

## DEMOCRATIC RENEWAL SCRUTINY PANEL

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

**Date:** Thursday, 23 October 2008

**Time:** 3.30 p.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 and Communications.
4. Declarations of Interest.
5. Questions from members of the public and the press.

#### **For Decision:-**

6. Chief Executive Revenue Outturn Report 2007/08, 2008/09 Budget (report herewith) (Pages 1 - 4)
7. Area Plans Format and Progress Reports 08/09 (herewith) (Pages 5 - 99)

#### **For Monitoring:-**

8. Update on Plain English (Presentation by Tracy Holmes, Head of Communications and Marketing)
9. Review of Parish Boundaries (report herewith) (Pages 100 - 108)

#### **Minutes - For Information:-**

10. Minutes of the meeting of the Democratic Renewal Scrutiny Panel held on 11th September, 2008 (herewith). (Pages 109 - 115)
11. Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Involvement held on 8th September, 2008 (herewith) (Pages 116 - 117)

12. Minutes of the meetings of the Performance and Scrutiny Overview Committee held on 11th July, 25th July and 12th September, 2008 (see Delegated Powers Book pages 1T to 23T).
13. Minutes of a meeting of the Members' Training and Development Panel held on 25th September, 2008 (herewith) (Pages 118 - 121)
14. Minutes of a meeting of the New Arrivals Working Party held on 26th September, 2008 (herewith) (Pages 122 - 124)

**Date of Next Meeting:-  
Thursday, 4 December 2008**

**Membership:-**

Chairman – Councillor Austen  
Vice-Chairman – Councillor J. Hamilton  
Councillors:- Cutts, Foden, Dodson, Johnston, Lakin, Littleboy, Mannion, Parker,  
Pickering and Tweed

**Co-opted Members**

Debbie Heath (Voluntary Action Rotherham)  
Taiba Yasseen (REMA)  
Councillor A. Buckley (Parish Council Representative)  
Councillor E. Shaw (Parish Council Representative)

**ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Democratic Renewal Scrutiny Panel</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2008</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Chief Executive Revenue Outturn Report 2007/08, 2008/09 Budget</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>Chief Executives</b>

**5. Summary**

To provide information to members in respect of the 2007/08 outturn position plus the latest monitoring against the 2008/09 revenue budget as part of the first stage of the budget setting process for 2009/10.

**6. Recommendations**

The Democratic Renewal Scrutiny Panel are asked to:

**Note the outturn position as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 and the Revenue Budget Monitoring Report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2008.**

## 7. Proposals and Details

As part of the Council's budget setting process Members have requested information on the financial performance of the Chief Executives Directorate for both the previous and current financial year.

## 8. Finance

### 2007/08 Revenue Outturn Position

8.1 The Revenue Outturn position for the Chief Executives Directorate for 2007/08 is

Head of Account	Budget	Outturn	Surplus (-) /Deficit (+)	% Variation to Budget
	£	£	£	%
Chief Executive	5,199,236	5,155,824	-43,412	-0.83
Human Resources	1,178,094	1,118,119	-59,975	-5.09
Legal and Democratic Services	2,312,154	2,304,931	-7,224	-0.31
<b>Total for Chief Executive</b>	<b>8,689,484</b>	<b>8,578,874</b>	<b>-110,610</b>	<b>-1.27</b>

The main variations can be summarised as follows:-

#### Chief Executive's Office (£51k underspend)

Due to a savings on salaries of £24k; an underspend on Training & Development of £12k and additional ODPM income of £9k for the Capacity Building Programme.

#### Communications, Policy & Performance (£62k underspend)

The key reasons for variances were:-

- Salaries underspend of £25k.
- Rotherham Partnerships underspend of £37k.
- Additional Income from seminars (£38k) and NRF (£8k)
- Unbudgeted costs on Rotherham Links of £11k
- An overspend on Rotherham Matters of £37k

#### Scrutiny & Member Services (£34k overspend)

The key areas were:-

- Salaries overspend of £33k
- Members Expenses overspend of £12k

- Town Hall general budget overspend of £6k
- An underspend of £19k on the Business Support Unit

Members Training & Development (£16k underspend)

This underspend is due to contributions from the South Yorkshire Forum and a saving on the training budget.

Infrastructure & Corporate Initiative Budget (£48k overspend)

An anticipated income of £15k from the Credit Union didn't materialise which contributed to the overspend on the running costs of the Advice Bureau's.

Human Resources (£60k underspend)

The key reasons for the variance are:-

- Staff savings and unbudgeted income for advice and guidance of £34k.
- Employee Suggestion Scheme underspend of £11k.
- HEART underspend of £11k

Legal and Democratic Services (£7k underspend)

Committee Services made a saving of £38K on salaries; Election Services contributed a slight underspend of £3k, this was offset by an overspend on Legal Services of £28k which consisted of agency staffing and IT charges.

**Revenue Budget Monitoring 2008/09**

8.2 The table below shows the summary forecast net revenue budget outturn position (as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2008) for Chief Executives.

Head Of Account	August 2008			Forecast 2008/09		
	Profiled Budget £'000	Actual Spend To date £'000	Variance Over(+) /Under(-) £'000	Annual Budget £'000	Projected Outturn £'000	Variance Over(+) /Under(-) £'000
Chief Executive	2265	2265	0	5,308	5,308	0
Human Resources	492	492	0	1,173	1,173	0
Legal and Democratic Services	997	1007	10	2,425	2,425	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3754</b>	<b>3764</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8,906</b>	<b>8,906</b>	<b>0</b>

There are several potential pressure areas:-

- Job Evaluation – this is currently being reviewed and will be incorporated into future budget monitoring reports, if appropriate.
- Legal Services Locums – the service is currently employing three locums who are contributing £25k to a potential year end overspend. The service is monitoring the situation and should breakeven at the year end through continued vacancy management.
- Community Newspaper – the first edition was published in September. The monthly running costs are £25k. It is anticipated that the costs of this will be met through existing budgets and changes to the recruitment advertising model.
- Transport fleet – the drivers currently undertake non contractual, unbudgeted overtime. Working schedules are under review that should enable this budget to breakeven at year end.

### **Potential Issues Impacting on 2009/10 Budget Setting**

The Council has an overall funding gap in its Medium Term Financial Strategy. Within the Directorate a number of potential savings have been identified within the service areas with work currently underway to identify additional savings to contribute to closing this funding gap.

### **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

Failure to identify sufficient savings to address the shortfall identified in the MTFS will impact on the Council's ability to set a balanced Budget for 2009/10.

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

The CPA Resources Action Plan sets out the requirements to improve the financial monitoring and reporting to members and to maintain and improve budget monitoring and control.

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

- The Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2008-2011
- Chief Executives Revenue Outturn report 2007/08
- Chief Executives Revenue Budget Monitoring Report 2008/09

This report has been discussed and agreed with the Assistant Chief Executives and the Strategic Director of Finance.

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<b>4.</b>	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>Neighbourhoods and Adult Services</b>

## **5. Summary**

This report provides an update on the format and progress of the Area Plans for 2008/09 including;

- Documentation for the 08/09 Area Plans
  - Area Plan Booklet – Summary of what people told us, what we have been doing and what our plans are – Rotherham South example attached
  - Area Action Plan – Identifying community priorities and actions taken to address them – Rotherham South example attached
  - Setting the Scene Document – Overview of the work of Area Assemblies (currently with Design Studio)
  - Area Plan Progress Reports

## **6. Recommendations**

**Members receive this document and approve the plans.**

## **7. Proposals and Details**

### **Area Plans**

A review of the Area Plan documentation and process took place in early 2008 and looked in detail at the

- The format and look of the Area Plans – need to be easy to read and relevant to other strategies and plans such as the Community Strategy, Communities in Control etc
- Target audience – needs to meet different audience needs
- Purpose of the documents – need to be informative and up to date

Following the review, recommendations were made to the Area Chairs meeting in June 2008 that the Area Plan would comprise a suite of three documents each with a separate and specific purpose and forming the overall Area Plan for each area and to be used either individually or as a set of documents.

#### **(7.1) Area Plan 2008/2009 (Rotherham South example attached)**

These booklets will be distributed to the community, members, partners etc to publicise the work of the Area Assembly; provide information on current priorities and how they were consulted on; the current work of the Area Assembly; what some of the achievements of the past year have been and a section on how to get more information or get involved.

#### **(7.2) Area Assembly Action Plan 2008/2009 (Rotherham South action plan attached)**

These documents are the work plan for the Area Assembly teams and will be available on the Area Assemblies website or via email or hard copy on request. The intended audience for the Action Plan includes: RMBC officers; partners; members; Area Chairs; new officers; Rotherham Partnership. It will also include contact details of lead organisations and partners. The Action Plan will be a living document and amended on the website as progress is made. The reporting cycle for the Action Plan will be July/October/January/April.

#### **(7.3) Setting the Scene Document ( Draft copy to be circulated )**

This document (glossy print) will be used to promote and publicise the Area Assembly; provide an overview of the Area Assembly area /structures/ stakeholders; demonstrate why an Area Assembly is in existence; raise awareness of the Area Assembly to residents/members/partners and other agencies, specifically:

- What are Area Assemblies for
- Co-ordinating Groups
- Task and Finish Groups



- NAG
- Parish Councils/Community Partnerships
- Local Area initiatives e.g. YES Project, Waverley

**(7.4)** Progress reports from each of the seven Area Assembly Areas for quarters 1(July 08) and 2 (October 08) – listing progress against each of the actions in the 2008/09 Area Plans.

### **8. Finance**

There are no financial implications as the costs of the production of the Area Plans will be met from within existing budgets. However, in order for the Area Assemblies to be able to support the corporate objective of devolved decision-making in the Borough through Area Assemblies and the delivery of local projects and action (area) plans, funding has been agreed from two sources with governance arrangements currently being developed.

**(8.1) Local Area Business Growth Initiative (LAGBI)** funding approved by Cabinet on 30<sup>th</sup> July, through LABGI for 2008/09 and 2009/10

**(8.2) Neighbourhoods and Adult Services (NAS)** The Neighbourhoods and Adult Services Directorate have agreed match funding for 2008/09 and 2009/10, primarily from the general fund and through the Pathfinder and Regional Housing and Investment Programme.

### **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

The principal risk associated with the identification of priorities and successful Area Planning Consultation, is the potential lack of ownership and commitment from key delivery partners. This risk will be addressed by clear statements of ownership of key actions in the Area Plans.

The desired outcome for successful Area Plans is that they will be integrated into RMBCs Neighbourhoods Service Plan, Community Strategy and deliver against the outcomes framework.

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

The development of Area Plans and a plan of Consultation has clear linkages with the

#### **Community Strategy – Key Themes of**

- Rotherham Proud
- Rotherham Alive
- Rotherham Achieving
- Rotherham Safe
- Rotherham Learning

#### **Element three of the Outcomes Framework – Making a Positive**

**Contribution, empowering people to**

- Become active citizens
- Participate fully in local civic decision making structures

**Partnership Consultation and Community Involvement Framework**

**Neighbourhoods and Adult Services Consultation Strategy**

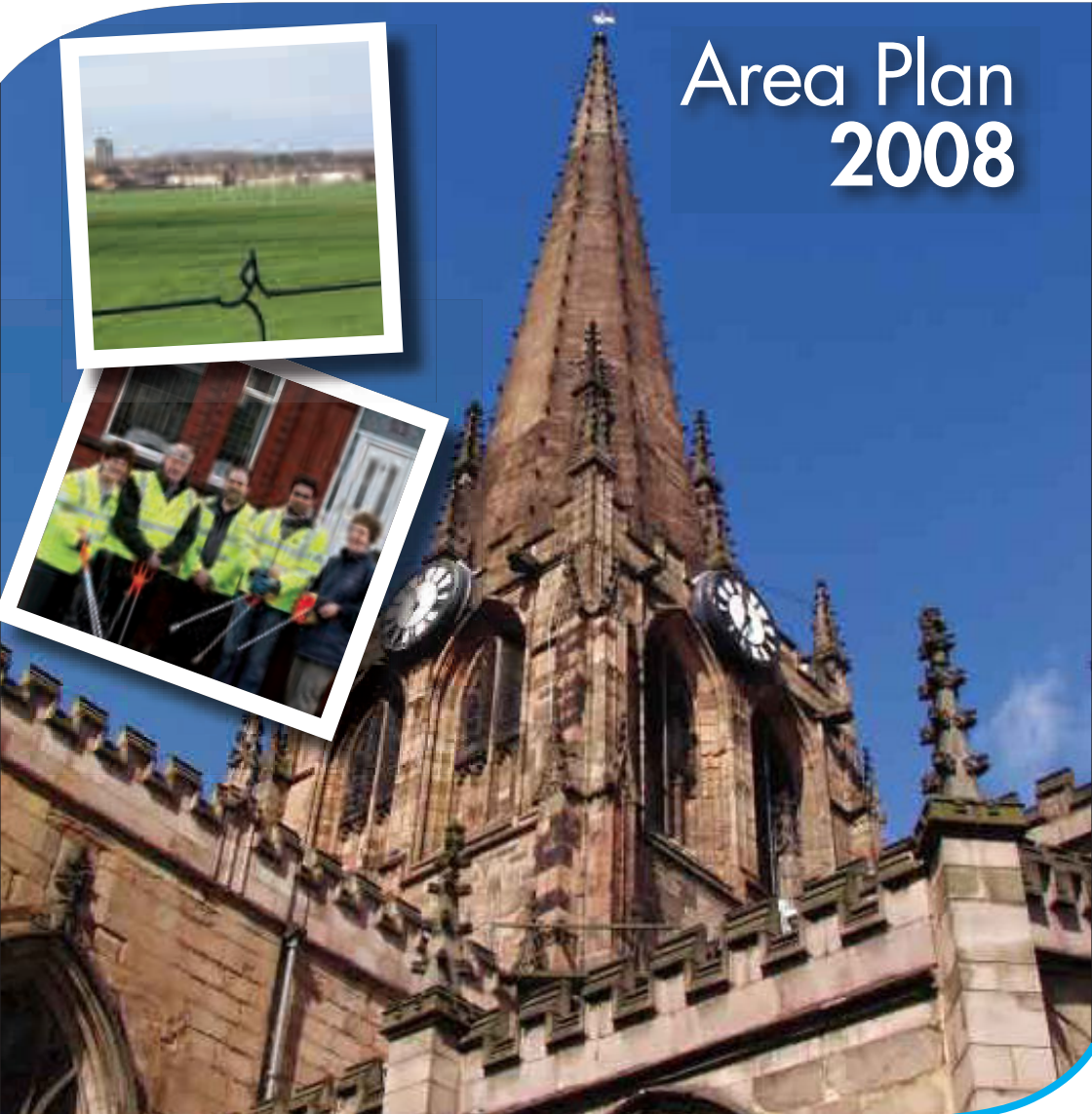
**11. Background Papers and Consultation**

The Community Empowerment White Paper: Communities in Control: Real People, Real Power: July 08

Local Government White Paper: Strong and Prosperous Communities 2006

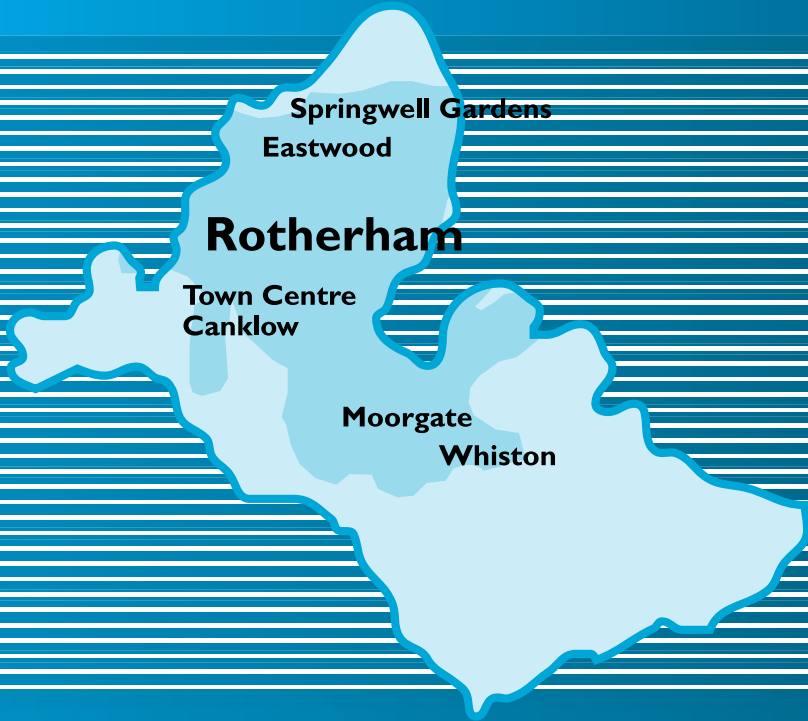
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## Area Plan 2008



# Rotherham South Area Plan 2008

The Rotherham South Area Plan covers the three wards of Rotherham East, Boston Castle and Sitwell.



Rotherham South's population is **37,673** concentrated in the urban areas of **Eastwood, Springwell Gardens, East Dene, Clifton, Herringthorpe, Wellgate, Broom, Broom Valley, Moorgate, Canklow, Ickles, Templeborough** and the rural areas of **Whiston** and **Morthern**.

An Area Plan is produced for **Rotherham South** each year setting out priorities for improving the area.

This leaflet has more information about our work, meetings and members.

The Rotherham South Area Plan provides an overview of the area, the key priorities for the current year and details of our achievements from the past year.

## What is an Area Assembly?

The Area Assemblies are an innovative way to bring people together who live and work in an area to make a difference. It is a partnership of individuals, agencies and organisations working together to tackle local issues and to listen to local people.

## Who are the members of an Area Assembly?

Anyone from the local area who wants to make a difference and can contribute time, money, advice or expertise to a partnership. Area Assemblies bring together local councillors, council services, businesses, colleges, health, police, churches, community groups and anybody else who can help to make their local area a better place to live and work.



## What does an Area Assembly do?

Each Area Assembly is different and has grown in response to local needs and local issues, but they all have the same aims:

- To work with local people to improve their quality of life;
- To take action to tackle local issues;
- To influence plans and services for the area and make sure they are what people want;
- To raise money for local projects;
- To bring together all those who live and work in an area in a positive and active partnership.
- To work with communities to celebrate their areas so that people feel they belong to the community and get on well together.





*Whiston Cinema Club  
October 2007*

## Last year you told us to:

Respond to specific community concerns;  
Take action to address anti social behaviour  
and Increase youth provision

## So in 2007 we

### **Responded to specific community concerns including:**

- Restored the Cholera Burial Ground in East Dene with the support of HMR, RiDO and the local community.
- Arranged for a barrier to be installed at the exit from Herringthorpe Pavilion off Boswell Street, Clifton with the support of Green Spaces and 2010.

### **Addressed crime and anti social behaviour**

- In Canklow with a dedicated neighbourhood policing team; crime prevention solutions such as white lighting and domehawk camera; property marking equipment; activities for young people; clean up/mini Impact operations and off road biking operations run.
- In The Lanes with improved lighting and installed alley-gating.
- The Walk, secured £20,000 to install a new CCTV system and provided youth activities and established a community forum with support from ward councillors, the Area Housing Panel, HMR, Green Spaces, Streetpride, 2010, the Police and the local community.
- In East Dene and Eastwood Village, £15,000 secured to deliver youth accredited training by Eastwood and Springwell Gardens Neighbourhood Management Pathfinder for the delivery of youth accredited training.



### **Funded a variety of youth projects including:**

- After school projects at Badsley Moor, Canklow Woods, Coleridge Road, Sitwell and Whiston Worrygoose.
- Rotherham Titans provided pupils at Clifton and Oakwood with positive educational activities.
- Community Sports coaches covering Canklow, East Dene, Herringthorpe, Broom Valley, Clifton and Wellgate.
- Junior Wardens in Canklow.
- Whiston Community Partnership has developed a youth Cinema Club and with the help of the Area Assembly, a further £10,000 secured to extend this successful project.



## Identifying Your Priorities

In the summer of 2007 the Rotherham South Area Assembly team consulted with communities to identify the community priorities for the area. We will use this information to work in partnership with locally based services to change the way they work, make improvements to the area and deliver projects so Rotherham South is a better place to live. The team used many differing ways of doing this which included:

- Handing out questionnaires
- Attending community events
- Door knocking
- Holding consultation events in public venues e.g. libraries
- Area Assembly meetings
- Visiting Community Groups





## What We Will Be Doing in 2008/2009

### **Increasing access to and awareness of the Safer Neighbourhood Team by:-**

- Opening up in communities SNT hot desk locations.
- Engaging communities in order to identify and respond to local priorities.

### **Addressing anti-social behaviour by:-**

- Taking enforcement action.
- Developing diversionary projects.

### **Ensuring clean streets by:-**

- Working with Streetpride, Neighbourhood Enforcement and 2010 Rotherham Ltd.
- Focusing on hotspots identified from walkabouts.

### **Improving safety of pedestrians and road users by:-**

- Working with Highways and the police.

### **Increasing access to preventative health services by:-**

- Working with the Primary Care Trust to increase access to and take up of services.



## How You Can Get Involved With Your Area Assembly

There are a number of ways that you can get involved in the Area Assembly process whether it be simply attending a meeting or filling in one of our consultation questionnaires.

Below is a list of ways in which you can get involved, if you are unsure as to the best method for you to be involved just contact your Local Area Assembly Team. If you do not know the Area Assembly in which you are based please use the 'What Area Assembly are you in' page on the website to help.

The Area Assembly teams engage with the public in a number of ways, these include:

- A bimonthly themed Area Assembly meeting in each of the seven areas;
- Regular consultation events;
- Roadshows;
- Sending out questionnaires;
- Via 'Impact' days and weeks by working with our partners.

You can also join your local Area Assembly online and receive regular emails regarding the next Area Assembly meeting in your area.

If you have any queries regarding getting involved please contact us as soon as you can.

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## Area Assembly Meeting Dates

There are 10 meetings of the Rotherham South Area Assembly. They are held every month, except January and August, on the first Tuesday, at 6.30pm, at Rotherham Town Hall. Each meeting has a specific theme e.g. Town Centre, St Ann's Leisure Centre, Herringthorpe Playing Fields and crime and disorder.

### Dates for 2008

**Tuesday 2nd September 2008**

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**Tuesday 7th October 2008**

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**Tuesday 4th November 2008**

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**Tuesday 2nd December 2008**

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### Proposed Dates for 2009

**3rd February**

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**3rd March**

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**7th April**

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**5th May**

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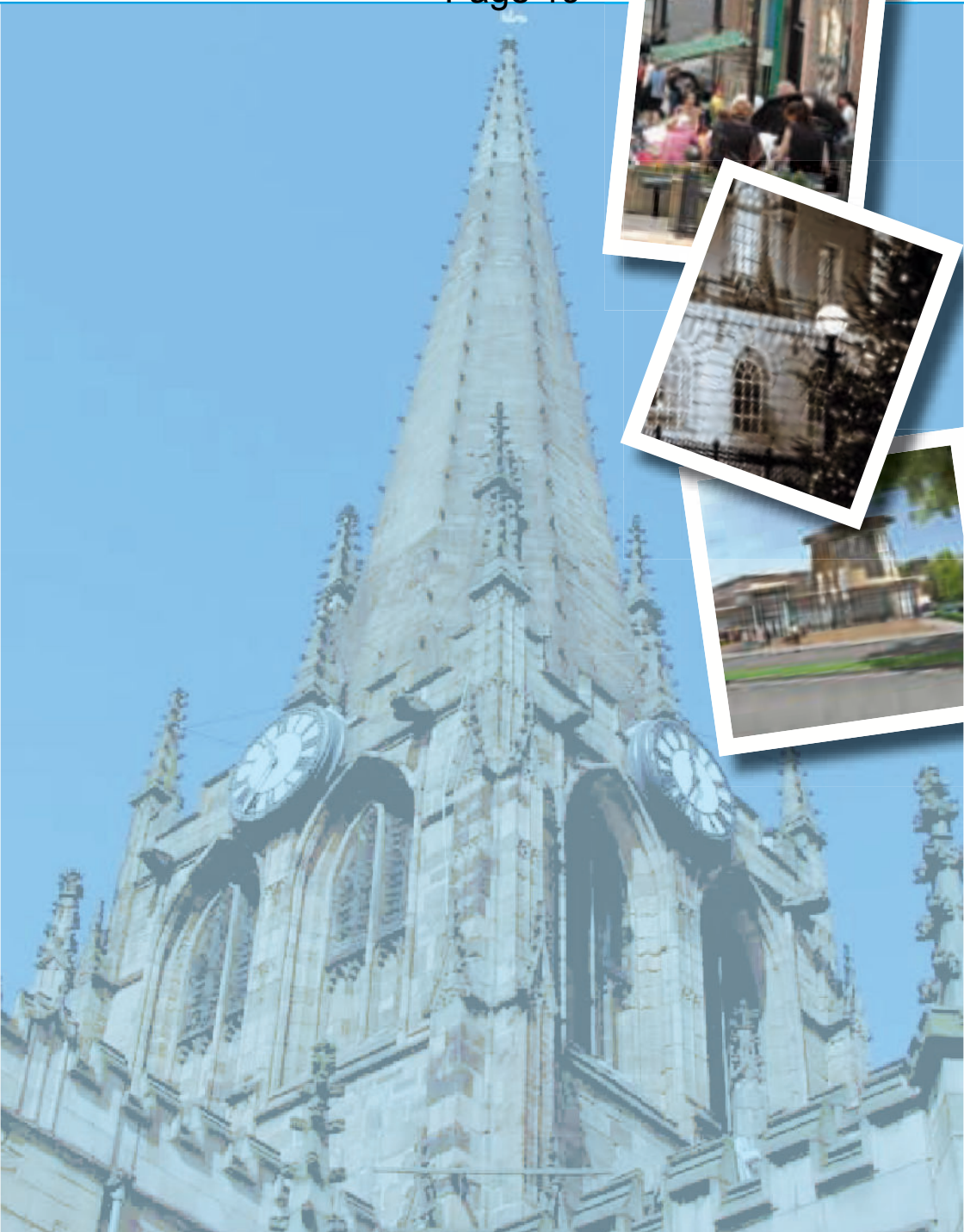


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Rotherham South  
**Area Assembly**  
Getting things done

**Area Plan 2008 - 2009**

## COMMUNITY PRIORITY 1 – REDUCE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND INCREASE PEOPLES ACCESS TO AND AWARENESS OF THE LOCAL POLICING TEAM

- The 'Number One' priority in Rotherham South and in each of our local communities
- Anti-social behaviour (ASB), by young people primarily, causing 'fear of crime' amongst young parents, younger children and the elderly
- Strong suggested links to alcohol and under-age drinking
- Improve police accessibility and communications e.g. re-open police boxes, community engagement, including in schools, and public awareness of local policing team

**Eastwood** People are being harassed and intimidated, and deterred from going out, by groups congregating in Eldon Road flats and around Selborne Street shops

Concerns about groups congregating

**East Dene** inside The Walk during the evening causing criminal damage, drinking, littering and making a lot of noise, around The Lanes, some of whom will climb on the roofs, around Longfellow Drive where there is evidence of ASB

**WBVM** around the Broom Valley Community Centre which has been subject to criminal damage, outside Wellgate House harassing and intimidating people and causing criminal damage

**Whiston** around Hungerhill Road shops harassing and intimidating people



**COMMUNITY PRIORITY 1 – REDUCE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND INCREASE PEOPLES ACCESS TO AND AWARENESS OF THE LOCAL POLICING TEAM**

Action	Milestone	Target Date	Lead	Risks	Theme/ Link	Expected Impact	Outcome
<b>1.1 RSAA Neighbourhood Action Group to address ASB, focusing on areas identified by local communities and confirmed by partner data:</b> - Eastwood Village Eldon Road & Selborne Street shops - East Dene The Walk, The Lanes & Longfellow Drive - Wellgate Broom Valley Community Centre & Wellgate House - Whiston Hungerhill Road shops	Action Plans drawn up	Sept 08	RSAA SNT 2010	Lack of all partner buy in	Safe Proud	Reduction in ASB	Increase in public confidence and reassurance
	Action Plans reviewed	Dec 08	Neighbourhoods	Lack of resources			
		Mar 09	C&YPS Street pride Local Community				

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Action	Milestone	Target Date	Lead	Risks	Theme Link	Expected Impact	Outcome
1.2 RSAA Co-ordinating Group to establish a multi-agency Task and Finish Group which will work to increase access to and awareness of the local policing team	Meeting of T&FG	Sept 08	RSAA SNT 2010 C&YPS Schools Local comm unity	Lack of all partner buy in	Safe Proud	Increase in access to and awareness of the local policing team	Increase in public confidence and reassurance
	Action Plan developed	Dec 08		Lack of resources			

## PROGRESS ON COMMUNITY PRIORITY 1 – REDUCE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND INCREASE PEOPLES ACCESS TO AND AWARENESS OF THE LOCAL POLICING TEAM

**1.1 NAG to address ASB, focusing on areas identified by local communities and confirmed by partner data:**  
- Eastwood Village  
Eldon Road & Selborne Street shops  
- East Dene  
The Walk, The Lanes & Longfellow Drive  
- Wellgate Broom Valley Community Centre & Wellgate House  
- Whiston  
Hungerhill Road shops

At the meeting of the NAG on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June, it was agreed that the primary focus at this time will be Eastwood Village. The NAG, however, will constantly review all areas, especially those actions taken, and being developed, to address anti social behaviour (ASB) in:

- The Lanes and Longfellow Drive
- The Walk
- Wellgate House
- Wharncliffe Flats

### **Eastwood Village**

The NAG is developing an Action Plan to address crime and waste management, as well as ASB.

The Plan shows that, compared to 2007, crime has increased by just 2% during 2008. The NAG is supporting the continuation of directed evening patrols in the area as a result of which the number of incidents reported during July 2008 was the lowest in over 18 months.

In relation to ASB, there has been an increase and the number of reports is high, however, the NAG is either delivering or commissioning action to address this:

- There is now a dedicated policing team of 2 PCs and 2 PCSOs
- Following a site meeting with Chevin Housing Association, action is being taken to address the problems inside and around the Jennings Close flats
- CCTV is being installed overlooking the park and Selborne Street shops
- The Neighbourhood Management Pathfinder are paying the Youth Association South Yorkshire (YASY) £15,000 to deliver accredited training to youth in the area
- A multi-agency Impact team has been established the first meeting of which was at Erskine Road Community Centre on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August. The next meeting on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September will be followed by a community surgery

- A Key Individual Network (KIN) is being formed comprising individuals who live and work locally. The objectives of the KIN are to; encourage the free flow of information and intelligence, assist in identifying local priorities and problem solving, and to measure changes in community perception. The first meeting is on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

### **East Dene**

Following a meeting in June 2008 involving the Youth Inclusion Programme (YIP), SNT, Childrens and Young Peoples Services, the Neighbourhood Management Pathfinder and Area Assembly, the Director of the YIP has agreed to transfer the YIP from Maltby to this area in January 2009.

### **The Lanes**

The NAG has previously arranged to have installed alleygating and white lighting, two measures designed to provide reassurance and reduce ASB. Recent figures show that for the period from October 2007 to June 2008, there were 42 ASB reports, an average of 5 per month or just 1 per week. A key focus for many of the complaints concerned one particular household. The individual has now left the area. Furthermore, 30% of the reports emanated from just 4 households. Following a meeting involving the SNT, 2010 and Area Assembly, the SNT have done door to door visits to every ASB complainant. The SNT have also arranged a community meeting which will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August.

### **Longfellow Drive**

Recent figures show that for the period from October 2007 to June 2008, there were 56 ASB reports, an average of 9 per month or just 1-2 per week. Furthermore, 33% of the reports emanated from just 3 households. Following a meeting involving the SNT, 2010, Streetpride and Area Assembly, the SNT have done door to door visits to every ASB complainant. In addition:

- 2010 and Streetpride will be writing a letter, to be delivered with the PCSOs, to all households - 2010 and private - reminding them of their responsibilities to maintain the appearance of the area around their property
- 2010 will arrange for the shrubs to be cut back from the gennels
- SNT and 2010 will start holding joint surgeries
- SNT, Streetpride, 2010 and Area Assembly will arrange a joint Impact operation in September 2008 including tenancy verifications and enforcement

### **The Walk**

This is a play area and public space where CCTV and children's play equipment had been subject to criminal damage and groups were hanging around harassing people, including young parents and other young people. Following a number of meetings involving members, partners and local residents, the NAG has arranged for:

- A new, remote CCTV system, costing £20,000, to be installed using ward members Community Leadership, Area Housing Panel and Housing Market Renewal monies
- The installation of new lighting
- The electricity sub-station to be secured by the utility company
- A collapsible bollard to be installed using Streetpride Devolved Budget monies preventing vehicles from congregating at the top entrance / exit
- Sports coaching delivered using ABC Awards funding - 14 young people attended first session

Feedback from the police, partners and local residents suggests that there has been a dramatic reduction in problems such that their quality of life has improved and Green Spaces will be reinvesting in the children's play area.

### **Wellgate House**

This complex is managed by Places for People (P4P) and comprises largely elderly residents. Both residents and staff have complained about groups of young people congregating outside, playing football, causing criminal damage and being intimidating.

The NAG took action by using the Community Sports Coaches, funded by the Area Assembly through NRF, to divert the young people elsewhere. 27 young people attended the first football session on Herringthorpe Playing Fields organised by the community sports coaches.

In addition, the SNT and Area Assembly are meeting P4P on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August to look at implementing crime prevention recommendations, including installing alleygates off Lillain Street.

### **Wharnclyffe Flats**

Following concerns regarding the allocation of properties in complexes like this, SNT and Area Assembly met Key Choices on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July. They agreed that:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whereas at present any successful application has to be verified by the Voids Team, in future, they will be asked as a matter of course to consult the relevant Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Sergeant and other appropriate partners so that as comprehensive a picture as possible is built up regarding certain individuals being located in such complexes</li> <li>• In addition, the SNT briefings will be used as a matter of course by the SNT and 2010 to share information on new tenants and any problems arising during their Introductory Period</li> <li>• They would explore the possibility of adding Wharncliffe Flats to the Local Lettings Policy which will come into effect from October 2008</li> </ul> <p>The meeting concluded that even if it is too late to add Wharncliffe Flats to the Local Lettings Policy this time round, at least a process has been put in place with the SNT and Voids Team to mitigate against the type of cases discussed re-emerging.</p>
<p><b>1.2 CG to establish a multi-agency Task and Finish Group which will work to increase access to and awareness of the local policing team</b></p>	<p>Initial meetings have been held to look for community bases and at co-ordinating surgeries and walkabouts, and locating PCSOs in schools. A further meeting will be held in August 2008 with the SNT, 2010, Neighbourhood Management Pathfinder and Area Assembly to progress this.</p>

## COMMUNITY PRIORITY 2 – ENGAGE WITH AND ESTABLISH FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

- Second most important priority in Rotherham South
- ASB associated with lack of youth provision
- More activities at an affordable price, youth centres and youth workers
- Explore possibility of improving lighting to multi-use games areas (MUGAs)

## COMMUNITY PRIORITY 2 – ENGAGE WITH AND ESTABLISH FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Action	Milestone	Target Date	Lead	Risks	Theme/Link	Expected Impact	Outcome
<b>2.1 RSAA Co-ordinating Group to establish joint Locality/ Area Assembly Task and Finish Group to complete Core Offer of youth provision</b> <b>Develop youth engagement</b> <b>Identify and fill gaps in provision by commissioning services and applying for funding</b>	Completed Core Offer	Jul 08	Localities RSAA Young people	Information gaps from voluntary and community providers	Alive Safe Proud	Identified spread of youth provision in order to consider filling gaps	Either increase in provision and/or better targeting of existing provision
	Meeting of T&FG	Sept 08		Lack of partner buy in			
	Identified gaps in provision	Dec 08		Lack of resources to fill gaps			



## PROGRESS ON COMMUNITY PRIORITY 2 – ENGAGE WITH AND ESTABLISH FACILITIES FOR, YOUNG PEOPLE

**2.1 CG to establish joint Locality/ Area Assembly Task and Finish Group to complete Core Offer of youth provision**  
**Develop youth engagement**  
**Identify and fill gaps in provision by commissioning services and applying for funding**

Following an initial meeting in November 2007 with the Strategic Director (Childrens and Young Peoples Services), a further meeting is being arranged with the new Locality Manager and Director of Targeted Youth Support Services. The anticipation is that this meeting will be held in either August or September 2008. The objective of the meeting will be to consider establishing a joint Task and Finish Group which will consider the Core Offer with a view to identifying and filling any gaps.

### COMMUNITY PRIORITY 3 – MAINTAIN THE CLEANLINESS OF OUR STREETS AND APPEARANCE OF OUR AREA

- An important priority, including litter and broken glass
- Requires increased skips and bins, around schools and shops and community clean ups.
- Another issue concerns tenants maintaining properties and gardens - requires enforcement of tenancy conditions

**Canklow** - Clearing up and maintaining the land along Rother View Rd

**Eastwood** - Education targeted at 'new' migrant communities, enforcement and provision for larger households

**COMMUNITY PRIORITY 3 – MAINTAIN THE CLEANLINESS OF OUR STREETS AND APPEARANCE OF OUR AREA**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Risks</b>	<b>Theme Link</b>	<b>Expected Impact</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>3.1 Involve community in allocation of Streetpride Devolved Budget to fund projects which improve the appearance of area including extra bins and clean ups</b>	Community decision making meeting	Jun 08	Localities RSAA Young people	Overbid	Alive Safe Proud	Projects funded which will improve appearance of the area	Participants able to influence local decision making and determine which projects will be funded
	Report submitted to CG	Sept 08		Failure to reach a consensus			
	Report submitted to AA	Oct 08		Projects not complete or delayed			

**COMMUNITY PRIORITY 3 – MAINTAIN THE CLEANLINESS OF OUR STREETS AND APPEARANCE OF OUR AREA**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Risks</b>	<b>Theme/Link</b>	<b>Expected Impact</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>3.2 Identify problem locations through consultation and by undertaking joint walkabouts with 2010</b>	Process approved by CG	Sept 08	2010 and RSAA SNT Street pride Neighborhoods Local comm. unity	Lack of partner buy in  Lack of resources	Safe Proud	Cleaner streets and estates	Increased joint ownership involving residents and service providers

**COMMUNITY PRIORITY 3 – MAINTAIN THE CLEANLINESS OF OUR STREETS AND APPEARANCE OF OUR AREA**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Risks</b>	<b>Theme/Link</b>	<b>Expected Impact</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>3.3 RSAA Co-ordinating Group to help inform timing and location of SNT and 2010 Impact operations including tenancy verifications and to receive results</b>	Action Plan submitted to Cabinet	Sept 08	RSAA and Waste Management Street pride	Lack of all partner buy in  Lack of resources	Safe Proud	Cleaner streets and estates	Planned, regular clean ups

**COMMUNITY PRIORITY 3 – MAINTAIN THE CLEANLINESS OF OUR STREETS AND APPEARANCE OF OUR AREA**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Risks</b>	<b>Theme/Link</b>	<b>Expected Impact</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>3.4 RSAA Neighbourhood Action Group to continue developing and overseeing delivery of a multi-agency Action Plan responding to specific problems in Eastwood</b>	Action Plan monitored by NAG	Sept 08	RSAA and Waste Management Street pride	Lack of all partner buy in  Lack of resources  Difficult to enforce due to transient nature of population	Safe Proud	Cleaner streets and estate	Increased community compliance with and awareness of recycling

**PROGRESS ON COMMUNITY PRIORITY 3 – MAINTAIN THE CLEANLINESS OF OUR STREETS AND APPEARANCE OF OUR AREA**

<p><b>3.1 Involve community in allocation of Streetpride Devolved Budget to fund projects which improve the appearance of area including extra bins and clean ups</b></p>	<p>The Area Assembly held a community decision making meeting in respect of the Streetpride Devolved Budget on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. 25 members of the community attended and voted on which projects would receive a slice of the £17,000 funding. Feedback from members, Streetpride and participants was extremely positive. A progress report will be submitted to the Co-ordinating Group on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September on the successful projects.</p>
<p><b>3.2 Identify problem locations through consultation and by undertaking joint walkabouts with 2010</b></p>	<p>The matter will be discussed with the 2010 Neighbourhood Manager on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August, and by the meeting of the Co-ordinating Group on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September.</p>
<p><b>3.3 CG to help inform timing and location of SNT and 2010 Impact operations including tenancy verifications and to receive results</b></p>	
<p><b>3.4 NAG to continue developing and overseeing delivery of a multi-agency Action Plan responding to specific problems in Eastwood</b></p>	<p>The NAG has developed and is delivering an Action Plan to address the particular waste management problems in Eastwood Village. This has included increasing the dedicated Neighbourhood Enforcement resources thus enabling more proactive activity. In addition, Housing Market Renewal monies have been used to recruit an advocate from the Roma community on a three months pilot basis to increase community understanding and awareness, and ensure that people use the bins correctly and have the bin capacity appropriate to their household. Early reports from Streetpride and the community suggest that the problems, including the accumulation of bags, are beginning to reduce.</p>

## COMMUNITY PRIORITY 4 – IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

### **An important priority, especially in Whiston, Clifton and WBVM**

**Whiston** - Worrygoose Lane parking, due to over development, and speeding, Moorhouse Lane speeding

**Canklow** - West Bawtry Road, and service road, speeding traffic

**East Dene** - Doncaster Road speeding traffic

**WBVM** - Broom Valley Road inconsiderate parking around school and speeding, Brunswick Road speeding, Broom Lane speeding, Rencliffe Avenue parking on pavements and problems caused by Oakwood Road West one way pilot, Boston Castle Grove parking, and speed and volume of traffic, at peak times

**Clifton** - Middle Lane primarily speeding, but the volume of traffic too



## COMMUNITY PRIORITY 4 – IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Action	Milestone	Target Date	Lead	Risks	Theme Link	Expected Impact	Outcome
4.1 RSAA Co-ordinating Group to oversee action being taken to improve pedestrian safety, especially focusing on the areas identified by local communities and confirmed by Planning and Transport	First report submitted to CG	Sept 08	P & T and RSAA Local communities	Lack of priority, and therefore resources in Local Transport Plan  Falure to reach consensus	Safe Achieving Proud	Reductions in speed	Less accidents

## COMMUNITY PRIORITY 4 – IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Action	Milestone	Target Date	Lead	Risks	Theme/Link	Expected Impact	Outcome
4.2 RSAA Task and Finish Group to continue taking action, with members, officers and the community, to address both safety of pedestrians and speed of traffic on and around Middle Lane	Action Plans reviewed	Dec 08 March 09	P & T and RSAA Local Comm. unity	Failure to reach community consensus	Safe Proud	Reductions in speed	Less accidents

## COMMUNITY PRIORITY 4 – IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Action	Milestone	Target Date	Lead	Risks	Theme Link	Expected Impact	Outcome
4.3 RSAA Task and Finish Group to continue taking action, with members, officers and the community, to address parking and safety issues on and around Boston Castle Grove in line with potential Boston Castle development	Draft Accident Reduction Initiative submitted to CG	Sept 08	P & T RSAA Local Comm unity	Failure to reach community consensus	Safe Proud	Reductions in speed and volume	Implement residents only parking scheme
	Community consulted on draft	Oct 08		Failure to provide reassurance within the Traffic Assessment to Lottery			
	Report submitted to AA	Nov 08					

## PROGRESS ON COMMUNITY PRIORITY 4 – IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

<p><b>4.1 CG to oversee action being taken to improve pedestrian safety, especially focusing on the areas identified by local communities and confirmed by Planning and Transport</b></p>	<p>A progress report will be submitted to the meeting of the Co-ordinating Group on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September.</p>
<p><b>4.2 T&amp;FG to continue taking action, with members, officers and the community, to address both safety of pedestrians and speed of traffic on and around Middle Lane</b></p>	<p>Following a 15 month review by members, partners, the local community and Area Assembly which decided that there should be no changes to the current operation of the Clifton Lane / Doncaster Road junction, £50,000 has been identified in the Local Transport Plan to at least address the safety and speeding issues identified during the course of the review. A progress report will be submitted to the meeting of the Co-ordinating Group on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September.</p>
<p><b>4.3 T&amp;FG to continue taking action, with members, officers and the community, to address parking and safety issues on and around Boston Castle Grove in line with potential Boston Castle development</b></p>	<p>Initial meetings have been held with members, partners, Thomas Rotherham College and the local community to consider the Boston Castle Grove problems and the link to a Lottery application to renovate Boston Castle. Agreement has been reached to explore the possibility of extending a previously approved Residents Only Parking Scheme to cover Boston Castle Grove.</p>

## **COMMUNITY PRIORITY 5 – REVIEW THE ALLOCATION OF 2010 PROPERTIES BY KEY CHOICES**

- Common complaint concerned allocation of properties
- Mixing old and young
- perceived unfairness in prioritisation
- Concentration of vulnerable individuals and families in particular localities

**COMMUNITY PRIORITY 5 – REVIEW THE ALLOCATION OF 2010 PROPERTIES BY KEY CHOICES**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Risks</b>	<b>Theme/Link</b>	<b>Expected Impact</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>5.1 RSAA Neighbourhood Action Group to refer matter to Joint Action Group proposing borough wide review of allocation process and the areas to be included in the future Local Lettings Policy</b>	Inform JAG	Aug 08	RSAA Key Choices 2010 Neighbourhoods Police	Refusal to accede to request	Safe Proud	Change in perception in terms of process	More areas added to Local Lettings Policy
	Meeting of T&FG	Sept 08		Allocations decisions inevitably made more difficult by numbers on waiting list			

## PROGRESS ON COMMUNITY PRIORITY 5 – REVIEW THE ALLOCATION OF 2010 PROPERTIES BY KEY CHOICES

**5.1 NAG to refer matter to JAG proposing borough wide review of allocation process and the areas to be included in the future Local Lettings Policy**

Following concerns regarding the allocation of properties, the Area Assembly met Key Choices on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July. A report and request to undertake a review will be submitted to the Joint Action Group.

## **COMMUNITY PRIORITY 6 – INCREASE AWARENESS OF NEW COMMUNITIES ENTITLEMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS**

- Majority of concerns identified in Eastwood - Common concern included lack of integration and loss of neighbourliness
- Many comments focused on communities from eastern Europe, especially recycling and the use of bins
- Barriers need breaking down
- Set common standards



**COMMUNITY PRIORITY 6 – INCREASE AWARENESS OF NEW COMMUNITIES ENTITLEMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Risks</b>	<b>Theme Link</b>	<b>Expected Impact</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>6.1 RSAA Co-ordinating Group to oversee development of EU Migrant Welcome Centre</b>	Progress report submitted to CG	Sept 08	Chief Executives and Neighbourhoods Area Assembly Local communities	Lack of all partner buy in  Lack of resources	Safe Proud	Increase understanding of rights and responsibilities	New communities more aware of custom and practice and able to access benefits and services
<b>6.2 RSAA Co-ordinating Group to oversee development of EU Migrant Welcome Pack explaining responsibilities and rights</b>							

**PROGRESS ON COMMUNITY PRIORITY 6 – INCREASE AWARENESS OF NEW COMMUNITIES ENTITLEMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS**

**6.1 CG to oversee development of EU Migrant Welcome Centre**

**6.2 CG to oversee development of EU Migrant Welcome Pack explaining responsibilities and rights**

A progress report will be submitted to the meeting of the NAG on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

**COMMUNITY PRIORITY 7 – ENSURE THAT PEOPLE ARE AWARE OF OPPORTUNITIES TO ACCESS PREVENTATIVE HEALTH SERVICES**

- Improve access to and awareness of services, especially bearing in mind local serious, long term health issues

**COMMUNITY PRIORITY 7 – ENSURE THAT PEOPLE ARE AWARE OF OPPORTUNITIES TO ACCESS PREVENTATIVE HEALTH SERVICES**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Lead Partner Organisation</b>	<b>Risks</b>	<b>Theme /Link</b>	<b>Expected Impact</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>7.1 RSAA Co-ordinating Group to undertake and oversee joint work with Primary Care Trust designed to increase take up to smoking cessation</b>	Progress report submitted to CG	Sept 08	PCT and Area Assembly 2010 Local communities	Failure by community to engage	Alive Proud	Reduction in numbers smoking	Increase in numbers accessing smoking cessation

**PROGRESS ON COMMUNITY PRIORITY 7 – ENSURE THAT PEOPLE ARE AWARE OF OPPORTUNITIES TO ACCESS PREVENTATIVE HEALTH SERVICES**

**7.1 CG to undertake and oversee joint work with Primary Care Trust designed to increase take up to smoking cessation**

Initial meetings have been held with the PCT. A progress report will be submitted to the meeting of the CG on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

## AREA ASSEMBLIES - AREA PLANS QUARTERLY PROGRESS SUMMARY REPORT08/09

<b>WENTWORTH VALLEY AREA ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY PRIORITY 1 – ENGAGE WITH LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE AND PROMOTE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT</b>	
1.1	Create a multi-agency response to the expressed priorities of young people to be found within the WVYPAA action plan
1.2	Reduce ASB incidents involving young people, especially where alcohol is involved, in excess of borough average
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
1.1	YPAA Action Plan completed with multiagency commitments. Workshop YPAA meeting held with agencies to promote plans and ideas. Meeting set up for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept to finalise timescales on YPAA specific actions. Funding for YPAA by SRP agreed. Next public YPAA meeting is on Alcohol Abuse. PCT supporting.
1.2	
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
1.1	Additional Funding secured for YPAA Project Seeding and a further application put in (awaiting confirmation). This will be used in the action plan activities around the website & campaign. First Action Plan update to be published following the next WV Coordinator Group. YPAA linking up with two other adjacent YPAAs to run Local Democracy Programme, producing peer materials to tackle stereotyping amongst young people, alcohol abuse and citizenship/respect agenda. Date for first joint session November 13 <sup>th</sup> . Additional members for the WVYPAA secured. Funding and staff resources secured for EXIT30 pilot campaign to promote community cohesion, create localised action plan, tackle stereotyping and intolerance. This will first be run in Wickersley Tanyard and Sorby Way starting this month and running through to Christmas. Ties into Fawkes. Supported CYPS extended activities programme through the summer.
1.2	ASB down 20% in WV over the same period last year well above Borough average of 12%.

**WENTWORTH VALLEY AREA ASSEMBLY**

**COMMUNITY PRIORITY 2 – REDUCE INCIDENCES OF CRIME AND ASB**

<b>2.1</b>	Reduce incidents of alcohol related crime & ASB in line with borough average
<b>2.2</b>	Reduce incidents of litter and fly tipping in excess of borough average
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
<b>2.1</b>	Initial PCT localised presentation made to Coordinator Group outlining PCT strategy. Agreement reached to promote actions on AA website.
<b>2.2</b>	Bin Pilot identification scheme approved and funded. Meeting set up 9 <sup>th</sup> September to finalise the rollout. RATS poster and leaflet design approved by NAG.
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
<b>2.1</b>	SNT targeting of suspected illegal sales increased, WV SNT have tipped away more alcohol than anywhere else in the borough.
<b>2.2</b>	Area for Bin Identification Pilot, staff resources and schedule completed- pilot to commence w/c 20/10 in Model Village.  WV NAG ran mini Impact sessions throughout the quarter in NAG priority areas concentrating on environment. Over 40 letters of warning issued via 2010 or EHO, with several being followed up on a case basis. Final report to be prepared for next CG.  WV NAG began planning for Fawkes at last NAG meeting and, working with CYPS, is promoting the sports and related activities during half term.  RATS campaign delayed due to key staff illness and related care issues affecting school buy in. This will now commence after the October break.

## WENTWORTH VALLEY AREA ASSEMBLY

### COMMUNITY PRIORITY THREE – PROVIDE BETTER AND MORE FLEXIBLE SERVICES FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

3.1	Help provide a varied and appropriate affordable housing programme
3.2	Implement faster turn round on empty properties
3.3	tackle issues caused by problem landlords
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
3.1	HMR Master plan to be promoted on AA website.
3.2	AACG have requested a void action plan from 2010 for next meeting.
3.3	New Landlord report draft completed, final report to be submitted end of September. Working group involving residents with some landlord involvement in key area set up.
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
3.1	New A-Z Directory published and second revision already updated. Review of website undertaken and new pages/section will be added throughout Q3- these include: Community Group Diary (dates of meetings, brief description and news items)
3.2	Voids report and action plan now a regular item on Coordinator Group. Meeting with 2010 arranged to discuss use of AA website to help promote opportunities.
3.3	Landlord Report put on hold due to a wider report due to be submitted this month- may be amended once results are known of that report. New Resident Association and Action Group formally set up in China Town bringing landlords on board and tackling issues



## WENTWORTH VALLEY AREA ASSEMBLY

### COMMUNITY PRIORITY FOUR – INCREASE TAKE UP OF AND ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES

4.1	Access to NHS Dental services
4.2	Implement an Appointment Booking systems at GP surgeries
4.3	Promote Men's Health issues, particularly Well Men sessions, cholesterol and prostate cancer
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
4.1	PCT preparing documents and guides to be published on AA website. To start rolling out next quarter.
4.2	
4.3	
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
4.1	First documents to be added from next week (w/c 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct). WVAA investigating web forum for area.
4.2	As above
4.3	As Above

<b>WENTWORTH VALLEY AREA ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>PROGRESS ON COMMUNITY PRIORITY FIVE – – IMPROVE THE STREET SCENE AND ENVIRONMENT AND MAKE OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS FEEL A BETTER PLACE TO BE</b>	
<b>5.1</b>	Improve the general street cleanliness and appearance
<b>5.2</b>	Tackle road and noise pollution
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
<b>5.1</b>	RATS campaign approved by NAG- set to rollout through next quarter.
<b>5.2</b>	
<b>QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
<b>5.1</b>	RATS campaign delayed until November. Streetpride devolved budget finalised and work scheduled. Full update on results next quarter.
<b>5.2</b>	Task Group to be set up to analyse road noise and pollution and formulate action plan. Membership to be finalised at next CG meeting.

<b>WENTWORTH VALLEY AREA ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY PRIORITY SIX – IMPROVE LOCAL LEARNING AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES</b>	
6.1	Increase library provision across all areas, and cover the gaps in service. E.g. Sunnyside and Bramley
6.2	Develop easier and faster support services for vulnerable groups and groups of interest
6.3	Publicise provision within schools/More use of schools out of hours for community activities and learning opportunities
6.4	Create learning opportunities and activities for retired people and the elderly
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
6.1	Wickersley Library now open- services at this and Maltby Library to be promoted on WVAA website from 1 <sup>st</sup> October. Special emphasis to be put on support services for elderly.
6.2	
6.3	
6.4	
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
6.1	Libraries promoted with Area Assembly mails hot. Follow up campaign to begin on website and a further mail shot this month.
6.2	Web page under development
6.3	Access to PFI school improving, formal links to board of governors to be extended via coordinating group.

<b>6.4</b>	Far Horizons Project approved in principle by Cabinet Spokesperson for Learning. Links into RiDO, Yorkshire Forward, Youth Chamber, National Govt Science Agenda, RMBC Lifelong and Family learning agendas and crosscuts across 3 other Area Plan priorities. Report scheduled to next Area Chairs.

<b>WENTWORTH SOUTH AREA ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY PRIORITY 1 – ENGAGE WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE</b>	
1.1	Wentworth South Youth Area Assembly to create a section for the Wentworth South Area Plan to include SMART targets
1.2	Create a diversionary Programme for each NAG priority area
1.3	Undergo Play Strategy Consultation with local residents (including children, young people and their families) to ensure potential additional and innovative schemes
1.4	Inter agency promotion of the directory, including 'blue tooth' messaging and other forms of media
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
1.1	Wentworth South Youth Area Assembly Action Plan with sections on Economic Well-Being; Enjoying and Achieving; Positive Contribution; Staying Healthy; and Staying Safe including SMART targets received.
1.2	A programme of activities delivered over the school summer holidays. Schedule of activities produced and delivered to residents in the East Herringthorpe and Thrybergh areas. Further activities planned for school holidays and key dates, e.g. 31 <sup>st</sup> October/5 <sup>th</sup> November.
1.3	Councillor Ann Russell to represent Wentworth South Area Assembly on Play Strategy Board.
1.4	
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
1.1	Public Health Specialist meeting with Youth Services week commencing 13 <sup>th</sup> October to address issues relating to health. Long Term Reversible Contraception Nurse employed to work with vulnerable groups. Targeted Youth Workers in Valley Ward.
1.2	Programme of activities being delivered during half term and leading up to 5th November. Meeting arranged to setup the first Bluetooth activity campaign (to commence Q3)

1.3	Awaiting guidelines from Play Strategy Board. These should be forthcoming at the next Coordinating Group.
1.4	Meeting scheduled for first campaign 15 <sup>th</sup> October involving SNT, AA and CYPS.

## WENTWORTH SOUTH AREA ASSEMBLY

### COMMUNITY PRIORITY 2 – REDUCE CRIME AND PROMOTE COMMUNITY SAFETY

2.1	Target actions against criminal damage, including identifying offenders, victims and hotspot areas to reduce incidents in excess of borough average
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2.2	Run Multi Agency Impact Weeks in each area on relevant SNT issue
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#### PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)

2.1	
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2.2	Impact week commencing 1 <sup>st</sup> September in East Herringthorpe – including walkabout, litter/dog fouling sting operations.
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#### PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)

2.1	Now regular item on NAG agenda.
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2.2	<p>NAG now reorganised to focus on targeted actions and campaigns (Impacts, Fawkes etc) and was the only SNT to go ahead with a 4 week programme of multi agency (SNT, ASBU, 2010, Streetpride, AA, Fire Service etc) Impacts in late summer after the borough wide exercise was cancelled by SYP- this led to dozens of warning letters (both housing and environmental), plus sign ups to fire safety checks, target hardening measures, health bottle etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total Crime compared to same period last year down 14%</li> <li>• Burglaries down by 17%</li> <li>• Criminal Damage down by 5%</li> <li>• Autocrime down by 23%</li> </ul> <p>Drug dealing down by 50%</p>
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<b>WENTWORTH SOUTH AREA ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY PRIORITY 3 – IMPROVE THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT</b>	
<b>3.1</b>	Ensure that known problem areas are assessed as “improved” by the local communities. These will include an initial priority list of: Thrybergh Disused Railway Line, Hollings lane Banking, Millburn Lodge, Rearsby Arms, Woodlathes Woods (near Hollings lane), Ashgrove Road, StageCoach Depot, and parts of East Herringthorpe
<b>3.2</b>	Promote adequate transport provision and infrastructure solutions especially to new facilities such as the Rawmarsh Service Centre and the proposed retail and residential development
<b>3.3</b>	Promote Community Involvement in Environmental Issues
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
<b>3.1</b>	Thrybergh Disused Railway Line community walkabout arranged for 10th September and Task and Finish Group meeting on 17 <sup>th</sup> September. Railtrack are proposing to sell the land for £1 subject to council taking ownership of 2 bridges.
<b>3.2</b>	
<b>3.3</b>	
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 ( October 08)</b>	
<b>3.1</b>	<p>Thrybergh Disused Railway Line –</p> <p>A multi agency site visit of the Disused railway line took place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September. During the visit evidence was found and a fixed penalty fine has been issued for fly tipping to a local resident.</p> <p>It was identified that the Mungy Lane part of the track would be a starting point in reducing fly tipping and would benefit from an alley gate being fitted.</p> <p>Enviro-Crime Enforcement Officer has contacted Corus who are in favour of this idea and is looking into the possibility of funding. The site is currently being used by the Garage owner for parking.</p> <p>Land Registry Search carried out on Mungy Lane – the land belongs to Corus.</p> <p>Stagecoach Depot – site visit carried out on 19<sup>th</sup> September by Enviro-Crime Enforcement Officer and Area Assembly office – site remains clear of fly tipping.</p>
<b>3.2</b>	Initial meeting held and issues raised at Transport Forum. Agreement made for all Area Assemblies to submit one overall report to the partners at next Forum.

3.3	<p>Approval for RATS campaign to run in East Herringthorpe given by CG. Will run throughout November.</p> <p>AA worked with 2010 through the NAG and funded/helped coordinate Action Week in Chester Hill and surrounding areas- the campaign was fronted by the local Neighbourhood Pride Group. WSAA would like to for special mention to be made for Julie Sanders from 2010 for being the driving force behind this.</p>
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<b>WENTWORTH SOUTH AREA ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY PRIORITY 4 – IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF WENTWORTH SOUTH RESIDENTS IN LINE WITH BOROUGH AVERAGES</b>	
4.1	To use the increased awareness of the existing drivers, including the Jamie Oliver campaign, to support the implementation of the Rotherham Obesity Strategy in Wentworth South Area Assembly and promote healthy lifestyles referrals across Wentworth South
4.2	To commit to a schedule of actions to support the implementation of the key strategies
4.3	PCT to support collation of up-to-date evidence base to highlight distribution, nature and severity of health issues in Wentworth South to lead to more targeted and community specific responses
4.4	Increase publication of Smoking Cessation schemes and strategies in order to encourage increased referrals across Wentworth South
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
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4.4	Meeting to progress embedded Quit Smoking Shop in WS set up for 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept.
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
4.1	Presentation arranged for the next CG.
4.2	Health T&FG set up to drive forward action plan.



4.3	No progress as yet
4.4	Questionnaire developed and delivered re. Quit Smoking/Health Shop to ascertain community views. Being used as basis for local service provision. Due to complete Q3. Theme of Wentworth South's Area Assembly meeting on 13 <sup>th</sup> October was Health – presentation and consultation carried out on Quit Smoking/Health Shop, Smoking Cessation, Mental Health, Alcohol Strategy, Breastfeeding and Health Trainers.

<b>WENTWORTH SOUTH AREA ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY PRIORITY 5 – IMPROVE LOCAL ACCESS TO JOBS AND TRAINING</b>	
5.1	Map and promote existing support so partners can easily find out what is being delivered in the area, how many people are accessing the provision, how successful the projects/schemes are being, and additional resources that could be brought in
5.2	Organise interactive training and drop in days
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
5.1	No progress this quarter
5.2	
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
5.1	Task Group to be setup to drive this forward. Membership to be decided at next CG Meeting and will be main focus for Q3, new page to be added to WSAA website to act as signposting services to residents. Design complete, population to commence w/c 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct.
5.2	No progress this quarter

## WENTWORTH SOUTH AREA ASSEMBLY

### COMMUNITY PRIORITY 6 – IMPROVE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND BUILD BETTER NEIGHBOURHOODS

6.1	Improve the Wentworth South Service Directory to include community groups/clubs etc which will hopefully encourage groups to get in contact with one another to find best practice to discuss funding etc
6.2	Ensure that groups can gain relevant support, training, knowledge, and assistance to become more effective This information would especially be useful for groups starting up and often would come from other groups further developed
6.3	Increase the number and types of Inter generational activities to improve community cohesion
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
6.1	Wentworth South Directory of Services updated. Currently with Design Studio. Due to be published October 2008. Due to be published October 2008. Website being developed to provide portal services- plan to start adding services and advice from October 2008.
6.2	
6.3	WSAA and CYPS working together with agencies on a plan for delivery of activities spanning generation gap.
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
6.1	Wentworth South Directory of Services published in hard copy and on website. Website up and running, regularly updated.
6.2	New page as previous section to provide signposting service.
6.3	Far Horizons Project approved in principle by Cabinet Spokesperson for Learning which will encourage family learning.

## AREA ASSEMBLIES - AREA PLANS QUARTERLY PROGRESS SUMMARY REPORT 08/09

<b>WENTWORTH NORTH AREA ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY PRIORITY 1 – STREET SCENE</b>	
<b>1.1</b>	Implement a scheme of work arising out of the Streetpride Devolved budget
<b>1.2</b>	Review Charter priority standards based on Assembly level data
<b>1.3</b>	Identify areas with Street Scene issues within each neighbourhood using a range of methods and devise action plans to address issues raised
<b>1.4</b>	Raise customer awareness of appropriate reporting mechanisms using a range of methods
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
<b>1.1</b>	Streetpride devolved budget scheme list drawn up. April 2008 Meeting held to decide priorities May 2008. Because of the smaller budget allocation it was decided to use the budget to install dog bins and litter bins, some of which had been on the request list for a considerable time. Scheme signed off by AA Chair June 2008
<b>1.2</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> target is in 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter
<b>1.3</b>	Officer reports received May and July. Streetpride surgeries held on two occasions and scheduled for Impact weeks in September
<b>1.4</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> target is in 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
<b>1.1</b>	Mapping exercise requested at Co-ordinating Group in December showing spread of devolved budget across area to allow for future planning. Programme of works has begun and a progress report expected in December.
<b>1.2</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> target is in 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter
<b>1.3</b>	3 Street Pride surgeries held to date this financial year. 3 Officer reports given. Streetscene issues identified as part of impact event in September and referred on, Wardens took place in high profile event in Wath on 17 <sup>th</sup> September.

1.4	1 <sup>st</sup> target is in 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter
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**WENTWORTH NORTH AREA ASSEMBLY**

**COMMUNITY PRIORITY 2 – FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

2.1	Provide easily accessible information for young people to enable them to participate in organised activity
2.2	Work with locality teams to develop an effective joint agenda to support development of services for children and young people
2.3	Develop a model for engaging young people whose voice is not being heard, or who are not those being targeted elsewhere, through a central Voice and Influence Unit
2.4	Develop a strategy to attain positive outcomes for young people via action planning process through commissioning or external funding
2.5	Raise awareness of targeted support team in community
2.6	Raise awareness of strategies and initiatives targeted at children, young people and their families

**PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)**

2.1	As part a of consultation with young people the youth bus will be out on the streets at agreed times and locations in Swinton from September for 8 weeks  The use of Bluetooth technology as a trial is being negotiated in association with South Yorkshire Police and the Youth Services.
2.2	Planning meeting target date is September
2.3	1 <sup>st</sup> target is in 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter
2.4	Call for volunteers for task group has been sent out  Dates for initial meetings have been requested
2.5	Officers have been present to deliver reports at May, July and September meetings  An initial suggestion for targeted support has been submitted

2.6	Summer events featured in the stories submitted for borough newsletter due to be published in September. The October edition will feature interviews with young people who took part This information is available on the website
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
2.1	The youth bus was not available because of mechanical issues. However 20 evenings of out-reach work has taken place. The findings report will be presented to Youth Project group during October. The use of Bluetooth technology has been agreed to present findings.
2.2	Meeting with senior Managers in Localities team was agreed for 7 <sup>th</sup> September but put back because of SNT review issues
2.3	1 <sup>st</sup> target is in 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter
2.4	One meeting of youth issues group has been held. A second is being organised this will receive report on outcomes of youth consultation in Swinton.
2.5	Officers have been present to deliver reports at May, July and September meetings A bid has been submitted to fund a dedicated targeted support team in Wentworth North. The outcome is expected in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter.
2.6	A presentation day is being planned to show a DVD produced by the Voice and Influence project in which young people in Wentworth North took part.

## WENTWORTH NORTH AREA ASSEMBLY

### COMMUNITY PRIORITY 3 – CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

<b>3.1</b>	Use the NAG process to identify hot spots within each neighbourhood using a range of methods and devise action plans to address issues raised reassurance
<b>3.2</b>	Review NAG priorities based on Assembly level data using information provided by the South Yorkshire Police Community Information Unit
<b>3.3</b>	Identify opportunities to raise awareness of appropriate reporting mechanisms using a range of methods
<b>3.4</b>	Identify opportunities to promote community safety and provide reassurance
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
<b>3.1</b>	August meeting used to undertake planning activity for Operations Impact and Mischief.
<b>3.2</b>	New priority areas under discussion, aim to have them established by October.
<b>3.3</b>	Operation Impact due to take place in priority areas during September. L Reader met with Police press officer and Sgt Hoyle to look at opportunities to issue good news stories in Police newsletter and borough wide paper. Bluetooth capability being investigated as a result of this.
<b>3.4</b>	Community safety quiz delivered at July Assembly meeting.
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
<b>3.1</b>	<p>WN are establishing a working group to look at the effectiveness of targeting the top ten service users. The first meeting is due in October.</p> <p>Operation Mischief (now Fawkes) will be having a third and final planning meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. A range of diversionary activities and strategies to mitigate possible nuisance activities organised.</p> <p>Operation Impact has been postponed. However, WN held two street surgeries that had been initially organised as a part of this, which have provided useful information for local services.</p>

<b>3.2</b>	Swinton Valley Road and Wath Town Centre have been adopted as priority areas for Wentworth North
<b>3.3</b>	Use of Bluetooth capability agreed for use in Swinton as a trial.
<b>3.4</b>	

## WENTWORTH NORTH AREA ASSEMBLY

### COMMUNITY PRIORITY 4 – REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT

4.1	Work with partners to increase the effectiveness of the Housing Market Renewal (HMR) Pathfinder process
4.2	Work with partners to address emerging health priorities and planning
4.3	Work with partners to increase the opportunities for facility enhancement arising out of the planning process
4.4	Work with partners to increase the opportunities for open space enhancement
4.5	Identify opportunities to promote community transportation opportunities to enhance access to facilities
4.6	Work with partners to address emerging highways and road safety issues
4.7	Work with partners to increase the availability of decent and affordable homes
4.8	Work with the Wentworth Parish Council to develop a Parish plan

### PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)

4.1	Current HMR priority areas include Wath town centre, Swinton civic centre, Swinton Bridge, Brampton and safe walking routes. ADF meetings diarised to March 2009. Joint meetings have resulted in costs and project plans being obtained for Wath and Swinton. Wath historical walks project group established August. Site visits planned for priority areas for July to September.
4.2	PCT attended July assembly meeting as part of the consultation process to develop new health facilities in the Wath Brampton area. This follows on from 2007 / 08 plan priority. Health profiles on agenda for October Coordinating group.
4.3	1 <sup>st</sup> target is in 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter
4.4	Considerable project work has taken place on objective 4.4 and can be viewed in the full report on the website.
4.5	Promotion of community Transport and registration of interested parties took place during Wath and Harley Gala as agreed. Information will also be available at the September area assembly meeting.
4.6	Traffic Liaison Officer; Marc Hill is attending September Area Assembly.
4.7	Detailed survey requested for Brampton via HMR. 2010 reports to public assembly May and July



<b>4.8</b>	Wentworth Parish Plan received at July Public Meeting; the planning group is due to meet August.
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
<b>4.1</b>	Monthly officer meetings taking place in addition to ADF schedule in order to move project plans on. Site visits have taken place. Wath historical walks project group is making good progress, local historians and Ray Hearne involved. Consultation beginning in Wath by a presentation of the project proposals to Wath Community Partnership 14 <sup>th</sup> October.
<b>4.2</b>	Health profiles on agenda for October Coordinating group
<b>4.3</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> target is in 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter
<b>4.4</b>	Wath: Friends of Wath Parks project group meeting regularly. Groundwork report on consultation given at September meeting and initial priorities agreed. Master plan put on RMBC website for consultation up to end of October. Creighton woods: Progress report due to November assembly meeting. Brampton: opportunities around planning applications being pursued. West Melton: Park subject to year two of Play Pathfinder status. Swinton: Youth report due October.
<b>4.5</b>	Promotion of the Rotherham Community Transport (RCT) service and registration of interested parties took place during Wath, Harley and Wentworth Galas as agreed and proved to be popular.  A special meeting has been agreed for 24 <sup>th</sup> October to provide information about RCT and increase registration and take up of the service in the Brampton and West Melton areas.
<b>4.6</b>	PTH link officer provides regular update reports to Assembly and receives issue reports.
<b>4.7</b>	2010 reports received at 3 Area assembly meetings during this financial year. Closer links between Assembly office and 2010 Housing Panel developing.
<b>4.8</b>	Planning group now meeting and has assembly representative, Street Scene issues and Tourism are amongst initial priorities.

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ROTHERHAM SOUTH AREA ASSEMBLY	
COMMUNITY PRIORITY 1 – REDUCE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND INCREASE PEOPLES ACCESS TO AND AWARENESS OF THE LOCAL POLICING TEAM	
1.1	RSAA Neighbourhood Action Group to address ASB, focusing on areas identified by local communities and confirmed by partner data
1.2	Area Assembly Co-ordinating Group to establish a multi-agency Task and Finish Group which will work to increase access to and awareness of the local policing team
PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)	
1.1	<p>ASB - Eastwood Village - Action Plan developed and being delivered by NAG</p> <p>East Dene - Director of Youth Inclusion Programme agreed to transfer YIP from Maltby to this area in January 2009</p> <p>The Walk - Feedback from police, partners and local residents points to a dramatic reduction in problems following NAG interventions</p> <p>The Lanes and Longfellow Drive – A programme of public reassurance and targeted activity will be delivered by multi-agencies during Impact in September 2008</p> <p>Wellgate House – As well as deploying Community Sports Coaches to provide diversionary activities, NAG engaging P4P in order to install alleygating and</p> <p>Green Spaces to look at possible Play Pathfinder provision</p> <p>Wharnccliffe Flats – SNT and Area Assembly met Key Choices to consider changes to vetting process and inclusion of this area in Local Lettings Policy</p> <p>Whiston – NAG supporting Community Partnership to bid for funding for situational crime prevention measures</p> <p>Canklow – Following recent spike in incidents, special meeting has been convened to discuss multi agency response.</p>
1.2	SNT - Initial meetings held to look for community bases and at co-ordinating surgeries and walkabouts, and locating PCSOs in schools. A further meeting will be held in September 2008 with the SNT, 2010, Neighbourhood Management Pathfinder and Area Assembly to progress.

<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
1.1	ASB-Action plan being worked on – Key Individual Network set up second meeting 23 <sup>rd</sup> October, Officers group set up meeting monthly. East Dene-awaiting involvement of YIP. The Walk- Recent meeting with residents confirmed reduction in problems. The Lanes and Longfellow Drive-public reassurance and targeted activity taking place- residents group being formed. Canklow- Second special meeting organised.
1.2	Further meeting taken place between SNT, 2010, Neighbourhood Management Pathfinder and Area Assembly to continue progression.

<b>ROTHERHAM SOUTH AREA ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY PRIORITY 2 – ENGAGE WITH AND ESTABLISH FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE</b>	
2.1	RSAA Co ordinating Group to establish joint Locality/ Area Assembly Task and Finish Group to complete Core Offer of youth provision, develop youth engagement and identify and fill gaps in provision by commissioning services and applying for funding
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
2.1	Following an initial meeting in November 2007 with Strategic Director (Childrens and Young Peoples Services), a further meeting has been arranged with the new Locality Manager and Director of Targeted Youth Support Services. The objective of the meeting will be to consider establishing a joint Task and Finish Group which will consider the Core Offer with a view to identifying and filling any gaps.
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
2.1	Meeting to take place.

<b>ROTHERHAM SOUTH AREA ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY PRIORITY 3 – MAINTAIN THE CLEANLINESS OF OUR STREETS AND APPEARANCE OF OUR AREA</b>	
<b>3.1</b>	Involve community in allocation of Streetpride Devolved Budget to fund projects which improve the appearance of area including extra bins and clean ups
<b>3.2</b>	Identify problem locations through consultation and by undertaking joint walkabouts with 2010
<b>3.3</b>	AA Co-ordinating Group to help inform timing and location of SNT and 2010 Impact operations including tenancy verifications and to receive results
<b>3.4</b>	AA NAG to continue developing and overseeing delivery of a multi-agency Action Plan responding to specific problems in Eastwood
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
<b>3.1</b>	SDB - Community decision making meeting held in respect of Streetpride Devolved Budget on Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June. 25 members of the community attended and voted on which projects would receive a slice of the £17,000 funding. Feedback from members, Streetpride and participants was extremely positive.
<b>3.2</b>	3.2 & 3.3 Clean Ups – The matter will be discussed with 2010 Neighbourhood Manager on Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> August, and by the Co-ordinating Group on Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September.
<b>3.3</b>	“
<b>3.4</b>	Eastwood Village –The NAG has developed and is delivering an Action Plan. This has included increasing dedicated Neighbourhood Enforcement resources thus enabling more proactive activity.

	In addition, Housing Market Renewal monies have been used to recruit an advocate from the Roma community on a three months pilot basis to increase community understanding and awareness, and ensure that people use the bins correctly and have the bin capacity appropriate to their household. Early reports from Streetpride and the community suggest that the problems, including the accumulation of bags, are beginning to reduce.
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
<b>3.1</b>	Devolved budget applications now being completed in the community, positive feedback is being received from community members who took part in the process.
<b>3.2</b>	Decision still awaited
<b>3.3</b>	“ “ “
<b>3.4</b>	Eastwood Village Action Plan is progressing, Neighbourhood enforcement working well and making progress.

<b>ROTHERHAM SOUTH AREA ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>PROGRESS ON COMMUNITY PRIORITY 4 – IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY</b>	
4.1	Area Assembly Co-ordinating Group to oversee action being taken to improve pedestrian safety, especially focusing on the areas identified by local communities and confirmed by Planning and Transport
4.2	Area Assembly Task and Finish Group to continue taking action, with members, officers and the community, to address both safety of pedestrians and speed of traffic on and around Middle Lane
4.3	Area Assembly Task and Finish Group to continue taking action, with members, officers and the community, to address parking and safety issues on and around Boston Castle Grove in line with potential Boston Castle development
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
4.1	General – A progress report will be submitted to Co-ordinating Group on Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September.
4.2	Middle Lane – £50,000 has been identified in the Local Transport Plan to address safety and speeding issues. A progress report will be submitted to the Co-ordinating Group on Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September.
4.3	
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
4.1	Progress report submitted to Coordinating group
4.2	Middle Lane- Progress report submitted to Coordinating group along with the options outlined by Planning and Transportation dependant on funding.
4.3	

<b>ROTHERHAM SOUTH AREA ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY PRIORITY 5 – REVIEW THE ALLOCATION OF 2010 PROPERTIES BY KEY CHOICES</b>	
5.1	Area Assembly NAG to refer matter to Joint Action Group proposing borough wide review of allocation process and the areas to be included in the future Local Lettings Policy
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
5.1	Following concerns regarding the allocation of properties, the Area Assembly met Key Choices on Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July. A report and request to undertake a review will be submitted to the Joint Action Group.
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
5.1	Awaiting review.

<b>ROTHERHAM SOUTH AREA ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY PRIORITY 6 – INCREASE AWARENESS OF NEW COMMUNITIES ENTITLEMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS</b>	
6.1	Area Assembly Co-ordinating Group to oversee development of EU Migrant Welcome Centre
6.2	Area Assembly Co-ordinating Group to oversee development of EU Migrant Welcome Pack explaining responsibilities and rights
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
6.1	A progress report will be submitted to the NAG on Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> September.
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<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	

6.1	Report submitted to NAG 12 <sup>th</sup> September
6.2	

<b>ROTHERHAM SOUTH AREA ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY PRIORITY 7 – ENSURE THAT PEOPLE ARE AWARE OF OPPORTUNITIES TO ACCESS PREVENTATIVE HEALTH SERVICES</b>	
7.1	Area Assembly Co-ordinating Group to undertake and oversee joint work with Primary Care Trust designed to increase take up to smoking cessation
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
7.1	Initial meetings have been held with the PCT. A progress report will be submitted to Co-ordinating Group on Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September.
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
7.1	Progress report submitted to Coordinating group 16 <sup>th</sup> September.



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### ROTHER VALLEY SOUTH AREA ASSEMBLY

#### COMMUNITY PRIORITY 1 – INCREASE ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

1.1	Consult with young people on what activities they would like in RVS
1.2	Audit activities which young people in Rother Valley South are interested in
1.3	Identify additional activities for young people
1.4	Improve service and access to services for children and young people
1.5	Raise awareness of targeted support team in the area
1.6	Raise awareness of strategies and initiatives targeted at children, young people and their families
1.7	Encourage young people to become more interested and involved in active citizenship
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
1.1	The youth Forum met in July and have started to draft questions for the consultation. Kiveton Park Youth Forum meeting has been arranged for 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept.
1.2	Current activities have been collated for over the summer and autumn which have been advertised in a leaflet produced by the Area Assembly. Leaflet distributed widely to youth centres and groups, GP surgeries and through the SNT team.
1.3	Some additional activities have been identified. The Area Assembly team are assisting a gymnastics and trampoline group to set up in the area
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1.7	Meetings have been held in July with the Warden Supervisor and the Area Assembly to plan a Junior Warden Scheme. Bids are currently being identified for funding to enhance the scheme; it is anticipated that the scheme can run without funding through provision of free room hire and volunteers. Funding would, however, increase the effectiveness of the scheme.
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08 )</b>	
1.1	Development of the Kiveton Park Youth Forum is ongoing. Links have been made with JADE a Young peoples group which is based in Kiveton Park. Area Plan consultation has been sent Youth

	Workers who will encourage young people to get involved. A social network group has been set up to encourage young people to get involved in consultation and events.
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1.3	The Area Assembly are members of a steering group which is managing Safer Rotherham Partnership funding to provide further activities for young people. At present we are supporting the development of a boxing club and a Wacky Olympics event which will act as diversionary Event for mischief night.
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1.5	
1.6	Hardware training has been arranged and delivered to 15 community based workers from across Rother Valley South. This will enable community based workers who are coming into contact With young people to deliver sexual health/ contraceptive advice.
1.7	The Junior Wardens Scheme is now being progressed. Applications have now been distributed to children who attend St Josephs Primary School and we have received an excellent response. Short listing for the scheme is currently taking place. Local Democracy Week takes place during October and a full week of activities has been developed including Take your Councillor to School, Young Peoples Question Time and Political Speed Dating. Area Assembly meeting for December is currently being arranged to celebrate the achievements of young people as well as share issues and concerns young people may have.

## ROTHER VALLEY SOUTH AREA ASSEMBLY

### COMMUNITY PRIORITY 2 – IMPROVE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTS – ROADS AND STREETS

2.1	Implement a scheme of work arising out of the devolved budget
2.2	Reduce the negative impact of empty properties
2.3	Undertake an education campaign on waste disposal in hotspots identified by the NAG
2.4	Raise awareness of appropriate reporting mechanisms using a range of methods
2.5	Increase community involvement in the design of neighbourhoods through regeneration activity
2.6	Introduce schemes to improve local environments through street cleaning and gardening

<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
2.1	Letter & pro-forma issued to Area Assembly Mailing List, Parish Councils, Community Groups and Tenants and Residents Associations in the area on the 15 May 2008. Paper work was collated and site visits made by Street pride. Task and Finish Group consisting of an elected member from each ward, a community member, 2010 and the Area Partnership Manager considered Streetpride recommendations and produce a final list of recommendations for the Co-ordinating Group to consider. The Co-ordinating Group discussed the recommendations and made the final decisions on 7 July 2008. Works commended.
2.2	Lists of empty properties collated and letters drafted by Public Protection Team.
2.3	2.3 & 2.4 Information currently being collated and a meeting arranged late September to undertake the full campaign in December.
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2.5	Date for using disposal cameras to collate buildings and locations people like arranged for 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2008. Leaflet currently being drafted.
2.6	
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
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2.2	
2.3	Information has been collated by the NAG. Short term waste issues on Scarsdale Street rectified.
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2.5	Design Dinnington Day' has been re-arranged for 29 <sup>th</sup> October- half term week. Publicity has commenced.
2.6	

## ROTHER VALLEY SOUTH AREA ASSEMBLY

### COMMUNITY PRIORITY 3 – IMPROVE ACCESS TO SPORTS AND LEISURE FACILITIES

3.1	Identify what sports and leisure activities people would like in their area
3.2	Improve access to existing facilities where necessary
3.3	Identify resources to fund additional activity where required
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
3.1	Meetings have occurred with some service providers and youth services. Leaflet collated with activities for young people for summer and autumn.
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<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
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3.3	Some additional activities have been identified. The Area Assembly team are assisting a gymnastics and trampoline group to set up in the area. The Area Assembly are members of a steering group which is managing Safer Rotherham Partnership funding to provide further activities for young people. At present we are supporting the development of a boxing club and a Wacky Olympics event which will act as diversionary event for mischief night.

## ROTHER VALLEY SOUTH AREA ASSEMBLY

### COMMUNITY PRIORITY 4 – REDUCE CRIME AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND THE FEAR OF

4.1	Provide target hardening initiatives for vulnerable groups in areas identified by the NAG
4.2	Identify opportunities to raise awareness of appropriate reporting mechanisms using a range of methods Identify opportunities to promote community safety and provide reassurance
4.3	Increase community safety awareness with regards to alcohol misuse
4.4	Identify repeat Offenders and take multi-agency action where possible
4.5	Improve targeted hardening in anti-social behaviour hotspots
4.6	Address barriers for accessing employment and training opportunities
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
4.1	RVSAA ordered smartwater and shed and window alarms and UV pens prior March 2008. Schemes for deployment in priority areas for vulnerable groups in April 2008.
4.2	Crime and Community safety interactive quiz has been organised for the October Area Assembly. CCTV project has had confirmed funding August 2008 and will be contained in the updated action plan. A publicity plan has commenced. A meeting has been held between the Hate Crime Officer and RVSAA and an Area Assembly around this theme is in the planning process.
4.3	An Alcohol Awareness session is arranged for August 2008 for partners who work closely with community members to enable them to provide initial advice to anyone who is or knows someone who may have alcohol problems.
4.4	A repeat Offenders procedure has been drafted by a multi-agency group which has been provided to the JAG. The group have arranged to meet monthly before each NAG commencing August 2008.
4.5	Feasibility study has been completed. Funding for Alley gates on Laughton Road has been agreed. Consultation is currently taking place with shop owners. Work is anticipated to commence Nov 2008.
4.6	RVSAA have met with the local representative for BEST Ltd. A meeting has been arranged for 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept with local partners to agree a local action plan.

<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08).</b>	
4.1	Successful SRP bid for smartwater for 08/09 for £3k. Currently being ordered.
4.2	
4.3	
4.4	
4.5	Area Housing panel funding to support continuation of mobile CCTV cameras in RVS.
4.6	Local action agreed with key worker to target areas identified by the group.

## ROTHER VALLEY SOUTH AREA ASSEMBLY

### COMMUNITY PRIORITY 5 – INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

5.1	Increase decent affordable housing in all tenures.
5.2	Increase decent private rented accommodation
5.3	Reduce the number of empty properties
5.4	Assist people to stay in their own homes

#### PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)

5.1	Master planning consultation to be completed August 2008. Report on outcomes due Oct 2008.
5.2	APM attended landlords Forum to assist partnership working with landlords regarding master planning in the area.
5.3	Lists of empty properties collated and letters drafted by Public Protection Team.
5.4	Defra team of 5 Energy Efficiency Officers to target 2000 homes in Dinnington and Thurcroft to provide advice and assistance through loans and grants to improve energy efficiency.

#### PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)

5.1	
5.2	A meeting and workshop has been arranged with landlords in Dinnington to identifying problems in the area and draft an action plan.
5.3	
5.4	

## ROTHER VALLEY SOUTH AREA ASSEMBLY

### COMMUNITY PRIORITY 6 – IMPROVE ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES

6.1	Improve access to health services for young people
6.2	Increase access to sexual health advice for young people
6.3	Improve access to health services
6.4	Implement stresspac training for local people in Dinnington
6.5	Increase knowledge about alcohol related risks
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
6.1	Young people friendly accreditation representative has been contacted and arrangements are being to meet with Dinnington Youth Forum.
6.2	Hardware training arranged for the 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct for those who are in regular contact with young people.
6.3	Patient Liaison group meeting on a regular basis. PCT consulting with the group to improve local services. Health Audit on Pharmacy provision in RVS was completed June 2008.
6.4	5 WEEK Stresspac course has been arranged in Dinnington for people who live in RVS. It will run every Tuesday night from 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept until 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct.
6.5	An Alcohol awareness Session was Held in August for partners who are in regular contact with local communities. This will enable partners to provide initial advice and assistance and to signpost to services providers where appropriate.
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
6.1	
6.2	15 People attended hardware training who work with young people in Rother Valley South.
6.3	
6.4	Stesspac course has commenced.
6.5	

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<b>ROTHER VALLEY WEST AREA ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY PRIORITY 1 – INCREASE ACTIVITIES FOR TEENAGERS</b>	
1.1	Provide easily accessible information for young people to enable them to participate in organised activity
1.2	Work with locality teams to develop an effective joint agenda to support development of services for children and young people in Rother Valley West
1.3	Engage with young people to identify what additional activities they would like to see in their area.
1.4	Develop additional activities for young people
1.5	Increase detached youth work in Rother Valley West
1.6	Young People to achieve accredited outcomes from taking part in activities
1.7	Encourage Young People to become involved in local democracy and active citizenship
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
1.1	
1.2	Councillor Georgina Boyes elected by Co-ordinating Group as Chair of Locality Sub Group
1.3	Aston-cum-Aughton Youth Parish Council launched. Consultation for Brinsworth Parish Plan identified need for Youth Parish Council. Treeton Youth Group identified priorities for Treeton Parish Plan. Currently carrying out a mapping exercise to identify Young Peoples activities in the RVW area
1.4	Working with Young People's Services to build capacity with young people from Thurcroft to develop a skate park group. Match funding secured for lighting of MUGA at Thurcroft. Working with young people and young people's services to identify appropriate mobile youth provision. Multi-agency meeting held on site to explore opportunities of locating MUGA at Brinsworth Recreation Ground and Millennium Park.
1.5	Service level agreement signed between Aston-cum-aughton Parish Council and Young People's



	Services for extra session of detached youth work.
1.6	
1.7	
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “The Directory “ posters, leaflets and keep it cards in print</li> </ul>
1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with Young People’s Service to discuss way forward</li> <li>• Meeting with Ruth Baskin to discuss locality plans 2/9/08</li> </ul>
1.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with Senior Youth Worker to progress young people’s Area Assembly</li> <li>• Consulting with young people in Ulley to ascertain what provision they would like within the village</li> </ul>
1.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skate Park in Thurcroft – young people’s group established. “Quids-in” bid submitted and match funding secured from Thurcroft Parish Council</li> <li>• Lighting of MUGA – Planning Permission submitted. Match funding secured from Parish Council. Exploring opportunities for further funding.</li> <li>• Mobile youth provision in Aston, Swallownest and Fence – Mobile provision secured. Currently consulting with Young People about how they are going to be fitted out.</li> <li>• Inspector Richard Scholey exploring funding opportunities for the MUGA on Brinsworth Recreation Ground</li> </ul>
1.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extra session at Aston-cum-Aughton - Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Council funding session. Detached Youth Workers engaged and delivering session.</li> <li>• Realignment of Youth Services in January – will increase capacity of detached work across Rother Valley West</li> </ul>
1.6	
1.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speed dating event held at Wales Comprehensive School (involving young people from Aston)</li> <li>• Events on connections bus in Thurcroft and Treeton</li> <li>• Agreement to co-ordinate events throughout the year.</li> </ul>

<b>ROTHER VALLEY WEST AREA ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY PRIORITY 2 – LEVEL OF CRIME</b>	
2.1	Rother Valley West Neighbourhood Action Group to continue to use a partnership approach to address community safety issues in priority areas
2.2	Duncan Street, Ellis Street and Brinsworth Lane
2.3	Katherine Rd
2.4	Swallownest
2.5	Identify opportunities to raise awareness of appropriate reporting mechanisms using a range of methods
2.6	Identify opportunities to promote community safety and provide reassurance
2.7	Increase community safety awareness with regards to alcohol misuse
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
2.1	Report to Area Assembly meeting 7 July at Catcliffe
2.2	Development of questionnaire and undertake door to door knocking consultation with residents on Duncan Street & Ellis Street which will support the review of alley gating scheme.
2.3	Working with the Neighbourhood Involvement teams to consult on options for improvements with residents from Johns Street, Charles St, & Peter St, in Thurcroft. Funding bid completed ready for submission
2.4	
2.5	Monthly walkabout held in Thurcroft, Walkabout around Challanor Way, Catcliffe Walkabout around Duncan and Ellis Streets Site visit to St George Steps
2.6	Community Safety Quiz presented at Catcliffe on 7 July
2.7	Issues of underage drinking raised at NAG meeting – NAG members are waiting for an update from the 21 Scheme which is being piloted in another AA area. Findings to be pass on the NAG members to be worked upon. Issues and concerns raised at the NAG of concerns will be passed

	on to the licensing board
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
<b>2.1</b>	Engagement meeting and progress report with all Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators held on 25 September.
<b>2.2</b>	Multi-agency consultation exercise held on 25 September around Duncan and Ellis Street. Questionnaire being analysed.
<b>2.3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation taking place in Katherine Road area of Thurcroft around environmental improvements. – with one to one interviews</li> <li>• Thurcroft Crime and Safety group submitted bid to Awards for All for 10K for diversionary activities</li> </ul>
<b>2.4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temporary Youth Shelter installed at Burgoyne Park.</li> </ul>
<b>2.5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walkabout held 1 October at Thurcroft. – Report of actions to Area Assembly</li> </ul>
<b>2.6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information provided at Aston-cum-Aughton open day</li> <li>• Information (and freebies) provided to Residents of Duncan and Ellis Street on Consultation door knocking exercise</li> <li>• Information provided to residents of Katherine Road Area, Thurcroft during one-to-one interviews</li> </ul>
<b>2.7</b>	

<b>ROTHER VALLEY WEST AREA ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY PRIORITY 3 – CLEANER STREETS</b>	
3.1	Implement a scheme of work arising out of the devolved budget
3.2	Develop links and promote community involvement in Rother Valley West Area Housing Panel
3.3	Use Neighbourhood Charter to monitor progress against Service Standards for Street Pride
3.4	Identify areas with Street Scene Issues within each neighbourhood using a range of methods and devise action plans to address issues raised
3.5	Raise customer awareness of appropriate reporting mechanisms using a range of methods
3.6	Implementation of Junior Warden Scheme in NAG hotspot Areas
3.7	Work with Local Voluntary and Community Sector to improve local environment
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
3.1	Schemes shortlist drawn up for Devolved Budget in May Schemes approved at Co-ordinating Group in June
3.2	RWV CIO attending meetings Signposted new housing panel member from Brinsworth.
3.3	
3.4	Walkabouts held monthly in Thurcroft Walkabout held at Challenor Way, Catcliffe Reports to each Area Assembly
3.5	Street pride Star initiative delivered at 4 Schools
3.6	Meetings arranged with Rotherham Wardens Supervisor to discuss the development of Junior Wardens schemes in Hot Spot Areas
3.7	Working in partnership with various community and voluntary sector groups to organise community clean up events - Community clean up held on Mineral Line in Thurcroft – over 50 bags of rubbish collected.

<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
3.1	Scheme of works being implemented for devolved budget
3.2	
3.3	
3.4	Walkabout held 1 September. In Thurcroft Actions reported to Area Assembly on 13 October
3.5	Street pride star initiative delivered in 5 schools
3.6	Presentation to Co-ordinating Group re Junior Wardens Scheme. 6 sessions to be delivered over 12 weeks. Beginning in October
3.7	Community Clean up held in Thurcroft on 22 September

<b>ROTHER VALLEY WEST AREA ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY PRIORITY 4 – ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN</b>	
4.1	Maximise opportunities created around extended Schools
4.2	Upgrade play equipment and develop new playgrounds through the Rotherham Play Pathfinder
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
4.1	Meeting held with Cluster Head Chairs - Presentation to School Cluster Group arranged for October
4.2	Councillor John Swift elected to sit on the Play Pathfinder Steering Group
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
4.1	Presentation to Aston Clusterheads meeting 2 October – linkages made with all schools in Aston area. Invitation to attend event at Aston Lodge Primary School
4.2	Rotherham Play Pathfinder presentation at Area Assembly Meeting. Work in partnership to carry out Play Pathfinder consultation Consultation at Aston-cum-Aughton open day

<b>ROTHER VALLEY WEST AREA ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY PRIORITY 5 – STANDARDS OF ROADS AND PAVEMENTS</b>	
5.1	Monitor the standards of Road and Pavements through the Rother Valley West Neighbourhood Charter
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
5.1	(5.1) Rother Valley West neighbourhood charter published
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
5.1	

<b>ROTHER VALLEY WEST AREA ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY PRIORITY 6 – SPORTS AND LEISURE FACILITIES</b>	
6.1	Maximise the opportunities arising from the YES Project
6.2	Maximise opportunities arising from the Aston-cum-Aughton Leisure Centre
6.3	Monitor the reinstatement of Ulley Country Park
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
6.1	
6.2	
6.3	Presentation to Area Assembly and Co-ordinating Group

<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
6.1	
6.2	Presentation to Area Assembly 1 September re new facilities at Aston-cum-aughton leisure centre. Site visit arranged for Area Assembly Members prior to official opening of the centre.
6.3	Friends of Ulley Country Park request to present at Area Assembly meeting

<b>ROTHER VALLEY WEST AREA ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY PRIORITY 7 – AFFORDABLE HOUSING</b>	
7.1	Work with the Affordable Housing Officer to provide information to communities about new and planned development
<b>QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
7.1	
<b>QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
7.1	

<b>ROTHER VALLEY WEST AREA ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY PRIORITY 8 – COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES</b>	
8.1	To support local communities to celebrate community identity and local heritage across the area.
8.2	To provide information to communities on activities happening in their area
8.3	To support Parish Councils in Community/Parish Planning.
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
8.1	Working with residents from Thurcroft to establish new development of Centenary Celebration Group.
8.2	RVW AA Website Launched.
<b>QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
8.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inaugural meeting of the Thurcroft Centenary Celebration Group held. Attended by 23 different</li> </ul>

	<p>community groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attendance at Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Council open day</li> </ul>
<b>8.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website being regularly updated and promoted.</li> </ul>
<b>8.3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brinsworth Parish plan action plan adopted by Brinsworth Parish Council, support being given for final draft.</li> <li>• Treeton Parish plan – support being given for final draft</li> </ul>



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ROTHERHAM NORTH AREA ASSEMBLY	
COMMUNITY PRIORITY 1. INCREASE ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE	
1. 1	Submit bid to Safer Rotherham Partnership for “integration through sports” project
1.2	Develop programme of youth engagement and diversionary activity at St John’s Green
1.3	Support to local young people in Masbrough to develop plans for a young people’s building through the borough-wide myspace bid
1.4	Develop seating area at barkers park in response to consultation with young people
1.5	Support development and delivery of performing arts/media/ film transitional summer school
PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)	
1. 1	Bid rejected by SRP. Steering group continuing to meet to find alternative funding
1.2	Bid successful. Steering group meeting to develop action plan and linking with SYP activity at St John’s Green. Project to start delivery as a three month pilot over Halloween period leading to 3 year provision
1.3	Young People meeting regularly with CYPS to develop bid and proposals
1.4	Report has been sent to Greenspaces to seek approval for site for bench. A bid has been submitted to area housing panel who will visit the site next week (w/c 08/09/08) prior to their decision. The seat has been chosen and the order is ready to be placed on approval.
1.5	Complete
PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)	
1. 1	1.1 Funding application submitted to Youth crime action Plan – awaiting decision

1.2	Away Day planned for the steering group on 6 November to develop Action Plan for 3 year project with delivery due to commence January 2009. Three month pilot starting on 6 October 2008 (20 young people attended) and every Monday through to 24 November (including Halloween Party) and three more sessions up to 17 December. It will be the first time the Unique Scheme (scheme to increase self esteem; provide direction and raise aspirations) has been delivered in Rotherham and the first time nationally that it will have been delivered with young men.
1.3	Young People meeting regularly with CYPS to develop bid and proposals.
1.4	Funding for seating approved through Area Housing Panel (seat) and Friends of Barkers Park (base) in September 2008 and site visit has taken place to determine exact position of the seating. Cabinet report was not put on agenda centrally as agenda was to full – will go to October meeting
1.5	Complete

<b>ROTHERHAM NORTH AREA ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY PRIORITY 2 – STANDARDS OF ROADS/PAVEMENTS AND CLEANER STREETS</b>	
2.1	Deliver a scheme utilising the Rotherham North Street Pride Devolved Budget
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
2.1	All proposals submitted approved on 1 July 2008. Work has commenced on some projects with all due to be completed by March 2009
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
2.1	All proposals submitted approved on 1 July 2008. Work has commenced on some projects with all due to be completed by March 2009

## ROTHERHAM NORTH AREA ASSEMBLY

### COMMUNITY PRIORITY 3 – CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

3.1	Tackle hotspot areas via the NAG process
3.2	Conduct a crime survey at community events to evaluate perception of crime and impact of previous activity such as PCSO mobilisation on mountain bikes and Every Contact Counts pilot
3.3	Promote the SNT
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3.5	Develop appropriate responses to address issues raised in the Your Voice Counts survey
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
3.1	Ongoing. A Task and Finish Group has been set up for one of the priority areas.
3.2	Recommendations from SNT review to be actioned
3.3	Crime survey has been conducted. Results will be analysed in September and published in October on the website, newsletter and at the Area Assembly meeting.
3.4	A newsletter has gone out dedicated to the SNT. The SNT has had tables at all summer events in Rotherham North.
3.5	Meetings held with South Yorkshire Police and Rotherham South Area Assembly (Sep 2008) to analyse results of survey, identify issues and plan response
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
3.1	New NAG priority area has been set and intensive work to be carried out in 3 areas of concern
3.2	
3.3	Results disseminated to partners and community.
3.4	Ongoing
3.5	First focus group planned for November 2008

<b>ROTHERHAM NORTH AREA ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY PRIORITY 4 – AFFORDABLE DECENT HOUSING</b>	
<b>4.1</b>	Follow up on Affordable Housing Presentation from Feb2008 AA Meeting re further developments
<b>4.2</b>	Provide up to date information for the residents of Rotherham North and promote events/ publicise information
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
<b>4.1</b>	
<b>4.2</b>	
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
<b>4.1</b>	Decent Homes presentation due at October 2008 meeting
<b>4.2</b>	

## ROTHERHAM NORTH AREA ASSEMBLY

### COMMUNITY PRIORITY 5 – INCREASE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

5.1	Work with isolated and vulnerable older people to develop the social inclusion agenda including coffee mornings, lunch clubs, access to services and inter-generational activities
5.2	Use a community development approach to build meaningful engagement with children and families to build sustainable linkages across the community, including audit of needs and available support and building stepping stones and progression routes
5.3	Develop Parent and Toddler Group at Blackburn offering community learning opportunities to parents
5.4	Host Rotherham North Community Awards at the December Area Assembly Meeting
5.5	Chair steering group to build on this year's Ferham Sports Fest and deliver an event next year
<b>PROGRESS QUARTER 1 (July 08)</b>	
5.1	Funding approved. Work plan in development to start deliver by November 2008
5.2	Funding approved. Work plan in development to start deliver by November 2008
5.3	Funding approved. Work plan in development to start deliver by November 2008
5.4	Nomination forms to be circulated at October Area Assembly meeting
5.5	Meetings are taking place every month to decide on activities, explore funding options, develop publicity and delegate responsibility
<b>QUARTER 2 (October 08)</b>	
5.1	Steering group established and meeting. Project delivery to start January 2009
5.2	Steering group established and meeting. Project delivery to start January 2009
5.3	Steering group established and meeting. Project delivery to start January 2009
5.4	Nomination forms to be disseminated at October Area Assembly meeting in October with closing date for nominations end of November
5.5	Ongoing

<b>ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS</b>
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<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	Democratic Renewal Scrutiny Panel
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> October, 2008
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	Review of Parish Boundaries
<b>4.</b>	<b>Directorate:</b>	Chief Executives Directorate

## **5. Summary**

The report sets out the context, scope, arrangements, and timescales, for the review of parish boundaries.

The report also informs Members on the proposals submitted at phase one of the review and sets out the public consultation necessary at the next stage, before final recommendations on boundary changes can be made to Council and the Electoral Commission.

## **6. Recommendations**

**Democratic Renewal Scrutiny Panel is asked to:**

**6.1 Note and comment on the proposals arising from the consultation at phase one of the Parish boundary review as set out in summary at paragraph 7.4 and in full at Appendix 1.**

**6.2 Receive a report on the outcomes of the phase two consultation process and the final review recommendations in due course.**

## **7. Proposals and Details**

The report sets out the context, scope, arrangements, timescales, and phase one outcomes for the review of Parish boundaries and makes proposals for the next stage of the review.

### **7.1 Background - reasons for the review**

The review is of the whole borough which comprises both parished and unparished areas. There are 29 parishes with 26 parish councils.

The Council has a duty to keep under review the electoral arrangements of its parishes. The last review was undertaken over 20 years ago and since then there has been significant new development and population movement across the borough which may mean that local identities have changed.

Also as part of the periodic electoral review concluded in 2004 there were changes made to parish wards where parts of the parish were included in more than one of the Borough wards. This has created anomalies in parish boundaries and a review was necessary to address these. Additionally the council has received on a reasonably regular basis requests from parish councils and other interested bodies to undertake such a review.

The main aim of the review was to ensure that parish boundaries continue to reflect the identities and interests of the communities they serve, are meaningful, and facilitate the delivery of effective and convenient services. The review covered the whole of the borough, whether currently parished or not. However, it was intended that the review should also cover more fundamental issues such as whether parishes should be created in parts of the borough which do not presently have them, whether current parish boundaries should be altered other than merely to address anomalies, whether existing parishes might be amalgamated, or whether new parishes might be created from within existing parishes.

### **7.2 The Council's legal position and decision making powers**

The Parish review took place under the provisions of section 9 of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997 (the 1997 Act). Since the review started in September 2007 the 1997 Act has been repealed by Part 4 Chapter 3 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (the 2007 Act). The 2007 Act contains a revised set of provisions for what are known as "Community Governance Reviews". These will replace the current provisions in the 1997 Act for carrying out Parish Reviews.

The 2007 Act devolves the Secretary of State's and the Electoral Commission's decision-making powers to principal councils for community governance (parish) review and petition cases which were previously made under the 1997 Act. This means that the power to make changes to parish boundaries is now vested in the council. The council will no longer be required

submit proposals to the Secretary of State; instead the council would be able to make an order bringing the proposals into force, although the Electoral Commission would still have to be consulted about changes to electoral arrangements.

The council can recommend the creation of new parish councils under the 2007 Act. Government guidance suggests that a parish should reflect a small, distinctive and recognisable community of interest with its own sense of identity. Any proposals must also have regard to the need to reflect the identities and interests of local communities and to secure effective and convenient local government.

### **7.3 Phase one consultation process**

Where the council decides to conduct a review it must as soon as reasonably practicable take steps as it considers sufficient to secure that persons who may be interested in the review are informed of the decision to conduct it, the subject matter and the period within which representations may be made. The council has, of course, in conducting the review to take into account any representations made to them.

With the above in mind consultation with interested parties began in October 2007 with a view to completing the review within 18 months. Extensive consultation took place including:

- Attendance and talks at the Parish Network
- Discussions with Yorkshire Local Councils Association and Electoral Commission
- Press release and follow up press enquiries.
- Letters to all parish clerks for attention of Parish Councils.
- Letters to all RMBC councillors.
- Follow up of all queries and questions including one to one meetings with respondents to deal with queries.
- Council web-site and intranet
- Attendance and update briefings at Area Assembly Chairs meeting.
- Attendance at public meetings.
- Attendance at council meetings.

The initial consultation period was to end by 31 January 2008 but this was extended to allow additional responses and to await confirmation of the legal situation as there was a transition period between the repeal of the 1997 Act and the vesting of powers on the council under the 2007 Act. Phase one was thus effectively concluded prior to the May 2008 council elections.

### **7.4 Phase one consultation responses**

A significant number of responses have been received comprising emails, phone calls, letters, petitions, surveys, and minutes of public and parish meetings. Where written consultation responses have been received these are listed in **Appendix 1** to this report.



Responses have included proposals to create parishes in parts of the borough which are presently unparished (e.g. in Thorpe Hesley and Scholes), and also to remove areas from existing parishes, either so as to become unparished (e.g. Hooper extracted from Brampton Brierlow Parish), or to create a wholly new parish (e.g. New Laughton Common splitting from Thurcroft Parish and Hellaby from Bramley Parish).

There are other less significant proposals, to amend boundaries or rectify anomalies. For example Treeton Parish Council is proposing its boundary is aligned to follow the River Rother to give a more natural definition to the parish. Similarly Catcliffe Parish Council is proposing changes that will not affect residential property but aligns the boundary with permanent features like rivers, roads, and railway lines.

A number of parishes requested that no changes were made within their boundaries, for example, the parishes of Harthill with Woodall Parish, and Aston-cum-Aughton.

## **7.5 Phase two consultation**

Following receipt of the initial submissions the next stage is for the council to produce draft recommendations. The council must then take such steps as it considers sufficient to secure that persons who may be interested in them are informed about them. The council must deposit copies of the draft recommendations at its principal office and keep them available for inspection. Consideration must be taken of any such representations as are made within the further consultation period for commenting on the recommendations.

The indicative timeline for the phase two consultation stage would be as follows:

Production of draft recommendations and Clarification of initial submissions including meetings with proposers	Oct-Nov 2008
Internal RMBC consultation with Cabinet, Delegated Powers, and Scrutiny	Nov-Dec 08
Public consultation on draft recommendations	Dec 2008
End of phase two public consultation.	Jan 2009

The same methodology as employed at phase one will be used for the second phase.

## **7.6 Phase 3 - Concluding the review and implementation of recommendations**

At the end of phase two the council must produce a final report with recommendations and again copies must be deposited and persons interested notified.

The expected timetable for concluding the review is as follows:

Final report submitted to Council, public notice and key partners for final comments	Feb 2009
Submission of final report to Cabinet for decision, And Electoral Commission outlining final proposals	March 2009

The recommendations which the Council could make following the review are for:

- (a) The constitution of new parishes. This might include the establishment as a parish of any area which is presently not a parish or part of one. It could also include the aggregation of such an area with one or more existing parishes or parts of parishes, the amalgamation of two or more parishes or the separation of part of any parish;
- (b) The abolition of a parish, with or without the distribution of its area among other parishes; or
- (c) The alteration of the area of a parish.

If the Council makes any recommendation for the constitution of a new parish, they must include recommendations for the establishment of a new parish council. However, if the population of the new parish recommended would include fewer than 200 local government electors, the Council is not obliged to recommend the creation of a new parish council for that area, although it may do so.

If the Council makes a recommendation for the alteration of the area of a parish which has a parish council, they may make proposals to the Electoral Commission for changes to the electoral arrangements for that parish council.

## **8. Finance**

No specific financial implications arise from this report. However there may be implications arising from the aggregation and disaggregation of assets (finance and property) where the boundary of a parish changes resulting in the sale, transfer, or disposal of assets. Further guidance and advice will be sought from DCLG and Yorkshire Local Councils Association and the Electoral Commission.

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

The phase one submissions indicate a number of parishes where the proposals are in conflict or contradictory and so there is risk that a local amicable solution will not be possible and the council will have to adjudicate. There is always a risk that any newly created parish may not be sustainable or be able to attract local people to serve as councillors. To mitigate and manage these risks support and guidance is available from Yorkshire Local Councils Association, the Council, and the local Parish Network.

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

Parish councils play an important part in engaging with local people and providing local leadership. The Local Government White Paper includes proposals aimed at extending and deepening parish governance, including a presumption in favour of creating parishes where communities requested them.

At a local level, supporting and enhancing the role and function of parish councils is a high priority for the Borough Council, as reflected in key plans and strategies such as the Community Strategy, the Corporate Plan and the RMBC/Parish Charter.

An equality impact assessment will be completed as part of the finalisation of any recommendations arising from the review.

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

RMBC/Parish Charter.

The Local Government and Rating Act 1997.

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

Form 1 – CCI Framework.

Minutes of the Parish Council Network.

DCLG guidance and circulars available at [www.communities.gov.uk](http://www.communities.gov.uk)

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**Appendix 1**

**Parish Boundary Review initial submissions at phase one (Oct. 2007 – May 2008)**

The following is a summary of the written, telephone, and email responses to phase one of the parish boundary review.

Proposals 1-3 were submitted by more responder and were supported through supplementary emails, letters, petitions, and public meetings as indicated in the explanation of the proposal.

Proposals 4-6 were submitted directly by the relevant parish chair, committee member, or clerk.

Proposals 7-8 were submitted by individuals.

**Proposal 1                    Creation of a new parish in an unparished area.**

A written proposal has been received with evidence of support in the form of vote at a public meeting, survey, and letters of support seeking the creation of a new parish covering the villages of Thorpe Hesley and Scholes.

A variation of the above proposal has also been received seeking consideration of the expansion Wentworth parish to cover the two villages.

**Proposal 2                    Removal of an area currently within a parish so that it becomes unparished.**

2.1    A written proposal has been received with evidence in support in the form of household survey requesting that the Hooper (electoral box) be taken out of the Brampton Bierlow Parish.

2.2    A written proposal has been received requesting that the Maltby Parish is disaggregated to create a separate and new parish.

**Proposal 3                    Removal of an area currently within a parish so that it becomes a separate and new parish.**

3.1    A written proposal has been received requesting a wholly new parish be created covering Laughton Common through disaggregation of Thurcroft Parish. This proposal has received evidence in support in the form of letters, emails, phone calls, public meetings, letters from partners, and petitions.

3.2    A written proposal has been received requesting a wholly new parish be created covering Hellaby through disaggregation of Bramley Parish. This proposal has received evidence in support in the form of letters and a household survey.

**Proposal 4                    Maintenance of existing parish boundary.**

The following parishes submitted a written request that no changes were made within their boundaries: Harthill with Woodhall, Brampton Bierlow, and Aston-cum-Aughton.

**Proposal 5                    Annexation of area within an adjoining parish.**

5.1    Todwick Parish Council has submitted a written proposal requesting that parts of Wales Parish and Anston Parish be transferred into Todwick Parish.

5.2    Wickersley Parish Council has submitted a written proposal requesting that Brecks which is in Dalton Parish is transferred into Wickersley Parish.

5.3    Bramley Parish Council has submitted a written proposal requesting that the parish boundary be adjusted so that the Lings (off Flash Lane) and Woodlaiths village in Dalton Parish become incorporated into the Parish.

**Proposal 6                    Amendments to boundaries or rectify anomalies.**

There have been a number of written proposals to amend boundaries or rectify anomalies as follows.

6.1    Brinsworth Parish have requested the following changes to the boundary to: include the 'Estate' and Jubilee Cottages which are situated on the northern side of Bawtry Road and have a Brinsworth address but which are currently outside the Brinsworth Parish; include the residential properties close to the BOC depot which are again situated on the northern side of Bawtry Road and have a Brinsworth address but are not currently in the Brinsworth Parish; include all properties which are situated on Boundary Walk and Century View; and leave the southern edge of the Parish boundary as it is now.

6.2    Brampton Bierlow Parish Council has requested that the south of parish boundary which adjoins Wentworth Parish Council is fragmented and could do with realignment.

6.3    Laughton en le Morthen Parish Council has requested the transfer of two excluded properties in Brookhouse into the Parish; transfer of two properties into Maltby Parish; and transfer of three properties into Laughton Parish.

6.4    Treeton Parish Council has requested that its boundary is aligned to follow the River Rother to give a more natural definition to the parish.

6.5    Catcliffe Parish Council has requested that its boundary is realigned to follow permanent features like rivers, roads, and railway lines without affecting residential property.

6.6 Orgreave Parish Council has requested that its boundary along the River Rother between Treeton and Orgreave parishes is realigned as minor tidying up of the boundary is required. It is suggesting that no properties are affected.

6.7 Dalton Parish Council is proposing changes to include: amending the boundary along Oldgate Lane East to Thrybergh Junior School to take in houses on Chesterhil Avenue and Oldgate Lane; reduction in Dalton Parish through extending Wickersley Parish; and an extension of the Parish to include the whole of East Herringthorpe. They are also rejecting proposals made by Bramley Parish and Wickersley Parish for the annexation of areas currently within Dalton Parish (see proposals 5.2 and 5.3 above).

**Proposal 7 Individual submissions within the scope of the review.**

7.1 A written proposal has been submitted requested that the Hamlet of California that is situated in Woodsetts Parish but is in Dinnington Parish is transferred to the Woodsetts Parish.

7.2 A written proposal has been received requesting a realignment of boundaries within the Wickersley Parish.

7.3 A written proposal has been received requesting that the B6086 should be included in the "Thorpe Hesley Parish" should a new parish council be created as a result of the Parish boundary review.

**Proposal 8 Individual Submissions outside the scope of the review.**

8.1 A written proposal has been submitted requesting that an individual property with an address in Dalton Parish is re-designated to have an address in Wickersley Parish.

8.2 A written proposal has been submitted requesting that a street in the "Bradgate" district into Kimberworth.

**DEMOCRATIC RENEWAL SCRUTINY PANEL**  
**Thursday, 11th September, 2008**

Present:- Councillor Austen (in the Chair); Councillors J. Hamilton, Littleboy and Pickering, in addition Debbie Heath, Eric Shaw and Taiba Yaseem.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cutts, Dodson, Johnston, Lakin and Parker.

Also in attendance were:-

Councillors Gilding, Kaye and McNeely and co-optees Derek Corkell, Mick Hall, Janet Mullins, Russell Wells and Lizzie Williams.

**112.       DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest to report.

**113.       QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS**

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

**114.       UPDATE ON SCHOOLS DUTY TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY COHESION**

Further to Minute No. 65 of the meeting of the Democratic Renewal Scrutiny Panel held on 21st February, 2008, consideration was given to a report presented by the Director of Inclusion, which highlighted how the School and Inspections Act, 2006 introduced a duty for schools to promote Community Cohesion. This duty came into force in September, 2007 and was to be inspected by Ofsted from September, 2008.

The duty of schools to promote community cohesion was subsequently placed as an item on the agenda of all Governing Bodies in the summer term, 2008. The implications of the duty were set before the Governors who were then asked to formulate a policy and action plan for the implementation of the duty.

To assist in this task a template (was offered to Governors, which showed how they could set out a policy, describe what they were doing at present and lay out their plans for further action.

Governing Bodies, having discussed the guidance, were taking action to fulfil their duties either through the full Governing Body or by appropriate sub-committee.

In some instances, schools within a particular area have combined together to reach a common policy, which may be appropriate when the

schools of an area considered the core offer of extended services which needed to be in place by 2010.

The report also included an example of a draft policy and action plan which the cluster of schools in Brinsworth and Catcliffe area have formulated. It was drawn up using the offered template, setting out the local context and actions being taken at present.

It was also suggested that a copy of the guidance issued by OFSTED be made available to Members to show how community cohesion in schools was evaluated.

A discussion and a question and answer session ensued and the following issues were raised, discussed and clarified:-

- How the aims and objectives set down in the Community Cohesion Action Plans would be carried out.
- Identity of specific groups of pupils affected by community cohesion and racism and examples identified.
- Approval of the Brinsworth and Catcliffe Schools Community Cohesion Action Plan by the Brinsworth cluster of schools.
- Statistical information and attainment levels of particular ethnic groups.
- Mechanisms to promote cohesion as part of the school agenda.
- Scrutiny Review of the use of school premises by the community and whether extended school use would bring communities closer together.
- Measurement of the action plan points by OFSTED.
- Reporting of racial incidents and the evidenced actions to improve.
- Involvement of Area Assemblies, Children's Board and the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel and their engagement in the community cohesion action plan.
- Community cohesion activities for young people being arranged in some underused community centres.
- Development and promotion of the Community Cohesion Action Plan by all schools.
- Enforcement of statements set down in the Action Plan.
- Ethnic demographics of communities and the duty to promote community cohesion by all schools, not just secondary schools.
- Demonstration of community cohesion in the wider context with focus on measures of social exclusion.

Resolved:- (1) That the contents of the report and the information presented be noted.

(2) That a copy of the guidance issued by OFSTED be made available to Members.

(3) That the issues raised with regard to extended community use of



schools be included as part of the Scrutiny Review of the Use of School Premises.

(4) That the report be forwarded to the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel for their consideration.

(5) That an update be provided to this Scrutiny Panel in twelve months time.

#### **115. BME YOUNG PEOPLE'S FORUM**

The BME Young People's Forum was set up in 2004 for British Asian Muslims to come together and discuss issues that affected them as young Muslim people. The first conference was organised in 2005 to inspire young people to become involved in the decision making process. The first conference was very successful with around sixty young attendees. Two subsequent conferences were arranged, with the latest in January, 2008, which was again very well attended.

Representatives from the BME Young People's Forum attended today to give a presentation on issues arising from the conferences and other issues forwarded by the BME Schools Council.

The presentation, using powerpoint, drew specific attention to issues being faced by young British Asian Muslims in school from a variety of sources:-

- The Issues:-
  - ◆ Islam-phobia and racism.
  - ◆ Inappropriate comments by teachers.
  - ◆ Less praise and encouragement.
  - ◆ Stereotyping by teachers.
  - ◆ Less tolerance and behaviour.
  - ◆ Unfair exclusions.
  - ◆ Less support in lessons.
- The Affects:-
  - ◆ Poor behaviour.
  - ◆ Lower GCSE achievements by BME students.
  - ◆ Group division.
  - ◆ Depression/anger/confusion.
  - ◆ Exclusions.
  - ◆ Low self esteem.
- Suggestions:-
  - ◆ Named equalities representative in each school with

- responsibility for the reporting of racist incidents.
  - ◆ Awareness raising with teachers.
  - ◆ Multi-cultural events and promotion of diversity.
  - ◆ Development and implementation of an equalities and diversity policy within schools.
  - ◆ Monitoring of the exclusion process.
  - ◆ Development of equality representatives from each school department.
  - ◆ Governors to take responsibility.
  - ◆ Teacher training days to include equalities.
  - ◆ School Councils to take an active role in raising equality issues.
  - ◆ RE lessons to include BME society in Britain.
- The Outcomes:-
    - ◆ Young people to feel empowered.
    - ◆ Young people to not feel vulnerable.
    - ◆ Young people to be more included.
    - ◆ Young people to achieve and to make a positive contribution.
    - ◆ To make a difference to ensure "Every Child Matters" throughout the whole community.

A question and answer session ensued and the following issues were raised and clarified:-

- Citizens courses and the available from sixteen upwards accessible at AS Level only.
- Involvement in Rotherham's Youth Cabinet and Youth Parliament.
- Contradictory information from the presentation and schools' duty to promote community cohesion.
- Whether there were effective links between the BME Young People's Forum and schools.
- Schools' duty to have a dedicated teacher to deal with equalities issues.
- What actions were being taken to address racist incidents.
- Engagement in the political process and awareness raising about concerns.
- Unacceptable inappropriate comments by teachers and the need for this to be addressed in the schools raising most concern.
- Raising concerns with the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel.
- Promotion and celebration of positive outcomes.
- Diversity in Rotherham and the need to include other ethnic groups.
- School Governing Bodies to appoint a nominated Equalities Governor.
- Rising statutory achievement levels.
- Rotherfed's work with BME groups and the invitation to work with the Tenants and Residents Association.

- Outreach workers and their roles within the community.

It was suggested that the issues arising from this presentation be linked to the duty on schools to promote community cohesion and presented to school governing bodies when considering their action plans.

Any invitations to the next conference of the BME Young People's Forum should be forwarded to the Members' Training and Development Panel for consideration.

Resolved (1) That the representatives from the BME Young People's Forum be thanked for their excellent and well informed presentation.

(2) That the presentation be referred to the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel for their consideration.

**116. PROPOSALS FOR ROTHERHAM LGBT INTER-AGENCY GROUP ACTION PLAN**

Further to Minute No. 80 of the meeting of the Democratic Renewal Scrutiny Panel held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2008, consideration was given to a report presented by the Community Engagement and Cohesion Manager, which provided an update from Rotherham LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) Inter-Agency Group on progress to develop an action plan to promote equality for LGBT communities in Rotherham.

The LGBT Inter-Agency Group had begun development of an action plan with contributions from all partners. The action plan would provide a focus for the work of the Inter-Agency Group and provide a mechanism to support the Council and other public bodies to address their legal duties on LGBT equality.

Proposed changes to equality legislation and recent changes to the Equality Standard for Local Government meant that LGBT equality was increasingly being mainstreamed as a core equality strand. This brought LGBT equality in line with race, gender, disability, religion and belief and age equality. The Council's Equalities and Diversity Unit were currently developing a 'Single Equality Scheme' to respond to these developments. The new scheme would streamline the Council's current equality strategies and action plans by incorporating them into one high level document. The LGBT Action Plan would become a key component within the LGBT equality strand of the new Scheme.

It was proposed that the LGBT Action Plan would include objectives to address a range of identified needs arising from research and consultation with LGBT representative groups, which were listed in the report.

It should be noted that some action was already being taken to progress

twelve of the fourteen objectives and their inclusion in the action plan would ensure additional support, co-ordination and monitoring of these activities across all partner organisations.

A discussion and a question and answer session ensued and the following issues were raised and clarified:-

- Membership of the LGBT Inter-Agency Group.
- Social Inclusion Framework, its status and its associated funding and its links to the Single Equality Scheme.
- Success of the telephone helpline.
- Gender declaration of tenants.
- Measurement of support and for this to be included in the final draft of the action plan.

Resolved:- (1) That the proposed actions for the LGBT action plan be noted.

(2) That a further report be received with the detailed final draft plan at the next equalities themed meeting of this panel in six months time.

**117. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DEMOCRATIC RENEWAL SCRUTINY PANEL HELD ON 24TH JULY, 2008**

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting of the Democratic Renewal Scrutiny Panel held on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2008 be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

It was also requested that some feedback be provided on some actions recommended by this Scrutiny Panel.

With regard to Minute No. 104 (Area Plans Final Quarter Update) the final report was available for viewing at the Rotherham Show.

**118. MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND INVOLVEMENT HELD ON 18TH JULY, 2008**

Consideration was given to the minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Involvement held on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2008.

Resolved:- That the contents of the minutes be noted.

**119. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE PERFORMANCE AND SCRUTINY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE HELD ON 27TH JUNE, 11TH AND 25TH JULY, 2008**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting of the Performance and Scrutiny Overview Committee held on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2008.

Resolved:- That the contents of the minutes be noted.

**120. MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MEMBERS' TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PANEL HELD ON 24TH JULY, 2008**

The Scrutiny Panel noted the minutes of the meeting of the Members' Training and Development Panel held on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2008.

**COMMUNITIES AND INVOLVEMENT**  
**8th September, 2008**

Present:- Councillor Hussain (in the Chair) and Councillor Burton.

**27. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest to report.

**28. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 18TH JULY, 2008**

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Involvement held on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2008, be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

**29. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

Consideration was given to a report presented by Jan Leyland, Neighbourhood Partnership Team Manager, which updated progress of the Community Development Strategy and Action Plan developed in July, 2007 identifying the key issues around the implementation of the action plan and the measures taken to refresh and update the actions, lead officers/agencies and desired outcomes.

It was noted that the Community Development Strategy was a tool for empowering citizens at a local level through:-

- Effective capacity building, learning and engagement opportunities.
- Giving people more say in the development of services.
- Opportunities for the ownership and management of local assets.
- Building cohesive and sustainable communities.

The vision, key aims and actions of the Community Development Strategy were very much relevant and timely when considering current thinking around empowering communities to speak and act on their own behalf.

Key themes and actions in the Community Development Strategy were also reflected in a range of current and future national proposals from the Government. Therefore, the report also identified proposed changes to the action plan in line with the new Community Empowerment White Paper which included the following key themes:-

- Improving deprived areas through regeneration and promoting work and enterprise.
- Encouraging active citizenship and reviving civic society and local democracy.
- Improving local public services by involving local users and consumers.

- Strengthening local accountability.

The report also drew specific attention to activities being taken and new steps to identify and note any new actions to achieve the overall aims and objectives of the Community Development Strategy.

A discussion ensued and issues relating to the Community Development Strategy Working Group membership, refresh of the Action Plan, involvement of Area Assemblies, buy-in by partners and links to empowerment and other strategies were raised and clarified.

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

(2) That the information contained and the progress made to date be noted.

(3) That a further report be submitted to the next meeting on the refreshed Empowerment Action Plan to be held on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2008 at 11.30 a.m.

**30. FORWARD PLAN/WORK PROGRAMME FOR COMMUNITIES AND INVOLVEMENT**

Consideration was given to the formulation of the Forward Plan/Work Programme for 2008 and various issues were suggested for the next meeting. A draft model of the Forward Plan would be discussed with the Cabinet Member in due course.

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

Resolved:- That the next meeting of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Involvement take place on the revised date of Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2008 at 11.30 a.m.

**MEMBERS' TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PANEL  
THURSDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER, 2008**

Present:- Councillor Sharman (in the Chair); Councillors Austen, Dodson, Gosling, Lakin, Littleboy, McNeely, Pickering, Turner, Whelbourn and Wootton.

Apologies for Absence were received from The Mayor (Councillor G. A. Russell), Councillors Cutts, Hodgkiss, Hughes, Rushforth, Sangster and Smith.

Also in attendance was Councillor Wyatt, Cabinet Member for Sustainability and Innovation for Minute No. 12 below.

**10. E-CASEWORK FOR COUNCILLORS**

The Members' Training and Development Panel received a product demonstration of the "e-Casework for Councillors".

e-Casework was a case management system developed by and for Elected Members in the London Borough of Lambeth. It allows the submission of cases/complaints for action by officers via web browsers and e-mail. This provided a facility for a better organised way of working, kept an easy track of cases when passed between different officers and had automatic e-mail notification when cases were overdue.

Members agreed that they were unsatisfied with the current system and wished to progress the introduction of a much more easily accessible product which could clearly identify progress of a case/complaint or to see what action had been taken to resolve.

It was, therefore, suggested, that contact be made with officers and Members of the London Borough of Lambeth to receive feedback on the product's functionality and ease of use and comparisons with other products that may be on the market.

Discussion ensued on the best way to progress the introduction of a new case management system for Members' surgery enquiries in Rotherham, including consideration by the E-Government Board and the Corporate Management Team. On this basis it was suggested that a small group of Members meet with relevant officers to discuss how to progress surgery management in Rotherham..

Agreed:- (1) That Rob List be thanked for his very informative demonstration.

(2) That the Scrutiny Adviser contact London Borough of Lambeth to establish feedback on the e-Casework for Councillors case management system.

(3) That this issue be referred to the E-Government Board to assess its



compatibility with ICT in Rotherham and its links with the IT Strategy.

(4) That Councillors Austen, Gosling and Pickering be nominated to meet with relevant officers to consider the possibility of progressing a case management system in Rotherham.

(5) That a report on progress by submitted to the next meeting of this Panel to be held on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, at 3.00 p.m.

#### **11. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 24TH JULY, 2008**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2008, were agreed as a correct record.

Reference was made to Minute No. 8 (Portable Loop System) and confirmed that it had not been possible to obtain a portable loop system on a trial basis. It was suggested that contact be made with other organisations such as NHS Rotherham, South Yorkshire Police or other neighbouring Local Authorities, to establish if they had such a provision and whether there was any provision to share or loan on an ad hoc basis.

#### **12. UPDATE ON MEMBER ICT**

Councillor Wyatt, Cabinet Member for Sustainability and Innovation, introduced a report which had been submitted to the E-Government Board for consideration.

The contents were discussed and covered:-

- Members' Use of ICT Facilities.
- Internet Access.
- E-mail Use.
- Blackberries and Similar Devices.
- Remove Access.
- Memory Sticks.
- Procurement of ICT Kit.
- Members' Training.

It was also suggested that Members receive a copy of the ICT Strategy to view from a Member perspective and to consider how to move issues forward.

Reference was made to the plans being considered for the future of the Town Hall and the Eric Manns Building and it was suggested that as part of the planning stage, consideration be given to the final report of the Scrutiny Review of Community Leadership, This report recommended various aspects to meet Members' needs and should be a starting point in any deliberations, along with discussions with Members.

Discussion also ensued on the future use of redundant ICT equipment

and the protocols associated with disposal.

The Members' Training and Development Panel also heard about difficulties still being experienced by some Members regarding connectivity following the introduction of broadband. It was suggested that Members experiencing difficulties receive support as a matter of urgency.

Agreed:- (1) That the developments to date and the proposed future developments be noted.

(2) That Richard Copley circulate a copy of the ICT Strategy to all Members of this Training and Development Panel.

(3) That consideration be by the group currently developing plans for the future use of the Town Hall be asked to look at the recommendations of the Scrutiny Review of Community Leadership as part of the planning proposals for the Town Hall and Eric Manns Building.

(4) That Members experiencing connection and functionality problems with broadband receive attention and support as soon as possible.

### **13. MEMBER OPINION SURVEY**

The Chairman introduced Debby Robinson, Senior HR Officer, who was to give a presentation on the Member Opinion Survey.

The presentation drew specific attention to:-

- The Fourth Member Survey.
- Response Rate.
- Areas to Celebrate.
- Improvement Areas.
- Similarity to Employees.
- Other Employee Issues.

A copy of the Members' Opinion Survey was circulated for all those present.

A discussion and a question/answer session ensued and the following issues were raised and clarified:-

- Promotion, publicity and awareness raising of actions to deal with stress.
- The witnessing of bullying and harassment.
- Actions to be taken forward.

Agreed:- That the contents of the Member Opinion Survey be noted.

### **14. MEMBER DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

Sioned-Mair Richards, Scrutiny Adviser, introduced a report which summarised Member Development activities that had been undertaken in the last months. These included:-

- Post Graduate Course in Local Government Modernisation – Attendees Councillors Austen, Barron, Sangster and Wyatt.
- IDeA Local Leadership Conference – Milton Keynes – 3rd September, 2008.
- Rotherham Show – Role of Councillors Promotion.
- Ward Walkabouts.
- Local Democracy Week.
- Member Development Programme.
- South Yorkshire Improvement Programme.

Councillor Austen circulated a copy of an advertisement that appeared in FIRST Magazine relating to a pack on how Members could be involved in schools as part of the Citizenship Curriculum. The value of this pack was to be sought, with consideration to the circulation to relevant parties.

It was also pointed out that the promotional material and boards used for Rotherham Show on the role of Councillors was available for use elsewhere.

A report was also due to be circulated on the conference held at the South Yorkshire Criminal Justice Unit, which was found to be very interesting and informative by the attendees.

Agreed:- (1) That the Member Development initiatives undertaken be noted.

(2) That work now be extended on promoting the role of Members, including the information pack from FIRST Magazine.

## **15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Agreed:- That the next meeting of the Panel be amended to now take place on Thursday, 30th October, 2008 at 3.00 p.m. Letters informing Members of this change will be circulated in due course.

**NEW ARRIVALS WORKING PARTY  
Wednesday, 26th September, 2007**

Present:- Councillor Sharman (in the Chair); Councillors Ellis, Kirk and Rushforth.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hussain and S. Wright.

**1. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 25TH JULY, 2007**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2007, were noted with the addition of the following words:-

B2 "... and gypsy and travellers and the wellbeing of the indigenous population".

Arising from Minute No. 3, the Regional Strategy Group was still considering at a fair distribution of asylum seeker across the area;

Agreed:- That an update be submitted to the next meeting on unaccompanied asylum seeker children.

**2. "NEW EUROPEAN MIGRATION - GOOD PRACTICE GUIDE FOR LA'S" - SUMMARY OF THE I&DEA REPORT**

Andrew Crowley, Asylum Team Project Leader, submitted a report outlining how different authorities had responded to New European Migration using a framework of questions to assist local authorities to develop a comprehensive response.

The number of newly issued National Insurance numbers were now recorded locally which demonstrated significant migration to the Yorkshire and Humberside region. The region had received 6% of all NI numbers issued in the UK for 2006/07.

It was noted that a mapping exercise was being undertaken by the Chief Executive's Directorate in line with guidance released by I&DeA. Replies were to be returned by 28<sup>th</sup> September.

Agreed:- (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the piece of research being undertaken by Neighbourhoods and Adult Services include ascertaining how many European migrants had come to Rotherham, be submitted to the next meeting.

(3) That the results of the mapping research be submitted to the next meeting.

**3. ASYLUM TEAM PERFORMANCE REPORT APRIL TO AUGUST, 2007**

Andrew Crowley, Asylum Project Team Leader, presented the performance of the Team since the beginning of April, 2007.

Rotherham had had a recent Home Office inspection where 2 out of 3 properties had been found to be without any fault. The third had minor faults. The KPI failure was due to a new interpretation by the Home Office of the Indicator relating to properties being offered within acceptable time limits. The Consortium Manager was disputing the penalty for Rotherham and had asked the Home Office for evidence.

It was noted that local authorities were not made aware if a private provider failed an inspection and, if poor performance continued, at what point was their contract not renewed.

Agreed:- (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That Councillor Hussain raise at the Consortium the issue of private providers' performance.

#### **4. ASYLUM TEAM BUDGET**

Andrew Crowley, Asylum Team Project Leader, submitted a report on the budget outturn for 2006/07 and on the first 5 months of 2007/08.

It was noted that the funding for the Welcome Centre expired at the end of March, 2008.

Agreed:- (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the Team Leader to advise the Working Party of the amount of Asylum Seeker budget used for other purposes.

(3) That a budget report be prepared for the December meeting.

#### **5. IMPACT OF CASE RESOLUTION PROGRAMME**

Andrew Crowley, Asylum Team Project Leader, submitted a report on Home Office plans to introduce a national 10 week Case Resolution Programme to include the cases of a number of families in Rotherham who had been waiting for more than 3 years for a final outcome to their asylum claim.

Since the report had been compiled, it was noted that the Home Office had entered into discussion with local authorities and the LGA where a number of proposals had been considered and would be submitted to the respective Minister for formal approval. It seemed likely that the Programme would be extended until the end of March, 2008, with agreed determination on a case by case basis between the local authority and the Home Office.

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Agreed:- (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That an analysis be submitted of those that stayed in Rotherham once they had received positive decisions.

**6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Impact of new communities with particular reference to Children and Young Peoples' Services

Agreed:- That a report be submitted to the next meeting on the above including school attendance.

**7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Agreed:- That a further meeting be held on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2007, commencing at 9.30 a.m.