

MEMBERS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY GROUP

**Venue: Bailey House,
Rawmarsh Road,
ROTHERHAM. S60 1TD**

Date: Friday, 30th July 2010

Time: 10.30 a.m.

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th June, 2010. (copy attached) (Pages 1 - 9)
3. Any matters arising from the previous minutes.

Reports/updates:-

4. SDAG Housing Pipeline. (report attached) (Pages 10 - 11)
Gordon Smith, to report.
5. LA 21. (report attached) (Page 12)
David Wilde, Education/Sustainable Development Co-ordinator, to report.
6. Environmental Management Update. (report attached) (Pages 13 - 26)
David Rhodes, Property Environmental Manager, to report.
7. Environmental Statement - Annual Update September, 2009. (copy attached) (Pages 27 - 39)
David Rhodes, Corporate Environmental Manager, to report.
8. Policy Update.
Emma Bridge, Policy Officer, to report.
9. Any other business
10. Date and time of next meeting.
To confirm:- Friday, 3rd September, 2010 at 10.30 a.m. – venue to be confirmed.

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FRIDAY, 11TH JUNE, 2010**

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

together with:-

Emma Bridge	Policy Officer
David Wild	LA21 Community Worker
David Rhodes	Property Environmental Manager
Wendy Foster	Place Shaping Officer
Alan Platt	Best Value Office
Steve Smith	Assistant Development Control Co-ordinator
Oliver Hutchinson	Project Manager

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:-

Councillor Austen	
Councillor Burton	
The Mayor, Councillor McNeely	
Councillor Steele	
Councillor Walker	
Gordon Smith	Quality and Design Co-ordinator

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 5TH MARCH, 2010

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th March, 2010.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as a correct record.

3. ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

4. THE CHANGING POLICY CONTEXT FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

Emma Bridge, Policy Officer, gave a presentation in respect of the changing policy context for climate change.

Reference was made to:-

(i) The Energy Security and Green Economy Bill:- one of 23 Bills announced by the new Coalition Government in Queen's speech 25th May

Purpose of the Bill related to the mechanism to deliver wide spread renovation of homes and business to be based on a “pay as you save” approach, where individuals pay for the investment in energy efficiency interventions – such as small scale solar photovoltaic or wind turbines – through the savings in their energy bills.

The Bill may also contain measures to:-

- regulate the carbon emissions from coal-fired power stations
- deliver security of supply and ensure fair competition
- guide the development of a smart grid
- require energy companies to provide more information on energy bills
- ensure that North Sea infrastructure is available to all companies
- create a Green Investment Bank

It was noted however that there was concern over fuel poverty definition change.

(ii) Coalition Programme for Energy and Climate Change:-

- push for the EU to demonstrate leadership in tackling international climate change
- seek to increase the target for energy from renewable sources
- full system of feed-in tariffs in electricity and maintenance of banded ROCs
- promote a huge increase in energy from waste through anaerobic digestion
- retain EPCs while scrapping HIPs
- introduce measures to encourage marine energy
- cancel the third runway at Heathrow
- refuse permission for additional runways at Gatwick and Stansted
- replace Air Passenger Duty with a per-flight duty
- measures to improve energy efficiency in businesses and public sector buildings
- reduce central government carbon emissions by 10% within 12 months
- Annual Energy Statement to Parliament
- deliver an offshore electricity grid
- encourage community-owned renewable energy schemes
- create green financial products
- explore the creation of new international sources of funding
- bring forward the National Planning Statement for ratification by Parliament
- incentivising household recycling through rewards rather than penalties

Agreed:- That the contents of the presentation be noted.

5. SOUTH YORKSHIRE CLIMATE CHANGE PROJECTS

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Oliver Hutchinson, Project Manager, gave a presentation detailing partnership projects:-

- (i) Engaging the 3rd Sector:- based on the national initiative “Every Action Counts”: re: awareness raising, sustainable procurement, waste and recycling, energy efficiency, reducing emissions etc.

4 guides had been produced and one month trials were proposed whereby organisations use the advice and record progress re: energy management, waste and recycling, and transport.

- (ii) South Yorkshire Climate Change Leadership Programme:-
- To raise awareness and understanding amongst Councillors and Senior Officers
 - Explore opportunities for further collaboration between LSP's and local authorities in South Yorkshire
 - Identify key opportunities and challenges
 - To promote confident and knowledgeable action

Reference was also made to:-

- recent workshops held in Barnsley and Doncaster
- sustainable communications
- outcomes of the programme
- ideas for an Action Plan to present to the South Yorkshire leaders
- proposal for a Joint Venture research programme with Sheffield University
- short and medium term actions
- funding
- longer terms actions aiming towards non-car infrastructure, including involvement of public transport providers
- website development

Agreed: That the contents of the presentation be noted.

6. NI 188 PLANNING TO ADAPT TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Alan Platt, Best Value Officer, reported on NI 199 – Planning to adapt to climate change.

Reference was made to the need for local authorities to plan to adapt to climate change including flooding, hot weather, severe winters/mild winters.

To date in Rotherham this had meant dealing with flooding issues.

Forward Planning were now responsible for this indicator linked with the development of the Local Development Framework.

The indicator was onerous and required that local authorities report on the progress they have made against 5 levels of performance, graded 0 to 4. Embedding the improvement process to level 4 could take up to 4 to 5 years.

Level Zero looked at risk assessment and management, planning and delivery.

Level 1 – required the local authority to show to DEFRA how it complies with the requirements of this indicator.

Level 2 – this required the drawing up of a Risk Assessments and demonstrate climate change understanding across the local authority with partners

Work to date included:-

- signing the Nottingham Agreement.
- embedding the indicator into Directorates, including the establishment of Sustainable Development Officers' group.
- Achievement of Levels Zero and One (noting this was average compared with other local authorities).
- Development of a Catchment Flood Management Plan lead by the Environment Agency.
- Drafting a Water Management Policy, to feed into the Local Development Framework.
- Production of a Surface Water Management Plan:- noting spend on areas affected by flooding in 2009 and the need to find further funding.
- Building Control documents:- include requirements for developers to state energy efficiencies and how they would manage flooding.

Reference was made to the cost involved with each piece of work.

7. NI 189 FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT AND WIDER LIVING WITH WATER WORK

Alan Platt, Best Value Officer, reported on NI 189 – Flood Risk Management and wider living with water work.

Reference was made to the definition of this indicator, noting that 100% of the agreed actions between Rotherham Council and the Environment Agency have been achieved up to year 2.

Currently the authority has entered the final year of a 3 year programme and will be agreeing a number of actions with the EA.

The Catchment Flood Management Plan outlined actions to commit to for Year 3. A meeting was arranged with the EA in July to confirm these. The Action Plan for Rotherham included appointing a Lead Officer, reducing the risk of flood and improving public awareness.

Emergency Planning had sent a questionnaire to local business in March and responses were being collated.

Jacobs had completed the Town Centre Phase 2 Flood Prevention Study, with indicative costings, and planners were looking at how to interface with the Local Development Framework. However it was noted that there was no funding for Phase 2 works.

Reference was also made to:-

- Improving flood resilience and civil protection
- PPS25
- Improving the drainage system
- Biodiversity
- Water management/storage
- Green issues and green spaces

Steve Smith, Assistant Development Co-ordinator, reported on:-

- Living with Water – Flood Risk Policy:- policy formulation exercise on-going with a view to drafting by the end of July 2010
- EA CFMP Consultation:- Rotherham had made its comments and the issue had been discussed with the EA at the Don Catchment Alliance in May. Further discussion would take place to determine how partners will inter-relate on the document in terms of actions in the immediate term.
- National Award for Rotherham FAS Phase 1:- the scheme was the winner of the BURA National Waterways Renaissance Award for Flood Risk Management presented in March, 2010. The scheme was also commended in the Natural Environment category.
- Grafton Bridge Removal:- The scheme was completed on 7th May, 2010. a commemorative plaque about the bridge would be placed at the end of Effingham Street.
- Structure for New Act and Regulations:- YHLGO/EA had proposed a structure for the sub-regional management in respect of the Floods and Water Management Act. A South Yorkshire Board was proposed and a new appointment was currently promoting the protocol.

- Floods and Water Management Act:- Royal Assent was granted for the Act and the Commencement Order and associated Regulation was expected in 2011. Reference was made to the statutory responsibilities to be placed on Local Authorities.
- Surface Water Management Plan:- noting the involvement of the LGA and the issue of how to fund.

Emma Bridge, Policy Officer, referred to the recent "Operation Nimbus" and to the learning from the exercise.

Agreed:- That Alan Platt speaks to the Emergency Planning Officer about feed back from "Operation Nimbus".

8. FEEDBACK FROM SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY REVIEW ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Emma Bridge, Policy Officer, reported on the Scrutiny Review on Climate Change which was reported to the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Panel on 22nd April, 2010.

A programme of actions was being compiled to include e.g. sustainable schools, ECO vision management, energy and water, sustainable procurement, engaging communities etc. These actions would be allocated to the various Scrutiny Panels and the Performance and Scrutiny Overview Committee would receive regular updates on Climate Change.

Other key areas included:-

- Public education
- Communicating climate change issues
- Sharing information across the Council and the LSP
- Member development workshops

9. LA21 UPDATE

David Wild, Local Agenda 21 Community Worker, reported on the following:-

- Specific Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) projects continue, noting ongoing support for projects contributing to sustainable development in Rotherham, e.g climate change, biodiversity and with a food focus.

Highlights March to May 2010:-

- Rotherham Environment Forum meeting on energy efficiency and housing led regeneration funding (the 'Single Conversation')
- support to a developing food focused project using 'Incredible, Edible Todmorden' as inspiration

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- Continued work on Green Check at several junior and secondary schools.
- Continued work in the Rotherham Dearne Valley Eco-Vision area, with schools undertaking Green Check
- Continued chairing of the Rotherham ESD (Delivery) Partnership and attendance at the newly formed Sustainable Schools Strategic Group
- Discussion on sustainable development awareness raising amongst country park ranger staff

Key issues for Rotherham/how this fits in with Corporate priorities:-

- Continued focus specifically on climate change, biodiversity and more recently food, in line with Sustainability Partnership/LSP priorities
- Continued implementation of sustainable development as a cross-cutting theme in the Sustainable Community Strategy, e.g. through attendance at the Rotherham Sustainability Partnership, Sustainable Development Officers Group and as co-ordinator of the ESD Partnership (RESDP) and Rotherham Environment Forum (REF)

Next Steps or action required:-

- Continued support for new food project
- Continued support for ESD Dearne Valley Eco-Vision, e.g. footprinting session at awareness-raising event
- Rotherham Environment Forum meeting at Herringthorpe Valley Park on 22nd June
- Progress implementation of audits/action plans at EMAS/Green Check schools and enlist further new schools to Green Check, dependant on funding
- Explore potential for Milton, St Pius, Swinton Fitzwilliam, Aston CofE etc to be included in councils's EMAS accreditation
- Attendance at South Yorkshire Climate Change workshop with communities focus

Emma Bridge, Policy Officer, added a reference to the forward programme for LA21 fro 2010/11 in particular looking to community engagement and more awareness raising.

10. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT UPDATE

David Rhodes, Property Environmental Manager, summarised key events in the period up to 11th June, 2010:-

- Green Electricity:- noting the council would no longer purchase green electricity from 1st November, 2010, and would instead purchase 'Good quality Combined Heat and Power'.
- Display Energy Certificates:- noting the transitional

arrangements had now ended and the portfolio increase as multiple DEC are now required on one site e.g. schools buildings. It was reported that another Assessor had been appointed for schools.

- Reference was made to the Building Schools for the Future programme and it was reported that Building Regulations “Standard” would cover this issue for new build.
- Carbon Reduction Commitment – Energy Efficiency Scheme:- the Council was in the process of registering for the CRC – developing evidence packs, improving monitoring etc. It was pointed out that purchase would not start until April 2011. RMBC are not expected to perform well during the introduction phase primarily due to the method of measuring performance:-
 - (i) 50% against attaining the Carbon Trust Standard. RMBC cannot achieve the standard due to the lack of transport data was for the last 4 years.
 - (ii) 50% against installing automatic metering (AMR), RMBC are in the process of fitting electric AMR through NPower and pursuing a programme with British Gas.
- Sustainable Procurement and Commissioning Code of Practice:- it was reported that a working group had been set up with an initial draft framework document based on the Marrakech principle.
- Feed in Tariffs/School PV:- it was noted that an alternative sourcing organisation was being sought.
- Next Steps:- continuing the Carbon Reduction Commitment; achieving NI 185; evaluating and signing up to the EU programme re: mobile working (noting EU funding).

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no other items of business.

12. DATE AND TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The following dates and times for future meetings were noted:-

FRIDAY, 30TH JULY, 2010 at 10.30 a.m.
 FRIDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER, 2010 at 10.30 a.m.
 FRIDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 2010 at 10.30 a.m.
 FRIDAY, 7TH JANUARY, 2011 at 10.30 a.m.
 FRIDAY, 4TH MARCH, 2011 at 10.30 a.m.
 FRIDAY, 3RD JUNE, 2011 at 10.30 a.m.

Venue to be confirmed.

Report to Members Sustainable Development Advisory Group 11th June 2010 on the Environmental performance of Pipeline Social Housing Schemes.

The Code for Sustainable Homes (COSH) requires all new social housing schemes to reach a Zero Carbon emissions standard by 2013. In striving towards achieving this target progressive innovation in the design and materials used in construction is essential.

In this Borough we have used leverage with our Registered Provider (RSL) partners and more recently our own opportunity to design new wave Council housing to progressively apply new technologies and improved standards measured by the Code for Sustainable Homes.

The table below indicates progress.

Pipeline Social Housing Development.

Location	No.	code level	provider	completion
Greencroft	17	3	Chevin	May 2010
Silverdales	8	3	Guinness NC	June 2010
Doe Quarry Terrace	8	3	Guinness NC	June 2010
Munsdale	34	24 at level 3 10 at level 5	SYHA	June 2010
Wood Street, Thrybergh	36	4	NAS	April 2011
Garden Street, West Melton	29 [^]	4	NAS	April 2011
Stone Park Close, Maltby	4 [^]	4	NAS	April 2011
Newland Avenue, Maltby	8 [^]	4	NAS	April 2011
Mahon Avenue, Rawmarsh	7	3	Home	August 2010
Cliffe Bank, Swinton	24	18 at level 3 6 at level 4	J Johnson	July 2011
Eldon Road, Eastwood	3	1 level 3 1 level 4 1 level 5	Chevin	May 2010
Fleming Square, Wath	2	3	Guinness NC	March 2011
Gawtress Row, Wath	3	3	Guinness NC	March 2011
Michael Croft, Wath	24	2 level 5 22 level 3	Guinness NC	March 2011
Albany Road	21 [*]	4	NAS	April 2011
Rother View Road	29 [*]	4	NAS	April 2011
Shrewsbury Terrace	31 ^{*^}	5	SYHA	Sept 2011

* are subject to planning permission

[^] at risk of funding withdrawal

TOTAL	288
Council	127
Regd. Provider	161
COSH 3	107
COSH 4	134
COSH 5	39

COSH covers nine sources of impact on the environment as indicators of sustainable design including;

Energy and Carbon Dioxide Emissions

Water

Materials

Surface water run-off

Waste

Pollution

Health and Well-Being

Management

Ecology.

COSH 1 is above regulatory standards.

COSH 2 is similar to EcoHomes Good

COSH 3 is similar to EcoHomes Very Good

COSH 4 is current exemplary performance

COSH 5 includes high standards of water and energy efficiency

COSH 6 is the aspirational standard based on zero carbon emissions and high performance across all categories.

Variations in level achieved arise from a combination of factors including site location/orientation, build cost and build type. For example Munsdale's level 3 properties are all apartments, the 5's are houses.

At current prices in the supply chain it is estimated that a zero carbon property would cost on average an additional £34,000 to build relative to existing Building Regulation standards. Clearly the expectation is that costs will reduce as techniques and applications of construction are refined and materials costs reduce.

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Local Action 21 Progress Report

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

Specific Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) projects continue, together with more informal awareness raising sessions. Complimenting this there is ongoing support for projects contributing to sustainable development in Rotherham, particularly in relation to climate change, biodiversity with a particular focus on the Rotherham food project in future.

2. Summary of Highlights June to July 2010:

- After a proposal presented to the Sustainability Partnership by VAR and CYPS, LA21 is giving support to a developing food focused project using 'Incredible, Edible Todmorden' as inspiration
- Food focussed Environment Forum meeting at Herringthorpe Valley Park
- Completion of Green Check at Rawmarsh Ashwood Juniors, Rawmarsh Rosehill, Rawmarsh Community School, Abbey, Aston CofE, Aston Lodge, Thorpe Hesley, Swallownest and Wath CofE, with interest from Wingfield.
- Within the Rotherham Dearne Valley Eco-Vision area, Swinton Fitzwilliam, Wath CofE, Milton and St Pius are also undertaking/have undertaken Green Check
- Continued support for ESD Dearne Valley Eco-Vision, e.g. footprinting session at awareness-raising event
- Continued chairing of the Rotherham ESD (Delivery) Partnership and attendance at the newly formed Sustainable Schools Strategic Group
- Discussion on sustainable development awareness raising amongst country park ranger staff
- Attendance at South Yorkshire Climate Change workshop with communities focus
- LA21 review meeting with Chief Executive's Office

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

Continued focus specifically on climate change, biodiversity and more recently food, in line with Sustainability Partnership/LSP priorities

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

4. Next Steps or action required

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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 30 July 2010:

Photovoltaic Panels

Two projects underway:

1. Working with CleverCO₂ to lease old landfill sites to put arrays of PV panels. Additional PV company interested, looking at other potential sites.
2. Ashadergreen now going ahead with PV panels on ~60 schools for 9.9 kW systems free of charge. Headteachers to sign agreement.

Display Energy Certificates

Additional accredited DEC survey now taking over school certification and charging system being implemented.

	RMBC		PFI	
	22/07/10	11/06/10	22/07/10	11/06/10
Lodged	98	82	27	27
To be lodged	5	7	0	0
Surveyed	17	28	0	0
Awaiting Survey	0	1	0	0
Total	120	118	27	27

Carbon Reduction Commitment – Energy Efficiency Scheme

RMBC have completed initial registration Environment Agency now checking personnel and finance. Developing evidence packs, improving monitoring, analysing early action gains, developing a trading strategy etc.

Sustainable Procurement and Commissioning Code of Practice

Initial draft developed and will be presented to Procurement Panel 26 July 2010. Copy attached for comment to david.rhodes@rotherham.gov.uk by 25 August 2010.

EMAS Verification Audit

ISOQAR will be carrying out an EMAS Annual Statement verification audit w/c 6 September 2010. Annual Statement now being prepared to performance manage RMBC Environmental Policy. Previous annual update attached.

NI 185/194

Awaiting direction from DECC to date and format for reporting. Verbal update report will be given with CO₂ emissions comparison with 2008/9 baseline year.

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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**Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Sustainable Procurement and Commissioning**

Code of Practice

2010 – 2013

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Introduction

The Council has a clear vision for effective procurement:

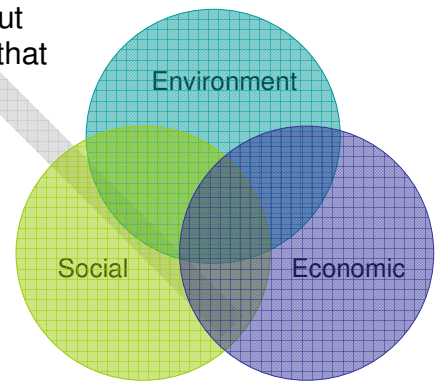
“The Council will procure goods, services and works by the most efficient and sustainable means to ensure that the needs and aspirations of the community are furthered, within a clear framework of accountability and responsibility. In doing so, the Council will strive to become best in class by adopting world-class procurement practices and techniques“.

(RMBC Corporate Procurement Strategy 2009 – 2012)

Sustainable procurement and commissioning is not just about environmental issues. It has social and economic elements that must be considered to ensure the RMBC procurement and commissioning process is sustainable.

Sustainability:

- Must be considered from the beginning of the procurement process, when identifying your needs and built into to each stage to disposal management.
- Should not replace the aim of value for money, but rather support it, by the approach that is taken throughout the procurement process.



RMBC are committed to adopting the UK principles of sustainable development and has adopted corporate objectives in relation to its procurement and commissioning activities with contractors and suppliers in the Environmental and Climate Change Strategy:

- Promote sustainability and environmental considerations through the Council's Procurement Strategy.
- Reduce consumption of resources through improved operating techniques and employing new efficient technologies.
- Work in partnership with contractors and suppliers to minimise the environmental impact of their goods and services.
- Encourage procurement of local products and services.
- Where feasible, purchase goods and materials that can be manufactured and disposed of in an environmentally sustainable way.
- Encourage the use of local workforce.
- Encourage skills development of the workforce.
- Maximise positive social impacts.

Regulatory Framework / Contract Standing Orders

All procurement undertaken by the Council must follow the EU Directives and associated UK legislation which state that procurement must be conducted on the basis of:

- Non-discrimination on the grounds of nationality.
- Equal treatment of all potential bidders and suppliers.
- Proportionality of contract value to processes used.
- Transparency of the whole procurement process.
- Mutual recognition of standards, qualifications and specifications.

Additionally the Council must procure within its own financial regulations and standing orders.

Additional guidance can be found on the RMBC intranet Procurement page including:

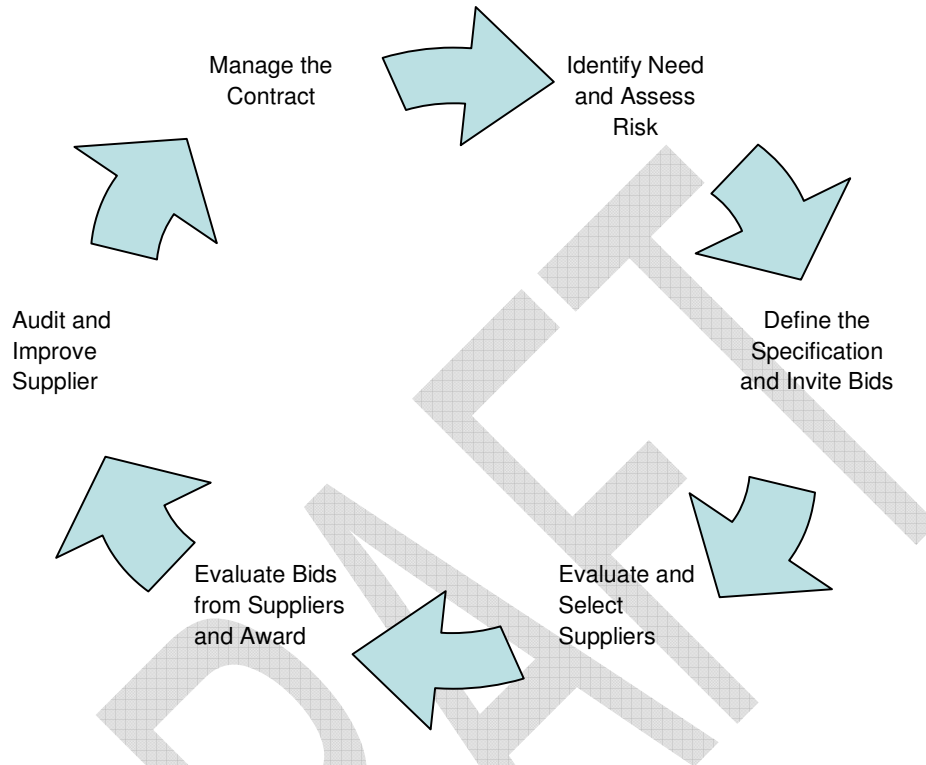
- [Financial Regulations.](#)
- [Standing Guide to the Commissioning of Local Authority Work and Services.](#)
- [Standing Orders.](#)
- [RMBC Procurement Strategy.](#)
- [Equality in Procurement.](#)

UK Regulations:

- [Public Contracts Regulations SI 2006 No 5.](#)
- [Utilities Contracts Regulations SI 2006 No 6.](#)
- [The Public Contracts and Utilities Contracts \(Amendment\) Regulations 2007 SI 2007 No 3542.](#)
- [The Public Contracts and Utilities Contracts \(CPV Code Amendments\) Regulations 2008.](#)
- [The Public Contracts and Utilities Contracts \(Postal Services Amendments\) Regulations 2008.](#)
- [Public Contracts \(Amendment\) Regulations 2009 SI 2009 No. 2992.](#)
- [Unofficial consolidated version of Regulation 32.](#)
- [Utilities Contracts \(Amendment\) Regulations 2009 SI 2009 No. 3100.](#)

Procurement and Commissioning Cycle

Procurement and commissioning activities should include sustainable procurement considerations at every stage of the procurement process.



1. Identify Need and Assess Risk.

Identifying the need and assessing the risk is the first and possibly the most important stage in the procurement process. The role of the client, procurers and commissioners is essential to integrate sustainability into the process at the beginning. The following considerations should be applied as a minimum:

Identifying the need

- Is the purchase essential and do we really need it?
- Could an existing product or service be utilised?
- Has the move from product purchasing to service provision been considered?
- To identify the need for batteries refer to the guidance at Appendix A.

Assessing the risk

- Have the social-economic-environmental risks been identified?
- Is there scope for improvement?
- What influence do we have with suppliers and contractors and the market?

- Can we engage with suppliers and contractors to improve the sustainability of the product or service?
- Is there a reputational or ethical risk?
- Have relevant impact assessments been undertaken on the provision/non provision/change in the service?

2. Define the Specification and Invite Bids.

Defining the correct specification that has been developed from the results of the needs identification and risk assessment is an essential element of sustainable procurement. The procurement or commissioning activity will define the type and content of the specification. The following considerations should be applied as a minimum:

- Write specification that is fit for purpose and describes the requirements of the product or service with contributions from technical specialists if required.
- Include sustainability aspects in functional and performance specifications.
- Outcome specifications should allow suppliers or contractors to propose different production methods or processes that contribute to improvements in sustainable development.
- Where feasible encourage innovation.
- Where applicable apply whole life costs/value for money/impact approach including:
 - Running costs and resource use.
 - Maintenance and spares.
 - Training and operation.
 - Licensing and upgrades.
 - Take-back schemes or disposal.
- Set performance criteria e.g. efficiency standard.
- Where appropriate use international / EU standards or eco /ethical labels such as:
 - Fairtrade*.
 - EU Energy Star.
 - European Eco-Flower.



** Rotherham gained Fair Trade Town status in 2006 and the council has committed to promote Fairtrade through its procurement policy.*

- Encourage bids from SME's / local businesses and 3rd Sector Organisations.
- Specify the use of sustainably sourced materials.
- Encourage use of local sub-contractors and maximise local sub-contracting opportunities.
- Encourage use of local workforce and maximise opportunities for skills improvement.
- Encourage use of apprenticeships (if relevant to the contract and appropriate).
- Wherever possible for performance specifications use the Government Buying Standards.



3. Evaluate and Select Suppliers.

All potential suppliers or contractors must be assessed using the same criteria for potential procurement contracts. Past and present performance on sustainability issues can be considered (if evidence is provided as part of the tender document). The following considerations should be applied as a minimum:

- A standard pre-qualification questionnaire (PQQ) that includes questions on environmental and equalities standards can be accessed from the Procurement page on the intranet and should be used for all applicable procurement and commissioning contracts.
- Reg. 25 (UK Contract Regulations. 2006) allows bidders skills, efficiency, experience and reliability to be taken into account. This regulation which permits sustainability quality and standards to be considered.
- Potential contractors and suppliers should demonstrate that they comply with minimum requirements stated e.g. environmental standards such as EMAS / ISO 14001; equality policy and action plan.
- Assess 'Value for Money' and 'Whole Life Costing'.
- Ensure suppliers control and manage many key impacts.
- Assess own manufacturing / service processes / procurement.
- Do not set the standards / criteria too high (limited response or no VFM solution).
- Make clear in the ITT how bids which demonstrate higher sustainability outcomes will attract higher scores at evaluation.
- Explore opportunities to work with new and existing contractors/suppliers to secure specific jobs and skills outcomes over a period of time to increase the use and engagement of apprentice workers.

- Where appropriate, in letting a contract it is permissible to use contract conditions to:
 - Require successful contractors to have a formal training plan in place for the development of their project workforce.
 - Require that a specified proportion of the workforce on a contract are apprentices or receiving relevant skills training such as Skills for Life, Level 2 or Level 3.
 - Specify that a proportion of the hours worked in delivering the contract, will be undertaken by trainees or apprentices.

4. Evaluate Bids from Suppliers and Award.

Bids must be evaluated on the basis of 'value for money on a whole life basis, not lowest upfront price'. 'Value for money' in the UK is often referred to as the Most Economically Advantageous Tender (MEAT). The following considerations should be applied as a minimum:

- Award criteria should include:
 - Relevance and proportionality.
 - Quality and price.
 - Technical merit.
 - Aesthetic and functional characteristics.
 - Running and maintenance costs.
 - Cost effectiveness.
 - After sales service and technical assistance.
 - Delivery date, period and method.
- Apply weighting where necessary (must be justifiable)
e.g. 60% cost; 20% quality; 20% sustainability.
- Establish a (simple) scoring model in advance of ITT being issued:
 - Award points against each of the criteria, apply weightings (if appropriate).
 - Should only score on information provided.
 - Avoid personal preferences.
 - Use a team approach to evaluation.
 - Establish total marks for each supplier.
- Ensure EU and UK contract regulations are complied with.
- Comply with equality and diversity requirements.

For additional information check the Equality and Diversity Procurement page:

<http://intranet.rotherhamconnect.com/C0/C9/Procurement/default.aspx?Mode=View>

- Supplier selection process must support RMBC policies and help to deliver outcomes.

5. Audit and Improve Supplier.

Supplier / contractor environmental sustainability audits can be used to:

- Validate responses in PQQ / ITT.
- Ensure legal compliance.
- Identify and promote potential areas for environmental sustainability improvements.
- If needed agree an action plan for improvement with timeframes and responsibilities.

The following considerations should be applied as a minimum:

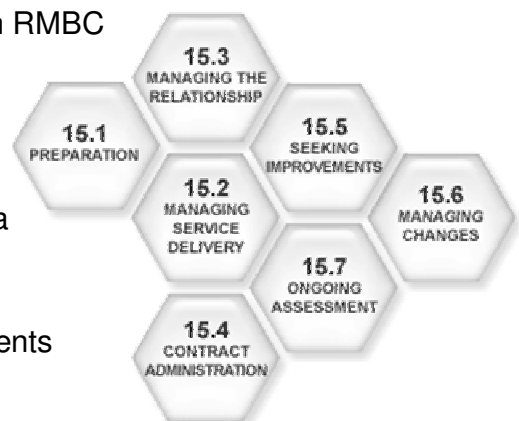
- Include environmental and social aspects.
- Identify specialists to carry out relevant audits where necessary.
- Identify level of risk to include spend category and nature of the market.
- Identify options for action:
 - Work with supplier / contractor?
 - Timescales?
 - Criticality?
 - Terminate contract?

6. Manage the Contract.

Contract management is essential to ensure that both RMBC and suppliers/contractors comply with contract obligations efficiently and effectively. Further information can be accessed from the OGC website 'OGC 15 Contract Management'.

The following considerations should be applied as a minimum:

- Manage essential measures that ensure compliance with the contract and commitments made.
- Assess continual improvement measures.
- Identify performance indicators and link to risk assessment in areas such as (example list only not exhaustive):



- Level of recycled content.
- Reduce energy / fuel / water consumption.
- Reduction in packaging waste.
- Social improvements.
- Reduction in hazardous materials used.
- Improved equipment standards.

Note: Additional performance indicators and guidance can be found in the Audit Commission / I&DEA publication – 'modern procurement practice in local government; local performance indicators for procurement'.

- Identify the nature of the market and the Councils ability to drive change.

7. Contract clauses and minimum standards.

Contract clauses and minimum procurement standards should be included in procurement and commissioning contracts where applicable. The following should be included as a minimum:

- RMBC Intranet:
 - Environmental Contract Clause.
 - Equal Opportunities and Anti-Discrimination Contract Clause.
 - Procurement Framework for Jobs and Skills.
- National Indicator data requirements:
 - Energy consumption data for RMBC related activities.
 - Fuel consumption for RMBC activities.

8. Construction.

'Building for the future: sustainable construction and refurbishment on the government estate' was produced by the National Audit Office and recommended:

- Specifying requirements for environmental performance in terms of outcomes, including carbon emissions and energy / water consumption.
- Conducting post-occupancy evaluations to assess whether completed construction and refurbishment projects have delivered the specified level of performance.

In order to comply with the recommendation RMBC construction and refurbishment standards are:

- All new build projects will be:
 - BREEAM 'very good' or equivalent standard as a minimum.

- BREEAM 'excellent' as an aspiration on all projects.
- Energy Performance Certificate rating 'B'.
- All refurbishment projects above 500m² will be:
 - BREEAM 'very good' or equivalent standard.
 - Energy Performance Certificate rating 'B'.
- Post occupancy evaluations will be carried out through the production of Display Energy Certificates in accordance with the Energy Performance in Buildings Directive.

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Sustainable Procurement and Commissioning Code of Practice Review and Assessment

Compliance with the Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council Sustainable Procurement and Commissioning Code of Practice will be assessed through the Corporate EMAS Internal Audit Programme and performance managed / reported through the Corporate Annual Environmental Statement. The following assessment standards will be included as a minimum:

- Assessment against The Flexible Framework (source: Procuring the Future - Sustainable Procurement Taskforce 2006)
- Assessment of the communication, understanding and application of the Sustainable Procurement and Commissioning Code of Practice.
- Verification of compliance against the EU Green Public Procurement standards.



Appendix A

Procurement of Batteries

Batteries require approximately 50 times more energy to produce than they can generate. The Batteries Directive 2006 applies to all types of batteries and will improve the design of batteries, restrict toxic substances and impose a requirement to improve recycling. The UK now has a deadline of September 2008 to transpose the directive into national law.

Key Objectives:

Products and equipment that require batteries will be purchased in order of preference as shown below:

Preference	Procurement Option
1.	Use mains operated appliances or solar/renewable powered appliances
2.	Avoid buying equipment that requires batteries that cannot be recharged from mains electricity
3.	If batteries are unavoidable choose those which have a reduced mercury level preferably with no mercury content
4.	Avoid general purpose zinc carbon and zinc chloride batteries
5.	Purchase nickel-metal hydride battery (NiMH) rather than nickel cadmium



Environmental Statement Annual Update September 2009

For:

- Chief Executive Directorate
- Environmental and Development Services
(excluding Culture and Leisure Services)
- Neighbourhoods and Adult Services
- Abbey School; St Mary's (Herringthorpe) RC
Primary and Wath C of E Primary School

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Introduction

Welcome to the 2008/09 Environmental Statement annual update. This document should be read in conjunction with the last annual update published for 2007/08 which includes all the information on our Environmental Policy and organisational structure, available on the Council website www.rotherham.gov.uk. The statement covers the period from August 2008 to July 2009 and communicates our environmental performance on key issues.

We welcome your comments and feedback on our environmental performance; the environmental statement and ways that we can improve and assist communities in Rotherham to improve their environment.

If you would like to give any feedback or would like further information on the contents of this statement please contact:

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EMAS Declaration

This Environmental Statement has been validated as a true record of the environmental performance of Chief Executives Directorate; Environment and Development Services (excluding Culture and Leisure); Neighbourhoods and Adult Services; Abbey School; St Mary's (Herringthorpe) RC Primary and Wath C of E Primary School, in accordance with the requirements of Council Regulation (EC) No. 761/2001 (as amended by Commission regulation No. 196/2006).

Signed:.....

Date:.....

Name of Environmental Verifier:

David Brownsword
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Accreditation Number: 4155

Corporate Environmental Policy 2006 -2010

The Corporate Environmental Policy will be superseded in 2010 by the Environment and Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan that has been developed in partnership with Local Strategic Partners and the Energy Saving Trust and is currently going through a consultation process. Key areas of environmental performance are:

2008/09 Performance	2007/08 Performance	Comments / Future Actions
Environmental Management (EM)		
EM1: Implement and maintain a Corporate Environmental Management System to attain EMAS registration.		
Two additional primary schools have implemented an environmental management system through the Greencheck programme	EMAS registration has been maintained in three Directorates and 3 primary schools	EMAS will be expanded to include Culture and Leisure Services October – December 2009
Following the completion of a restructure in Neighbourhood and Adult Services the EMAS system has been realigned and communicated throughout the Directorate		
EM2: Monitor and report the environmental performance of the Council		
Environmental performance continues to be monitored and reported through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environmental audits carried out internally and externally on suppliers and contractors. - Bi monthly reports to the Members and Officer Groups and Scrutiny Panels. - Annual Environmental Reviews and Annual Environmental Statement 		
EM3: Ensure compliance with all relevant environmental legislation		
A corporate register of legislation is maintained and legal compliance is monitored through an internal audit programme.		The register of legislation will be aligned the Environment Agency Netregs website in 2009/2010
EM4: Carry out a regular review of the Council's environmental policy to ensure its ongoing effectiveness		
The current Environmental Policy expires in 2010 and will be replaced with the Environment and Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan 2010 – 2013, that is under consultation		Implementation and communication of the Environment and Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan 2010 – 2013
Climate Change (CC)		
CC1: Reduce consumption of resources through improved operating techniques and employing new efficient technologies.		
Display Energy Certificates (DEC) and advisory reports are required for Council buildings above 1000m ² . The current position is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 124 Buildings surveyed - 78 lodged with energy ratings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A – Nil • B – 3 • C – 5 • D – 22 • E – 26 • F – 7 • G - 15 	Local Authority Energy Financing (LAEF) Scheme funded: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - £338,500 energy efficiency projects since January 2007 - Potential projects identified with projected investment of £250,000 - Projected savings of 568 tonnes of CO₂ annually. 	Carbon reduction activities have been integrated to produce a Carbon Reduction Action Plan including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EU Energy Performance in Buildings Directive - Carbon Reduction Commitment (UK Carbon Trading) - National Indicator 185 'reduction of CO

2008/09 Performance	2007/08 Performance	Comments / Future Actions
One project at Maltby Library (efficient lighting) £9,000 potentially saving 10t of CO ₂ .		emissions from Council activities'
CC2: Reduce energy and water consumption in council properties, residential properties and street lighting and adopt / promote renewable energy		
Streetlighting= 14,710,190 kWh (7,693,400 kg CO ₂) Buildings = 120,167,515 kWh (34,116,707 kg CO ₂)	1% Reduction in energy consumption for operational buildings and Streetlighting: Streetlighting=14,817,575 kWh Buildings = 153,720,992 kWh	Transport and energy emissions are calculated using the National Indicator spreadsheet developed by DEFRA. Annual year on year reduction target of 2% from a baseline year of 2008/09
<i>NOTE: The consumption figure for buildings in 07/08 includes communal lighting etc. so a direct comparison with 08/09 cannot be made.</i>		
2% increase in water consumption	7.8% reduction in water consumption	Water reductions to be included in improvement projects
Improved SAP energy rating of 69 in council residential properties	Energy rating (SAP) of 66 in council residential properties through: - 1,900 insulation projects - 1,100 t of CO ₂ reduction from boiler replacements	Continued investment in council housing with target funding of £1m for 2009/10
100% green electricity contract for operational buildings and street lighting continued		
Streetlighting have secured £6.5 million funding to carry out a renewal programme for streetlights throughout the borough including energy efficient systems and LED trials	Reductions through projects include: Compact light units: = 2,243,160 kWh Electronic photocells: = 90,000 hours	Implementation of the Streetlighting Sustainable Energy Strategy and improvement programmes.
Project suspended due to PCT manning	Pilot project with the Primary Care Trust to reduce CO ₂ emissions.	Projects to be pursued through the LSP
CC3: Reduce the amount of waste produced through the adoption of the waste hierarchy 'reduce – reuse – recycle – recover'		
Household Waste recycling centres:		Developing a PFI project for a Sub Regional Waste treatment facility Contracts are being assessed to set up recycling schemes in Council buildings to be complete by April 2010.
4	4	
Bring sites:		
55	55	
Domestic Waste recycling:		
47.36%	35.04%	
Waste sent for energy recovery:		
9.58%	0.03%	
Waste sent to landfill:		
43.06%	64.75%	
Households with kerbside collection for 4 materials		
100%	100%	
Alternate Week Collection		
105,000	105,000	
Annual growth in municipal waste arisings		
-1.31%	-4.85%	Council target 1.27% / annum
CC4: Reduce the environmental impact of our transport and promote the use of sustainable transport		
Fleet vehicles annual CO ₂ emissions		Transport and energy emissions are calculated using the National Indicator spreadsheet developed by
3,853,021 kg	2,267,156 kg	
<i>NOTE: The vehicle portfolio has increased significantly during the year so a direct comparison with 07/08 cannot be made. Accurate</i>		

2008/09 Performance	2007/08 Performance	Comments / Future Actions
<i>comparisons will not be available until the 2010/2011 reporting period.</i>		DEFRA. Annual year on year reduction target of 2% from a baseline year of 2008/09.
Work Related Private Vehicle Use		
961,108 kg	933,862 kg	
Procurement (P)		
P1: Work in partnership with our contractors and suppliers to minimise the environmental impact of their goods and services.		
Highway maintenance performance indicators		
Overall % of re-cycled materials used (based on tonnage)		Because of the nature of civil engineering results will fluctuate considerably on the recycling opportunities available for the different types of schemes under construction.
26.4%	30% (target)	
Overall % of excavated materials diverted away from landfill (based on tonnage)		
66.88%	70% (target)	
% increase in re-cycling compared to previous year (based on tonnage)		
Not yet reported on	25% (target)	
Tool can be accessed on the Council website: http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/graphics/YourCouncil/Procurement/Sustainable+Procurement.htm	Develop web based tool for suppliers and contractors to assist in improving their environmental performance	Tool will be communicated to businesses through the permit inspection programme
P2: Promote Sustainability and environmental considerations through the Council's Procurement Strategy and adopting whole life costing.		
Value of materials in a new build development above 1,000 m ² . to be from sustainable sources		Construction indicators being assessed through the new YorBuild agreement
-	10%	
Contracts to be let with whole life costs		
-	100%	
Procurement of 'Bought in Goods and Services' to measure the % of framework agreements considering sustainability		In transition shown for future reporting
-	Nil	
Assess the Council's procurement processes against the Sustainable Procurement Taskforce Flexible Framework and develop an action plan achieve: - Level 3 in all categories by the end of 08/09. - Level 5 in at least 1 category by the end of 2009.		Assessed at the end of 2009
-	Nil	
Develop a Sustainable Procurement Policy by October 2009		Ongoing activity
P3: Encourage procurement of local products and services.		
Rotherham Council organised and hosted a 'Meet the Buyer Event' in 2009 giving local businesses a chance to meet buyers from within the Council and from other agencies. The first Rotherham Supplier Awards were held including an award for Best Environmentally Friendly Business.		More details of the event, including a video, and details of future events are on the Council website: http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/graphics/YourCouncil/Procurement/
Maintain our level of spend with local businesses at 35% of our core trade spend		Socially responsible procurement is a primary aim in the Procurement Strategy 2008 / 2011 and aims to improve the communication and development of procurement with local businesses and SME's.
33% (2007/08)	32% (2006/07)	
Increase the Council's percentage of core trade spend with Small and Medium Enterprises (SME's) by 5% to match the sub-region's average of 56% by April 2008		
36% (2007/08)	40% (2006/07)	
Level of spend reporting is 12 months deferred due to data collection method of the Spikes Cavell database.		

2008/09 Performance	2007/08 Performance	Comments / Future Actions
P4: Where practicable purchase goods and materials that can be manufactured and disposed of in an environmentally sustainable way		
% of spend on electricity to continue to be procured from green sources		Target 100%
100%	100%	
% of paper bought by the Council with recycled content and/or sustainable sources		
100%	100%	
% of timber to be procured from sustainable sources that are accredited through a recognised scheme e.g. FSC Certification		
100%	100%	
10% of RMBC's top 20 suppliers (2) to be audited annually for equality and diversity and environmental issues		Target 10%
5%	5%	
Built and Natural Environment (BNE)		
BNE1: Ensure that the Council's asset portfolio is sustainable by integrating sustainability into all the Council's Capital and Asset Management Strategies, Plans, Programmes and Projects		
<p>Sustainability is considered during all construction plans and sustainable features in recent projects include:</p> <p><u>Canklow Woods Primary:</u> Biomass heating; Use of thermal mass materials to reduce heat/cooling demand; Green roof's; solar thermal hot water; heat recovery ventilation and super-insulated walls.</p> <p><u>Magna BIC:</u> Natural ventilation to atrium; façade greening offering solar shading in summer; air source heat pumps; brown roof and super-insulated walls</p> <p><u>Dinnington BIC:</u> Biomass heating; natural cooling using thermal mass and night cooling; natural ventilation and super-insulated wall.</p> <p><u>Anston Brook Primary School:</u> Natural ventilation via monodraught wind catchers and super-insulated wall.</p>		The development of a sustainability appraisal tool is being reviewed
BNE2: Manage and improve the quality and accessibility of parks, open spaces and public rights of way		
Draft strategy issued and currently undergoing consultation	Develop and implement a Green Space Strategy	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three Green Flag awards achieved in 2008. - Four applications submitted in 2009. 	Produce site management plans in accordance with Green Flag principles at selected key green spaces	
Draft Strategy includes proposed accessibility & quality standards		A bid is to be submitted to HLF later this year for funding to support a £1.5 million scheme to restore the Castle in Boston Park and provide a visitor centre.
Delivery of the HLF/BIG Lottery-funded Clifton Park Restoration Project is underway and is scheduled for completion in late summer 2009. The scheme features a new water play area; garden house and walled garden;	Set accessibility and quality standards and target resources at improving priority sites	Partnership work continues with Parks Friends Groups to implement improvements

2008/09 Performance	2007/08 Performance	Comments / Future Actions
restored rock garden; memorial garden and extensive landscape improvements.		in line with agreed site master plans.
Guide produced and publicly available	Produce a "plain speaking guide" guide to countryside access	
Access for all opportunities linking into Treeton Woodlands now being investigated from Orgreave Restoration scheme. Whiston Meadows - 0.8 km of permissive paths created. Extensive works have taken place and the entire permissive bridleway is now surfaced.	Sites requiring improved access have been identified and will be enhanced during future improvement schemes.	Access links to the 15 km new trails at Orgreave (including disabled, family, cycling and equestrian access) are part of ongoing restoration and development works.
Webpage launched and available for use: http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/graphics/Environment/Streetpride/Public+Rights+of+Way/Family+and+Disabled+Access/	A disabled webpage research exercise has been completed and the content is being finalised with the RMBC Access Officer prior to a public launch.	
Conflict between conservation and access issues presently challenging progress	Develop access opportunities to land included on the Maps of Open Country and Registered Common Land with particular regard to Throapham Common.	Route will continue to be investigated as a potential future access scheme.
Potential scheme identified at Brampton Long Road	Identify and list highway margins suitable for use by non motorised traffic.	Scheme now being priced and working in partnership with the Local Access Forum to deliver if feasible.
BNE3: Improve street cleanliness by reducing litter, graffiti, fly tipping and other enviro-crime		
A new national performance indicator has been introduced NI 195 'Improved street and environmental cleanliness' (levels of graffiti, litter, detritus and fly posting). New targets have been set for: a. litter 7% b. detritus 15%		Future statements will report on the indicators
Enforcement activities resulting in fixed penalty fines for litter, fly tipping and dog fouling and several court prosecutions		Enforcement powers have been delegated to a wider pool of Council staff with the RMBC Wardens taking on enviro-crime enforcement duties. Partnership working through the Safer Neighbourhood Teams is having a positive impact with pooled intelligence focusing on contemporary hotspots and joint solutions.
430	534	
Number of Fly Tipping Incidents		
3020	3112	
Fly Tipping Incidents - LAA Target		
3908	3908	
Reduction of Incidents		
-888	-796	
Graffiti Incidents		
615	911	
% reduction in Graffiti Incidents compared with 04/05 Baseline		
-60%	-41%	

2008/09 Performance	2007/08 Performance	Comments / Future Actions
<p>During the reporting period awards have been received for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beacon Council Award for 'Better Public Places'. RMBC are one of only 5 Councils in England to meet the standard. Over the past 12 months, Streetpride managers have disseminated best practice to other local authorities across the UK, by delivering a programme of lectures and workshops about the Streetpride initiative, culminating with a Beacon Council Open Day in Rotherham on 1 April 2009 attended by over 40 senior managers from Local Authorities across the UK. - Customer Service Excellence (CSE) – RMBC are in the process of achieving CSE with Neighbourhood and adult Services and Environment and Development Services passing the assessment. Assessments inspect all aspects of customer service including customer identification, consultation and engagement, the quality of information available about the service, customer satisfaction, equality of access to services, timely delivery, and quality of service. 		
<p>BNE4: Regenerate derelict land and focus new developments on brown-field sites: 60% of new housing by 2010</p>		
<p>Rotherham MBC has exceeded the national target of 60%</p>		<p>A local target for brownfield housing development will be set in Rotherham's Local Development Framework.</p>
<p>B</p>	<p>G</p>	
<p>80%</p>	<p>20%</p>	
<p>751 Completions</p>	<p>635 Completions</p>	
<p>Regeneration projects managed by the Development Team have achieved various sustainability awards and standards including:</p>		
<p><u>Moorgate Crofts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local Authority Building Control – South Yorkshire and Humber “Built in Quality Awards 2008” – highly commended in the sustainability category 		
<p><u>Fusion@Magna</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local Authority Building Control – South Yorkshire and Humber “Building Excellence Awards 2009” - Winner Best Commercial Building over £1 million - BREEAM rating “Very Good” 		
<p><u>Matrix@Dinnington</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BREEAM rating “Very Good” 		
<p><u>Gateways Project</u></p> <p>Nominations for Transform South Yorkshire, Delivering Design Quality Awards under: Category 5; Environmental Improvement Project – Short listed projects include Meadowbank Road; Rawmarsh Hill and Doncaster Road with the results expected in September 2009.</p>		
<p><u>Brookfields Park</u></p> <p>Woodland regeneration project recently completed resulting in 24ha of mixed woodland with 60,816 native whips, transplants and feathered trees planted. The remaining 16ha given over to amenity grassland and wildflower area for informal recreational use.</p>		
<p><u>Manvers</u></p> <p>Land reclamation of previously industrial land for the development of a golf course; hotel and residential properties including improvements of Trans Pennine Trail footpath and construction of new Pegasus Crossing.</p>		
<p>BNE5: Protect and enhance the natural environment and the diversity of natural habitats and wildlife.</p>		
<p>All council owned woodlands have management objectives for maintaining and enhancing wildlife</p>	<p>Provision of management for Local Nature Reserves, Sites of Special Scientific Interest and other council owned sites</p>	<p>Management plans are being used to apply to Natural England's environmental stewardship schemes</p>
<p>New Centenary Riverside Nature Reserve, is nearing completion and will soon be open to the public</p>		

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Pond improvements / New ponds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horsefair Park • Coleridge Primary School • Listerdale Primary School 	Implementation of the Rotherham Biodiversity Action Plan	Plans for a new pond at Herringthorpe Valley Park are being developed
Clifton Park Museum has a biodiversity display and leads guided wildlife walks in Clifton Park		Continue to implement actions from the current Rotherham Biodiversity Action Plan
Tern rafts built for Thrybergh County Park and Catcliffe Flash Local Nature Reserve		Preparation for the review of the Rotherham Biodiversity Action Plan
Scrub and heathland management undertaken at Canklow Wood		
Identified and approved 96 sites for Rotherham Local Wildlife Site system	Development of a Local Wildlife Site system	Survey work undertaken in woodland sites to maintain data about the sites feeding into management plans
Significant biodiversity enhancement is being built into the proposed development at the Waverley, former Orgreave Colliery, site	Ensure new developments incorporate biodiversity protection and enhancement measures	Development of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • biodiversity policy and supporting planning documents in connection with the Local Development Framework • monitoring and management system for the Rotherham Local Sites system including important geological sites.
Biodiversity improvements created for water voles, bats and great crested newts within developments agreed this year		
Naturalistic landscaping schemes have been incorporated into a number of development schemes		
BNE6 - Maintain, manage and conserve trees & woodlands in the borough		
Awaiting date for 2009 audit	FSC audit successfully completed in June 2008	
Tree planting to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pocket park adjoining Wath Town Centre. - 11 semi mature trees in Wath town centre - 4 semi mature trees in Rotherham town centre - 6 standard to semi mature trees in Dinnington Park - 34 semi mature roadside trees on Tickhill Road, Maltby <p>Natural regeneration of trees at Creighton Woods</p>	500 trees planted per year, target met.	Native tree planting proposed as part of Year 2 Play Pathfinder, delivery by Landscape Design
Review of the management plan for Old Spring Wood completed	Complete one woodland management plans plan per year	new management plan for Hawks Wood prepared'
'Footpath improvements in Redscope Plantation and Coppicing on the woodland edge in Redscope Plantation	2 schemes per year	
Pollution prevention and control (PPC)		
PPC1: Reduce air pollution through traffic management and reviewing and assessing air quality		
Actions implemented from the Air Quality Strategy / Action Plan in the Local Transport Plan (LTP): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Detailed air quality assessment of the A633 corridor completed. Submitted to DEFRA April 		

2008/09 Performance	2007/08 Performance	Comments / Future Actions
<p>2009. Report approved, Air Quality Management Area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Air Quality Report updated following new guidance. - Eco Stars Fleet Recognition Scheme developed in partnership during 2008-09 by South Yorkshire Councils. The scheme recognises best practice in vehicle replacement, driver training, retrofitting components and fuel management contributing to a reduction in emissions of fleet vehicles. Reduction targets for end of 2009/2010: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o CO₂ 1,000 tonnes o PM₁₀ 3 tonnes o Oxides of nitrogen 25 tonnes <p>across South Yorkshire.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Signalisation of a major roundabout to improve traffic flow has been carried out in an Air Quality Management Area. Monitoring has indicated an improvement in levels of PM₁₀ (fine particles) and annual mean nitrogen dioxide at roadside in the Air Quality Management Area - The Council will carry out a Detailed Assessment for 24 hour mean PM₁₀ (due for submission to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs at the end of April 2010), for the A630 Fitzwilliam Road (2004) Air Quality Management Area, as air quality has improved. 		
PPC2: Minimise the adverse impacts of new developments by working proactively within the Planning and Development Control framework		
Approval of the development of a 25MW biomass fired renewable energy plant to be sited alongside the Blackburn Meadows sewage works on 15 July 2008 by Sheffield City Council.	The Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) indicates an 11MW minimum target for renewable Energy Production in Rotherham by 2010. This will include all sources from micro to macro scale.	As part of developing the evidence base for the LDF, it is intended that an analysis of Rotherham's capability to exploit its renewal energy potential will be undertaken. This will also give a clear indication of the borough's ability to achieve or surpass the RSS target, and provide advice on developing a policy to be incorporated within the LDF that promotes carbon reduction.
Planning permission approved for 2 x 850 kW wind turbines on the Waverley Advanced Manufacturing Park.	In advance of local targets being set in the LDF, the RSS also states that new developments of more than 10 dwellings or 1000m ² of non-residential floorspace should secure at least 10% of their energy from renewable or low-carbon sources, wherever this is feasible and viable.	
Planning permission granted for 3 x 1.3 MW wind turbines at Loscar Farm, Harthill on 30 th June 2008.		
The Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) has been concluded and a more detailed SFRA Level 2 study for the town centre is currently underway to inform the land allocation phase of the LDF work.		
PPC3: Support the reduction of local environmental issues such as noise, light and dust pollution		
Pollution		Increase due to customer demand. Major pollution issues have been resolved.
752	516	
Private Sector Housing (improvements, evictions etc)		Increase from greater community confidence in hard to reach areas / pro-active service activities
1371	960	
Noise		Domestic Noise reduced to 1573, -9% against 2006 baseline. Totals include referrals of all noise issues
1802	1683	
Rubbish		Increase following service re-engineering / pro-active service activities.
1529	966	
Dog Fouling		Increase following service

2008/09 Performance	2007/08 Performance	Comments / Future Actions
873	471	re-engineering and addition of Rotherham Wardens
Litter		Increased public awareness of the anti-social nature of littering, resulting in fewer incidents being reported.
531	929	
Pest Control		
3907	4064	
PPC4: Ensure potential environmental damage is minimised in emergency situations and accidents through the development of emergency response plans at sites of significant environmental risk		
Environmental incidents that RMBC responded to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A multi-agency response to a van fire at Brampton Brierlow. The van contained acetylene cylinders and residents were evacuated from their homes for a short period until the situation was brought under control by South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service. - The council was involved in the response to an incident involving an overturned chemical tanker at Thurcroft. Residents in the vicinity were advised to go inside, close all doors and windows and listen to their local radio station. RMBC assisted with the removal and subsequent disposal of contaminated fire water and clean up of the road and surrounding area after the incident. - The council's Forward Liaison Officer and Environmental Health Officer investigated complaints regarding a recycling plant in Greasborough. 		
Communicate and Education (CE)		
CE1: Provide environmental training for councillors and employees in order to raise awareness of individual responsibilities and overall council performance		
Presentations have been delivered to RMBC Staff, Partners and Members on the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 and the Biodiversity Duty that the act places on local authorities.		Continue to present the NERC Act Biodiversity Duty to staff and members
Natural England has delivered biodiversity training sessions for RMBC Development Control and Forward Planning teams		
Environmental awareness training has been delivered to managers and staff on specific environmental issues and general awareness		Energy awareness training is scheduled for all staff in October 2009
Funding has been secured by the South Yorkshire Climate Change Network to conduct a Climate Change Leadership Programme in 2009/10. The programme will increase awareness of Councillors, senior officers, the Local Strategic Partnerships and other stakeholders from all four local authority areas through three workshops in 2009/10		Additional funding will bid for through the Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnership
CE2: Provide environmental information to businesses in order to ensure their compliance with legislation and improve their environmental performance		
The resource is available on the Council website http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/NR/rdonl yres/5CE36FF1-E20F-4548-B54D-AB8004342D0D/0/ImprovingyourEnvironmentalPerformance.pdf	Develop a signposting resource for local businesses	The signposting resource will be communicated through environmental enforcement inspections
Rotherham Council successfully organised and hosted a 'Meet the Buyer Event' in 2009	Arrange a RMBC 'Meet the Buyer' event	Further events are planned for 2010
CE3: Promote and support community projects that are beneficial to the environment		
Community walkabouts with Streetpride staff and local residents		Further events are planned for 2009/10
28	13	
Community Clean-ups with local residents and Streetpride involved in environmental clean-up within the borough		
12	29	

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Assembly talk/litter pick with presentations to the assembly and litter pick around the area near to the school 35	13	
Community events including Rotherham Show, Clifton Park with RMBC staff and local residents promoting services and sustainable development 1	1	
<p>The theme for World Environment Day 2009 was 'Your Planet Needs You - UNite to Combat Climate Change'. Events took place in Rotherham throughout June to mark the day including:</p> <p>South Yorkshire Climate Change Network Carbon Calculator The SYCCN Carbon Calculator was launched 12 June. The site is an awareness tool where members of the public and staff can calculate their carbon footprint and make commitments to reduce their impact on the environment www.syclimateaction.co.uk</p> <p>River Clean Up Day (5 June 2009) Streetpride, Environment Agency, British Waterways and Groundwork Dearne Valley joined forces to clean a stretch of the River Rother under Chapel-on-the-Bridge and the riverbank opposite Tesco. Rotherham Wardens and Enforcement Officers concentrated on litter picking, weeding, painting and cutting back trees/bushes around the canal outside Rotherham Magistrates Court. Groundwork was on hand to answer in any questions from members of the public and promoted environmental improvements from a marquee at the rear of Tesco's.</p> <p>Keep It Cool (5 June 2009) Over 100 pupils from schools across Rotherham came together to celebrate World Environment Day in the world's first ever mobile solar-powered cinema. The event took place in the grounds of Rockingham School in a 45-foot marquee which houses the cinema. The pupils then took part in an environmental quiz looking at issues from waste and recycling to travel and cows! The event was a huge success, resulting in many fantastic ideas to tackle climate change and improve links between young people and the council.</p> <p>Plant ID Walk (5 June 2009) Rotherham Council's Green Spaces team arranged a pleasant walk from St John's Church (Kimberworth Park) to the Grange where experts were on hand to identify plants and insects.</p> <p>To Bee...(6 June 2009) A chance for members of the public to learn about bee keeping from the experts at Thrybergh Country Park.</p> <p>Butterfly and Bee Orchids (10 June 2009) A Green Spaces Unit and the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust took members of the public on a 2-hour guided walk across Maltby Far and Low Commons Local Nature Reserve to learn about the wild orchids that thrive on the limestone soils, as well as other interesting and uncommon flowers.</p> <p>Woodland Wander (14 June 2009) A guided walk for the official opening of the new Heritage Trail in Valley Park and Woodlands helping members of the public to develop new skills by taking part in wood craft and survival activities.</p> <p>Inset (teacher training) session (17 June 2009) Morning training aimed at completing the self assessment for Sustainable Schools with the afternoon session looking at the food and drink 'doorway'.</p>		
CE4: Communicate the council's environmental performance to all stakeholders		
RMBC scored 90.31% in the Yorkshire & Humber Environment Index 2009	RMBC scored 89.4% in the Yorkshire & Humber Environment Index 2008	RMBC Will continue to participate in the index during 2010
CE5: Raise environmental awareness and encourage projects/action in schools		

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RMBC continue to improve our support and education for schools through the Education for Sustainable Development Forum		The forum is being used as an example of best practice by the Department for Children, Schools and Families
Abbey School now have an operational wind turbine to provide electricity and it is used as an education tool.		Energy generation will be monitored
The schools EMAS project, known as 'GreenCheck' has been expanded to include Aston C of E Primary School and Dalton Foljambe Primary School		Further expansion planned for 2010
Three schools have received funding for the RBS Supergrounds Project West Melton Primary, Dalton Listerdale and Kilnhurst Primary		
Funding has been secured by the South Yorkshire Climate Change Network to employ a South Yorkshire Climate Change Schools Co-ordinator. The full specification of the role has yet to be decided by the Network.		