

CABINET MEMBER FOR STREETPRIDE

Venue: Training Room, 3rd Floor **Date:** Monday, 20th April, 2009
Bailey House,
Rawmarsh Road,
Rotherham. S60 1TD

Time: 9.30 a.m.

A G E N D A

1. To determine if the following matters are to be considered under the categories suggested, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended March 2006).
2. To determine any item which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered later in the agenda as a matter of urgency.
3. Fitter for Walking - Project Update (Pages 1 - 4)
Ken Wheat, Transportation Unit Manager, to report.
 - to provide an update on the Fitter for Walking project.
4. Blue Box Transfer Station Contract. (report attached) (Pages 5 - 7)
Adrian Gabriel, Waste Manager, to report.
 - to award the contract for the Blue Box Transfer Station.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1. Meeting:	DELEGATED POWERS MEETING – CABINET MEMBER FOR STREETPRIDE
2. Date:	30th March 2009
3. Title:	Fitter for Walking Project - Update
4. Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development Services at the meeting held on 16th March (Minute No. 205 refers) referred this report to the Cabinet Member for Streetpride.

The report details the progress of the 4 year “Fitter for Walking” project partnership between Rotherham Borough Council and Living Streets.

6. Recommendations

(i) That Cabinet Member notes the progress being made.

7. Proposals and Details

Reference was made to the previous report to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development Services on 21st April 2008 about a partnership project between the Rotherham and Doncaster Councils and “Living Streets” (formerly the “Pedestrians Association”) to champion the use of streets and public spaces for people on foot. The project aims to increase the number of walked journeys lasting up to about 15 minutes including most types of walking trips such as those to local shops, to public transport facilities, or places of work and schools. In order to achieve an increase, Living Streets and the Council will identify and work with up to 24 communities over a 4 year period to develop projects and promotions related to walking. Cabinet Member requested regular updates on the project and this report outlines progress up to February 2009.

A Fitter for Walking Regional Coordinator the Yorkshire and Humberside (effectively the geographic areas of Rotherham and Doncaster) was appointed by Living Streets in May 2008. The post holder is now working with community groups, Area Assemblies, Tenants and Residents Associations and Council Directorates. To date, Living Streets and local communities have identified and developed a number of worthwhile schemes:

Addison Road / Laburnum Road, Maltby – Access to Local Shops.

Members of Cliff Hills Community Group conducted a Community Street Audit in and around Addison Road. The audit revealed a number of opportunities to improve crossing points and footway routes to local shops and services. An improvement scheme at an estimated cost of £20K is now being developed to address the issues outlined the street audit. Local Ward Councillors are involved with the process.

St Albans Church, Wickersley – Lighting and Footpath Improvements

St Albans Church Group and members of the local community have conducted a Community Street audit and have submitted a request to improve a path between Church lane and Churchfield Drive. The path connects a large part of the residential area of Wickersley with shops, services local schools. It is a popular walking route but has become narrow and overgrown in places. The path is not street lit and is unattractive at night.

The issues have been reported to the Council before but no action was taken because the scheme was not considered to be a high priority. However, more recently, Council priorities have shifted towards promoting walking and local accessibility and the proposal now offers higher benefits. Therefore, an improvement scheme will be developed to address the issues outlined the street audit. The estimated cost is some £17K

Thurcroft Mineral Line

After liaising with Thurcroft Walking Group and the local Area Assembly, Living Streets are helping to facilitate new seating and signage for the Old Mineral Line Trail at Thurcroft. Once complete, the Mineral Line will be re-launched in Spring

2009 to raise awareness and increase the already encouraging daily use of the trail. Further improvements are also being examined to improve cycling and walking routes which connect the Mineral Line with surrounding residential areas.

Wath Heritage Walk

Local people, the Wentworth North Area Assembly, Living Streets, Rotherham NHS and Housing Market Renewal Teams have worked together to create a figure of eight walk around the centre of Wath. The short walk, funded by HMR, will be launched in Summer 2009 and will exploit the rich heritage of Wath, its points of interest, and the shops and facilities in the town centre. Display boards and markers will depict the route.

Play Pathfinder

Living Streets are working with Culture and Leisure (Project Development Unit) to look at walking and access issues around newly planned and refurbished 'Play Pathfinder' parks. Initially, work will be focussed on developing sites at Eastwood, Thorpe Hesley and Kiveton Park. Children, young people and their communities are helping to develop innovative play sites with challenging equipment and natural landscapes, which will give all children the opportunity to play actively outdoors. It is important that these sites can be accessed safely, easily and sustainably and Living Streets will survey users to determine the best way of improving accessibility.

8. Finance

All proposals will be assessed in accordance with the targets and objectives of the Local Transport Plan. Assuming that a reasonable cost to benefit ratio can be achieved, projects will be prioritised within the 2009/10 and subsequent LTP Capital Programmes.

The Council has committed to allocate a total of £42K match funding over the four year life of the Fitter for Walking Project. The match funding is not about "new money" and it can be made up through a combination of both capital and revenue funding including existing allocations, accommodation for the Fitter for Walking Officer and local authority staff time but, such has been the success of the project to date, it is likely that numerous beneficial community led projects will be identified with a capital value far in excess of the match fund target.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The success of the scheme is dependent upon local communities becoming involved with Living Streets and the Fitter for Walking project. To date, community involvement has been encouraging and viable capital projects are being put forward. However, as with any emerging capital project, there can be no guarantee of funding and this adds some uncertainties regarding the level of match fund spend.

A further update will be made to Cabinet Member in 6 months time to outline progress on individual project assessment and delivery and on the Fitter for Walking Project more generally.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The promotion of walking is a key part of the Local Transport Plan LTP – especially for promoting or improving links to shops, services and public transport. Walking also contributes to the healthy living and sustainability / climate change agendas and the Alive theme of both the Community Strategy and Area / Community Plans, these being particularly relevant in areas where Housing Market Renewal Masterplans are being developed.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Consultation will take place with a Other Council Services and external partners to extend interest and participation in the project.

- Streetpride
- Neighbourhoods - Housing Market Renewal Team
- Culture and Leisure
- Greenspaces
- Adult Services - Active Health Team
- Rotherham NHS

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ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Streetpride
2.	Date:	20th April 2009
3.	Title:	Blue Box Transfer Station Contract
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

The Council formally terminated the contract with Creation Recycling Ltd for the provision of a Blue Box Transfer Station on 18 December 2008. Alternative provision was provided by Beatson Clark Plc on an emergency basis until the service was re-tendered. This process is now complete and this report provides details of the tender and evaluation process for the procurement of a Blue Box Transfer Station.

6. Recommendation:

That the Cabinet Member for Streetpride:

Supports the recommendation to award the contract to Beatson Clark Plc, subject to them obtaining the required planning permission and Environmental Permit.

7. Proposals and Details

Following the termination of the Blue Box Transfer Station contract between the Council and Creation Recycling Ltd, emergency arrangements were put in place with Beatson Clark Plc until the contract could be re-tendered. The procurement process has now been concluded with a new three year contract plus a possible two year extension for the provision of a Blue Box Transfer Station. It is anticipated that the contract start date will be Monday 6th July 2009 to allow the incoming contractor to gain Planning Permission and Environmental Permit consent.

The tender deadline was set at 6th March 2009. The following companies submitted a tender proposal before this deadline:

Ron Hull Jnr Ltd
 Cutts Recycling Ltd
 Glass Recycling UK
 Beatson Clark Plc
 AbitibiBowater Recycling Europe

The companies submitted a tendered gate fee per tonne fixed for three years. A positive number was used to denote payment by RMBC to the Contractor and a negative number was used to denote payment by the Contractor to RMBC. The tendered gate fees ranged from £26.00 per tonne to -£13.55 per tonne.

Each company was asked 11 questions as part of their quality submission, which included: experience, location, technical competence, carbon footprint, health and safety, and other procedures.

Following a tender evaluation based on a Price:Quality evaluation, in the ratio 60:40, it is recommended that Beatson Clark Plc who achieved the maximum score be awarded the contract.

The scores achieved by all those who submitted tenders were as indicated in the table below:

Company	Quality Score	Price Score	Total Score
Ron Hull Jnr Ltd	33.14	5.52	38.66
Cutts Recycling Ltd	39.43	27.59	67.01
Glass Recycling UK Ltd*	0	0	0
Beatson Clark Plc	40.00	60.00	100.00
AbitibiBowater Recycling Europe	37.71	28.28	65.99

* Non compliant bid

The original specification stated that all proposed Transfer Stations were to be located within the RMBC boundary; this was later extended to within 5 miles from the RMBC boundary. Glass Recycling UK Ltd submitted a proposal with their Transfer Station 6.9 miles from the RMBC boundary, so were precluded from the tender. However, their bid was still considered but after carrying out a transport mileage assessment found it to be uneconomic.

8. Finance.

The new contractor's proposal includes a payment to the Council of £13.55 for every tonne of recyclable material (approximately 7000 tonnes p.a.) delivered to the transfer station. However, should the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 TUPE apply to this contract then this would be classed as a 'compensation event' and as such, an adjustment to the tendered price could be made to reflect any additional costs.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The contract will only be formally executed and signed when Beatson Clark Plc have actually obtained the required Environmental Permit and Planning Permission for the Transfer Station.

The Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 ("TUPE") may apply to this contract and ongoing clarification is still taking place between RMBC and Creation Recycling Ltd.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The delivery of the new contract through the procurement exercise will ensure continuity of the provision of a Blue Box Transfer Station, and will seek to deliver possible future increases in recycling.

Performance Indicators

BV 82a (i) %age of household waste arisings which have been sent for recycling.

BV 82a (ii) Total tonnage of household waste arisings which have been sent for recycling.

BV 82d (i) %age of household waste arisings which have been landfilled.

BV 82d (ii) Total tonnage of household waste arisings which have been landfilled.

NI 191 – Residual household waste per household.

NI 192 – Percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting.

NI 193 – Percentage of Municipal Solid Waste sent to landfill.

Waste Strategy 2007 set national targets for the reuse, recycling and composting of household waste – of at least 40% by 2010, 45% by 2015 and 50% by 2020.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

The Environment Agency has been fully consulted over the emergency arrangements and has approved them subject to a method statement and that the service is re-tendered and awarded by April 2009, with a view to contract commencement by July 2009.

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