Government has made clear its determination to improve the outcomes for young people and their stakes in their communities and futures. A town centre facility would give a clear statement of Rotherham's support and agreement with this and would ensure both a valuable source of positive activity and a sense of belonging amongst our young people. Failure to fully engage young people in the strategic planning of the Borough risks further alienation.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications:

The project will contribute to the corporate plan and community strategy/LAA, as well as a range of other strategies, including the children's plan, 14-19 learning plan, renaissance plan, play strategy and sport and active recreation plan.

11. Background Papers and Consultation:

Aiming High for Young People.
Myplace Guidance

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ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Children and Young People’s Services Scrutiny
2.	Date:	Friday 3 October 2008
3.	Title:	Children and Young People’s Services Directorate Outturn 2007/08 (All Wards)
4.	Directorate:	Children and Young People’s Services

5. Summary

The Children and Young People’s Service Directorate Outturn (excluding schools delegated budgets) for 2007/08 shows an overspend of £573,265 against a net cash limited budget of £32,897,245. This represents a variation of 1.74%.

This outturn is before adjusting for the carry-forward of traded balances (£616,431 deficit). The adjusted variance to budget is £43,166 underspent (-0.13%).

In addition to the above, the report details earmarked balances to a value of £19,030. Approval has been given to carry forward the earmarked balances. The adjusted outturn for Children and Young People’s Service after carrying forward the earmarked balances is an underspend against budget of £24,136. An additional request to retain £4,827 (20%) for the Service’s use in 2008/09 is in line with the new carry-forward policy.

6. Recommendations

Scrutiny Members are asked to:-

- a) **Receive and comment on the report.**

7. Proposals and Details

The summary Outturn position for the Directorate is analysed below:-

	Budget	Outturn	Underspend (-)	% Variation
			Overspend (+)	to Budget
	£	£	£	%
Non-School Funding	11,286	8,693	- 2,593	-23.0
Strategic Management	4,333,249	3,976,059	- 357,190	-8.2
School Effectiveness	1,302,991	1,217,788	- 85,203	-6.5
Access to Education	3,308,942	3,259,623	- 49,319	-1.5
Special Education Provision	2,033,248	1,896,568	- 136,680	-6.7
Specific Grant	-	- 1,722	- 1,722	100.0
Youth and Community	2,776,119	2,762,530	- 13,589	-0.5
Student Support / Pensions	1,693,430	1,682,652	- 10,778	-0.6
Delegated Services	- 165,273	392,679	557,952	-337.6
Commissioning & Social Work	5,643,203	5,575,120	- 68,083	-1.2
Children Looked After	7,498,280	8,450,614	952,334	12.7
Family Support Services	7,124	7,305	181	2.5
Youth Justice	442,169	429,911	-12,258	-2.8
Other Children & Families Services	2,521,851	2,231,047	-290,804	-11.5
Support Services & Management Costs	1,490,626	1,581,643	91,017	6.1
Asylum Seekers	0	0	0	0.0
Total	32,897,245	33,470,510	573,265	1.7

Schools Balances

The Schools balances brought forward into 07/08 were £4,328,538 there was an in-year surplus of £3,034,964 leaving balances of £7,363,502 to be carried forward into 2008/09. A separate report detailing the schools balances will be produced in late July.

Carry Forward Requests approved by Cabinet Member

In addition to the schools delegated balances (£7,363,502) the following carry forwards are approved:

(£131,182) Schools Staff Sickness Insurance Scheme (Trading surplus)

The service brought forward a surplus into 2007/08 of £149,628 and will carry forward into 2008/09 a surplus of £131,182 leaving an in-year deficit of £18,446. The service continues to monitor the charging and reimbursement policy to ensure a trading surplus operates on the account.

(£747,614) Schools Catering Service (Trading deficit)

The deficit on this traded service has increased from £203,821 at the end of 2007/08 to £747,614 at the end of March 2008; an increase in the trading deficit of £543,793. This is largely due to a reduction in the take up of school meals and the increase in food costs during the year. The School Catering Service is currently undergoing an external review to identify potential ways of addressing the deficit and trading more competitively in to the future.

£19,030 Try Line Centre Partnership

Income earned by the Partnership to be used to offset costs from Year 5 of the project when the DCSF contribution starts to taper.

8. Finance

The attached appendices contain the detail of the financial outturn as follows:

EDUC SHEET 1 (i) ~ Summary of Schools Delegated Outturn 2007/08

EDUC SHEET 1 (ii) ~ Summary Education (non Schools delegated) Outturn 2007/08

EDUC SHEET 2A (i, ii and iii) ~ Net Outturn at Service level for non-schools services

EDUC SHEET 3 (i, ii and iii) ~ Reasons for net variances (+/-£25k or +/-5%) for non-school services

EDUC SCHOOL BALS ~ Summary of Phase level school balances as at 31/3/08.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The outturn figures included in this report are subject to quality assurance work on the Statement of Accounts which will be undertaken during May/June 2008.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

Funding for the Children and Young People's Services Directorate in 2007/08 has contributed to the Council delivering on its objectives and promoting its political priorities, within its allocated cash limited budget for the financial year 2007/08.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

This report has been discussed with the Strategic Director of Finance and the Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Services.

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ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

REVENUE OUTTURN 2007/2008DIRECTORATE:

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE

	<u>NET APPROVED BUDGET</u> £	<u>NET OUTTURN</u> £
Figures per Cedar		
E: - Education	17,137,139	30,952,502
U - Social Care	17,603,253	18,360,997
<u>Less</u>		
Items "below the line"		
- Capital Financing Charges		-21,548,964
- CEC	-1,358,856	-1,206,611
- Office Accommodation	-484,291	-469,677
<u>Other Adjustments</u>		
(Please list)		
- F.E. Debt Charges		18,766
- Schools Balances brought forward from 2006/2007		4,328,538
Figures per Service Outturn Report	32,897,245	30,435,551
(Copy Attached)		

Revenue Outturn

C&YPS SHEET 1 (i)

DIRECTORATE:

Children and Young People's Services

SERVICE UNIT:

C&YPS (Delegated School Budgets)

<u>Revenue Budget/Outturn Position 2007/2008</u>	£
Balances brought forward from 2006/2007 following decision of 1 Cabinet (Underspendings b/f '+': Overspendings b/f '-')	4,328,538
2 ADD Approved Cash-limited Budget for 2007/2008	0
3 ADD Supplementary Estimates approved in 2007/08	0
ADD/SUBTRACT Virement from/to another Directorate / Service Unit 4 approved in 2006/2007	0
5 RESOURCES AVAILABLE 2007/2008 (1+2+3+4)	<u>4,328,538</u>
6 NET ACTUAL OUTTURN 2007/2008 (As reported to Members)	-3,034,964
7 Net under (-) / overspend (+) 2007/2008 (5-6)	<u><u>-7,363,502</u></u>
8 REQUESTS FOR CARRY FORWARD INTO 2008/2009	
School Balances	7,363,502

Revenue Outturn

C&YPS SHEET 1 (ii)

DIRECTORATE:

Children and Young People's Services

SERVICE UNIT:

C&YPS (Excluding Delegated School Budgets)

<u>Revenue Budget/Outturn Position 2007/2008</u>	£
Balances brought forward from 2006/2007 following decision of 1 Cabinet (Underspendings b/f '+': Overspendings b/f '-')	5,368
2 ADD Approved Cash-limited Budget for 2007/08	32,816,520
3 ADD Supplementary Estimates approved in 2007/08	94,474
ADD/SUBTRACT Virement from/to another Directorate/Service Unit 4 approved in 2007/2008	-19,117
5 RESOURCES AVAILABLE 2007/2008 (1+2+3+4)	<u>32,897,245</u>
6 NET ACTUAL OUTTURN 2007/2008 (As reported to Members)	33,470,511
7 Net under (-) / overspend (+) 2007/2008 (5-6)	<u>573,266</u>
8 REQUESTS FOR CARRY FORWARD INTO 2008/2009	
Delegated Support Services - Trading Balances (net deficit)	-616,431
<i>Consisting of:-</i>	
<i>School Catering £747,614 (deficit)</i>	
<i>Schools Sickness Insurance Scheme £131,183 (surplus)</i>	
Try Line Centre Partnership	19,030
National College of School Leadership	6,152

Revenue Outturn

C&YPS SHEET 2 A (i)

DIRECTORATE: Children and Young People's Services

SERVICE UNIT: C&YPS (Excluding Schools Delegated Budgets)

Revenue Outturn 2007/2008 - Net Variance Analysis

1	2	3	4	5	6
Division of Service Budget	Approved Budget	Latest Revenue Monitoring Report (14/04/08)	Actual Outturn	Under (-) / Over (+) Spending	Under / Over Spending as a % of Approved Budget
<u>NON-SCHOOL FUNDING</u>					
Nursery Education	0		0	0	0.0%
Portage	0		0	0	0.0%
Autism Strategy	0		0	0	0.0%
Standards Fund	0		0	0	0.0%
Licences and Subs	0		0	0	0.0%
School Museum Service	0		0	0	0.0%
Children in Public Care	0		0	0	0.0%
Learning Support Service	11,286		11,286	0	0.0%
School Swimming	0		-2,593	-2,593	100.0%
Agency - Special Education LEA	0		0	0	0.0%
Hearing Impaired Service	0		0	0	0.0%
Visual Impaired Service	0		0	0	0.0%
Travellers Unit	0		0	0	0.0%
Behaviour Support Service	0		0	0	0.0%
Pupil Referral Units	0		0	0	0.0%
SEN Management	0		0	0	0.0%
SUB TOTAL	11,286	11,286	8,693	-2,593	-23.0%
<u>STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT</u>					
LSB Contingency	0		0	0	0.0%
Service Strategy	176,123		167,831	-8,292	-4.7%
Strategic Management	3,582,572		3,298,162	-284,410	-7.9%
Programme Support	574,554		510,066	-64,488	-11.2%
SUB TOTAL	4,333,249	3,983,249	3,976,059	-357,190	-8.2%
<u>SCHOOL EFFECTIVENESS</u>					
School Effectiveness	1,302,991		1,217,788	-85,203	-6.5%
SUB TOTAL	1,302,991	1,302,991	1,217,788	-85,203	-6.5%
<u>ACCESS TO EDUCATION</u>					
Home / School Transport	2,749,491		2,700,124	-49,367	-1.8%
Access Management & Admin.	451,600		452,956	1,356	0.3%
Parent Partnership	107,851		106,543	-1,308	-1.2%
SUB TOTAL	3,308,942	3,245,942	3,259,623	-49,319	-1.5%

Revenue Outturn

C&YPS SHEET 2 A (ii)

DIRECTORATE:

Children and Young People's Services

SERVICE UNIT:

C&YPS (Excluding Schools Delegated Budgets)

Revenue Outturn 2007/2008 - Net Variance Analysis

1	2	3	4	5	6
Division of Service Budget	Approved Budget	Latest Revenue Monitoring Report (14/04/08)	Actual Outturn	Under (-) / Over (+) Spending	Under / Over Spending as a % of Approved Budget
<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION PROVISION</u>					
SEN Admin, Support & Agency	663,239		553,986	-109,253	-16.5%
SEN Assessment	243,982		243,982	0	0.0%
Education Welfare Service	636,071		670,110	34,039	5.4%
Education Psychology Service	489,956		428,490	-61,466	-12.5%
SUB TOTAL	2,033,248	1,778,248	1,896,568	-136,680	-6.7%
<u>SPECIFIC GRANT SUPPORT</u>					
SRB	0		0	0	0.0%
NOF Out of School Programmes	0		0	0	0.0%
Neighbourhood Renewal Fund	0		0	0	0.0%
Surestart	0		0	0	0.0%
Childrens Centres & Extended Schools	0		0	0	0.0%
Former Holding Accounts	0		-1,722	-1,722	100.0%
Sports Co-ordinator	0		0	0	0.0%
SUB TOTAL	0	0	-1,722	-1,722	100.0%
<u>Youth & Community</u>					
Youth Service	2,463,156		2,505,957	42,801	1.7%
Outdoor Education Centres	104,470		119,279	14,809	14.2%
Family Community & LLL	208,493		137,293	-71,200	-34.1%
SUB TOTAL	2,776,119	2,691,119	2,762,530	-13,589	-0.5%
<u>STUDENT SUPPORT / PENSIONS</u>					
Post 16 Education	185,488		183,171	-2,317	-1.2%
Early Years & Childcare	50,382		43,122	-7,260	-14.4%
Pensions - Schools	950,279		962,771	12,492	1.3%
Pensions - Non Schools	466,973		472,557	5,584	1.2%
Non School Fng - Miscellaneous	40,308		21,031	-19,277	-47.8%
SUB TOTAL	1,693,430	1,693,430	1,682,652	-10,778	-0.6%
<u>DELEGATED SERVICES</u>					
School Catering	-291,071		456,543	747,614	-256.8%
School Music & Performing Arts	0		0	0	0.0%
Delegated Support Services	125,798		-63,864	-189,662	-150.8%
SUB TOTAL	-165,273	-165,273	392,679	557,952	-337.6%

Revenue Outturn

C&YPS SHEET 2 A (iii)

DIRECTORATE: Children and Young People's Services

SERVICE UNIT: C&YPS (Excluding Schools Delegated Budgets)

Revenue Outturn 2007/2008 - Net Variance Analysis

1	2	3	4	5	6
Division of Service Budget	Approved Budget	Latest Revenue Monitoring Report (14/04/08)	Actual Outturn	Under (-) / Over (+) Spending	Under / Over Spending as a % of Approved Budget
<u>COMMISSIONING & SOCIAL WORK</u>					
Child Protection	294,281		350,994	56,713	19.3%
Locality Teams	4,557,954		4,542,072	-15,882	-0.3%
Health & Disability	616,819		527,361	-89,458	-14.5%
Other Commissioning & Social Work	174,149		154,693	-19,456	-11.2%
SUB TOTAL	5,643,203	5,666,203	5,575,120	-68,083	-1.2%
<u>CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER</u>					
Children's Homes	3,846,842		4,234,149	387,307	10.1%
Fostering Services	3,651,438		4,216,465	565,027	15.5%
SUB TOTAL	7,498,280	8,448,280	8,450,614	952,334	12.7%
<u>FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES</u>					
Services for Under Eights	1,124		1,124	0	0.0%
Other Family Support Services	6,000		6,181	181	3.0%
SUB TOTAL	7,124	7,124	7,305	181	2.5%
<u>YOUTH JUSTICE</u>					
Secure Accommodation	4,000		764	-3,236	-80.9%
Youth Offending Teams	438,169		429,147	-9,022	-2.1%
SUB TOTAL	442,169	442,169	429,912	-12,258	-2.8%
<u>OTHER CHILDREN & FAMILIES SERVICES</u>					
Adoption Services	872,570		958,744	86,174	9.9%
Leaving Care Services	1,560,621		1,211,910	-348,711	-22.3%
Other Children's Services	88,660		60,392	-28,268	-31.9%
SUB TOTAL	2,521,851	2,267,851	2,231,047	-290,804	-11.5%
<u>SUPPORT SERVICES & MANAGEMENT COSTS</u>					
Head of Service	113,816		112,721	-1,095	-1.0%
Service Managers	386,453		352,935	-33,518	-8.7%
Accommodation costs	87,056		122,490	35,434	40.7%
Business Management	545,083		575,148	30,065	5.5%
Corporate Costs	358,218		418,349	60,131	16.8%
SUB TOTAL	1,490,626	1,524,626	1,581,643	91,017	6.1%
<u>ASYLUM SEEKERS</u>					
Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children	0		0	0	0.0%
SUB TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<u>GRANTS</u>					
Other Youth Justice Services	0		0	0	0.0%
National Carers Grant	0		0	0	0.0%
Health Grants	0		0	0	0.0%
Children's Fund	0		0	0	0.0%
SUB TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0.0%
TOTAL	32,897,245	32,897,245	33,470,510	573,265	1.7%

Revenue Outturn

C&YPS SHEET 3 (i)

DIRECTORATE: Children and Young People's Services

SERVICE AREA: C&YPS (Excluding Schools Delegated Budgets)

Revenue Outturn 2007/2008 - Reasons for Variance from Approved Budget

1	2	3
<u>Division of Service</u>	<u>Under (-) / Over (+) Spending (£)</u>	<u>Under / Over Spending as a % of Approved Budget</u>
		<u>Key Reasons (for variances +/-£25k or +/-5%)</u>
<u>NON-SCHOOL FUNDING</u>		
Nursery Education	0	0.0%
Portage	0	0.0%
Autism Strategy	0	0.0%
Standards Fund	0	0.0%
Licences and Subs	0	0.0%
School Museum Service	0	0.0%
Children in Public Care	0	0.0%
Learning Support Service	0	0.0%
School Swimming	-2,593	100.0%
Agency - Special Education LEA	0	0.0%
Hearing Impaired Service	0	0.0%
Visual Impaired Service	0	0.0%
Travellers Unit	0	0.0%
Behaviour Support Service	0	0.0%
Pupil Referral Units	0	0.0%
SEN Management	0	0.0%
<u>STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT</u>		
LSB Contingency	0	0.0%
Service Strategy	-8,292	-4.7%
Strategic Management	-284,410	-7.9% Staff Slippage, underspend on supplies & services & non recurrent grant income
Programme Support	-64,488	-11.2% Additional Grant income received
<u>SCHOOL EFFECTIVENESS</u>		
School Effectiveness	-85,203	-6.5% Additional Grant income received
<u>ACCESS TO EDUCATION</u>		
Home / School Transport	-49,367	-1.8% Renegotiation of transport contracts
Access Management & Admin.	1,356	0.3%
Parent Partnership	-1,308	-1.2%

Revenue Outturn

C&YPS SHEET 3 (ii)

DIRECTORATE: Children and Young People's Services

SERVICE AREA: C&YPS (Excluding Schools Delegated Budgets)

Revenue Outturn 2007/2008 - Reasons for Variance from Approved Budget

1	2	3
<u>Division of Service</u>	<u>Under (-) / Over (+) Spending (£)</u>	<u>Under / Over Spending as a % of Approved Budget</u>
		<u>Key Reasons (for variances +/-£25k or +/-5%)</u>
<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION PROVISION</u>		
SEN Admin, Support & Agency	-109,253	-16.5% 3 Extra District placements transferred in house - demand led budget
SEN Assessment	0	0.0%
Education Welfare Service	34,039	5.4% Additional staff costs
Education Psychology Service	-61,466	-12.5% Staff slippage on qualified posts whilst funding 3 trainee posts
<u>SPECIFIC GRANT SUPPORT</u>		
SRB	0	0.0%
NOF Out of School Programmes	0	0.0%
Neighbourhood Renewal Fund	0	0.0%
Surestart	0	0.0%
Children's Centres & Extended Schools	0	0.0%
Sports Co-ordinators	0	0.0%
Former Holding Accounts	-1,722	100.0%
<u>YOUTH & COMMUNITY</u>		
Youth Service	42,801	1.7% Additional staff & running costs
Outdoor Education Centres	14,809	14.2% Loss of income at Ulley as the Centre has been closed since the floods
Family Community & LLL	-71,200	-34.1% Non-recurrent grant income & See Request for Carry Forward - Sheet 1(ii)
<u>STUDENT SUPPORT / PENSIONS</u>		
Post 16 Education	-2,317	-1.2%
Early Years & Childcare	-7,260	-14.4% Non-recurrent grant income
Pensions - Non Schools	5,584	1.2% Additional pension payments to former employees
Pensions - Schools	12,492	1.3% Additional pension payments to former employees
Non School Fng - Miscellaneous	-19,277	-47.8% Non-recurrent grant income
<u>DELEGATED SERVICES</u>		
School Catering	747,614	-256.8% See Request for Carry Forward - Sheet 1 (ii)
Delegated Support Services	-189,662	-150.8% Includes Schools Insurance Scheme & See Request for Carry Forward - Sheet 1 (ii)
School Music & Performing Arts	0	0.0%

Revenue Outturn

C&YPS SHEET 3 (iii)

PROGRAMME AREA: Children and Young People's Services
 DIRECTORATE: C&YPS (Excluding Schools Delegated Budgets)

Revenue Outturn 2007/2008 - Reasons for Variance from Approved Budget

1	2	3
<u>Division of Service</u>	<u>Under (-) / Over (+) Spending (£)</u>	<u>Under / Over Spending as a % of Approved Budget</u>
<u>COMMISSIONING & SOCIAL WORK</u>		
Child Protection	56,713	19.3% Additional Agency staff required to complete Child Case Reviews
Locality Teams	-15,882	-0.3%
Health & Disability	-89,458	-14.5% Slippage on Direct Payments to clients and additional non recurrent grant income
Other Commissioning & Social Work	-19,456	-11.2% Non-recurrent grant income
<u>CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER</u>		
Children's Homes	387,307	10.1% Increased costs per placement and increased placement numbers in out of authority homes
Fostering Services	565,027	15.5% Additional costs of out of authority fostering placements, increase in fostering allowances and residence orders - demand led budget
<u>FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES</u>		
Services for Under Eights	0	0.0%
Other Family Support Services	181	3.0%
<u>YOUTH JUSTICE</u>		
Secure Accommodation	-3,236	-80.9% Contingency Budget - not required in 2007/08 - demand led budget
Youth Offending Teams	-9,022	-2.1%
<u>OTHER CHILDREN & FAMILIES SERVICES</u>		
Adoption Services	86,174	9.9% Additional costs on Interagency Adoption fees & Residence Order Allowances - demand led budget
Leaving Care Services	-348,711	-22.3% No specialist placements required for 2007/08 - demand led budget
Other Children's Services	-28,268	-31.9% Reduced take up of home adaptations - demand led budget
<u>SUPPORT SERVICES & MANAGEMENT COSTS</u>		
Head of Service	-1,095	-1.0%
Service Managers	-33,518	-8.7% Staff Slippage
Accommodation costs	35,434	40.7% Additional cost of refurbishing Child Contact Houses
Business Management	30,065	5.5% Additional costs relating to desktop printing
Corporate Costs	60,131	16.8% Increase in external legal fees - needs led budget
<u>ASYLUM SEEKERS</u>		
Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children	0	0.0%
<u>GRANTS</u>		
Other Youth Justice Services	0	0.0%
National Carers Grant	0	0.0%
Health Grants	0	0.0%
Children's Fund	0	0.0%
TOTALS	573,265	1.7%

SCHOOL BALANCES

Children and Young People's Services

MOVEMENTS IN SCHOOLS DELEGATED BUDGETS AND DECLARED SAVINGS
BALANCES 2007/08 TO 2008/09Delegated Budget

Sector	Bal B/F to 2007/08 £	In-Year Change £	Bal C/F to 2008/09 £	% Change £
Primary Schools	2,858,032	1,163,107	4,021,139	40.7%
Secondary Schools	623,614	1,993,321	2,616,935	319.6%
Special Schools	491,887	2,763	494,650	0.6%
Early Excellence Centres	355,005	-124,227	230,778	-35.0%
Total	4,328,538	3,034,964	7,363,502	70.1% *

Declared Savings

Sector	Bal B/F to 2007/08 £	In-Year Change £	Bal C/F to 2008/09 £	% Change £
Primary Schools	708,213	-176,497	531,716	-24.9%
Secondary Schools	2,716	141	2,857	5.2%
Special Schools	240,955	-80,978	159,977	-33.6%
Early Excellence Centres	91,476	-49,884	41,592	-54.5%
Total	1,043,360	-307,218	736,142	-29.4%

Combined Overall Balances

Sector	Bal B/F to 2006/07 £	In-Year Change £	Bal C/F to 2007/08 £	% Change £
Primary Schools	3,566,245	986,610	4,552,855	27.7%
Secondary Schools	626,330	1,993,462	2,619,792	318.3%
Special Schools	732,842	-78,215	654,627	-10.7%
Early Excellence Centres	446,481	-174,111	272,370	-39.0%
Total	5,371,898	2,727,746	8,099,644	50.8%

* £5 rounding error

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting	Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Panel
2.	Date	Friday 3 October 2008
3.	Title	Revenue Budget Monitoring Report as at 31st July 2008
4.	Directorate:	Children and Young People's Services

5. Summary

This report provides details of expenditure, income and the net budget position for the Children and Young People's Service compared to the profiled budgets for the period ending on 31st July 2008 and the projected year end outturn position.

Currently the Directorate shows a net projected overspend position of £900k for 2008/09.

6. Recommendations

Members are asked to note:

The current forecast outturn is for an overspend of £900k for the Directorate and is based on actual costs and income to 31st July 2008 and forecast costs and income to 31st March 2009.

7. Proposals and Details

7.1 The Current Position

- 7.1.1 The Directorate is currently forecasting an overspend of £900K for the financial year 2008/09. The major part of this projected overspend relates to the fostering service. As a result of the recommendations made by the recent inspection of the service there is a potential need to place an additional 19 children in out of house provision (currently 40 children in placements). This has arisen from concern by the inspectorate about the number of children in placements with families that are 'over numbers' (23 placements in this category in May 2008). The service is currently working on care planning for these placements. The additional cost of these placements in 2008/09 is estimated to be £0.3m and £0.6m in 2009/10 (total budget of £0.5m in 2008/09,). However, to be added to this is a pressure on the existing budget for out of authority fostering placements (£0.9m budget in 2008/09, currently 16 placements). The pressure is estimated to be £0.6m in 2008/09 and £0.8m in 2009/10. Together, these give a total pressure of £0.9m in 2008/09 and about £1.4m in 2009/10.
- 7.1.2 The members should also note the position on the School Meals Service Trading Account. The Service is predicting a surplus of £50,000 at year end, which will comply with the Cabinet minute of 9 July. This was to recover £50k of the carried forward deficit in each of the four years starting with 2008/09. Consequently at the end of this year the deficit will be at £150k.
- 7.1.3 The Directorate is forecasting an overspend of £60K on Agency staff costs and £30K on the Prevention of Children Entering Care payments (Section 17) and £250K on Out of Authority placements. These areas are being investigated by Service Directors and Managers to aim to bring them back in line with the budgets.
- 7.1.4 Due to a change in legislation, court fees for family law cases, previously subsidised by central government, are now charged directly to local authorities. From 2008/09 the Council's Formula Grant allocation was adjusted to reflect this change, however this does not match expenditure incurred by the Council. There is currently a forecast overspend of £110k on legal costs.
- 7.1.5 The above pressures will be partially offset by underspends on staffing (£25K) and from a current reduced requirement of Complex Needs placements (£135K) and Specialist Leaving Care Placements (£290K).
- 7.1.6 The Directorate will make every effort to ensure continued strict budget management and monitoring is maintained to attempt to reduce the overspend position.
- 7.1.7 Details of the revenue budget position for the Children and Young People's Directorate for the monitoring period ending on 31st July is shown in Appendix A attached.
- 7.1.8 A simplified version of Appendix A is included at Appendix B.

8 Finance

The financial issues are discussed in section 7 above and included in Appendix A and B.

9 Risks and Uncertainties

The major risk relates to the projected overspend on fostering. The service will try to mitigate against this by careful and strict budget management. However this area is a volatile and needs led budget, which relates to the needs of our most vulnerable children. An action plan has been drawn up for fostering, which will help to reduce costs in the long term.

10 Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The delivery of the Council's Revenue Budget within the limits determined in March 2008 is vital in achieving the objectives of the Council's Policy agenda. Financial performance is a key element within the assessment of the council's overall performance.

11 Background Papers and Consultation

- Report to Cabinet on 27 February 2008 –Proposed Revenue Budget and Council Tax for 2008/09.
- The Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2008 - 2011.

This report has been discussed with the Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Service and the Strategic Director of Finance.

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CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES																		
Last Reported Projected Net Variance	Service Division	EXPENDITURE/INCOME TO DATE (As at 31st July 2008)						NET PROJECTED OUT-TURN										
		Expenditure			Income			Net			Annual Budget	Projected Out-turn	Current projected year end Variance Over (+)/ Under (-) spend	Current Financial RAG Status	Financial Impact of Management Action	Revised Projected Year end Variance Over(+)/Under(-) spend	Revised Financial RAG Status	* Note
		Profilled Budget	Actual Spending	Variance (Over (+) / Under (-) Spend)	Profilled Budget	Actual Income	Variance (Over (+) / Under (-) Recovered)	Profilled Budget	Actual Spend	Variance (Over (+) / Under (-) Spend)								
0	Individual Schools Budget - Dedicated Schools Grant	59,668	59,668	0	(41,215)	(41,215)	0	18,453	18,453	0	0	0	0	Green				
0	Non-Schools - Dedicated Schools Grant	6,010	6,058	48	(2,312)	(2,351)	(39)	3,698	3,707	9	351	351	0	Green				
0	Strategic Management	1,265	1,258	(7)	(62)	(53)	9	1,203	1,205	2	4,828	4,803	(25)	Green	25	0	Green	1
0	School Effectiveness	505	511	6	(79)	(75)	4	426	436	10	1,378	1,378	0	Green				
0	Access to Education	1,152	1,102	(50)	(27)	(1)	26	1,125	1,101	(24)	3,378	3,378	0	Green				
0	Special Education Provision	2,392	2,381	(11)	(642)	(628)	14	1,750	1,753	3	2,059	1,924	(135)	Green	135	0	Green	2
0	Specific Grant Support	3,101	3,092	(9)	(1,801)	(1,793)	8	1,300	1,299	(1)	24	24	0	Green				
0	Youth & Community	3,001	2,997	(4)	(305)	(298)	7	2,696	2,699	3	2,722	2,722	0	Green				
0	Student Support / Pensions	1,435	1,412	(23)	(397)	(385)	12	1,038	1,027	(11)	1,690	1,690	0	Green				
150	Delegated Services	1,599	1,574	(25)	(1,929)	(1,917)	12	(330)	(343)	(13)	(168)	(168)	0	Amber	0	0	Green	3
90	Commissioning & Social Work	2,180	2,162	(18)	(72)	(56)	16	2,108	2,106	(2)	5,897	5,987	90	Amber	(90)	0	Green	4
59	Children Looked After	3,311	3,298	(13)	(20)	(16)	4	3,291	3,282	(9)	8,720	9,870	1,150	Amber	(250)	900	Red	5
0	Family Support Services	11	12	1	(1)	(1)	0	10	11	1	6	6	0	Green				
0	Youth Justice	301	286	(15)	(28)	(28)	0	273	258	(15)	577	577	0	Green				
(259)	Other Children & Families Services	688	682	(6)	(25)	(27)	(2)	663	655	(8)	2,552	2,262	(290)	Green	290	0	Green	6
110	Support Services & Management Costs	323	319	(4)	(2)	0	2	321	319	(2)	1,488	1,598	110	Amber	(110)	0	Green	7
0	Asylum Seekers	29	20	(9)	0	29	29	29	49	20	0	0	0	Green				
0	Children & Families Grant	502	493	(9)	(109)	(102)	7	393	391	(2)	0	0	0	Green				
150	Total for Service	87,473	87,325	(148)	(49,026)	(48,917)	109	38,447	38,408	(39)	35,502	36,402	900		0	900		

Reason for Variance(s), Actions Proposed and Intended Impact on Performance

NOTES Reasons for Variance(s) and Proposed Actions

Reasons for Variance

- 1 Underspend on Strategic Management due to staffing slippage
- 2 Underspend due to reduced requirement for Complex Needs placements at present - this is a needs led budget
- 3 An in year surplus of £50K is projected to offset the agreed carry forward deficit of £50K for 2008/09
- 4 Overspend on Agency costs & Section 17 spend
- 5 Overspend on Agency costs, Out of Authority Placements - this is needs led & Fostering Out of Authority Placements - this is needs led
- 6 Underspend due to reduced requirement for Specialist Leaving Care Placements - this is a needs led budget
- 7 Overspend on Legal costs

Proposed Actions to Address Variance

- 1 Forecast underspend to be used to cover overspend elsewhere
- 2 Forecast underspend to be used to cover overspend elsewhere
- 3 This overspend is to be recovered at £50K per year over this and the following 3 years as agreed at Cabinet on 9th July 2008 - Minute no.46
- 4 Forecast overspend to be covered by underspend elsewhere
- 5 Forecast overspend to be partially covered by underspends elsewhere. An action plan has been drawn up for fostering which will help to reduce costs in the long term
- 6 Forecast underspend to be used to cover overspend elsewhere
- 7 Forecast overspend to be covered by underspend elsewhere and a separate report is to be submitted to CMT

Performance

There is no currently Performance Information available

CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES									
EXPENDITURE/INCOME TO DATE (As at 31st July 2008)			NET PROJECTED OUT-TURN						
Last Reported Projected Net Variance £000	Service Division	Annual Budget £000	Projected Out-turn £000	Current projected year end Variance Over (+)/ Under (-) spend £000	Current Financial RAG Status	Financial Impact of Management Action £000	Revised Projected Year end Variance Over(+)/Under(-) spend £000	Revised Financial RAG Status	* Note
0	Individual Schools Budget - Dedicated Schools Grant	0	0	0	Green				
0	Non-Schools - Dedicated Schools Grant	351	351	0	Green				
0	Strategic Management	4,828	4,803	(25)	Green	25	0	Green	1
0	School Effectiveness	1,378	1,378	0	Green				
0	Access to Education	3,378	3,378	0	Green				
0	Special Education Provision	2,059	1,924	(135)	Green	135	0	Green	2
0	Specific Grant Support	24	24	0	Green				
0	Youth & Community	2,722	2,722	0	Green				
0	Student Support / Pensions	1,690	1,690	0	Green				
150	Delegated Services	(168)	(18)	150	Amber	0	150	Amber	3
90	Commissioning & Social Work	5,897	5,987	90	Amber	(90)	0	Green	4
59	Children Looked After	8,720	9,870	1,150	Amber	(250)	900	Red	5
0	Family Support Services	6	6	0	Green				
0	Youth Justice	577	577	0	Green				
(259)	Other Children & Families Services	2,552	2,262	(290)	Green	290	0	Green	6
110	Support Services & Management Costs	1,488	1,598	110	Amber	(110)	0	Green	7
0	Asylum Seekers	0	0	0	Green				
0	Children & Families Grant	0	0	0	Green				
150	Total for Service	35,502	36,552	1,050		0	1,050		

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL
Friday, 5th September, 2008

Present:- The Mayor (Councillor G. A. Russell) (in the Chair); Councillors Ali, Burton, Currie, Donaldson, Hughes, Kaye, License and Sharp.

Also in attendance were:- Mr. M. Hall (Community Representative), Mrs. D. Booth, Mrs. C. Purvis, Mrs. P. Wade and Mrs. J. Blanch-Nicholson.

Apologies for absence were received from:- Councillors Dodson, Fenoughty and Sims and from Father A. Hayne.

27. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

28. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no questions from members of the public or the press.

29. MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE YOUTH CABINET

The Scrutiny Panel noted that the first meeting of the Youth Cabinet, in this new school year, was scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 23rd September, 2008, at the Town Hall, Rotherham.

30. COMMUNICATIONS

The Scrutiny Panel welcomed co-opted members Mrs. D. Booth, Mrs. C. Purvis and Mrs. P. Wade to their first meeting.

31. ROTHERHAM CHILDREN'S CENTRES - PROGRESS

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Early Years and Childcare Strategy Manager, concerning the Sure Start Children's Centres which are central to the Government's commitment to improve outcomes for young children and to reduce inequalities. The report stated that the Children's Centres are a key vehicle for providing services that families need and for tackling child poverty. As part of a phased programme (2004 – 2011) Rotherham will have twenty Sure Start Children's Centres across the Borough area. At this stage, there is confidence that the impact of the Centres' work on the communities they serve has generally been positive. It has to be emphasised that building the confidence of communities is a slow process and may take time to demonstrate the major changes required.

The report provided an overview of the current progress made in Rotherham and, although still in the early stages of development, some examples of the impact of Children's Centres services.

The Scrutiny Panel discussed the following salient issues:-

- the different phases of the Children's Centres project would eventually make such facilities available across the Borough area – it was considered that families were more likely to access these facilities in their local area, rather than having to travel long distances;
- the Centres enables parents and carers to access training and employment opportunities;
- there was a multi-agency approach to increase the take-up of childcare by BME families and by hard to reach families;
- Children's Centres would develop a Business and Marketing plan to ensure they met the Children's Centre Core Offer; the Centres were also subject to OFSTED inspection.

The Scrutiny Panel viewed copies of the booklet entitled "Success Stories from the Rotherham Community Childcare and Inclusion project 2006-2008" which had been produced with a funding contribution from the European Regional Development Fund.

Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.

(2) That the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel welcomes the positive foundations being laid and the real lessons to be learned from Rotherham Children's Centres.

(3) That a further progress report be submitted to a future meeting of the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel.

32. DRAFT ROTHERHAM PARENTING STRATEGY

Consideration was given to a report about the draft Rotherham Parenting Strategy, presented by the Strategic Leader, Attendance and Parenting. Details were provided about:-

- (i) the Government's vision of parenting;
- (ii) legislation affecting parenting;
- (iii) the definition of parenting as the process by which a parent/carer fulfils their role in caring for a child or young person;
- (iv) the 'Every Child Matters' agenda;
- (v) the principles of the Parenting Strategy;
- (vi) the 4 Tier Intervention Model;

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(vii) consultation, about the Strategy, with parents, carers and young people;

(viii) the role of the Parenting Strategy Steering Group;

(ix) submission of the first draft Parenting Strategy to the Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber (March 2008);

(x) the Rotherham Primary Care Trust was preparing a document about health issues, to be included in the Parenting Strategy.

The Scrutiny Panel discussed the following salient issues:-

- consultation about the Strategy with parents and stakeholders;
- the implications of the Strategy for improved pupil behaviour, school attendance and attainment at school;
- the development and implementation of the Parenting Strategy Action Plan;
- the involvement of the various agencies and voluntary sector organisations in supporting families.

Resolved:- (1) That the draft Parenting Strategy be received and its contents noted.

(2) That this Scrutiny Panel recommends that:-

(a) parents, carers, school governing bodies and young people must have the opportunity of commenting on the draft Parenting Strategy; and

(b) the intensive and time-limited work with families, featured at levels 3 and 4 of the Intervention Model, should include means of measuring the effectiveness of the intervention processes.

(3) That the Parenting Strategy be the subject of review by this Scrutiny Panel, at regular intervals.

(4) That copies of the final version of the Parenting Strategy be made available for the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel members.

33. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES - PERFORMANCE INDICATOR OUTTURN REPORT 2007/2008

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Performance Manager which outlined the performance against targets of Children and Young People's Services, at the end of 2007/08, with comparisons against previous performance and All England top quartile authorities. The appendix B to the report contained the recovery plans for measures

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where performance had failed to meet its target and also showed a decline on the previous quarter with additional information within.

It was also proposed that future performance reports would focus on the new National Indicator Set, with alignment to national and local priorities.

The Scrutiny Panel noted that:-

- 59% of measures saw improvements in performance compared to 2006/07 and 52% met or exceeded their targets;
- the continuing programme of support for schools has led to the percentage with Healthy School Status increasing from 48% in 2006/07 to 78.6%;
- indicators within the current Local Area Agreement linked to Making a Positive Contribution (MPC) all met their targets this year including enterprise projects and activities, business start-ups and positive activities for young people;
- the Service continues to achieve 100% performance for annual reviews of child protection plans (No. 11 - BVPI 162);
- permanent exclusions of pupils have decreased, resulting in more provision for alternative education which has improved the average number of hours of tuition for these pupils to 24 hours per week in quarter 3 and 25 hours per week at outturn, remaining above target;
- recovery action plans and performance clinics continue to be introduced to address areas of under-performance;
- Members noted that there would be a review of truancy patrols, to assess their impact in addressing pupils' absence from school.

Resolved:- (1) That the 2007/08 Performance Indicators report, as now submitted, be received and its contents noted.

(2) That the Recovery Action Plans, as now submitted, be approved.

(3) That the recommendations, contained in the report, about performance clinics be approved.

(4) That the proposals for reporting against the new National Indicator Set, as detailed in the report submitted, be approved.

34. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCRUTINY PANEL - WORK PROGRAMME 2008/2009

Further to Minute No. 8 of the meeting of the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel held on 6th June,2008, the Senior Scrutiny

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Adviser presented a report outlining the Work Programme for 2008/09 of issues for future consideration by the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel during the forthcoming Municipal Year.

The Scrutiny Panel discussed areas for future consideration and inclusion in the draft work programme and agreed that there should be consideration of a report about the young people's lifestyle survey.

Resolved:- That the contents of the draft Work Programme for 2008/09, for the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel, be noted and the report about the young people's lifestyle survey be awaited.

35. MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCRUTINY PANEL HELD ON 4TH JULY 2008

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Panel held on 4th July, 2008 be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

36. MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CHILDREN'S BOARD HELD ON 16TH JULY 2008

Resolved:- That the contents of the minutes of the meeting of the Children's Board held on 16th July, 2008 be noted.

37. MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE PERFORMANCE AND SCRUTINY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

Resolved:- That the contents of the minutes of the meetings of the Performance and Scrutiny Overview Committee held on 27th June, 2008, 11th July, 2008 and 25th July, 2008, be noted.

PERFORMANCE AND SCRUTINY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE
12th September, 2008

Present:- Councillor McNeely (in the Chair); The Mayor (Councillor G. A. Russell); Austen, Barron, Burton, Gilding, Jack, P. A. Russell and Swift.

Also in attendance for item 66 below (Post Offices Closures in Rotherham) were:

Councillors Blair, Donaldson, Hodgkiss, Hughes, Hussain, Kaye, Lakin, Pickering, Wootton, S. Wright and Wyatt.

Messrs M. Silcott and A. Steele (Post Office Ltd.)

Mr. D. Cottingham (Postwatch)

Members of the public representing the affected proposed post office closure areas.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Boyes, J. Hamilton and Whelbourn.

62. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

63. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS

There were no questions from members of the public or the press.

64. QUARTER 1 PERFORMANCE REPORT 2008/09

Tim Littlewood, Principal Officer Performance Management, presented the submitted report relating to the above which focused on the new national indicator set containing 198 indicators introduced in April, 2008.

The report was an exception report based on the measures contained within the Corporate Plan, paying particular attention to the areas of greater risk and also highlighted areas of strong performance.

The report addressed the main areas of performance across the Council and examined issues relating to the Local Area Agreement (LAA) and Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) Service Block scores.

The report covered:-

- Corporate Plan performance
- Direction of Travel (DOT)
- Performance Clinics

- Data Quality
- Local Area Agreement (LAA)
- Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA)

At this stage it was not possible to report on the vast majority of the new measures. The submitted paperwork identified the ownership of each measure, who would report on each measure, and, where possible, whether or not mechanisms were in place to facilitate such report, when the data and mechanisms would be available and whether the measure was included in the Corporate Plan and under what theme. Work was ongoing to provide the missing information, particularly with regard to when the performance data would be available.

Discussion and a question and answer session ensued and the following issues were covered:-

- indicators no longer available
- risks
- bed availability in the new care homes
- waiting lists for assessment for care

Resolved:- That the following be noted:

(1) overall position and direction of travel in relation to both overall performance and to the Audit Commission's CPA Direction of Travel Indicators performance

(2) performance clinics to be conducted in Quarter 1 be based on existing areas of concern and a risk assessment of the new national indicator set

(3) information contained within Appendix A of the submitted report required more information in relation to responsible performance indicator managers and specific dates when performance data would be available from individual directorates for the measures they were responsible for

(4) the performance reporting schedule be reviewed to accommodate the performance reporting timescales of the Council and its partners.

65. OUR FUTURE GROUPS - SCRUTINY MEMBERSHIP

Resolved:- That scrutiny membership of the reconstituted Our Future Groups be as follows:-

GROUP 1 Strategic Capacity Governance and Structural Review

Councillor Whelbourn

GROUP 2 Strategic Partnership and Procurement Strategy

Councillors Jack and G. A. Russell (Councillor Burton to substitute for the Mayor when necessary)

GROUP 3 Devolution, Empowerment and Communities

Councillors Whelbourn and McNeely

GROUP 4 VFM/Resources Strategy

Councillor Boyes

GROUP 5 Innovation, ICT and Workstyle

Councillor Austen

66. POSTAL OFFICE CLOSURES IN ROTHERHAM

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Cath Saltis, Head of Scrutiny Services, who presented briefly the submitted report indicating that, as part of the Government's Network Change Programme to secure the long term future of the post office network, an announcement was made on 5th August, 2008 to close the following six post offices in Rotherham :

(a) Salisbury Road Post Office, 66a Salisbury Road, Maltby

(b) St. Ann's Post Office, 45 St. Ann's Road

(c) Toll Bar Post Office, 500 Wortley Road

(d) Whinney Hill Post Office, 14 Old Gate Lane, Thrybergh

(e) Parkgate Post Office, 96 Broad Street, Parkgate

(f) Harley Post Office, 11 Harley Road, Harley

The report set out the background to the Network Change Programme, details of the post offices identified for closure in Rotherham, demographics of the affected communities and considered the impact that planning applications in those areas could have on post office provision.

The report covered:-

- background
- access criteria

- situation in Rotherham
- impact on the community
- alternative provision
- future of local post offices

Also submitted was :-

- a petition containing over 500 signatures opposing the closure of Harley Post Office
- a response from John Healey, M.P., to the proposed closure of the post office branches within his constituency at Parkgate, Harley and Whinney Hill

It was noted that the consultation deadline on the proposed closures was 22nd September, 2008.

Following presentation of the report, the Chairman invited representations/comments/questions from the meeting.

Discussion and a question and answer session ensued and the Post Office Ltd. representative answered, where possible, questions from Ward Councillors, elected Members and members of the public/representatives on behalf of the proposed affected post offices.

General issues raised included:

- a feeling that the closure programme was a 'fait accompli' and that the consultation exercise was a waste of time
- clarification that, due to the overall closure programme requirement, withdrawal of a post office from the closure programme in Rotherham would result in another post office within the defined area (of which Rotherham was a part) being drawn into the closure programme
- changing nature of the use of post offices and reasons for closures
- not Government employees working in post offices but bought as businesses and clarification of the compensation arrangements
- alternative provision arrangements and costings for such
- Post Office research into the condition of Rotherham's post offices and the criteria for proposing closure
- concerns generally regarding apparent lack of consideration of the social impact of post office closures

- concerns generally regarding the accessibility of alternative provision
- concerns regarding lack of additional budgets i.e. PTE to improve local services to alternative provision facilities
- general concerns regarding weighting or lack of weighting of criteria for closure
- general concerns regarding the consultation process in that residents had not been consulted
- general concerns regarding the 'flawed' findings from the consultation process
- given that Post Office Ltd. was driven by the effort to save money, what alternative factors to closure had been considered
- clarification of the Council's contact/consultation with the affected post offices
- need not to fall foul of the Government's own disability rules regarding accessibility of wheelchairs on buses

Specific issues raised included:-

(a) St. Ann's Post Office

- need to look seriously at the alternative proposed provisions in more detail
- town centre not appropriate : already very busy
- St. Ann's uniquely caters for a diverse community language mix which is not available at other locations
- previous closure on Fitzwilliam Road increased usage of St. Ann's which already has queues
- not possible to provide alternative post office that would cater for the St. Ann's customers
- disadvantage from a travel perspective particularly to the elderly, infirm and disabled
- no consideration given to the impact of closure on the long serving loyal employees

(b) Parkgate Post Office

- proposed alternative provision a problem from an access point of view in that the community is in the top 5% area of deprivation nationally with low degree of car ownership and a heavy reliance on public transport
- the nearest alternative on Bellows Road itself likely to close for at least a year as part of the centre's redevelopment
- the route to Bellows Road is up a steep hill and Parkgate is a high level incapacity benefit community

(c) Harley Post Office

- a village community already isolated would be more isolated with the closure
- consultation process flawed in that no member of the public aware of consultation
- consultation information flawed in that there are only 2 buses per day to Wentworth (alternative proposed post office) and following the one at 12.25 p.m. there is no return bus from Wentworth until 9.15 a.m. the following day
- concerns regarding discrimination against disabled people in that they are unable to access the alternative proposed provisions at Wentworth (see above) and Chapeltown
- there is an half a mile walk to the bus stop to travel to Chapeltown, again a problem for the elderly, infirm, disabled, mothers with young children
- residents are mainly elderly with 20% disabled and would be denied easy access to buy postal products
- the human element/social contact via the post office and knowing the pattern of customers to alert about potential problems would be lost
- post office being denied the facility to sell certain services i.e. travel insurance and to increase services must have them in the first place

(d) Whinney Hill Post Office

- area of deprivation with high number of disabled people and residents on benefits, low car usage

- journey to Hollings Lane Post Office on a hill
- no direct bus service to the East Herringthorpe Post Office therefore not a viable alternative
- town centre not a viable alternative as already full to bursting

(e) Salisbury Road Post Office

- used by a lot of elderly/disabled people
- alternative post office on hill and car parking issues

In concluding the discussion, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions.

Reference was made to the comments and concerns that had been submitted to the Council in letters, on line and in person by residents and to additional information that had been gathered by communities regarding more accurate information about local scenarios.

The strong representations made in respect of Harley, Parkgate and St. Ann's post offices were particularly acknowledged.

Resolved:- That, in view of the various representations, as referred to above, made to the Council, the information now submitted and representations received by the Council be referred to Postwatch and Post Office Ltd. and Post Office Ltd. be requested to re-consider their proposed post office closure programme for Rotherham in the light of such representations.

67. PROCUREMENT STRATEGY ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Further to Minute No. 5 of the meeting of this Committee held on 23rd May, 2008, Sarah McCall, Performance Officer, presented the submitted report detailing how the Council's Corporate Procurement Strategy was based around the 4 key visions of the National Procurement Strategy:

- Vision for leadership, management and capacity
- Vision for partnering, collaboration and supplier management
- Vision for systems that allow business to be done electronically
- Vision for stimulating markets and achieving community benefits

Implementation of the Strategy was via four action plans corresponding to the visions and the report provided an update on progress against those action plans.

The action plan produced following the base budget review of third sector funding had now been incorporated into reporting of the Strategy Action

Plan.

Discussion and a question and answer session ensued and the following issues were covered:-

- assessment and future reporting of outcomes
- CYPS Joint Commissioning Framework 2008/11
- awareness training regarding what could be procured from/provided by VCS

Resolved:- That the actions to implement the Procurement Strategy be noted and the ongoing actions be supported.

68. PROCUREMENT LOCAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Further to Minute No. 6 of the meeting of this Committee held on 23rd May, 2008, Sarah McCall, Performance Officer, presented the submitted report setting out the details of the indicators developed to date, targets and performance for the first quarter of the current year.

Of the eighteen indicators (details of which were appended to the report) :

- two were status green with performance above target
- five were status amber with performance on target
- two were still under development
- two were for information/monitoring only without targets
- one had reporting yet to commence
- five were annual indicators with reporting due later in the year
- one had been superseded by changing legislation

Resolved:- That the current performance against the indicators be noted.

69. PAYMENT OF INVOICES WITHIN 30 DAYS (FORMER BVPI8)

Further to Minute No. 4 of the meeting of this Committee held on 23rd May, 2008, Sarah McCall, Performance Officer, presented the submitted report which detailed BVPI 8 and how it measured the payment of undisputed invoices within 30 days.

The Council had agreed the following average annual targets for performance of BVPI 8 with RBT :

2007/08	96.3%
2008/09	97.0%
2009/10	97.5%

Outturn performance for 2007/08 achieved 94% which demonstrated an improvement on the 2006/07 outturn performance of 91%.

Performance against BVPI 8 was not as consistent as it should be and it was recognised that the Council should act to instil and embed good practice in this area and work was ongoing to this effect. Recent performance had achieved :

April 95%
 May 92%
 June 88%
 July 90%
 August 91%

Average performance against BVPI 8 for the year to date was 91.2%.

Discussion and a question and answer session ensued and the following issues were covered:-

- impact on vulnerable small suppliers
- ROCC system

Resolved:- That the current position in respect of BVPI 8 be noted with concern and mitigating actions be supported.

70. RBT PERFORMANCE UPDATE

Mark Gannon, Transformation and Strategic Partnerships Manager, presented the submitted report summarising the performance of RBT against contractual measures and key service delivery issues for the first quarter of the current financial year across the areas of Customer Access, Human Resources and Payroll, ICT, Procurement and Revenues and Benefits.

Following the recent renegotiation of the RBT contract, a new performance management framework was developed to provide a way to measure and manage performance effectively, which would indicate not only the health of the services but also the health and performance of the Partnership overall.

The framework included:-

- Strategic Measures : a set of 5 key measures for each service area which were of the greatest strategic significance for the

Partnership plus 5 cross cutting Partnership measures (details were submitted)

- Operational Measures : a set of measures for each service area which assess the effectiveness of service delivery. These replace the service level agreements and are to be used in conjunction with the service credit model (details were submitted).
- Management Measures : local performance indicators for each work stream which allow additional key service information to be monitored and assessed

Work had been ongoing during Quarter 1 to implement the new suite of measures, including the preparation of detailed methodology statements for each measure which set out what the measure was, how data would be gathered etc. As a number of measures were new and required new reporting mechanisms to be implemented, not all measures were able to be reported on at the present time. All measures were on target to be reported fully from next month onwards.

Discussion and a question and answer session ensued and the following issues were covered:-

- value for money
- Council Tax collection recovery procedures
- resourcing of calls that previously went to the Maltby and Wath district offices which were now being dealt with through Neighbourhoods and Adult Services Assessment Direct Service
- Tell Us Once project

Resolved:- That the information be noted.

71. MINUTES

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting held on 25th July, 2008 be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

72. WORK IN PROGRESS

Members of the Committee reported as follows:-

(a) Councillor Burton reported that the latest meeting of the Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Panel had considered a report on children's centres and had had the opportunity to comment on the draft

parenting strategy,

(b) Councillor Austen reported that the Democratic Renewal Scrutiny Panel had held a themed meeting on equalities with interesting presentations from the BME Young People's Forum. Also discussed was the duty of schools to promote community cohesion.

It was also noted that the review of parish councils had begun.

(c) Councillor Jack reported that the latest meeting of the Adult Services and Health Scrutiny Panel had received a presentation regarding prostate cancer screening.

Forthcoming items included a report concerning changes to the mental health service and that the review into breastfeeding was to commence in the next few weeks.

73. CALL-IN ISSUES

There were no formal call in requests.

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of the Local Government Act 1972.

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