

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURAL SERVICES AND SPORT**

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

**Date: Tuesday, 10th November, 2009**

**Time: 10.00 a.m.**

### **A G E N D A**

1. To determine if the following matters are to be considered under the categories suggested in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972.
2. To determine any item which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th October, 2009 (copy herewith) (Pages 1 - 2)
4. Minutes of a meeting of the Town Centre Events Group held on 26th October, 2009 (copy herewith) (Pages 3 - 6)
5. Archaeology South Yorkshire - Member Nomination.
6. September Revenue Budget Monitoring Report (herewith) (Pages 7 - 16)
7. April - September Capital Monitoring Report (herewith) (Pages 17 - 23)
8. Land to rear of numbers 28, 33 and 35 Thorpefield Close, Thorpe Hesley (report herewith) (Pages 24 - 27)

**CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURAL SERVICES AND SPORT**  
**Tuesday, 20th October, 2009**

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

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Falvey.

**25. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 6TH OCTOBER, 2009**

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member held on 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2009 be signed as a true record.

**26. MOWBRAY GARDENS LIBRARY PROJECT**

Consideration was given to a report submitted by the Community Engagement Manager which detailed developments undertaken by Rotherham Library and Information Service during the construction and initial stages of the Big Lottery Funded Community Libraries Programme at Mowbray Gardens Library.

The main areas of work undertaken had been:-

- Successful application for award from Big Lottery Fund and ongoing monitoring.
- Consultation with local people in design of library facility and services.
- Design and construction of new library facility.
- Ongoing community engagement to enable local people to design, deliver and manage library services.

Rotherham Library and Information Service was one of 58 library authorities across England to be awarded a grant from Big Lottery Fund to renovate, extend or build new libraries so that they could offer a broader range of activities to their communities. Mowbray Gardens Library Project was put forward as a proposal to maximise the already positive work being undertaken with local people, especially children and young people.

The report also set out in detail information relating to:-

- Consultation.
- Design and Construction Phase.
- Usage.
- Current Initiatives and Future Plans.
- Marketing.

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

(2) That further opportunities be taken to participate in externally funded projects to renovate libraries.

(3) That new methods of engaging with potential customers continue to be investigated.

**(THE CHAIRMAN AUTHORISED CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN ORDER TO KEEP MEMBERS INFORMED OF PROPOSED WORKS)**

**27. PROPOSED PUBLIC ART FEATURE ON KNOLLBECK LANE, BRAMPTON - GATEWAY IMPROVEMENT WORKS**

Consideration was given to a report submitted by the Principal Officer for Community Arts which detailed proposals for a public art scheme close to the Bierlow Close Community Hall on Knollbeck Lane, Rotherham, commemorating the heritage of the local area.

The current proposal represented a further phase of such works, jointly developed by the Implementation Team, Andy Newton and Lesley Shepherd, working with colleagues in the Council's Community Arts Service and comprising the introduction of a public art feature onto a retaining wall on Knollbeck Lane.

This feature comprised six ribbon shapes affixed to the wall, made from stainless steel and incorporating images generated with local residents, young people and school children about local heritage features and aspirations. The ribbons were preceded and followed by cart-wheeling figures based on local young people to symbolise moving energetically and with hope from the past into the future. The end figure was framed within a continuation of the metal ribbon, on the grassy knoll next to the wall, and would be surrounded by landscaping works.

This report was also being submitted to the Joint Meeting for the Cabinet Members for Economic Development, Planning and Regeneration and Streetpride for approval due to the temporary closure of the adjacent side of Knollbeck Lane with the narrowing of traffic to single carriageway.

It was felt that a press release should be issued as appropriate.

Resolved:- That the proposed works and the associated funding arrangements be noted.

**TOWN CENTRE EVENTS GROUP**  
**Monday, 26th October, 2009**

Present:- Councillor St. John (in the Chair); Councillors Dodson, McNeely and Wootton.

together with:-

Marie Hayes	Events and Promotions Service Manager
Kate Butler	Events Manager
Phil Woodward	South Yorkshire Police
Janet Greenwood	Neighbourhood Partnership Manager

**37. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from:-

Joanne Edley	Tourism Manager
Michelle Hill	Town Centre Safety Manager
Inspector Abdul Aziz	
Julie Roberts	Town Centre and Markets Manager
Jan Leyland	Neighbourhood Partnerships Manager
Dawn Campbell	Events and Promotions Officer

**38. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 22ND JULY, 2009**

Agreed:- That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2009, be received as a correct record.

**39. MATTERS ARISING**

The following issues were raised:-

- (i) Minute 32(i) – Input from Radio stations

It was confirmed that Hallam FM had confirmed they would front the Town Centre Switch On evening.

- (ii) Minute 32(ii) – Big Screen

The Group noted that all the requested information had now been gathered and would be written into a formal report, initially for consideration by the Strategic Director.

- (iii) Minute 34 – Future of the Town Centre Events Group

An update would be given at Minute No.

**40. TOWN CENTRE EVENTS UPDATE**

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Events and Promotions Service Manager, updating Members of the Group on the outcome of the events which had taken place within the Town Centre since the new financial year and highlighting forthcoming events.

Reference was made to the benefits of the events to the town centre in terms of footfall, media coverage, atmosphere and showcasing the town.

It was reported that the Team had delivered 8 events over the summer and had provided assistance and guidance to six other groups and organisations that had also delivered events.

The following were highlighted:-

- Rotherham by the Sea - 10<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August:- now in it's 7<sup>th</sup> year.
- Last Night of the Proms – 12<sup>th</sup> September:- staffed by Town Centre Management, due to the Team being involved in Rotherham Show
- Festival of Food and Drink: - 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> October- Italian Food market and specialist local and regional foods.
- Community Events: BBC event - My Story; Rotherham Open Arts Festival – 4<sup>th</sup> autumn Spiegel tent

A separate report was distributed at the meeting detailing the forthcoming Christmas Events 2009 from 19<sup>th</sup> November to 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2009.

In addition it was reported that an Arts Market was also being considered for Spring 2010.

Those present discussed the following:-

- Location of Santa's Grotto
- Car parking
- Sunday open markets
- Current publicity and distribution
- Other suggestions for publicising events - in the windows of empty shops; Area Assembly website; out of town town centres; Rotherham News: local newspapers; Rother FM; other Directorates' internal newsletters
- Need to include 1<sup>st</sup> showing of the Pantomime to the list of events
- Switch on of the Minster lights
- Larger events and Mayoral events

Informed the group about the Secret Santa competition with prizes donated by the businesses, and with Rother FM giving out clues. The aim being to encourage people into the shops.

Agreed: (1) That the details contained within the report be noted.

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- (2) That the Town Centre Management team be thanked for their help in staffing the Last Night of the Proms event.
- (3) That the Group's suggestions about other methods of publicity, as now discussed, be explored.

**41. TOWN CENTRE EVENTS GROUP/TOWN CENTRE MARKETING GROUP**

Further to Minute No. 34 of the meeting of the Group held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2009, further discussion took place around the suggestion that this Group and the Town Centre Marketing Group should merge.

Marie Hayes, Events and Promotions Services Manager, provided a brief background to the establishment of this Group.

Councillor McNeely reported that she had attended the last meeting of the Town Centre Marketing Group and provided feedback as follows:-

- Confirmed that the groups discussed different items
- Concern about the size of the membership should the two groups be merged
- Member representation on the different groups
- This group being a means of providing operational information to Elected Members
- Officer/Member roles to provide interchange between the two groups
- Acknowledged that officers have to report to two different groups

Elected Members present having considered the above and having discussed the proposal were in agreement that both Groups had separate roles to play.

Agreed: That the Events and Promotions Service Manager includes the views now expressed and completes the report to the Strategic Director.

**42. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENING**

Kate Butler, Events Manager, reported on arrangements for the Christmas Lights Switch on Evening which was taking place on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2009. The event would commence at 5 p.m. with the Switch on being at 6 p.m.

The layout would include:- tree in the Square; staging on top of the shops/toilet block; other VIP guests in front of the fruit and vegetable shop; fairground rides in Effingham Street; Santa's Grotto near Boots; Salvation Army Brass Band.

Elected Members discussed the following:-

- Policing of the event, and the town centre in general
- contributions from the shop keepers
- this year's lighting scheme

Agreed: That the arrangements for the Switch on Night be noted.

**43. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No further items of business were raised at the meeting.

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

Date to be confirmed in January, 2010.

<b>ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL - REPORT TO MEMBERS</b>
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1.	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Cultural Services and Sport Delegated Powers Meeting</b>
2.	<b>Date:</b>	<b>10th November, 2009</b>
3.	<b>Title:</b>	<b>September Revenue Budget Monitoring Report</b>
4.	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>Environment and Development Services</b>

**5. Summary**

To report on performance against the revenue budget for the Environment and Development Services Directorate as at **the end of September 2009** and to provide a forecast outturn for the whole of the 2009/10 financial year.

**6. Recommendations**

**That Members note the current forecast year end outturn position of an overspend of £620,000 for the Environment & Development Services Directorate based on expenditure and income as at September 2009.**

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



## 7. Proposals and Details

Members are asked to receive and comment upon budget monitoring reports on a monthly basis from May onwards. This report reflects the position against budget for the period 1 April 2009 to 30 September 2009. The attached **appendices** give a summary of the projected 2009/10 revenue position for the Directorate;

Appendix A – E&DS Summary Report.

Appendix A1 to A5 – Service Level Summary Report.

Following the September cycle of budget monitoring the Directorate has identified that it is likely to incur an overspend of £620,000 (1.354%) against its total net revenue budget of £45,784,040. However, all possible actions to mitigate this will be taken.

The key pressures contributing to this position are :

- Reduced consultancy work fee income
- Restructuring costs within Culture and Leisure
- Under recovery of income due to a reduced number of planning applications
- Flood related costs (June 2009)
- Under recovery of income on the Parking Budget

### **Asset Management (£179K+)**

The Service Director has reported a current under recovery of income of £150K from design and construction trading accounts. A review is being carried out and it is anticipated that the position will improve up to the end of the financial year. However long term prospects are for a reduction in profitability as workload reduces and shifts away from large capital projects.

A further pressure is that the cost of the School Crossing Patrol's has not been passed direct to schools resulting in a further pressure of £79K.

The above pressures are mitigated by reductions in other budgeted areas by £50K.

### **Business Unit (£150k-)**

The Business Unit is effectively managing vacant posts (£100k), has made savings through the Corporate Account due to moratorium on spending (£20k) and has now imposed a moratorium on the uncommitted Training budget (£30k) to mitigate the Directorate forecast overspend by £150k in 2009/10.

### **Culture and Leisure (£68k+)**

Pressures within Sports and Recreation total (£60k) and include arrears of costs at pools (£15k) and solicitor costs (£18k).

Additionally, unbudgeted security costs at Ulley Reservoir (£27k) have previously been reported. Culture and Heritage have a forecast net under spend of £12k-. There are savings of (£3k-) in Museums and Libraries Management due to staff vacancies, and savings within Libraries (£4k-). The Service is continuing to work on achieving savings offered as part of setting the budget for 2009/10.

### **Planning and Regeneration (£429k+)**

The key pressures for this Service are due to a continuing decline in planning applications. The projected income under-recovery is £610k. The Housing Planning Delivery Grant allocation is being used to help offset this pressure (£129k). Smaller pressures within the service of an estimated £62k relate to the Mapping Systems, these are being offset by non recruitment to some posts (£28k-), savings in Development Promotions (£16k-) and increased activity resulting in additional fee income from the LTP (£67k-).

Work is currently under way to restructure this service, though it is unlikely to yield any savings in this financial year.

### **Streetpride (£94k+)**

There are pressures being reported across Streetpride which include a shortfall on income within Parking (£97k), energy costs on Street Lighting (£49k), and within Street Cleansing (£20k). Costs have been identified by Streetpride relating to the localised floods, as £50k and are unbudgeted. Some savings have been identified within Waste (£121k-) due to new contractual arrangements to help mitigate the pressures in this service.

## **8. Finance**

Please refer to the attached appendices for detailed financial analysis. The Directorate will continue to review its planned expenditure and identify and implement management actions to help mitigate the forecast overspend.

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

The overall Directorate budget currently shows a projected overspend of £620,000. There are costs associated with Office Accommodation on Reresby House and Maltby Joint Service Centre which remain unbudgeted and under review. A separate report is being compiled on the current position on the Land and Property Bank, which is under considerable pressure due to a number of buildings being closed and the costs being transferred. To date the reported position has reflected a combination of cost pressures partially being compensated for by savings/additional income being generated across the Service. The Strategic Director of Environment and Development Services and Cabinet Member have determined this is an acceptable way of balancing the budget in accordance with Financial Regulation Virement Note Section 11, without the need for implementing virement.

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

Directorate budgets are aligned only to corporate priorities and spending within the agreed Directorate cash allocation is key to demonstrate the efficient Use of Resources.

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

This is the fifth budget monitoring report for the Directorate for 2009/10 and reflects the position from April 2009 to September 2009. This report has been discussed with the Strategic Directors of Environment and Development Services and Finance.

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## REASONS FOR VARIANCE FROM APPROVED BUDGET (Based on available information as at end September 2009)

Service	Under (-) / Over (+) Spending Projected to Year End £,000	Reasons/Implications	RAG Status	Actions Proposed	Impact of Actions	Revised RAG Status
Asset Management	179	Due to the downturns in workload, surpluses above the original trading targets are unlikely to be achieved, though Service are endeavouring to deliver on this.	A			G
Business Unit	-150	Identified savings due to freeze on recruitment and a moratorium on spend.	G			G
Culture & Leisure	68	The key pressures are within Recreation and Sport (£124k) relates to security costs at Ulley post June 2007 Floods and loss of income on TCP café due to refurbishment	G			G
Planning & Regeneration Service	429	The pressure within this Service Area is generally due to an under recovery of income due to a reduced number of application fees.	A			G
Streetpride	94	The key pressures within Streetpride are Flood Related costs, under recovery of income for Parking. There are other pressures within Drainage, Street Lighting and Grounds Maintenance which are being partially offset by savings within Waste.	A			G
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>620</b>					<b>G</b>

## REASONS FOR VARIANCE FROM APPROVED BUDGET (Based on available information as at end September 2009)

Asset Management	Under (-) / Over (+) Spending Projected to Year End £,000	Reasons/Implications	RAG Status	Actions Proposed	Impact of Actions	Revised RAG Status
Management	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Building Cleaning	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Public Conveniences (All Saints)	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Caretakers	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Bailey Suite	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
School Crossing Patrol	79	Concern over deliverability of the proposed saving £78,700. Potential to implement 2010/11	R			
Education Premises	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Office Accommodation	0	Nil variance at this stage, reports to be progressed.	A	Shortfall on Town Centre Office moves, having been implemented earlier than planned.		
Community Buildings	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Facilities Management	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Swinton District Heating	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Emergency and Safety	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Environmental Management	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Strategic Support Team	-25	Savings as a result of the moratorium on spend and reduced legal charges.	G	No action required.		
Miscellaneous Properties	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Transport	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Misc. Fee Accounts	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Fee Billing - Consultancy Management	150	Potential shortfall to income target	A	A review of fee earning income is being undertaken to determine if the position can be improved		G
*Valuation Group (Fee Billing)	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
*Commercial Properties	-25	Savings as a result of the moratorium on spend and a small increase in occupancy levels.	G	No action required.		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>179</b>					

Note:

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REASONS FOR VARIANCE FROM APPROVED BUDGET (Based on available information as at end September 2009)

Business Unit	Spending Projected to Year End £,000	Reasons/Implications	RAG Status	Actions Proposed	Impact of Actions	Revised RAG Status
Business Support and Central Admin	-100	Identified savings due to effective vacancy management	G	No action required.		
Plan Printing	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Payments to RBT	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year.	G	No action required.		
Management	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year.	G	No action required.		
Corporate Account	-20	Lower than expected charges on WRCC pensions and moratorium on spend	G	No action required.		
Performance & Quality	0	Savings due to moratorium on spend	G	No action required.		
Training	-30	Moratorium on spend	G	No action required.		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-150</b>					

## REASONS FOR VARIANCE FROM APPROVED BUDGET (Based on available information as at end September 2009)

Culture & Leisure Services	Under (-) / Over (+) Spending Projected to Year End £,000	Reasons/Implications	RAG Status	Actions Proposed	Impact of Actions	Revised RAG Status
Culture & Heritage	-12	There are overspends in Theatres (£38k) which are being partially offset by an underspend in Museums (£50k)	G	No action required.		
Library Service	-4	This reflects a net underspend across Permanent Lending Libraries and Mobile Libraries	G	No action required.		G
Recreation & Sport	60	The key pressures are costs incurred for Halliwells relating to the sledging incident (£18k), arrears of pay at pools (£15k), and attendants pay (£30k).	A	Review of Grounds Maintenance charges, potential to reduce when service transfers from Ringway to RMBC.		A
Tourism	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		G
Service Management & Support	-3	There are overspends within this area due to savings offered for 2009/10 which are being partially offset by savings made due to staff vacancies (£77k) and within the Book Fund (£75k),	G	A report will need to be produced for delegated powers relating to the use of the Book Fund.		G
Post Flood work 2007	27	Actual costs for security Ulley (April - June) no funding available.	A	Consider under proposed Capital spend for rehabilitation of Ulley Reservoir, and absorb early year costs across the Service		G
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>68</b>					

REASONS FOR VARIANCE FROM APPROVED BUDGET (Based on available information as at end September 2009)

Planning & Regeneration Service	Under (-) / Over (+) Spending Projected to Year End £,000	Reasons/Implications	RAG Status	Actions Proposed	Impact of Actions	Revised RAG Status
Business Development	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Development Promotion	-16	Higher than expected fee income relating to land sales	G	No action required.		
YES Project	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Economic Strategy	-28	Not currently recruiting to vacant posts	G	No action required.		
Work Implementation	0		G	No action required.		
Managed Workspace (Business Centres)	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
RERF	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Town Centre Mgt	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Markets	-3	A 25% reduction in Gas charges from 01 June, is partially offsetting a shortfall in income recovery	G	No action required.		
Forward Planning	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Management	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Land Charges	62	Unable to implement charges for OS Mapping	R	To be offset with in year savings across the service		G
Development Control	610	Income shortfall due to reduced of applications	R	Further review required. Budget was realigned based on last years actuals, reduction in income target of £650k. However, the economic climate is indicating a continued downturn.		
Housing Planning Delivery Grant (HPDG)	-129	To offset OS Mapping shortfall and partially offset the under recovery of income in DC	G	To offset OS Mapping shortfall		G
Building Control (80% Trading)	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Building Control (20% Revenue)	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.		
Transportation	-67	Increased fee income being generated from LTP schemes	G	No action required.		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>429</b>					



## REASONS FOR VARIANCE FROM APPROVED BUDGET (Based on available information as at end September 2009)

Streetpride	Under (-) / Over (+) Spending Projected to Year End £,000	Reasons/Implications	RAG Status	Actions Proposed	Impact of Actions	Revised RAG Status
Community Delivery Teams	20	A recent assesemnt of Street Cleansing has highlighted further charges above budget are expected.	G	Review charging procedures to improve projections for 2009/10	That full year charges are containable within the 2009/10 budget	G
Network Management	103	The main pressures are being caused by under recovery of income within the Parking Budget (£97+) , for the loss of income, and energy costs within Street Lighting (£49K+). Some savings have been made in Design and Contract Management (£20k-) which are contributing to reduce the overall overspend	A	Analysis of the income recovery for parking suggests there has been minimum impact other than at the Civic/Norfolk site where people are taking opportunity of the 'free' parking. A half year review of Service may allow for budget transfer within Streetpride, to realign the budget to the pressures for 2009/10.	Assess the outcomes and report to Cabinet Member and CMT.	G
Schemes & Partnerships	0	Nil variance at this stage in the financial year	G	No action required.	Nil variance	G
Waste disposal and collection	-121	Savings have been identified within the Household waste budget on transport costs. within the Recycling budgets. Additional income is projected, and reduced costs due to the Blue Box collections coming back in house.	G	In due course a further assessment of the budgets will be undertaken, to realign budgets appropriately.	Nil variance	G
Corporate Accounts - Streetpride	92	Some costs relate to the Floods June 2007 and June 2009 (£50k) together with the the vacancy factor, where the savings are being shown against the relevant service (23k) and a variance on IT related costs (£17k)	A	It is unlikely that these costs can be claimed through the Bellwin Scheme, however, the costs are still been co-ordinated centrally.	There is no other identified funding source at this stage.	G
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>94</b>					

<b>ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS</b>
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<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Cultural Services and Sport Delegated Powers Meeting</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>10th November 2009</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>April - September Capital Monitoring Report</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Directorate :</b>	<b>Environment and Development Services</b>

**5. Summary**

To report on the performance against the approved Environment and Development Services Directorate's capital programme for the period April to September 2009.

**6. Recommendations**

**That Members note the projected outturn position as balanced for the Environment & Development Services Capital Programme, based on actual expenditure to September 2009 and forecast expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.**

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

## 7. Proposals and Details

Members are now asked to receive and comment upon capital budget monitoring reports on a periodic basis. This report reflects the projected outturn position for the Directorate's capital programme as at 12th September 2009.

This is the second report of Capital Monitoring for Environment and Development Services for 2009/10. At this point in the financial year the Environment and Development Services Directorate is reporting a capital programme which shows a balanced budget for the year end against its total approved capital budget of **£61,315,030** for 2009/10.

The following narrative outlines progress against key projects in each area identified in the following tables.

### Highways

Work is now well under way on Centenary Way, and is expected to be near completion by Christmas time, within the budget of £4.3m.

### Waste Management

Work at the Warren Vale site (budget £370,000) has now been completed with an outturn cost of £222k. The budget will be carried over to future refurbishment projects of the Household waste Recycling Centres. Work has started at the Carr Hill site, and is expected to be completed by the financial year end within the allocated budget of £300,000.

### Flooding

A small amount of funding remains available in 2009/10 (£47k) to deal with ongoing work at Whiston Brook and at Catcliffe following the floods of 2007. The work has been agreed with the Environment Agency and at the stage it is completed, the funding will be fully spent.

### Gateways

The current programme has work outlined across the Borough. The Parkgate/Rawmarsh gateway has recently been completed on site. Work is due to commence at Knollbeck Lane, Brampton Bierlow (26<sup>th</sup> October) and is expected to be completed by March 2010. Plans are at design stage and are being progressed for the Tickhill Road, Maltby area. It is expected this scheme will be delivered by financial year end.

### RERF

Allocations are regularly reviewed and detailed reports are scheduled on a quarterly basis throughout the year. Some funding has been allocated to the

following projects : Big Screen, Magna Business Incubation Centre, Environmental Improvement Schemes. At this stage the spend is limited, though it is still anticipated the allocated funding will be utilised by March 2010.

#### Asset Management

Aston Customer Service Centre has an expected opening date of Spring 2010. A recent report on Rawmarsh Customer Centre has confirmed the build will commence on the Barbers Avenue site, with an anticipated date of March 2010, expecting completion by the end of 2010.

#### Priority A

Staff have now relocated to the refurbished Doncaster Gate site with work ongoing at Eric Manns. The new depot has now been purchased at Hellaby and work is progressing on the design and build. It is anticipated the remaining budget after purchase will be utilised by the end of the project, which is expected to be Summer 2010.

#### Minor Strategic

Management action was taken to reduce this programme, to ensure the spend reflected the funding available. This is on target to spend the allocated budget and remains under review.

#### Maintenance Investment

As above the spend on this block is for Health And Safety related projects and ongoing schemes, and is to be managed within the Capital Receipts received to fund the spend.

#### Renaissance

It is still expected that the budgets allocated for the design and feasibility costs for Renaissance Rotherham will spend to budget during 2009/10, on site 4 of the Westgate Demonstrator projects around Weirside, on the Deck of Cards project.

#### Masterplan

The works for the Masterplan include the Public Realm works around the Minster and lighting, this is expected to spend £500k. Brookfield Park Landscaping is due to spend £61k during the year. Negotiations with the funding bodies are ongoing to work towards an acceptable project plan for spend on the High Street. Rotherham central Station is in its early stages but with a small acquisition of land spend could total £100k in 2009/10.

#### Corporation Street Enabling

This budget has been reprofiled and remains under close review as negotiations with property owners on the Corporation Street site continue. Due to the current

climate, and a lack of interest in investment in the town centre it is expected that there will be a delay in the final programme being finalised, some smaller scale work is still scheduled. It is hoped the funding body will agree to use of the funding within the geographic profile, allowing spend on other projects, and that YF will confirm that funding can be reprofiled to 2010/11.

### Flood Alleviation

Work has commenced at Don Bridge (also known as Old Grafton Bridge) and is expected to be complete by March 2010. Work at the Riverside Wetland has been completed and an opening event took place 16/9/09 opening the venue to the community. Planned work at Chantry Bridge is also expected to be well under way during this financial year and delivered within budget.

### Magna and Dinnington Business Incubation Centres

Both sites are complete, and have been operational for 12 months (Magna) and 9 months (Dinnington) there is a small amount of landscaping work to be complete, which can be delivered within budget.

### Westgate Demonstrator Project

Some work on the Weirside Project has commenced to improve the quality of the public realm in this area. RMBC and Iliad continue to discuss the level of investment around the WDP work, as a consequence of the current economic climate, whilst RMBC continue to consult with Yorkshire Forward to ascertain what work can commence in this location.

### Economic Regeneration

At this point in the year there has been very little spend against the various projects in this block, which include the Bellows Road project and the Parkway Iconic Bridge. The latter is being discussed with Yorkshire Forward who are expected to fund this scheme, on how the development can be progressed.

### Culture and Leisure

There are a variety of schemes included in the Culture and Leisure block totalling £11.396m. Work continues to progress at Clifton Park and Boston Park. Play Pathfinder funding has been used for the improvements at the play area within Clifton Park which opened during Summer 2009.

A detailed analysis of the main programme block is shown below in Table's One (Expenditure) and Two (Sources of funding).

Table One: EDS Capital Programme Summary 2009/10

Capital Programme Block	Updated Capital Programme	Actual Spend	Projected Outturn	Variance
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Highways	14,441	3,116	14,441	0
Waste Management	748	166	748	0
Flooding	47	0	47	0
Gateways	963	319	963	0
RERF	748	22	748	0
Asset Management	6,965	1,947	6,965	0
Major Strategic Projects	15,121	4,342	15,121	0
Strategic capital investment	564	91	564	0
Investment Maintenance	1,129	114	1,129	0
Renaissance	351	42	351	0
Masterplan	1,639	51	1,639	0
Corporation Street	784	4	784	0
Flood Alleviation	563	43	563	0
Business Incubation Centres	64	31	64	0
Westgate Demonstrator	1,461	681	1,461	0
Economic Regeneration	4,332	0	4,332	0
Culture & Leisure	11,396	3,935	11,396	0
<b>EDS Total</b>	<b>61,315</b>	<b>14,731</b>	<b>61,315</b>	<b>0</b>

Table Two: EDS Capital Programme Funding Sources 2009/10

<b>Capital Programme Block</b>	<b>SCER</b> (Supported capital expenditure)	<b>Specific Grant</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Unsupported borrowing</b>	<b>Capital receipts</b>	<b>Total Funding</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Highways	3,810	10,563	68	0	0	14,441
Waste Management	0	748	0	0	0	748
Flooding	0	12	0	0	35	47
Gateways	0	963	0	0	0	963
RERF	0	0	0	748	0	748
Asset Management	0	0	4,165	2,800	0	6,965
Major Strategic Projects	0	0	0	15,121	0	15,121
Strategic capital investment	0	0	0	0	564	564
Investment Maintenance	0	0	0	0	1,129	1,129
Renaissance	0	310	0	41	0	351
Masterplan	0	1,567	0	72	0	1,639
Corporation Street	0	783	0	0	0	783
Flood Alleviation	0	83	0	350	130	563
Business Incubation Centres	0	0	14	50	0	64
Westgate Demonstrator	0	1,461	0	0	0	1,461
Economic Regeneration	0	3,463	869	0	0	4,332
Culture & Leisure	0	4,792	86	5,926	592	11,397
<b>EDS Total</b>	<b>3,810</b>	<b>24,745</b>	<b>5,202</b>	<b>25,108</b>	<b>2,450</b>	<b>61,315</b>

**8. Finance**

Please refer to the attached Appendices One and Two which give a more detailed financial analysis of current performance against approved capital programme.

**9. Risks and Uncertainties**

The figures reported above are the best known projections available at this stage Work is on-going to improve the accuracy and quality of capital monitoring reporting.

**10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

The CPA Use of Resources Action Plan sets out the requirement to improve financial monitoring and reporting to Members and to maintain and improve budget monitoring and control. Reporting on a Directorate's capital resources specifically is seen as improving and strengthening the quality of financial reporting for the Authority. In future regular monthly reports will be brought to Members on the Directorate's management of it's capital programme resources.

**11. Background Papers and Consultation**

This is the second capital budget monitoring report for the Directorate for 2009/10 and reflects the projected outturn position against budget from April 2009 to March 2010. This report has been discussed with the Strategic Directors' for Environment and Development Services and Finance.

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<b>ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS</b>
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<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Cabinet Member for Cultural Services and Sport</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> November, 2009</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Land to rear of numbers 28, 33 and 35 Thorpefield Close, Thorpe Hesley</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Directorate:</b>	Environment and Development Services

### **5. Summary**

A request has been received from residents living at numbers 28, 33 and 35 Thorpefield Close, Thorpe Hesley, to purchase small areas of green space to the rear of their properties to help deal with existing problems of nuisance.

### **6. Recommendations**

**That Cabinet Member declares land to the rear of numbers 23, 33 and 35 Thorpefield Close, Thorpe Hesley surplus to requirements to enable its sale to the occupiers of adjacent properties.**

## 7. Proposals and Details

Residents of three houses in Thorpefield Close, Thorpe Hesley have suffered nuisance caused by people gathering in vegetation on Council-owned land immediately to the rear of their property. Discussions with the residents revealed that they would each like to purchase a section of the land in question to enable them to erect a fence to exclude people from it.

The site is of very little public amenity value, and it is therefore concluded that the proposed sale of the land would not have an adverse impact on the quality of life for local people. The proposed new boundary is aligned to maintain adequate sightlines for users of an existing footpath. Asset Management service has been fully involved throughout, and has confirmed that this would be an appropriate way of dealing with the matter. Subject to the site being declared surplus, Asset Management would then take the matter forward, including taking it to Cabinet for approval to dispose of the land.

As the land in question is public open space, any proposal to dispose of it must be publicised, under section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972, in a newspaper circulating in the area and any objections considered. Proposed change of use of the land to gardens would be subject to planning consent, and the purchasers of the land would be responsible for applying for such consent.

## 8. Finance

There are no direct financial implications of declaring this land surplus to requirements. Subsequent sale of the land would be handled by Asset Management Service, and would be subject to the purchasers paying the Council's legal and surveyors fees. Resulting capital receipts would be added to the Council's central capital programme.

## 9. Risks and Uncertainties

No significant risks or uncertainties have been identified.

## 10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

Completion of the sale of this land would meet the following priority:

- **Rotherham Safe** by reducing the incidence and impact of antisocial behaviour.

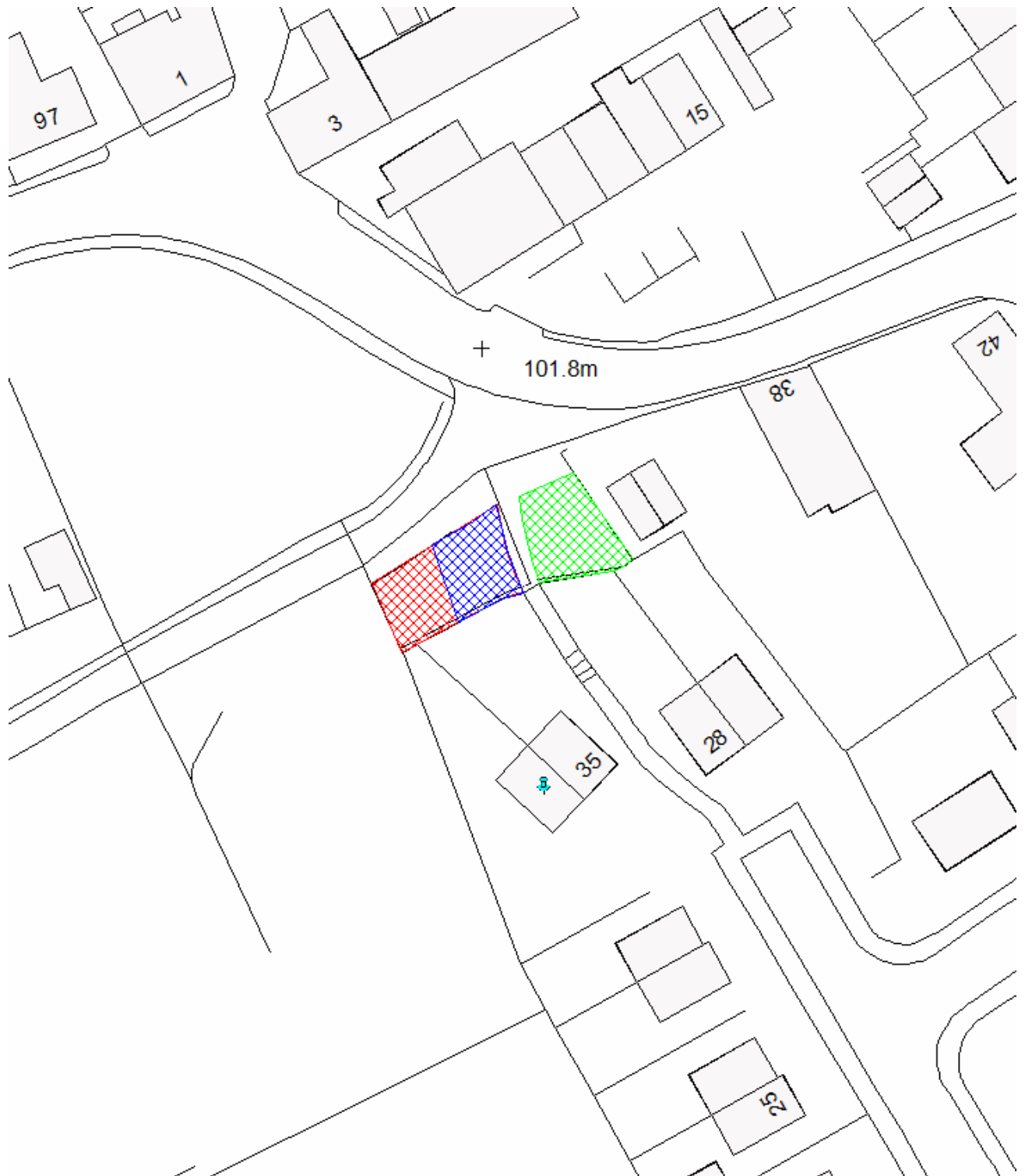
## 11. Background Papers and Consultation

The Planning Service has indicated in principle approval for a change of use to garden curtilage. Ward Members, Legal and Financial Services have also been consulted on the proposal. Asset Management have been involved throughout.

A plan showing the areas under consideration is attached as **Appendix 1**. The site location is shown in **Appendix 2**.

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**Appendix 1:** Land to the rear of 28, 33 and 35 Thorpefield Close, Thorpe Hesley, Rotherham



Appendix 2: Location Map

