

MEMBERS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY GROUP

Venue: Rooms 3/4, 3rd Floor,
Bailey House,
Rawmarsh Road,
ROTHERHAM. S60 1TD

Date: Friday, 5th March 2010

Time: 10.30 a.m.

A G E N D A

1. Introductions/Apologies
2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 22nd January, 2010 (Pages 1 - 8)
3. Matters arising from the previous minutes
4. Presentation - Update on the Single Conversation and Draft Housing Strategy (Pages 9 - 22)
Gordon Smith, Quality and Design Co-ordinator, Neighbourhood Investment, to report.
5. Water Management and Flood Risk (Pages 23 - 24)
Greg Lindley, Partnership Implementation Manager, to report.
6. Environmental Management (Pages 25 - 26)
David Rhodes, Property Environmental Manager, to report.
7. LA21 update (Page 27)
David Wilde, LA21 Community Worker, to report.
8. Policy Update
Emma Bridge, Policy Officer, to report.
9. Date, time and venue for next meeting:-
To consider Friday, 11th June, 2010 at 10.30 a.m.

1 MEMBERS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY GROUP - 22/01/10**MEMBERS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY GROUP
FRIDAY, 22ND JANUARY, 2010**

Present:- Councillor Smith (in the Chair); Councillors Gosling, McNeely, Pickering and Dodson.

together with:-

Emma Bridge	Policy Officer
Steve Dobson	Research and Statistics Officer
Paul Maplethorpe	Affordable Warmth & Sustainable Energy Co-ordinator
David Rhodes	Property Environmental Manager
Gordon Smith	Quality and Design Co-ordinator
David Wilde	Local Action 21 Community Worker

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Austen and Walker.

17. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 30TH OCTOBER, 2009

Agreed:- That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 30th October, 2009, be accepted as a correct record.

18. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

19. AFFORDABLE WARMTH AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

Paul Maplethorpe, Affordable Warmth & Sustainable Energy Co-ordinator, spoke to a PowerPoint presentation which provided an update to the Group on future proposals to encourage householders to install energy efficiency measures, and NI 187 – Fuel Poverty and comments from the Utility companies.

The following points were highlighted:-

- Availability of the Intelliplug
- Warm Front:- number of applications for full central heating; replacement boilers, cavity wall and loft insulation; total spend last 3 years; noting renewables to come on stream.
- Save N Warm scheme:- discounted scheme for insulation: Loft installations 780 jobs = £390,000 provided buy CERT and £97,000 provided by customer contribution; Cavity wall insulation 1560 jobs = £156,000 provided by CERT and £46,488 provided buy customer contribution. Spend last 5 years.

- SYHARP Housing and Regeneration Partnership: Full heating system as required 45 installed jobs = £162,488.16. 3 year scheme to present.
- Social Housing:- Lofts filled 13,000 = £3055, 000 provided buy CERT 8 years program to date; Cavity's filled = 15042. £4,512,600.00 provided by CERT 8 years program to date; 22. External cladding £1,060.00 per property = £23,320 provided buy CERT to present; Heating Ground source heating £4,000 per installation = £12,000 provided buy CERT.

The Panel was asked to note that Warm Fronts contract ends 2016 and CERT contract ends 2012. Also the Government is not taking forward the domestic CERT carbon trading funding scheme.

- Pay as You Save:- PAYS is a new way to pay for whole-house energy retrofits that will deliver the greenhouse gas reductions that are necessary for the UK to meet its 2050 targets. Over a quarter of the UK's green house gas emissions come from existing housing stock. The government's target of reducing these emissions by 80% by 2050, successfully tackling carbon emissions from existing housing stock will be critical.

Future Proposals:-

- (i) Boiler Scrappage Scheme
- (ii) Pay As You Save a mechanism to pay for whole-house energy efficiency retrofits; The concept is based on spreading the cost of refurbishment for a property over a substantial period of time; Repayment charge is linked to the property not the person. Get £400 off a new A-rated boiler, when you scrap your old, inefficient G-rated boiler. Vouchers will be sent out before 18th January 2010.

The Models:-

Local Authority: the local authority would cover the upfront capital cost of measures (with support from the government capital funds) and agree a repayment schedule (for example based on projected bill savings) to be paid via the Council billing systems.

Energy Supplier/ District Network Operator (DNO): the energy supplier or DNO would cover the upfront capital cost of measures (with support from the government capital funds) with repayment made via energy supplier energy bills.

Registered Social Landlord (RSL): the RSL would cover the upfront cost of measures (with support from the government capital funds) with repayments made via the service charge on the property or other identified routes.

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An independent financial institution: a group of partners may include a private financial institution or a commercial partner that offers financial packages to householders (with support from government capital funds) with interest repayments paid in full or in part by other project partner contributions (the **government capital funds cannot be used** for this purpose).

- Home Energy PAYS:- House to have an energy audit. Measures introduced on results of survey not what the customer would like or thinks they need. However the customer could chose to pay the extra to install all identified measures.

Examples of costs PAYS:-

- Loft £250
- Cavity £450
- Boiler £1,500
- Solar thermal £2,500
- Solar PV £8,000
- Wind £2,500

It was pointed out that you only have £10,000 to spend and you must take the first 3 as priority

- NI 187 – Fuel Poverty- Utility companies are aware of NI187 but have made no comment. They provide energy efficiency measures but their target is all about C02. The Utilities do not have to achieve a SAP value for a property.

Members commented on the need for the Local Authority to influence the Utility companies and also the Government.

During 2004-05, the poorest 10 per cent of households in the UK (around 2.4m homes) spent 5.7 per cent of their annual expenditure on gas and electricity (Guardian, 25 July 2006).

The Department of Trade and Industry estimates that for every 1 per cent real term rise in fuel bills, 40,000 households in England fall into fuel poverty.

It was noted that fuel poverty also reflected some of the most vulnerable people who chose not to have their heating on, and others who chose to spend their fuel payments on other items.

Agreed:- That Paul be thanked for his informative presentation.

20. LOCAL BEHAVIOURS AND ATTITUDES TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Steve Dobson, Research and Statistics Officer, spoke to a PowerPoint presentation relating to analysis of Axicom Market Research Data (Sept) 2009.

The Public Sector – Environmental Summary Report contained statistics for Rotherham compared with the UK in relation to:-

(i) Environmental Efforts:-

- Re-cycling
- Using less energy at home
- Buy local produce
- Environmentally friendly projects
- Using car less – walk or cycle whenever possible
- Growing own vegetables
- Making own compost

(ii) Attitude to Global Warming:-

- Concerned and taking steps to reduce energy use
- Concerned but not taking any action
- Concerned but feel it is Government's responsibility]
- Don't believe in global warming
- No response

The statistics when plotted on to graphs and maps illustrated:-

- % who recycle
- % who use less energy at home
- % who drive a car a little less
- % who buy locally grown produce
- % who use environmentally friendly products
- % who walk or cycle whenever they can
- % who grown own vegetables
- % who make own compost
- % concerned but taking no action

The resulting main points were:-

Rotherham performs well on:

Recycling	74.6% (GB 69.3%)
Home composting	23.2% (GB 20.9%)

Rotherham performs less well on:

Drive car a little less	25.9% (GB 28.2%)
Walk or cycle whenever you can	34.0% (GB 39.1%)
Buy locally grown produce	25.4% (GB 30.5%)

Correlation with IMD:-

Reasonable or significant correlation:-

- Use environmentally friendly products
- Buy locally grown produce

Drive car a little less
Make your own compost

Less significant or no correlation:-

Recycling
Use less energy at home
Walk or cycle whenever you can
Grow your own vegetables

Members present commented on:-

- The very clear correlation between IMD and those factors
- What the Council could do to start to change this situation
- Allotment usage and waiting lists
- Allotment holders not living in the area and therefore travel to site by car
- Large numbers of terraced house with no garden in which to grow own food
- Cultural differences
- Perception of personal safety if walking
- Current trend of building apartments
- Availability of this information on the Council website
- The need for similar information relating to businesses
- Further efforts by the Council to encourage business to improve their recycling performance
- Importance of continued education and awareness raising
- Increase sale of seeds to grow own vegetables
- Impact of the Ministry of Food
- Fly tipping and fines
- Location of recycling centres and the need for more locally based facilities

Agreed: That Steve be thanked for his informative presentation.

21. LOCAL ACTION 21 PROGRESS REPORT

David Wilde, Local Action 21 Community Worker, spoke to the submitted report highlighting the following:-

- Continued awareness raising focussed on climate change and biodiversity.
- Completion of a successful food project at Coleridge Primary – locally produced food/reduction in food miles/composting/fair trade. Funding was being sought to continue this project. It was suggested that an approach be made to Asda.
- Continued work on Green Check with various schools

- Promotion of Green Check with the Dearne Valley Education Partnership and Green Heart
- Eco/carbon footprinting sessions at Dearne Valley College
- LA21/Green Check presentation to Rotherham Sustainability Partnership
- Representation at Sheffield EcoSchools conference
- Rotherham Environment Forum meeting focussed on Dearne Valley Eco-Vision
- RESDP meetings focussing on increased involvement from Children & Young People's Services with Sustainable Schools
- Re-established link with VAR
- Continued to represent Rotherham at the Yorkshire & Humber Sustainable Schools Co-ordination Group

Planned work included:-

- Further work on the Green Check programme to take into secondary schools
- Progress potential for Social Cohesion work in the context of LA 21 and Sustainable Schools

It was mentioned that Swinton Comprehensive School was interested in taking over the ABLE project and David reported that he continued to work closely with Sue Budby, Principal Officer for Re-integration, on Aquaponics and composting to complement that project.

Agreed: That David be thanked for his informative report.

22. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

David Rhodes, Environmental Property Manager, reported on the following:-

- EMAS:- continued work with Directorate project groups to carry out internal audits; expansion to include Green Check schools
- Display Energy Certificates:- a current list was circulated; should be complete by March 2010. There had been no enquiries from the public about DEC's
- NI 185 and 194:- performance to be reported in July 2010.
- Carbon Reduction Commitment – Energy Efficiency Scheme:- mandatory carbon trading scheme that will start April 2010; CRC working group set up
- Carbon Budgets:- a scheme based on Kirkless' was being

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reviewed by Rotherham and a Student from Sheffield University with a view to future implementation

- Energy Awareness Training:- programme of training sessions had been attended by 250+; sessions would continue monthly for the next 6 months as a trial
- Engaging the 3rd Sector:- this RIEP funded programme was in progress until July 2010
- Sustainable Procurement Policy:- working group now set up to develop and implement the policy
- Carbon Calculator:- had been developed for South Yorkshire; this would be sent to Members and marketed to all schools
- Photovoltaic panels:- on going project to fit at schools but no capital money

Agreed: That David be thanked for his informative update.

23. POLICY UPDATE

Emma Bridge, Policy Officer, report that a summary of recent information from Government would be distributed with the minutes.

24. SOUTH YORKSHIRE CLIMATE CHANGE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

Emma Bridge, Policy Officer, reported on the above programme and the South Yorkshire Climate Change Network.

Receipt of funding for the sub-region for awareness raising events aimed at key decision makers.

1st Event – Monday, 25th January, 2010 at the RBT Innovation Centre for senior officers from across the 4 local authorities. The event would be opened by Councillor Wyatt on behalf of Councillor Smith and include speakers from Local Government Yorkshire and the Humber and Government Office, together with a video link to the Department of Energy and Climate Change. Teachers and pupils from Abbey Special School would also be involved and officers from Sheffield and Rotherham Councils would share their experiences.

2nd Event – planned for March – would concentrate on adaptations and climate change and would be hosted in Doncaster

3rd Event – planned for June – would be hosted in Barnsley – looking at community emissions.

It was also reported that the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Panel was looking to hold a special session for Members.

25. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Agreed:- That the next meeting be held on FRIDAY, 5TH MARCH, 2010 at

10.30 a.m. – Bailey House, Rawmarsh Road, ROTHERHAM.

Single Conversation and Rotherham Draft Housing Strategy: 'Building Better Homes and Lives'

February 2010 Update



Suite of Documents Support the Single Conversation Process

- Investment Mapping
- Rotherham's Digest
- Revised Draft Housing Strategy

Digest Key Facts

Energy Efficiency;

- 110,528 homes
- Data only for 37,254
- 3052 (7.2%) = less than 100mm loft insulation but 26,000 unknown
- 27,000 private dwellings=0 cavity wall insulation (estimate)
- NI 187 survey links low SAP ratings to single pensioner households and 6,900 private households found in fuel poverty.

Ambitions of the Housing Strategy

- To make a strong contribution towards the economic transformation of Rotherham
- To continue to address frail and imbalanced housing markets and poor quality of place
- To meet targets for housing growth and affordable housing
- To improve the quality and accessibility of the existing stock
- Adapting to Climate Change

Phase One: 3 Workshops 25, 26 and 27 January

103 Attendees from:

- Neighbourhood and Adult Services
- Children and Young Peoples
- Planning
- EDS
- Third Sector
- Rotherham 2010
- Elected Members
- Developers
- NHS
- Homes and Communities Agency ... and many more

Feedback on Climate Change

- Existing stock=biggest issue.
- Incentives required to lead investment.
- Target Landlords .
- Spatial planning/design important.
- Conserve power and invest in variety of generation.
- Create jobs from investment.

Feedback on Other Themes

Sustainable Communities

- Invest in transport.

Affordable Housing

- Free up stock

Renewal

- Target landlords

Growth

- Use Brownfield Land

Phase Two: Consultation and Communication

- Speak with ADF Meetings and Area Assemblies as well as talks with Rotherfed & LSP Groups
- Invite comments via feedback forms and email
- Complete consultation in April 2010
- Final draft of Housing Strategy April 2010
- Governance & sign-offs – May 2010
- Publication – June/July 2010
- Complete Single Conversation - Autumn 2010

Rotherham's initial Workshop with The HCA will be on 27th April

Chief Executive and Directors will meet
with the HCA, Government Office and
Yorkshire Forward

- Scene setting
- Story so far (achievements)
- Getting to know the Borough
- Stats and 500 Babies
- Summarise the day's messages
- Emerging priorities

Contact Us

1. View all Single Conversation related material on the RMBC intranet:

<http://intranet.rotherhamconnect.com/C9/C7/Single%20Conversation%20Project%20Gr/default.aspx>

2. Contact Mary Swain for a hard copy/CD of the draft Housing Strategy on 01709 334957 or email mary.swain@rotherham.gov.uk

RMBC Housing Strategy 2009/2010

Our housing strategy sets out 5 themes, which are:

- Growth
- Renewal
- Affordable Housing
- Climate Change
- Sustainable Communities

1. Do you have any comments relating to the 5 themes listed above?
Do you feel that they are appropriate?

2. Is the housing strategy clear about our aims and objectives for Rotherham?

Yes No Don't know

Comments:

3. Do you agree with the vision for the strategy?

Yes No Don't know

Comments:

4. Is the vision clear?

Yes No Don't know

Comments:

5. Do you agree that providing more housing and a wider variety of tenure options will benefit residents?

Yes No Don't know

Comments:

6. Are the layout, structure and language used in the strategy appropriate and easy to follow?

Yes No

Comments:

7. Do you have any other comments?

Please return your completed Feedback Form to:

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Members Sustainability Development Advisory Group 5 March 2010.**Water Management and Flood Risk****Policy and Role Changes**

The Flood Regulations 2009 were issued in Dec 2009 .

These require local authorities to develop Preliminary Flood Risk Assessments and hazard mapping.

And the Flood and Water Bill progress and issues -

This is progressing through Parliament with a likelihood of becoming law late 2010.

It places new responsibilities on local authorities as lead flood authority for surface and ground water and to set up a SUDS Approving Body.

**Requirements 2010 onwards on Rotherham
And Funding uncertainty**

It seems there is a certainty that funding for new burdens is always going to lag behind the cost to local authorities of undertaking these new burdens by at least 2 years- possibly longer.

The funding system being designed is bound to make that happen - .

As a direct consequence delivery across the country will be patchy with resources available to each authority being uncertain- with skills gaps and lack of integrated working adding to this.

There are already “new burdens “ in the 2010 year that local authorities will have to address that are not acknowledged:

- The Water regulations 2009 mean we must be working on PFRAS in 2010
(otherwise we haven't a hope of meeting the target date in June 2011.)
Government has provided no funding allowances to address the shortfall in funding these works in 2010 and beyond.
With no guidance yet and no new funding
- In 2010 we must be looking at SWMP- Surface Water Management Plans
With no guidance yet and no new funding
- In 2010 we must be looking at SUDS –Sustainable Drainage
- And at SAB set up - SUDS Approving Body
With no guidance yet and no new funding
- In 2010 we must be looking at partnership working
With no guidance yet and no new funding
- In 2010 we must be investigating and collating asset/flood management data
With no guidance yet and no new funding
- In 2010 we must be looking at mapping and modelling of risk
With no guidance yet and no new funding
- In 2010 we must be looking at CFMP's (se below)and Water Directive
With no new funding

Private Sewer transfer

Government has wrongly assumed that substantial cost savings will be made by LA's with the transfer of private sewer to Water Companies. This is not the case - cost savings are minimal and will not cover the total costs of LA's Lead Role duties such as SWMP's etc.

Conclusion

LA's are asked to implement works under Water/Flood Regs 2009 and later Flood and Water Mngt Bill 2010 with no additional funding. This will lead to major problems in LA's resourcing these works without additional funding from DEFRA which will delay works until such time as funding is provided.

**EA Catchment Flood Management Plans
And Don Strategy**

The EA have re-issued the Don CFMP (after previously circulating a draft in 2009.) Although the consultation period started at the end of January we have only just received the CD.
Circulation and engagement will run until the end of April period.

At the same time they are issuing their Don Strategy for consultation that is the next layer down of management plans.

Water Management and Flood Risk Policy

It is intended that Rotherham will prepare a Rotherham policy on this to tie in with the LDF Core Strategy Consultation work mid year 2010.

A Stakeholder process including Internal, Members and External will be set out for the next few months.

Sustainable Development Advisory Group

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Environmental Management System

1. Overview of the issue

Environmental Management is an ongoing activity within RMBC with a current priority of legal compliance and CO₂ reductions.

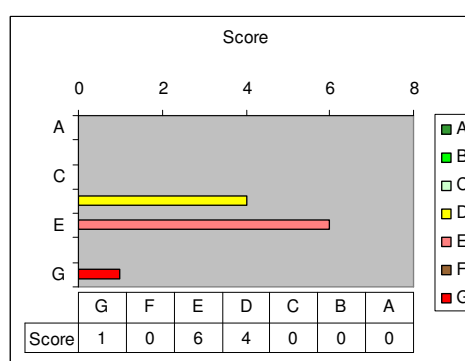
2. Summary of key events in the period – up to 5 March 2010:

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RMBC have signed up to reduce CO₂ emissions by 10% from a baseline year of 1 April 2009 - 31 March 2010 over the following year. The initiative has been aligned with NI 185/194 reporting.

Display Energy Certificates

	RMBC	PFI
Lodged	10	2
To be lodged	70	0
Surveyed	25	11
Awaiting Survey	20	5
Total	125	18



Carbon Reduction Commitment – Energy Efficiency Scheme

In preparation for the CRC RMBC have completed a trial project with Carbon Trading Yorkshire/CO₂ Sense resulting in a final trading day in Leeds on 3 March.

Baseline CO₂ emissions = 19,075 tonnes
 6 monthly emissions (Jul-Dec) = 16,339 tonnes
 Emission reduction = 2,736

Allowances: purchased @ £14/tonne = 14,280 > required at final auction = 2,059
 Allowances sold on the final day for £14 to £25.33 per allowance

Preparing for registration and our involvement continuing. A feasibility study on the implementation of Carbon Budgets is being carried out to identify the obstacles, benefits etc

Engaging the 3rd Sector

Extension requested to October 2010 from RIEP, progressing well with draft guidelines and workshops planned.

Sustainable Procurement Policy

A working group has now been set up to develop and implement the policy.

Feed in Tariffs / School PV

A project is underway to fit PV panels on 80% of Rotherham Schools in partnership with renewable company 'Ashadergreen'. Current Low carbon Building funding secured:

Anston Hillcrest Infant School	£39,768.82
Anston Hillcrest Junior School	£50,051.84
Thrybergh Primary School	£42,189.58
Anston Greenlands Primary School	£85,892.41

Rawmarsh Sandhill School	£67,897.12
St Bedes Catholic School	£57,614.11
	£343,413.88

3. Key issues for Rotherham / how this fits in with Corporate priorities

Legal compliance with EPBD and achieving the 2% reduction target for NI 185.

4. Next Steps or action required.

Taking forward all current projects reported on above.

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Members Sustainable Development Advisory Group



Local Action 21 Progress Report

1. Overview of the issue(s) you are reporting on:

Specific Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) projects continue, particularly in relation to the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) Sustainable Schools Framework, together with more informal awareness raising sessions. Ongoing support for projects contributing to sustainable development in Rotherham, particularly in relation to climate change and biodiversity.

2. Summary of Highlights Jan to Feb 2010:

- Continuation of Green Check at established primary schools and commencement at Rawmarsh Community School, Milton Special School and Swinton Fitzwilliam, initially enabled by Rotherham Sustainability Partnership funding
- Support for Abbey School at their presentation to the Leadership Academy ref NI 185
- Rotherham Education for Sustainable Development Partnership meeting, co-ordinating Sustainable School's activity in all directorates within the borough
- Involvement in potential proposal to re-open Earth Centre as centre for true sustainable development

3. Key issues for Rotherham/how this fits in with Corporate priorities

Continued focus specifically on climate change and biodiversity, in line with Sustainability Partnership priorities

Continued implementation of sustainable development as a cross-cutting theme in the Sustainable Community Strategy, e.g. through attendance at the Rotherham Sustainable Development Partnership, Officers Group and as co-ordinator of the ESD Partnership (RESDP) and Rotherham Environment Forum (REF)

4. Next Steps or action required

- Progress implementation of audits/action plans at EMAS/Green Check schools in preparation for internal audit for those involved in EMAS and possible external audit in September
- Continue to enlist further new schools to Green Check, e.g. Swinton Community School, hopefully with Building Schools for the Future/Transforming Rotherham Learning support, facilitated by Sue Budby in her new Sustainable Schools role for Children and Young People's Services. (£1000 is being reserved for Swinton Community School from Sustainability Partnership funding to initiate Green Check as Swinton Fitzwilliam are signing up and its Dearne Valley Eco-Vision location)
- Footprinting activity with Dearne Valley Eco-Vision Core Group on March 10th
- Progress closer working with Children and Young People's Services now that Education Co-ordinator for Sustainable Development and Sustainable Schools is in place
- Progress potential for Social Cohesion work in the context of LA21 (and Sustainable Schools). Proposal submitted to Chief Executive's Office
- Representation at Sustainable Schools regional conference on March 9th
- Rotherham Environment Forum meeting in March
- Tree planting at Wath C of E

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