

CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

Venue: Management Meeting Room, **Date:** Monday, 15th February, 2010
2nd Floor, Bailey House,
Rawmarsh Road,
ROTHERHAM. S60 1TD

Time: 10.15 a.m.

Please note the venue and start time for this meeting.

A G E N D A

1. To determine if the following matters are to be considered under the categories suggested in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended March 2006) to the Local Government Act 1972.
2. To determine any item which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered later in the agenda as a matter of urgency.
3. Minutes of previous meetings of the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Transportation held as follows:-
For signature by the Cabinet Member:-
 - 27th November, 2009.
 - 15th December, 2009.
 - 4th January, 2010.

(See Minutes presented to Council on 3rd February, 2010 – White Book)
4. Minutes of a meeting of the Chesterfield Canal Partnership Executive Steering Group held on 9th October, 2009. (copy attached) (Pages 1 - 6)
5. Minutes of a meeting of the Tourism Panel held on 18th January, 2010. (copy attached) (Pages 7 - 11)
6. Minutes of a meeting of the Members' Sustainable Development Advisory Group held on 22nd January, 2010. (copy attached) (Pages 12 - 19)
7. Report re: Opening of Offers 25th January, 2010. (copy attached) (Pages 20 - 21)

8. Rotherham Economic Regeneration Fund (RERF) Flood Phase 1. (report attached) (Pages 22 - 25)
Simeon Leach, Economic Strategy Manager, to report.
 - to seek approval for RERF capital to be used to cover a shortfall in funding for the Rotherham flood alleviation scheme.

9. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC
The following item is likely to be considered in the absence of the press and public as being exempt under Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended March 2006) (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular individual (including the Council)):-

10. Approval of Appointees for the Consultancy Framework for Estates and Professional Services, 2009-2013. (report attached) (Pages 26 - 30)
Keith Lown, Principal Valuer, to report.
 - to seek approval of appointees for the Consultancy Framework.

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CHESTERFIELD CANAL PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE STEERING GROUP** held at the Turbine Business Park, Worksop on Friday, 9th October 2009 at 10am.

Derbyshire County Council

Councillor C Jackson, Ms G Gregory and Mr P Storey

Nottinghamshire County Council

Mr A Wickham

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Councillor Mrs J Whysall and Mr P Cassy

Bassetlaw District Council

Councillor I Jones and Mr R Wilkinson

Chesterfield Borough Council

Councillor P Proctor and Mr M Shewring

North East Derbyshire District Council

Councillor H Laws and Ms L Chapman

British Waterways

Mr J Nuttall

Chesterfield Canal Partnership

Dr G Coles

Chesterfield Canal Trust

Mr R Stonebridge

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs E M Yates (Nottinghamshire County Council) Ms S Withington (Bassetlaw District Council), Mr E Green (Derbyshire Wildlife Trust), Ms F Clarke (Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield & Mansfield) and Mr J Baylis (Inland Waterways Association).

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27TH MARCH 2009

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Steering Group held on 27th March 2009 be agreed as a correct record, subject to noting that Mr P Storey had been in attendance and the following italicised corrections:-

Vice Chair - that *representative of Bassetlaw District Council* be appointed...

Work Programme - Management *agreement* with *Oak* holdings...

Partnership Budget – maintenance of *the canal* for the next 20 years...

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Vice Chair

It was agreed that Cllr I Jones of Bassetlaw District Council be elected Vice Chair of the Chesterfield Canal Partnership (CCP)

Partnership Budget

RMBC agreed to report the actual cost of maintaining the canal as a contribution in kind to the CCP

4.DELIVERY OF CHESTERFIELD CANAL PARTNERSHIP WORK PROGRAMME 2009-2010

Dr Geraint Coles introduced the half year progress report on the work programme 2009/10.

GC said that many items were on-going and reported two notable completions: the canal festival in May and the report on Next Navigation East (Kiveton to Killamarsh) and West (Killamarsh to Staveley). GC explained that this report would form the basis for the submission of a major funding bid e.g. to HLF and would demonstrate to both RMBC planners and funding bodies that restoration was deliverable.

GC also tabled details showing all the works, in a twenty-step programme, which needed to be in place to secure full restoration and illustrated the extent of progress since his appointment in 2004.

RS referred to the excellent progress which had been made and GC emphasised the high degree of support from DCC engineers and BW staff.

It was agreed that the delivery of the work programme be noted.

5. CHESTERFIELD CANAL PARTNERSHIP BUDGET REPORT

AW submitted details of the CCP budget. AW noted that a comprehensive report had been considered at the previous meeting and emphasised the need to give continuity of employment for CCP staff as the current three-year funding round came to an end. AW noted that all partners, with the exception of NCC and CBC, had confirmed their intentions: NCC were committed to evaluating all partnerships and were unable to consider commitments to funding until the evaluation was complete. In response to

questions, AW confirmed that NCC members were involved in the evaluation but no timescale had yet been identified; CBC was due to consider a bid for continued funding in the autumn budget round.

It was agreed that the budget report be noted for information.

6. DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Chesterfield Waterside

GC explained that the Chesterfield Canal was a significant feature of this major public/private partnership scheme. The Partnership had played a major role in creating and shaping the project. The terminal basin, which would ultimately provide 24hr moorings, had been completed and would be officially 'opened' next week. Longer-term moorings would be provided in Phase 2 of the project. A planning application was expected shortly. The development would provide a new canal basin, cut and moorings. In response to questions, GC noted that material from the new cut would backfill gaps left by the removal of contaminated material elsewhere; the design of houses had been influenced in respect of eco-efficiency, scale, materials and mix of types; the new cut allowed retention of the River Rother and its valuable biodiversity. GC noted that the quality of the scheme would enable an entry to BURA Waterways Renaissance Awards.

Staveley Town Basin

PS said that the two bridges, basin and channel had been provided as part of the Markham Vale road link. Discussions had taken place regarding land ownership and planning for the basin infrastructure. Development was now likely to be on land purchased to implement the road link. A planning application was due to be submitted shortly and the aim was to be on site by January 2010 using £0.5m funding from EMDA. Phase 3 would provide the drop lock under the railway and GC added that the WRG could assist with construction; the CCT had already started to raise funds for this particular project.

Renishaw

PS noted that the works on the phased delivery were on-going and service diversion works were still awaited. There was a proposal to deal with leakage on this section which had no natural water feed and land and planning permission had been obtained. The length of canal which would be restored would depend on the success of the funding application to EMDA. Restoration of bridges to the north and south of Renishaw would allow reinstatement of further areas of canal. In response to questions, PS and GC added that local people were very supportive of the scheme. RS noted that an amateur video of progress on the scheme had gained enough material for an hour-long programme. GC commented that proposals for the natural play area and fishing club had stimulated enthusiasm from the community and greater use would help reduce vandalism.

Killamarsh and Killamarsh Greenway

GG highlighted the benefits that the Greenway project was expected to bring including raising awareness of the canal and providing links to schools, the town centre, Rother Valley Country Park and the Trans Pennine Trail. Interpretation panels would re-enforce

the message. GC noted that the design of the Greenway had taken account of future canal restoration so as not to affect the scheme. PP and HL emphasised the need to spread the word to other council members who were not directly affected by the canal restoration.

Worksop/Retford

JN reported that a 2.2km stretch of heavily-used towpath would be restored in the Shireoaks area of Worksop. The path would be tarmac with chip and spray finish leading to a more hard wearing and easy to maintain surface. In a partnership scheme, the work would link to the regeneration corridor. Surveys would compare usage before and after the project. The work was programmed to start between January – March 2010 and be completed by 2011.

RW explained that a scheme to remediate a former gas works site was due to start next week. The District council was also planning to commence a £490k enhancement to the 'canch' and lido area which was fed by the canal. RW and GC also noted a bid for funding for a study to identify capacity for the provision of canal berths and a potential site for a marina.

Idle and Trent

AW confirmed that after 5 years extensive preparation, funding had finally been secured for the Trent Vale Landscape Partnership. This project was important as the canal ran through the area. Whilst the time taken indicated the amount of work required for an HLF bid of this size, a submission for the Chesterfield Canal linked in well with this scheme and also with the Greater Sherwood project.

It was noted that Groundwork Creswell were working on a Green Infrastructure Strategy which would investigate opportunities to improve links for communities in the vicinity of the Chesterfield Canal and River Idle.

In the Drakeholes area this would involve looking at options for derelict buildings and improvements to access to the north east of Retford.

7. HOLLINGWOOD

The project to develop Hollingwood Lockhouse had been awarded £380k of grant funding as a community building providing a headquarters for, and to be run by, the Chesterfield Canal Trust as a community interest company. The proposed building had a large extension providing a meeting room and community café area. A car park would be provided and a 'boat-on-shore', enabling children's play/interpretation. The CCT would engage with the local community. The project had gone out to tender and work would commence by Easter 2010 finishing 12 months later.

8. NEXT NAVIGATION EAST

GC had written two volumes describing the project. The aim was to demonstrate that the project was deliverable. The Partnership's performance elsewhere indicated that restoration could be delivered within an acceptable timescale. GC said that there was the potential to deliver restoration with the connection to Shireoaks Marina within 5 years. The discussion centred on the need for RMBC to protect the proposed alignment in their Local Development Framework and the need to reassure BW, existing tenants and land owners regarding the timetable for restoration.

9. THE LEARNING BOAT

GC noted the CCT's successful negotiation of a lease with BW for the restoration of the historic narrow boat ('Python') by team from the Trust and the transport of the boat to the Chesterfield Canal. GC reported on discussions with a theatre group to develop learning packs for schools. In response to questions, GC noted that whilst it provided a focus for the NCC and BDC section of the canal, the boat could be transported to other sections for future festivals and other promotional events. JN commented that it had created a lot of interest at Shireoaks.

10. IWIS

GC reported progress on setting up a nationally-recognised training scheme for canal restoration volunteers. The scheme was being progressed in association with the Monmouth and Brecon Canal Society. The objective was to set up a network of trainers delivering courses which would be certified by City and Guilds. GC said that the pilot project was being funded by the IWA. The full scheme would involve a bid for Interreg funding with IWA, IWAAC, BW and the EA.

11. CANAL FESTIVAL

RS reported that the 2009 Festival at Kiveton Park had been very successful. Some 9000 people had attended which was two thirds the number attending the national event. RS thanked everyone who had attended. RS considered that the outcomes included raised awareness amongst local communities and an increase in both new members and volunteers for the Trust. The enthusiasm of CCT members and engagement with communities suggested that an annual festival was potentially feasible and perhaps more cost effective. The intention was for the CCT's festival in 2010 to link in with Bassetlaw District Council's festival with BDC having already offered £3k to support the CCT. RS explained that the festival would return to North Derbyshire in 2011.

GC reported that an annual event would give traders certainty. Problems with parking at the Kiveton Park festival had necessitated the provision of a shuttle bus service which had not been included in the original budget and this had contributed towards an excess of expenditure over income. GC acknowledged the support given by BW and BDC.

12. CHESTERFIELD CANAL TRUST

RS explained that groups of members would build models (as a community engagement summer activity) and a full-size 'New Dawn'(reproduction of cuckoo).

Other important tasks included:-

- Increasing membership and fund raising
- Modify the Trust's website to make it more interactive
- Engage positively with RMBC
- Engage with local communities to promote the economic and social benefits of canal restoration

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- It was suggested that, if feasible, a winter issue of Upgate/Downgate, the Partnership's newsletter, be produced.
- PS raised the issue of the need to recognise efforts of individuals, organisations and voluntary groups. PS offered to submit a paper at the next meeting of the ESG with nomination and selection criteria. It was agreed that:-

A paper be presented to the next meeting of the ESG providing details of an award scheme.

- GC raised the issue of the administration of the ESG. GC suggested it would be more efficient for his administrative support officer to maintain the list of attendees, circulate papers and take minutes. It was agreed:-

That the Partnership office issued ESG papers for and took minutes of future meetings.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Steering Group would be held on Thursday, 11th March 2010 in the Thornton Room at the Westthorpe Business Innovation Centre, Green Lane, Killamarsh commencing at 10 am. Lunch would follow the meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.55 pm.

GC/SR-4/2/2010

**TOURISM PANEL
MONDAY, 18TH JANUARY, 2010**

Present:- Councillor Smith (in the Chair); Councillors Austen, Boyes, St. John and Walker.

together with:-

Matthew Beck	Chief Executive MAGNA
Joanne Edley	Tourism Manager
Marie Hayes	Events & Promotions Service Manager
Bernard Jones	South Yorkshire Transport Museum
Richard Parry	Transportation Unit
Caroline Wilson	Yorkshire South Tourism

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from:-

Chris Majer	Policy Officer
Stuart Reaney	Chesterfield Canal Partnership
Tom Waldron-Lynch	Hellaby Hall Hotel
Julie Williamson	Dearne Valley College

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 2ND NOVEMBER, 2009

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting of the Tourism Panel held on 2nd November, 2009.

Resolved:- That the minutes be approved as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

The following issue was reported:-

Events at Magna – 2010 Food and Drink Festival

It was reported that Magna needed a decision from the Council's Markets Team as soon as possible.

Those present discussed:-

- the number of similar events being arranged
- benefits
- inclusion of market traders
- funding for and the branding of the events

Resolved:- That the Cabinet Member discusses this issue with the Markets Manager and informs Magna of the outcome.

4. **ITEMS RAISED BY INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES**

Industry Representatives reported on the following:-

- (i) South Yorkshire Transport Museum

Bernard Jones reported on the opening of extra space at the museum. It was hope that an official opening would be planned for the summer and Panel Members would be invited.

- (ii) Dearne Valley College

Joanne Edley, Tourism Manager, on behalf of Julie Williamson reported on the following:-

Part-time delivery of Foundation degree in Travel & Tourism Management to be launched in September - 18 modules over 2 years (several of which based in workplace) at a cost of £225 per module or £1530 per year - being a 15% reduction on modular payment - delivered on Saturdays (one every 6 weeks or so), together with on-line and tutorial support. Total 17 days over the 2 years class delivery for the full Foundation degree, so extremely flexible for those working already.

The Chair of the Regeneration Scrutiny Panel asked that training be included as an item/presentation on the agenda for a future meeting of the Regeneration Scrutiny Panel.

- (iii) Events at Magna

Matthew Beck, Magna, reported on the slight up turn in the business tourism sector. Recent events held included:- Kia Car launch; Aviva national conference: Greencall. Enquiries had already been received from the retail sector.

5. **PROVIDING TRAFFIC SIGNS FOR TOURISM DESTINATIONS - CODE OF PRACTICE AND POLICY**

Richard Pardy, Transportation Unit, reported on changes to the current Tourism policy as a result of changes in Government bodies and policies from the DfT and that a report to Cabinet Member for ED, P&T will be issued shortly to seek authority to update the existing policy for tourist signs and to implement new policies for 3rd Party Signing and Temporary Event and Housing Signing.

It was pointed out that it was essential that the Council as Highway Authority, had a knowledge of all proposed sign locations to maintain the safe and efficient operation of the highway network, whilst also preventing

un-necessary signage clutter.

Each policy has been designed to give continuity in its appearance and layout of information. The aim is to tie together all three forms of signage request into standard pricing packages, making it easier for the engineer to give consistent advice and quotes.

It was explained that the proposed pricing structure would cover administration costs.

Those present discussed the proposed charging and the impact this would have on events e.g. Rotherham Show and on the operation of the Museum and Civic Theatre.

Reference was made to the internal system of recharging and to departments having to bid to the central marketing fund.

Concern was expressed at the detrimental effect this would have on the contribution being made by other areas of the Council, particularly those that were offering free events and its impact on the tourist attractions e.g. Magna.

Richard Pardy, clarified the charge for permanent tourist signs had always been set out as a one off cost for their provision and erection, lasting for a period of 10 years. The proposed charge for temporary event signage would not affect the permanent signing schemes; the proposed changes were to cover the pressures on existing EDS revenue budgets.

Concern was also expressed about the lack of signage to Magna during the on-going road works at Centenary Way which had closed part of the road.

Resolved:- That the draft report be considered by the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Transportation and the Chair of the Regeneration Scrutiny Panel prior to being considered for approval and implementation.

6. YORKSHIRE VISITOR SURVEY ANALYSIS

Caroline Wilson, Yorkshire South Tourism, reported

(i) the results of the analysis of the Regional visitor Survey which was carried out across Yorkshire from May 2008 to April 2009. It was explained that these were the first year results and that the survey would continue for 3 years.

In total 10,752 surveys were carried out, of which 2,117 were done in South Yorkshire, 22% (465) were undertaken in Rotherham mostly at Magna, The Tropical Butterfly House and Rother Valley Country Park.

The Yorkshire South area had a high proportion of Day Visitors = 79%; For Rotherham this = 91%. Thus highlighting the issue of how to convert these into overnight stays. A high proportion visited friends and relatives rather than using paid for accommodation.

Yorkshire South repeat visitors = 74%
73% of people came from within the Yorkshire region

Age Profile – differed across the region.
In Rotherham 45% had children and family groups

Booked accommodation:- 56% booked on line

Attractions most visited = Cultural; historic houses; friends and relatives, outdoors; special events. In Rotherham 72% were visiting the museum or the art gallery

94% of current visitors had a positive experience and would recommend South Yorkshire to friends or family.

Main spend:- a high proportion was related to travel and transport; food and drink before 5 pm; shopping and other visitor attractions.

Average spend figures – for Sheffield = £30; for Rotherham = £13

This highlighted opportunities to increase spend in certain visitor markets and within the evening economy and to encourage people to stay for longer.

Age Groups:- Sheffield had attracted the younger age range of 16 to 34. Rotherham was mainly children and family groups

Members present commented on:-

- Efforts to attract Olympic teams
- Locations chosen for the survey
- Value of the statistics
- Hotels not included in the survey
- Future website surveys
- Possible links with Primary Care Trusts in terms of links which enable elderly people to remain active

(ii) the submission of a Business Plan to Welcome to Yorkshire

This would be discussed shortly by the Welcome to Yorkshire Board to agree the budget. To date there had been no feedback. It was pointed out that the Welcome to Yorkshire Board was funding different streams so it remained unknown what parts of our Business Plan would be funded.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following issues were reported:-

(i) **Walking Festival**

This was planned for 8th to 16th May. 30 activities had been planned involving volunteers and Council staff. The Rotherham Roundwalk had been included, and Rotherham United Football Club would be involved with the walk.

Bluebell Wood and Bosom Buddies charity walk would also be included.

(ii) **Sheffield Athletics Race/Walk coaching and challenge**

This would be organised in conjunction with Sports Development and possibly Rotherham Harriers at the Herringthorpe Stadium.

(iii) **Anston Stone Wood walk:-** being arranged and using the Parish hall.

(iv) **Magna – Boxing Licence:-** this was being applied for.

8. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Resolved:- That the next meeting of the Tourism Panel be held on MONDAY, 15TH MARCH, 2010 at 2.00 p.m. at Bailey House.

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 Form 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.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning & Transportation
2.	Date:	15th JANUARY, 2010
3.	Title:	OPENING OF OFFERS
4.	Directorate:	Chief Executive's

5. Summary

The purpose of this report is to record the opening of offers for land at Park Road, Cemetery Road, Wath, which has been marketed for disposal.

5. Recommendation:-

That the action of the Cabinet Member in opening the tenders be recorded.

7. Proposals and Details

Tenders for the following were opened by the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Transportation on 25th January, 2010:-

- Land at Park Road/Cemetery Road, Wath

8. Finance

To secure value for money from the disposal of the land and a return to the Council's Capital pot.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

There is a risk that the offers are not satisfactory or that the sale of the land does not proceed.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

In accordance with disposal of land declared surplus to requirements.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

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ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Transportation
2.	Date:	15 February 2010
3.	Title:	RERF – Flood Alleviation Scheme Phase 1 overspend
4.	Programme Area:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

This report seeks approval for £155,000 of RERF capital to be used to cover a shortfall in funding for the Rotherham flood alleviation scheme. The reason for the request is due to additional costs within the main contract final account. Other sources of funding are being explored and should this be secured then the level of RERF required will be reduced accordingly.

6. Recommendations

That £155,000 capital is approved from Rotherham Economic Regeneration Fund. Should further funding be approved from external sources, then the amount of RERF required will be reduced accordingly.

7. Proposals and Details

Background

Previous Reports to Members have outlined the basis of Phase 1a of the Templeborough to Rotherham Flood Alleviation scheme, the development of Phase 2 under Urban Renaissance and the need for wider flood risk working.

Phase 1A, from near Magna to the Centenary Way roundabout at the end of Sheffield Road, completed at the end of December 2008 to meet the Objective 1 grant deadline for spend achievement and claim. The scheme currently has a budget of £14.9 million funded by Yorkshire Forward, Objective 1, Environment Agency (Regional Flood Defence Committee) and Rotherham MBC.

After the completion date of December 2008 the main contractor Volker Stevin then had a 12 month dilapidations period for a final account claim date at end of December 2009.

When the final account was submitted to our Project manager this included an additional claim figure of £155,000. This is mainly due to the completion by Volker Stevin of a dispute with their concrete sub-contractor who had been removed from the job part way through 2008 because of failure to complete and in order to ensure the project met the agreed completion date.

We had hoped that the resolution of a dispute between the two would have been done earlier and at a lower cost to the main contractor (and ourselves under our contract with Volker Stevin.) The project managers' assessment of this is not fully completed and has yet to be submitted as an invoice for payment. However, his assessment is that the full evidence for these costs as eligible under the contract will be supplied and be acceptable.

The sub-contract between Volker Stevin and their concrete subcontractor allowed for a re-measure of works on final account and this has triggered the extra cost element, along with the resolution costs of being in dispute. They were removed from the job in 2008 under a general clause of termination as the job was not being completed on time. Volker Stevin then brought another concrete contractor in to make sure the project achieved to deadline. The re-measure was done on the basis of scope changed and change events prior to termination and evidence for this is supplied to our project manger from Jacobs to justify the account.

The RERF application has been scored by the RMBC Economic Strategy Team and meets the criteria to receive RERF funding.

8. Finance

In the current 2009/10 financial year the project had the balance of remaining budget available to us of £42,000, from total project spend over the four financial years of the project delivery of £15 million.

Most of this has been spent so far on minor completion and handover items, with a small amount of this remaining, but effectively the full cost cover for this extra payment is needed.

All other budget funds have been applied to the project and have been claimed back by the Council. Through that process a minor ineligible figure was identified for Objective 1 grant resulting in a reduction of £6,645 ERDF income, which is included in current budget cover.

Completion budget for Flood Alleviation Scheme 2009/10.

Funding	Scheme Total in 09/10	Total Other External funds
RERF		
Capital	155,000	
Revenue		
TOTAL RERF	155,000	
Other Funding Sources		
		5,781,356
		2,149,044
		5,217,693
		358,000
RMBC	42,000	1,297,679
TOTAL OTHER FUNDING	42,000	14,803,772
Grand Total	197,000	14,803,772

The amount of capital available in RERF is £131,729 with the balance taken from underspend on other projects, unless the other applications for support are successful.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Phase 1 achieved its planned completion by the end of 2008. This was essential to allow compliance with the Objective 1 final year close down timetable. This is the final account under the main contract so no further additional costs will arise.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The Flood Alleviation Scheme project and the Flood Risk research support the aims of:

- Rotherham Community Strategy
- the vision for Rotherham Town Centre (as contained in the Charter and the Strategic Development Framework)

- the objectives of PPS25 – Development and Flood Risk
- the delivery of the objectives of the South Yorkshire Housing Market Renewal Pathfinder.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Urban Renaissance Flood Scheme brochure

Objective 1 and YF funding business Plan

A series of Members reports

Extensive consultation in Phase 1 undertaken with outside agencies and local businesses affected.

This supports wider project work on the Urban Renaissance Flood scheme that continues to be developed through direct consultation with scheme partners and wider consultation with stakeholders, statutory bodies and those landowners' who are directly affected.

RMBC Finance have been consulted on this report.

Reports to members will continue on elements of the work in progressing Phase 2 of the Scheme.

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