

CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

Venue: Training Room, 3rd Floor, **Date:** Monday, 5th July, 2010
Bailey House,
Rawmarsh Road,
ROTHERHAM. S60 1TD

Time: 10.30 a.m.

A G E N D A

1. To determine if the following matters are to be considered under the categories suggested in accordance with 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 a meeting of the Members' Sustainable Development Advisory Group held on 11th June, 2010. (Pages 1 - 9)
4. Minutes of a meeting of the Local Development Framework Members' Steering Group held on 18th June, 2010. (copy attached) (Pages 10 - 15)
5. Accessibility Improvements on and around Addison Road and Laburnum Parade, Maltby. (report attached) (Pages 16 - 19)
Tom Finnegan-Smith, Acting Transportation Unit Manager, to report.
 - to report proposals to improve accessibility for pedestrians around the grassed area between Addison Road and Laburnum Parade, Maltby.
6. Future Jobs Fund - Update. (report attached) (Pages 20 - 23)
Simeon Leach, Economic Strategy Manager, to report.
 - to update on progress to date of the delivery of the Future Jobs Fund in Rotherham by the Council and Phoenix Enterprises.
7. ERDF Priority 6 - Consultation. (report attached) (Pages 24 - 54)
Simeon Leach, Economic Strategy Manager, to report.
 - to seek approval on the submission to Yorkshire forward of a response to the consultation process.

1 MEMBERS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY GROUP - 11/06/10**MEMBERS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY GROUP
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

Oliver Hutchinson, Project Manager, gave a presentation detailing

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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

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- housing led regeneration funding (the 'Single Conversation')
- support to a developing food focused project using 'Incredible, Edible Todmorden' as inspiration
- 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.

**ROTHERHAM LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK STEERING GROUP
Friday, 18th June, 2010**

Present:- Councillor Smith (in the Chair); Councillors Pickering, St. John and Whelbourn.

together with:-

David Edwards	Area Environmental Planning Team Leader
Helen Sleight	Senior Planning Officer
Ryan Shepherd	Senior Planning Officer
Ken MacDonald	Solicitor
Gordon Smith	Quality and Design Co-ordinator
Bronwen Peace	Planning Manager
Rachel Overfield	Countryside Planning Assistant

1. APOLOGIES

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from:-

The Mayor, Councillor McNeely	
Councillor Akhtar	
Councillor Austen	
Councillor Doyle	
Councillor Whysall	
Andy Duncan	Strategic Policy Team Leader
Adrian Gabriel	Waste Strategy Manager

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 23RD APRIL, 2010

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd April, 2010.

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

3. MATTERS ARISING

Comments were made in respect of the following:-

Item 6(i) - South Yorkshire Residential Design Guide – It was reported that this guide had now gone out to consultation until the end of July, 2010.

Item 6(ii) - Car Parking Standards – reference was made to the new Government Coalition, and to announcements in respect of the Regional

Spatial Strategy, and how this would impact on any revision of Parking Standards as SPD given SPD could no longer be linked to the Regional Spatial Strategy.

4. LOCAL SITES SYSTEM

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Countryside Planning Assistant, updating Members on progress of the Rotherham Local Wildlife System and proposing an awareness raising strategy for Local Wildlife Site System landowner notification.

The report also sought approval in principle for the development of a Local Site System for Rotherham, encompassing both geological and nature conservation interests.

Reference was made to the adoption by the Cabinet in 2008 (Minute No. 139 – 17th December, 2008 refers) of 96 local wildlife sites and to the integration of the Local Wildlife System into the planning framework.

To date the Land Registry had been searched to identify landowners and land managers, so that they could be contacted to inform them of the presence of a Local Wildlife site on their land prior to them being published on the Local Development Framework draft proposals map.

Therefore a Local Wildlife Site Awareness Raising Strategy 2010 was proposed to contact all known Local Wildlife Site landowners and land managers. Details of the Strategy were set out in table format in the submitted report.

In accordance with good practice from the DEFRA 2006 it was now proposed to set up a Local Sites system encompassing both a Local Wildlife System and a Local Geological Sites System to inform the environmental evidence base of the Local Development Framework.

Members present commented on:-

- the need to include local site maps
- ensuring local Ward Councillors were kept informed
- the need to consider Council owned sites e.g. sites used as educational resources

It was noted that details on the formation of a Rotherham Local Sites System encompassing a Local Geological System would be reported in a future paper to Members.

Resolved:- (1) That the Rotherham Local Wildlife Site system awareness raising strategy be accepted.

(2) That support be given to the aspiration of setting up a Local Sites System encompassing a Local Geological Sites System and Local Wildlife

System.

5. CORE STRATEGY FINAL FEEDBACK REPORT

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Senior Planning Officer, proposing that the Council publish a Final Feedback Report summarising the key planning issues put forward in writing during the consultation 29 May – 31 August, 2009, and the key planning issues arising from the workshops/focus groups, public meetings and drop-in sessions held into the Core Strategy, including the Bassingthorpe Farm urban extension proposals.

It was reported that over 6000 representations were received and had been entered into the Limehouse Database, along with officers' responses to those representations together with a summary of issues that had emerged.

Reference was made to the next steps which would include selection of a hybrid option, together with further evidence base work and Sustainability Appraisal, and to inform future consultation on the Core Strategy and also the potential sites for future development.

An Addendum to the report was distributed to those present which made reference to the new Coalition Government's proposals in respect of the abolition of Regional Spatial Strategies and what this would mean to the process in terms of strategic planning and local planning policies. It was stressed that until clearer guidance was received work would concentrate on preparing a robust evidence base to support the future Development Plan for Rotherham and to inform future consultation.

Members present commented on and discussed:-

- Impact of proposed Government changes e.g. the proposal to have a national planning framework
- Housing targets with reference to the Green Paper – Open Source Planning
- Implications for the remit of the Planning Board
- Requirement for future community consultation and timescale
- Continuity of current work
- Keeping the public informed of developments and progress
- Relationship with the Unitary Development Plan saved policies
- This Council's good record of using brownfield sites well

Members and officers discussed the publication of the Final Feedback report, together with associated costs.

Members' attention was drawn to the risks and uncertainties section of the submitted report.

Resolved:- (1) That Members of the Steering Group note the content of

this report and the significant planning issues outlined in the report.

(2) That this Steering Group approves the Final Feedback Report for publication.

(3) That the Steering Group approves the uploading of the officer's response to the representations received to the LDF Consultation Portal to enable all responses to representations to be viewed on-line.

(4) That in the light of the new Coalition Government's announcements an appropriate Press Release be issued, together with information in the next edition of Rotherham News.

6. LDF SITES REVIEW PROGRESS

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Senior Planning Officer, updating the Steering Group on progress with reviewing sites previously surveyed to identify potential growth opportunities and capacity for new development across Rotherham.

An explanation was given of the methodology used, the evaluation and recommendations in terms of major/minor reservations against each identified site. This information was now held in a database.

Members' were reminded of the series of settlement surveys brought to the Steering Group in 2008.

The origin of the sites surveyed was explained, noting that some were within the green belt. All the sites were being reassessed in preparation of the Local Development Framework. It was pointed out that the identification of sufficient sites to meet anticipated future development needs had necessitated a Green Belt Review.

It was also explained that the originally identified sites had been reviewed to ensure that records were up to date and robust, and the review had considered any change in circumstances that may have occurred. The review now intended to refine sites and identify those 'preferred' for development in order to meet the emerging Core Strategy target for housing.

The submitted report detailed how the sites were reviewed and the findings of the site review. An outline was given of the next steps to be taken to complete the site review, including the Green Belt Review background report to accompany the next round of consultation, and this would include setting out the methodology used.

Members present commented on:-

- People's appreciation of the greenbelt
- Further consideration of the roles and functions of settlements

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- The need to equalise development across communities

However, reference was made to the new Coalition Government's stated intention to abolish Regional Spatial Strategies and further guidance was awaited.

Resolved:- That Steering Group notes the content of the report.

7. EMPLOYMENT LAND REVIEW

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Senior Planner, referring to Minute No. 5 of the meeting of the LDF Members' Steering Group held on 23rd April, 2010, which resolved to refer the consultation strategy for the Employment Land Review to Cabinet and requested that a further report and maps be submitted to the June LDF Steering Group.

Reference was made to Minute No. 4 of the Cabinet held on 9th June, 2010, which had approved the ELR Consultation Strategy. The consultation period would run from 23rd June to 23 July, 2010.

The review had considered the current position of Rotherham's economy and the forecast of the amount of land likely to be required to meet future requirements. To date 144 sites or areas had been reviewed.

Tables within the submitted report detailed type of land, hectares, number of sites, together with location of sites.

It was stressed to those present that this review did not commit the Council to any future uses. It was pointed out that the recommendations were intended to inform further site allocations work as part of the preparation of the Local Development Framework.

Large scale maps were made available at the meeting and Members commented on various sites.

Following the consultation period it was proposed to report back to the Steering Group.

Resolved:- (1) That the Steering Group notes the content of this report and supports the Cabinet resolution regarding the Consultation Strategy.

(2) That a further report be presented to the Steering Group following the conclusion of the consultation.

8. EMERGING NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY

David Edwards, Area Environmental Planning Team Leader, updated the Steering Group on emerging national policy as follows:-

- Conservative/Liberal Democrat Coalition Agreement: radical devolution of power to local government and community groups: promotion of green spaces and wildlife corridors; increase target for energy from renewables
- The Coalition: Our Programme for Government:- abolition of Regional Spatial Strategies: reform of the planning system: abolition of the Infrastructure Planning Commission: a national planning framework; maintaining the Green Belt, SSSI's etc; abolition of Government Offices; incentives to deliver sustainable development
- Decentralisation and Localism Bill:- residents to be given power to instigate local referendums
- Letter from Eric Pickles, MP to chief planners:- re: housing supply; provision for traveller sites
- Ministerial Statement on "garden grabbing" and housing densities (PPS3: Housing re-issued)
- Specific "planning" aspects of initial £6.2bn cuts announced:- reduced Housing and Planning Delivery Grant and Housing Market Renewal Fund; reduction in funding for provision of Gypsy and Traveller Sites

Resolved:- That the update and current position be noted.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no other items of business raised at the meeting.

10. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:- That the next meeting of this Steering Group be held on Friday, 16th July, 2010 at 10.00 a.m. in Bailey House.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Economic Development, Planning and Transportation Matters
2.	Date:	5th July 2010
3.	Title:	Accessibility improvements on and around Addison Road and Laburnum Parade, Maltby
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

Reporting proposals to improve accessibility for pedestrians around the grassed area between Addison Road and Laburnum Parade, Maltby.

6. Recommendations

Cabinet Member resolves that:

- **The proposed footway and accessibility improvements are approved for implementation**
 - **The community group and local ward Members are informed of the decision and a letter drop to nearby frontages is undertaken**
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7. Proposals and Details

One of the four key themes of the second South Yorkshire Local Transport Plan (LTP2) is Accessibility. This means that each of the four South Yorkshire local authorities are looking to improve physical access to services and amenities. One of the primary ways of doing this is to improve pedestrian and cycle facilities in locations where they are currently lacking or there is a hindrance to safe access or pedestrian movement. One of the locations identified as lacking in pedestrian facilities is the streets and grassed area around Laburnum Parade and Addison Road in Maltby. This area has been identified as a result of officers of the council working with "Living Streets", a charity that promotes the use and development of safe street spaces, on the "Fitter for Walking Project" and is viewed as an area that would benefit from improvements to pedestrian links.

Following a street audit undertaken by colleagues at "Living Streets" and representatives of the local community several suggestions were presented to us for consideration into how we might develop an accessibility improvement scheme for inclusion in LTP2 and our programme of works for 2009/10 - 2010-11. These requests reflected some of the known existing issues and perceived barriers to movement in this area. The requests from this group included; the provision of new footways, additional vertical traffic calming on Addison Road (such as speed cushions) and measures to prevent verge parking.

To address these issues a scheme has been developed that would see the construction of new footways around the northern and southern sides of the grassed area, new dropped kerb tactile crossing points in key locations and bollards to discourage verge parking near the junctions. These improvements, shown on Drawing No:126/17/TT95B (Appendix A), whilst relatively minor should facilitate safer and better pedestrian movement in this area. There are already a series of speed cushions along Addison Road to calm traffic and it is considered that additional speed cushions within this scheme area are not required at present. The close proximity of two bus stops would make additional vertical traffic calming measures undesirable and the bus stops themselves should act as a means of slowing traffic.

8. Finance

The scheme is jointly funded from the LTP Integrated Transport Programme and the "Living Streets - Fitter For Walking Project" and funding of £20,000 has been allocated from the 2010/11 programme.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Without the improvements to footways and crossing points the existing obstacles to easy access around Laburnum Parade will remain. This would be particularly disadvantageous to pedestrians.

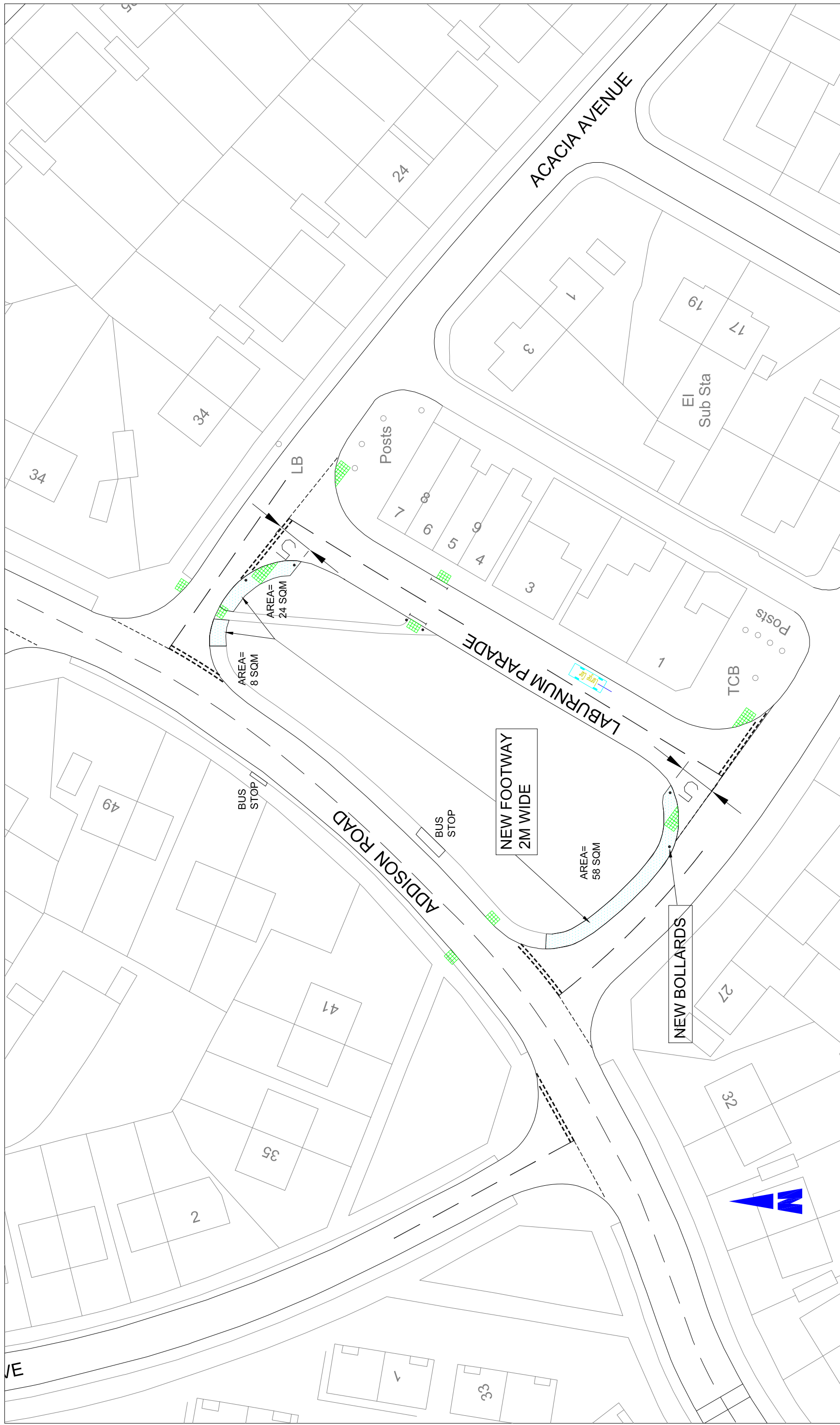
10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

Improvements in accessibility and road safety are key themes of South Yorkshire's second Local Transport Plan.

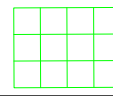

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Consultation by Living Streets with Cliff Hills Community Action Group

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Title ADDISON ROAD - FITTER FOR WALKING PROJECT FOOTWAY IMPROVEMENTS		Dwg. No. 126/17/TT95B	Rev.	Scales (if A3) 1:500	Chd. by ASB
Drawn RB	Date MAY 2010				

Rev.	Description
	 NEW TACTILE CROSSING POINT  BOLLARD/ POST

Client:

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1. Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning & Transportation
2. Date:	5th July 2010
3. Title:	Future Jobs Fund Update
4. Programme Area:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

This report is an update on progress to date of the delivery of the Future Jobs Fund in Rotherham by the Council and Phoenix Enterprises

Up to the end of April 2010, the fund created 230 jobs that offer benefit to the community. They have been filled by local people who have been unable to find work during the recession.

Work is continuing to create 223 further jobs by the end of September 2010.

6. Recommendations

- **To note the report**

7. Proposals and Details

Background

On July 29 2009, Ministers announced the first 47,000 youth jobs supported by the Future Jobs Fund for young people who are unable to find work or training within a year.

The jobs were targeted at young people aged 18 – 24 who were approaching 12 months of unemployment, as well as older benefit claimants from “unemployment hotspots” (the whole of the borough was classed as a hotspot at the time of bidding). The jobs must be new, last six months, provide at least 25 hours a week and pay the minimum wage or above.

A south Yorkshire bid was submitted covering Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield. Sheffield City Council acted as accountable body for the overall bid, with Rotherham MBC fulfilling a similar role in Rotherham and Phoenix Enterprises acting as delivery agent. Phoenix’s role entails working with organisations on creating the jobs, recruitment (from application form to interview), CRB checks, mentoring, in-work support, action plans, and continuous job searches.

Work took place with a variety of partners to determine jobs that would provide both a community benefit and directly relate to the aspirations of young people. These have included neighbourhood wardens, assistant sports coaches, trainees across Streetpride, marketing assistants, youth circus project assistant, information advice and guidance trainees and non teaching assistants.

The first phase of the programme began in November, a month behind schedule due to delays in finalising contracts. Rotherham led the way in creating and filling jobs through excellent partnership working between Phoenix and the local Job Centres.

Due to the late start, 223 jobs against a profile of 305 were filled to the end of May 2010 by local people who have been unable to find work during the recession. The council created over 60 job opportunities, with 42 in EDS, and further jobs have been created in organisations such as Rotherham 2010, Ministry of Food, Speak Up, ROAR and the Unity Centre.

Difficulties have been overcome regarding getting processes in place in a short space of time and with Job Centres on the application and recruitment process.

As a result of the excellent achievements in the first phase, the second phase of the programme began in May. Partners in Rotherham are confident of creating a cumulative total of 453 jobs by the end of September 2010.

Work is constantly taking place to find new opportunities in new areas of work as well as creating further opportunities at organisations already involved.

Feedback has been excellent from the organisations creating the jobs and from those gaining employment. 37 people have left the programme early, which is in line

with national drop out rates, although 10 of these people have actually moved into full-time employment.

The first successful FJF employees are beginning to finish their job placements and all have six months of work experience and training along with references and increased confidence. Details of where these people have progressed to will be available to update the meeting.

8. Finance

The fund pays £6,500 for each job created to cover recruitment, wages, training and in-work support. This equates to a total of £2,944,500 over the lifetime of the programme.

Funding is claimed from Sheffield City Council who act as the lead accountable body, with all funding passed on to Phoenix Enterprises as the main delivery agent in Rotherham.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Funding is paid based on performance (creating and filling jobs) and only significant under-performance would risk continuation of the project.

The contract between Sheffield-Rotherham-Doncaster and the Department of Work & Pensions signed last year covers the period up to September 2011.

As lead accountable body, Sheffield Council has had confirmation from the DWP that the funding remains and has not been cancelled as part of the public sector finance cuts.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The fund is being used to address the key priority of worklessness within the Achieving theme of the Community Strategy and in the Economic Plan and Working Neighbourhoods Plan.

FJF will contribute to the following priorities of the community Strategy:-

- Maximise employment opportunities for all by supporting disadvantaged people into work
- Improve access and remove barriers to employment

11. Background Papers and Consultation

CMT Report 26th May 2009
Cabinet Report 13th June 2009
CEOG Report 12th August 2009
CMT Report 28th September 2009
CMT Report 9th November 2009

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ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning & Transportation
2.	Date:	5th July 2010
3.	Title:	ERDF Priority 6 - Consultation
4.	Programme Area:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

To seek Cabinet Member approval on the submission to Yorkshire Forward of a response to the consultation process that is currently taking place for the development of a new Priority 6 (Adaptation to and Mitigation of Climate Change) under the 2007-13 ERDF Programme

6. Recommendations

- **To note the report.**
 - **To endorse the RMBC consultation response to be submitted to Yorkshire Forward**
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7. Proposals and Details

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) money has been awarded to South Yorkshire to boost the area's economic performance through investing in increased innovation, competitiveness and employment. The current programme runs until 2013 and is likely to be the last major programme for South Yorkshire.

As a consequence of the changed economic climate since the Programme was written in 2006, the PMC agreed in March 2010 to review the Programme to ensure it remained deliverable and would meet the economic issues facing the region. This review process was undertaken by a "Task & Finish Group" made up of partner representatives.

The Task and Finish Group agreed that actions to stimulate and support the low carbon economy and support the region in mitigating against the effects of climate change should be a priority for future activity. As such Priority 6 (Adaptation to and Mitigation of Climate Change) has been proposed to be added to the Programme and is currently being consulted on with partners.

Priority 6 will deliver activity under 4 Objectives:-

1. Creating low or zero carbon employment sites and premises with high accompanying environmental specifications
2. Contributing to a low carbon economy through generating or utilising low or Zero carbon energy, or utilising carbon capture technology.
3. Delivery of environmental systems, services and facilities and land remediation to support sustainable urban regeneration activity that reduces environmental impact and improves competitiveness.
4. Addressing the economic risks of environmental degradation and climate change to employment sites, areas and individual businesses.

Indicative activities under these objectives include:-

- Upgrading the energy and environmental performance of existing business sites
- Activities to remediate contaminated land and bring it back into employment use.
- Environmental enhancements in, and adjacent to, important employment generating areas. Includes creation of high quality accessible green and open space.
- Addressing environmental risks, including flooding.
- Support to raise community engagement and awareness of climate change issues.
- Promotion of early adoption of innovative renewable and low carbon technologies to address market failure.

After consultation the final draft will be agreed by the Task and Finish Group and then presented to the PMC for formal regional approval. The Programme is then submitted to the European Commission who have 3 months to consider and approve any changes. Therefore a call for projects under P6 is unlikely to occur until late 2010 or early 2011.

RMBC response to the consultation

The consultation set out 7 questions it wished respondents to answer. These are set out in Appendix 2 to this report, along with Rotherham MBC's responses.

The RMBC response focused on the following main issues.

- Questioned if the money could be vired from other Priorities as well as P2, which has already been reduced compared to the rest of the region in order to provide funding for P4.
- Match funding is likely to be a major issue with the current squeeze on public finance, and the private sector still recovering from the recession.
- It was felt more than 10% of the funding should go to Objective 4, which includes potentially high cost activities such as flood management and land decontamination.
- The outputs seem appropriate for the activities proposed, but have some concerns whether the split of the money within the priority is correct to allow delivery of them all.

8. Finance

It is suggested that £34.5 million euros are allocated to Priority 6 activity within South Yorkshire. This money will be vired from Priority 2 (Supporting and Stimulating Successful Enterprise) of the existing Programme. Match funding from the public or private sector is needed at an intervention rate of 35%.

It is proposed that the funding is split between the four P6 objectives in the following manner.

- Creating low or zero carbon employment sites and premises with high accompanying environmental specifications **(up to 30%)**
- Contributing to a low carbon economy through generating or utilising low or Zero carbon energy, or utilising carbon capture technology. **(up to 45%)**
- Delivery of environmental systems, services and facilities and land remediation to support sustainable urban regeneration activity tat reduces environmental impact and improves competitiveness. **(up to 15%)**
- Addressing the economic risks of environmental degradation and climate change to employment sites, areas and individual businesses. **(up to 10%)**

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The main risk to RMBC or its partners accessing funding under Priority 6 is the ability to secure match funding. P6 requires match funding of 35%, which could be very problematic in the current financial situation with the impacts of the recent recession and the major squeeze on public sector finances.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The project will meet a number of priorities of the Community Strategy:-

- Revitalise the town centre.
- Ensure local town centres are attractive.
- Promote innovation, enterprising behaviour, competitiveness and sustainability.

- Coordinate innovative partnerships to improve sustainable infrastructure, mitigate and adapt to climate change.
- Improve the local environmental quality of our neighbourhoods.

It will also contribute to the proposed development of an “Eco Valley” within the Dearne.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

The Yorkshire Forward consultation document is attached to this paper as Appendix 1

Colleagues in Finance, and Chief Executive’s have been consulted on this report.

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Consultation on revisions to the
Yorkshire and The Humber 2007-2013
European Regional Development Fund
Operational Programme

26 May 2010

Introduction

1. The European Union provides €583.6 million for Yorkshire and The Humber to invest in the region by 2015. The money, from one of Europe's Structural Funds - the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), is provided to boost the region's economic performance, investing to increase innovation, competitiveness and employment.
2. The Programme, developed by a wide regional partnership, outlines the broad strategic direction for investment of ERDF funding in the region over the period January 2007 to December 2015. Its financial resources are separated into two ring-fenced allocations, one for South Yorkshire and one for the region, excluding South Yorkshire ("Rest of Region"). Due to protracted negotiation, the Programme was launched in February 2008. At that time the sterling to euro exchange rate meant that some £384 million was available. Subsequent changes to the exchange rate mean that the current value of the Programme is nearer to £506.5 million.
3. The Programme is closely aligned with the Regional Economic Strategy, notably on innovation and enterprise, sustainable development and sustainable communities. The Programme's strategy currently identifies four broad priorities for investment, three of which are for the whole region: promoting innovation and research and development; stimulating and supporting successful enterprise; sustainable communities, while the fourth priority, economic infrastructure for a competitive economy, is for South Yorkshire only. The Programme is overseen by key regional partners through a Programme Monitoring Committee.
4. As a consequence of the changing economic climate since the Programme was written in 2006, the Programme Monitoring Committee agreed in March 2010 that there should be a review of the Programme strategy to ensure that the Programme remains deliverable and that it is still able to address the economic issues facing the region.
5. This review was undertaken by a Task and Finish Group made up of partner representatives. Whilst many of their suggestions for Programme strategy going forward can be addressed through minor changes in the implementation of the current Programme, more significant changes are proposed that require a Programme amendment. Any changes to the Programme must be agreed by the Programme Monitoring Committee and then by the European Commission through negotiation.
6. This consultation document covers the proposed changes to the Programme resulting from those discussions.

Proposals for a new Priority – Adaptation to and Mitigation of Climate Change

7. Bearing in mind the scope of ERDF, regional strategies and potential Government priorities, the Task and Finish Group agreed that actions both to stimulate and support the low carbon economy and to support the region in mitigating against the effects of climate change would complement the existing Programme priorities and should be a priority for future Programme strategy.
8. The actions proposed were not included in the original Programme due to the limited resources available. The increase in the value of the Programme now enables the region to consider their inclusion. Prioritised activities have been limited to those allowable under the ERDF regulation.
9. The draft revised Priority is accompanied by amendments to the existing socio-economic analysis and Programme strategy chapters.

Funding

10. It is proposed that funding for Priority 6 will be moved (“vired”) from Priority 2 – “Supporting and Stimulating Successful Enterprise”. It is proposed in this consultation that £40m from Rest of Region and £30m from South Yorkshire is moved into Priority 6. Match funding from public or private sources at 49% in Rest of Region and 35% in South Yorkshire would be needed to maintain the balance of the Programme financial tables.
11. Priority 2 currently represents 56% of the Rest of Region total ERDF Programme funding and 33% of the South Yorkshire allocation. It is under-subscribed at present, with 38% of the funding committed for both areas.
12. Pipeline proposals at enquiry and outline stage coming forward under Priority 2 total £59.5m in Rest of Region and £17m in South Yorkshire. Allowing for overcommitment of around 10%, to allow for slippage, would leave £7m in Rest of Region and £6.5m in South Yorkshire for new proposals not yet in the pipeline.
13. Partners have been consulted through sub-regional investment planning workshops and have submitted project ideas that indicate that these levels of funding would be absorbable in a new Priority 6.

Strategic Environmental Assessment

14. A Strategic Environmental Assessment for the Programme was completed in March 2007. This will be updated alongside the amendments to the Programme.

Consultation questions

15. In responding to this consultation the questions on which we would welcome your responses are:

Question 1: Do the proposed activities under Priority 6 – Adaptation to and Mitigation of Climate Change align with local and regional strategies for future investment?

Question 2: Are the proposed activities under Priority 6 - too broad given the limited ERDF funding available?

Question 3: If asked to prioritise between actions, what do you think are the most important ones to support the regional economy going forward?

Question 4: Do you envisage the actions proposed being deliverable given the requirement for at least 50% of public or private sector match funding?

Question 5: What are your views on the proposal to move £70m of funding from Priority 2 (£40m Rest of Region, £30m South Yorkshire)?

Question 6: Are the proposed outputs and results for Priority 6 appropriate measures of success?

Question 7: Are the numbers of outputs envisaged under Priority 6 reasonable?

How to respond

You may respond to some or all of the questions. The preferred method for receipt of comments is electronically by letter or e-mail to:

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The deadline for responses is **7 July 2010**. Early responses are encouraged.

Next steps

16. All responders will receive a summary of the comments received and an explanation of how they have been taken into account. The final draft Priority 6 will be agreed by the Task and Finish Group and then presented to the Programme Monitoring Committee for formal regional approval of the Programme changes. A revised Programme will then be submitted to the European Commission. The Commission then has three months to consider whether to approve the changes.

A new Priority 6 “Adaptation to and mitigation of climate change”.

Consultation version

Socio-economic analysis

Environment

1. The challenge for the new programme is to limit environmental damage through the delivery of interventions and adoption of projects that have the potential to improve and sustain the local environment. This means investing in activities that help the region move towards a resource-efficient and low carbon economy that maximises environmental benefits.

Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions

2. Climate change is acknowledged to be the most significant challenge facing our planet, with ramifications both for people and wildlife. The region has almost 550,000 people who live in areas at risk of flooding, including 95% of Hull. Changing patterns of temperature, rainfall and rising sea levels will require the region to adapt to new ways of living and working. Climate change affects sea levels, coastal erosion and flood defences, which are potentially catastrophic to the region’s coastal and low-lying areas such as the Hull and Humber Ports City Region, York and its surrounding areas and east of Doncaster. However, through focused investment, Yorkshire and The Humber will enable sustainable development opportunities, generating economic and job creation benefits for the region.
3. According to a report prepared for the Environment Agency 115% of the Yorkshire and the Humber region is at risk from worst-case scenario flooding. Under this scenario, 40,000 businesses, 9% of the region’s total business stock is at risk. Estimates of the total effect on GVA from damage to houses, businesses, transport, infrastructure, communities and families, environment and heritage is that £30,000m could be lost, representing 38% of the region’s total GVA.
4. In 2007, Yorkshire and the Humber was the third highest carbon-emitting region out of 12 UK regions (Behind North East and then North West), see Table 1. From 2005 to 2007, NI186 *per capita* emissions for Yorkshire and the Humber reduced by almost 4%. For this indicator, Yorkshire and the Humber was ranked sixth in total amount of CO2 emissions of 12 UK regions—behind the South East, North West, Greater London, Scotland and the East of England, see Table 1.

¹ Economic Impacts of flood Risk in Yorkshire and the Humber, Risk and Policy Analysis Ltd and Royal Haskoning 2008

Table 1: CO₂ emissions for UK regions, 2007 - measured in kilotonnes CO₂ (kt CO₂)

Region	Full Local CO ₂ Emissions	NI186 CO ₂ Emissions
North East	32,183 (11)	20,323 (11)
North West	57,337 (2)	46,594 (2)
Yorkshire and the Humber	51,273 (3)	37,692 (6)
East Midlands	39,024 (9)	32,320 (9)
West Midlands	43,994 (6)	36,777 (7)
East of England	44,106 (5)	39,729 (5)
Greater London	45,486 (4)	44,614 (3)
South East	65,107 (1)	55,062 (1)
South West	40,766 (7)	35,514 (8)
Wales	33,043 (10)	23,827 (10)
Scotland	40,364 (8)	39,735 (4)
Northern Ireland	16,336 (12)	15,049 (12)

Source: DECC 2009; DECC statistics for regional carbon emissions do not include those from power production in the region.

5. Industry and commercial activity accounted for almost 53% of the region's carbon emissions, whilst the domestic and road transport sectors were responsible for 24% and 23% respectively, see Table 2.

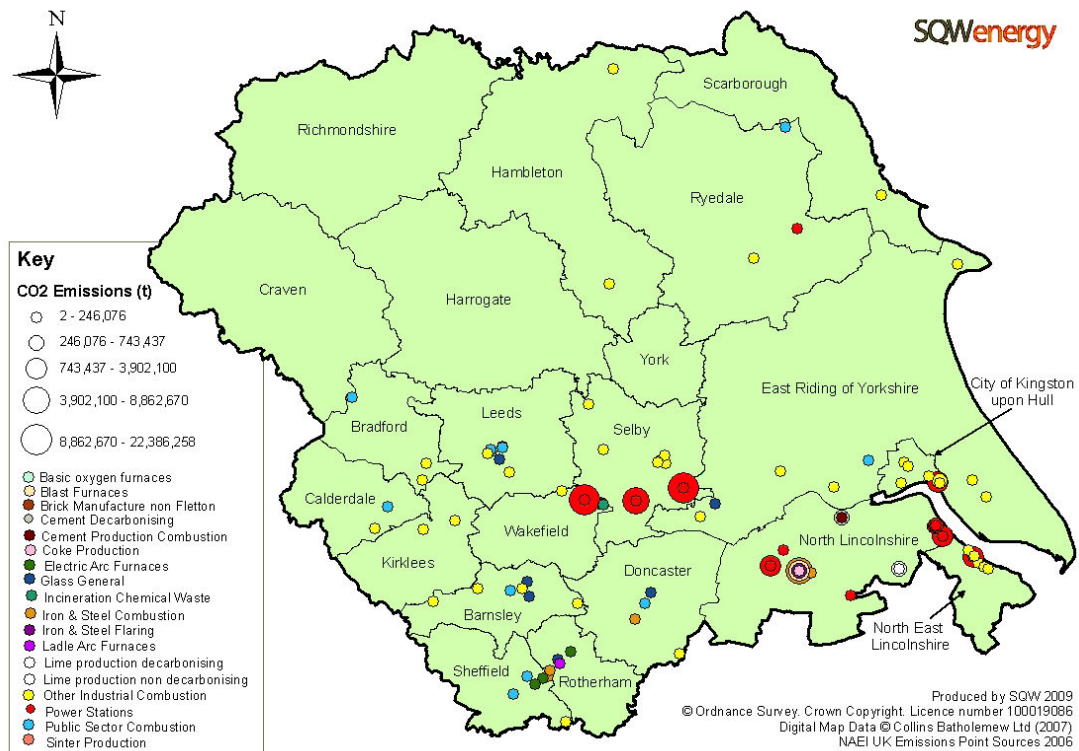
Table 2 Full local CO₂ emission estimates by sector, 2007

	Industry & Commercial (ktCO ₂)	Domestic (ktCO ₂)	Road Transport (ktCO ₂)	LULUCF (ktCO ₂)	Total (ktCO ₂)	Population ('000s mid-year estimate)	Per capita emissions (t)
Y & H	27,060	12,302	11,585	326	51,273	5,177	9.9
U K	232,945	145,725	136,360	1,815	513,216	60,975	8.4
% of U K	11.6%	8.4%	8.5%	-1.8%	10%	8.5%	

To Note: Data rounded up/down to whole number
LULUCF - Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry Sector
Source: DECC 2009

6. Yorkshire and the Humber is a region of power generation and manufacturing industry. The region has some of the largest power stations in the UK – Drax, Eggborough and Ferrybridge – and other large emissions sources include the metals, chemicals, and cement and lime industries, see Figure 1. Environment Agency regulated industry in Yorkshire and the Humber produced 64 million tonnes of greenhouse gases (CO₂ equivalent) in 2008, see Table 3.

Figure 1: Large point sources of carbon emissions in the region by size and sector, 2006



Source: SQW Energy using data from the National Atmospheric Emissions Inventory - Top Ten Interventions to Cut Regional Carbon Emissions Report. This report references that in 2006, total emissions (which includes power generation) were 88.6kt CO₂.

Table 3 Environment Agency data on regulated industry under Pollution Prevention and Control - 2008

Region	Total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions CO ₂ equivalent (million tonnes)	GHG emissions CO ₂ equivalent from Power & Fuel Sector (million tonnes)	% of global warming potential from CO ₂ *
Yorkshire and the Humber	64	53	98.5
North East	24	7	87.6

North West	21	10	90.4
West Midlands	8	5	86.1
East Midlands	42	37	97.9
East of England	14	10	87.4
London	6	4	95.7
South East	26	21	93.1
South West	5	3	83.4
Wales	28	18	97.6

*This data shows the proportions of global warming potential from regulated industry that come from carbon dioxide rather than the other greenhouse gases. The high values for Yorkshire and the Humber, East Midlands and Wales are mainly due to the dominance of power stations.

Table 4 NI186 - per capita emissions (tonnes of CO₂ per person) by UK region, 2007

	2007
North East	7.9
North West	6.1
Y&H	7.3
East Midlands	7.4
West Midlands	6.8
East of England	7.0
Greater London	5.9
South East	6.6
South West	6.9
Wales	8.0
Scotland	7.7
Northern Ireland	8.6

Source: DECC 2009

Table 5 NI186 - per capita emissions (tonnes of CO₂ per person) by local authority area, 2005 and 2007

	2005	2007
Humber		
East Riding of Yorkshire	7.8	8.9
Kingston upon Hull	7.4	6.8
North East Lincolnshire	11.7	11.2
North Lincolnshire	14.8	14
North Yorkshire		
Craven	8.9	8.3
Hambleton	11.1	10.7
Harrogate	8.4	8.3
Richmondshire	9.5	9.1
Ryedale	10.8	10.3
Scarborough	7.4	7.1

Selby	12.4	12.2
York	6.9	6.1
South Yorkshire		
Barnsley	7.2	6.7
Doncaster	7.2	6.9
Rotherham	8.2	6.6
Sheffield	6.8	6.5
West Yorkshire		
Bradford	6.2	5.9
Calderdale	6.9	6.6
Kirklees	6.5	6.0
Leeds	6.7	6.3
Wakefield	7.1	6.9
Yorkshire and the Humber	7.6	7.3

Source: DECC 2009

Reducing Carbon Emissions

7. In July 2009, the Government published the *Low Carbon Transition Plan (LCTP)*,² which sets out how the UK's first carbon budget to 2024 will be delivered. It includes actions needed in the key sectors of power and heavy industry, homes and communities, workplace and jobs, transport, farming land and waste. The current Regional Economic and Spatial Strategies for Yorkshire and the Humber both set out policies to mitigate against, and adapt to, climate change and include targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2016 by 20–25% (compared to 1990 levels). The most recent local and regional greenhouse gas emissions figures (released by DECC in September 2009) report that between 2005–6 emissions from the region actually increased by 0.5% followed by a 2.1% decrease from 2006–07 — when the regional economy was on a growing trend. This represents a 1.7% decrease over the two years from 2005 to 2007 ie less than half the rate of progress required to meet the Committee on Climate Change “intended” target and insufficient also to meet the Regional Economic Strategy target.
8. To assist with a strategic response to the issues, Yorkshire and the Humber has a Climate Change Partnership between the public, private and third sector. This has overseen communications and action on climate change since the first regional action plan was produced in 2005. In 2009, the Partnership agreed a new plan— “*Your Climate, Our Future*”³, which identifies joint actions or where gaps in action needed to be filled that closely match the sectors identified in the LCTP. It was signed by the Climate Change Partnership and local authorities, who pledged to help deliver the plan and reduce their emissions.
9. Local areas have also produced climate change plans and strategies, such as North Yorkshire and Wakefield, are also adopting the same approach as that outlined in “*Your Climate, Our Future*”, providing a continuity of collaborative and individual action from national to local level. Local authorities are actively reducing carbon emissions; thirteen out of the fifteen Local Area
10. Agreements in the region have challenging three-year targets to reduce carbon emissions. Three cover their own emissions and ten cover reducing emissions across their area. They are

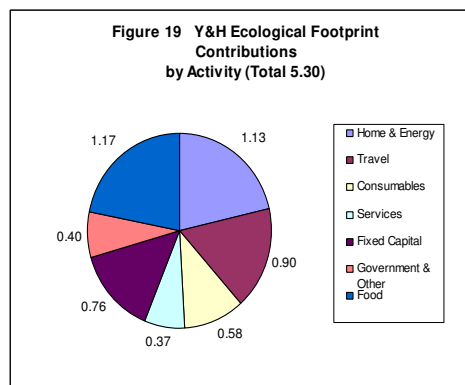
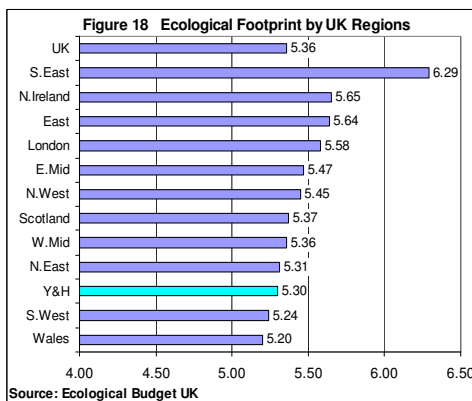
² http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/publications/lc_trans_plan/lc_trans_plan.aspx

³ <http://www.yourclimate.org/pages/action-plan>

supported by the Climate Change strand of the Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnership, which is helping local authorities work with schools and businesses to reduce emissions.

Ecological Footprint

11. The Ecological Footprint has been calculated by The Ecological Budget UK project. It calculates the emissions generated by fossil fuel and how much land is required to absorb them. It is measured in 'global hectares per person (gha/capita). The higher the score the more of the Earth's resources are being used. World capacity is estimated to be a footprint of 1.8 gha/cap. The region's footprint of 5.30 gha/cap is below the England average of 5.36 but well above the world average of 2.2. In common with the rest of the UK and many other industrialised nations, the region is exceeding the earth's "fair share" of ecological services by a significant margin. It is therefore important for the region to make a commitment to stabilise its footprint and to work towards its reduction. In South Yorkshire, Sheffield as a city with significant urban concentrations at 5.40 is both above the region and the UK. Barnsley (5.17), Doncaster (5.19) and Rotherham (5.2) are all below and at 5.27 South Yorkshire is also below both country and region. The main contributors to the region's ecological footprint is home and energy consumption (1.13), food (1.17) and travel (0.90)



Renewable Energy

12. The development of renewable energy resources will also make a contribution to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions as well as meeting specific government targets of generating 10% of electricity from renewable resources by 2010 and 20% by 2021. Regional targets contained in Policy ENV5 of the Draft Regional Spatial Strategy are 674 MW by 2010 and 1,850 MW by 2021. The policy also requires 10% of energy used in sizeable new developments to come from on-site renewable energy sources. Currently, regional electricity generation capacity is about 13,000 MW but renewable energy capacity, at 130 MW, represents only 1% of this. New national and European targets are likely to push for significantly more renewable energy

generation than the Regional Spatial Strategy target. The region currently lies fourth from bottom on the creation of renewable energy.

Lisbon Targets

13. Comparing the quantifiable Lisbon target on greenhouse gas emissions suggests that the UK has met its individual target. However, the trend since 2002 has been moving in the wrong direction, largely due to increases in CO₂ (85% of all GHG emissions) and energy production. No regional/sub-regional targets exist because no 1990 figures are available. The region however is well short of generating 10% of its electricity from renewable sources.

Table 23 Relevant Lisbon Targets by 2010 (Kyoto 2008-12): Greenhouse Gas Emissions 2004				
		Target (%)	UK (%)	Y&H (%)
Reducing Greenhouse gas emissions		12.5 below 1990	14.5 below 1990	NA
Electricity from renewable sources		10%	1.5	1%

Source: Environment Agency

Key Environment issues for the Programme

- Region's ecological footprint is below the UK but above the world average and global capacity
- Sheffield is above the region's ecological footprint while the other three districts are below
- Household waste is growing but levels are 3rd lowest in England regions. Recycling household waste is improving but well behind England averages. Levels of commercial and industrial waste are falling
- The region is among the highest energy consumer and highest emitter of carbon dioxide in England partly due to its power station capacity
- Potential exists to exploit need for renewable energy in production and technology development
- Lisbon targets for greenhouse gas emissions/renewable energy are unlikely to be met

Chapter 3 Programme Strategy

Priority 6 “Adaptation to and mitigation of climate change”.

14. Priority 6 is designed to harness ERDF to assist the Yorkshire and the Humber region to take into account risks and opportunities from climate change for the natural environment and social and economic well being of the region. It has been introduced following a 2010 review of the Programme strategy. The review, undertaken with the involvement of key regional strategic partners, identified that whilst the original Programme strategy, written in 2006, recognised moving towards a low carbon economy as a key priority for action the original Programme Priorities failed to fully recognise the opportunities presented by the European Regional Development Fund to address environment and risk prevention in the region.

15. Priority 6 aims to support the Regional Climate Change Action Plan to deliver the vision for the region in which:

- Climate change mitigation and adaptation underpin future regional strategy and with leadership displayed at regional and local levels.
 - The economy is more diverse, with the development of innovative, resource efficient, low carbon products and services in all sectors.
 - Businesses use carbon trading effectively to stimulate investment in emissions reduction and new low carbon business opportunities.
- Waste is reduced by making products with fewer resources, breaking the link between economic growth and waste growth.
- Renewable energy forms an increasingly substantial proportion of our energy mix and the region is effective at reducing emissions from this sector.
- Resource efficient living is becoming part of everyday lives. We have reduced consumption and waste and many more people are buying local.
- Car use is reducing year on year. Cycling and walking or public transport are much more popular ways to travel.
- All new development is zero carbon. Most of the region's homes and all public buildings have been retrofitted to improve resource efficiency.
- There is less waste. More than half is recycled or composted. More than 75% of our municipal waste has a value recovered from it.
- Agriculture and forestry are achieving higher production in a longer growing season supplying more local markets, and are effectively maintaining soil quality and managing more extreme weather with new disease and pest threats.
- We are better prepared for the management of extreme weather events, including floods and droughts

- We are able to help the natural environment, its habitats and biodiversity stay healthy and have been able to adapt to the changes through an extensive network of green corridors and infrastructure.
- Cities and towns are creating networks of green infrastructure, designed to minimise effects of heat waves in urban areas, to enhance biodiversity and help manage flood risk.

Financial allocations across the Priorities

Table 31 Financial Allocations				
	Yorkshire & the Humber %	South Yorkshire %	Yorkshire & the Humber €	South Yorkshire €
Priority 1 Promoting Innovation and R&D	20%	18.4%	62,507,927	49,871,604
Priority 2 Stimulating and Supporting Successful Enterprise	41.3%	20.3%	129,022,194	54,943,638
Priority 3 Sustainable Communities	20%	20%	62,507,927	54,208,265
Priority 4 Economic Infrastructure for a Competitive Economy (South Yorkshire)	-	24.6%	0	66,676,166
Priority 5 Technical Assistance	4%	4%	12,501,585	10,841,653
Priority 6 Adaptation to and mitigation of climate change	14.7%	12.7%	46,000,000	34,500,000
Total			312,539,633	271,041,326

Chapter 4 Priority Axes

Priority 6: Adaptation to and Mitigation of Climate Change

Aim

16. To support the development of a low carbon economy in Yorkshire and the Humber responsive to the challenges brought by climate change, through investment in the physical environment, including built and natural assets and energy infrastructure, stimulating low carbon and renewable energy production, promoting clean and low carbon transport, promoting 'green jobs', and promoting the resilience of the economy to a changing climate.

Rationale

17. Yorkshire and Humber has potential to become a world leader on the low carbon economy. It has competitive strengths and assets that will accelerate low carbon business investment, employment and economic growth. These include:
- i. a concentration of power generation capacity close to areas of high demand;
 - ii. major engineering and manufacturing businesses with supply chain opportunities;
 - iii. the Humber coast adjacent to the North Sea's substantial offshore wind potential; and
 - iv. England's largest ports complex and its supply chain and export potential.
18. A low carbon economy is not simply about having the lowest carbon emissions. Areas like Yorkshire and Humber, with an economy steeped in power generation and manufacturing cannot realistically have the lowest emissions of any area. Indeed, manufacturing products that reduce emissions globally (eg components for wind turbines) will increase carbon emissions in the areas that make them. A low carbon economy is about a transformation away from a carbon intensive economy towards a strong, forward looking economy where many jobs and businesses are in fields that respond to climate change.
19. Priority 2 – Supporting and Stimulating Successful Enterprise - includes actions to reduce energy demand and increase resource productivity in regional businesses as part of an integrated package of business support. Priority 6 is aimed at supporting interventions not directly linked to support for individual business that will result in reductions in carbon emissions and/or ensure that the region's infrastructure is protected against present and future climate change. It will

support relevant activities from the climate change reduction plan.

20. Yorkshire and Humber has a good land resource for renewable energy (eg wind and biomass) and its potential offshore can help to establish the UK as the world's largest single market for offshore wind. There are innovative developments and future possibilities in other technologies too, including using waste food as a power source and in tidal/wave energy. Yorkshire and the Humber's concentration of power stations will also put an onus on "decarbonising" fossil fuel power generation, led by the private sector. This includes co-firing with biomass, such as at Drax, building on the large share of biofuel companies locating in the region. Potential ERDF investments will concentrate on demonstrating the potential of innovative actions in the field of energy generation and encouraging the uptake of these technologies.

21. The region's cluster of large single point industrial sources of CO₂ emissions—such as power stations and heavy industry—and a coastline adjacent to the depleting gas reservoirs of the southern North Sea—put it in an ideal position to exploit CCS at a commercial scale with a potential that could be realised by few other parts of the world. Yorkshire and the Humber has secured Low Carbon Economic Area (LCEA) designation for carbon capture and storage.

Description

22. Priority 6 will encompass the carbon reduction activities identified as regional priorities in "Your Climate, Our Future—a Climate Change Plan for Yorkshire and the Humber". Whilst primarily capital in nature, it will also support revenue activities aimed at increasing the understanding of climate change and eco-know how within the community and amongst businesses to effect behaviour change. The Priority objectives are geared towards interventions that not only address climate change but that support the regional economy.

23. Table x provides a list of the eligible activities that will be supported under Priority 6:

Table x Priority 6: Adaptation to and Mitigation of Climate Change	
Objective	Indicative Activities
1. Creating low or zero carbon	The creation of innovative <i>carbon neutral</i> developments and upgrading the energy and

<p>employment sites and premises with high accompanying environmental specifications</p>	<p>environmental performance of existing business sites to reduce carbon footprint and increase long term competitiveness. To include integrated landscaping for people and biodiversity; and improved accessibility.</p>
<p>2. Contributing to a low carbon economy through generating or utilising low or zero carbon energy, or utilising carbon capture technologies</p>	<p>Delivery of demonstration and pilot de-centralised co-generation (electricity and heat generating) and, where required, distribution systems to deliver new innovative approaches to supplying low carbon heat and electricity to businesses. Promotion of early adoption of innovative renewable and low carbon technologies to address market failure. These new low carbon technologies could include: Combine Heat and Power (CHP); Combined Cooling Heat and Power (CCHP); waste to energy systems such as gasification or pyrolysis.</p> <p>Delivery of demonstration projects that install on-site solar, wind, biomass geothermal , anaerobic digestion, fuel cells or any other appropriate renewable energy or carbon capture generating technologies to deliver new innovative approaches to supplying zero carbon energy to businesses.</p> <p>Activities to promote the development of Carbon Capture and Storage technologies.</p>
<p>3. Delivery of environmental systems, services, and facilities and land remediation to support sustainable urban regeneration activity that reduces environmental impact and improves competitiveness.</p>	<p>Activities that provide integrated energy, water and waste systems, services and facilities as part of physical sustainable urban regeneration activity that will enable businesses located in these areas to achieve high levels of environmental efficiency in areas of energy, water and waste management. This may include the provision of electric charging points as part of carbon neutral development. Activities that remediate contaminated land and bring it back into use for employment premises would be included where this reduces environmental impact and improves competitiveness.</p>
<p>4. Addressing the economic risks of environmental degradation and climate change to employment sites, areas and individual</p>	<p>Environmental enhancement in and adjacent to important employment generating areas. These sustainable business locations and settings will be more attractive to existing and new businesses and their employees, will increase the capability of businesses to achieve higher environmental performance and will deliver long-term</p>

<p>businesses</p>	<p>regeneration benefits and ultimately sustainable communities.</p> <p>The risks to investment in employment areas that could be addressed in this activity area include:</p> <p>Environmental risks – such as flood risk, derelict and contaminated land and degraded natural environments;</p> <p>Social risks - such as issues of crime and fear of crime, lack of areas for recreation and relaxation; inaccessibility to and from residential areas;</p> <p>Economic risks – physically degraded, inaccessible and isolated employment areas that are not connected or contributing to the wider community and area; employment sites and areas which will not be able to keep successful existing businesses or attract new businesses, employees or inward investment.</p> <p>Types of activity anticipated:</p> <p>Physical environmental enhancement of employment premises, sites and surrounding areas through the creation of high quality accessible green and open space;</p> <p>Incorporation of flood risk management and river restoration into employment sites and surrounding area design and lay-out so that flood risk and surface water management is actively addressed in a sustainable way;</p> <p>addressing upstream water management to protect key employment areas;</p> <p>support to raise community engagement and awareness of climate change issues; and carbon sequestration activities where these also reduce flood risk.</p>
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Delivery

24. Activity on tackling climate change in the region is widespread. Partnerships across business, public and voluntary sectors are working jointly and individually to better understand the challenges, risks and mitigation actions required to secure a safe, prosperous and sustainable future for the region. In addition to the wide range of activity undertaken by regional agencies, businesses and the voluntary sector the Climate Change Partnership for Yorkshire and Humber adds value to existing work by identifying gaps in activity and by bringing together

stakeholders to work in partnership where this will support more effective and rapid progress.

International co-operation

25. The opportunity to engage actions for inter-regional co-operation, with at least one regional or local authority of another Member State, is one which will be valuable in achieving the objectives of this Priority and will therefore be encouraged with ERDF as appropriate.

Lisbon Earmarking

26. Priority 6 contributes to the following Lisbon categories of expenditure 6, 10, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 52.

Targeting

27. In order to maximise the impact of Priority 6, interventions will be targeted through alignment with Regional and City Regional strategies for economic development.

Selection criteria

28. Formal approval of the selection criteria for activities financed under Priority 6 will be subject to PMC approval. Activities that meet specific outputs and results may be commissioned against a commissioning framework or prospectus for Priority 6. Principles that underpin the criteria will be:

Selection Criteria

- Proven additionality
- Economic justification
- The addressing of market failure
- Fit with regional or City regional strategies
- Evidence of Match funding
- Positive impact on addressing or mitigating against climate change
- Capital development meets appropriate environmental standards, minimum BREEAM excellent
- Leverage of public and private sector funding
- Deliverability within the programme period
- Meets other Cross Cutting Theme selection criteria set out in

Financial resources allocated to Priority 6

29. 14.7% of the ERDF resources in the Yorkshire and the Humber region (excluding South Yorkshire) will be allocated to Priority 6 €46m. 12.7% of the resources in the South Yorkshire phasing-in region will be allocated to Priority 6 €34.5m.

Table xx Priority 6 Indicative Allocations		
Objective	Y&H	SY
1. Creating low or zero carbon employment sites and premises with high accompanying environmental specifications	Up to 25%	Up to 30%
2. Contributing to a low carbon economy through installing low or zero carbon energy, or utilising carbon capture technologies	Up to 25%	Up to 45%
3. Delivery of environmental systems, services, and facilities and land remediation to support sustainable urban regeneration activity	Up to 25%	Up to 15%
4. Addressing the economic risks of environmental degradation and climate change to employment sites, areas and individual businesses	Up to 25%	Up to 10%

Table xxx Yorkshire & The Humber Priority 6 Adaptation to and Mitigation of Climate Change

Indicators	Targets	Women		BAME	
		No	%	No	%
Outputs					
Brownfield land reclaimed and/or redeveloped (Ha)	10				
New or Upgraded Floorspace (m2)	7,000				
Results					
Gross new jobs created (ERDF 1, 2, 3)	500	175	35	35	7
Gross jobs safeguarded	1,000	350	35	70	7
Premises New/Refurbished with Environmental Accreditations	10				
Sustainable Development – Reduce Green House Gas Emissions (tonnes)	4,725				
Impacts					
Net jobs created	345				
Net jobs safeguarded	684				

Table xv South Yorkshire Priority 6 Adaptation to and Mitigation of Climate Change					
Indicators	Targets	Women		BAME	
		No	%	No	%
Outputs					
Brownfield land reclaimed and/or redeveloped (Ha)	7.5				
New or Upgraded Floorspace (m2)	5,250				
Results					
Gross new jobs created (ERDF 1, 2, 3)	375	131	35	25	7
Gross jobs safeguarded	750	260	35	50	7
Premises New/Refurbished with Environmental Accreditations	8				
Sustainable Development – Reduce Green House Gas Emissions (tonnes)	3,545				
Impacts					
Net jobs created	260				
Net jobs safeguarded	515				

Consultation on revisions to the Yorkshire and the Humber 2007-2013 European Regional Development Fund Operational Programme

Rotherham MBC Response

Question 1: Do the proposed activities under Priority 6 – Adaptation to and Mitigation of Climate Change align with local and regional strategies for future investment?

Yes, they fit with local and regional strategies, particularly the proposed development of an “eco-valley” in the Dearne.

Objective 4 is of major interest to Rotherham as it can fund the “incorporation of flood risk management,” which is essential to the future development of the town centre.

Question 2: Are the proposed activities under Priority 6 - too broad given the limited ERDF funding available?

We feel that all the proposed activities are of sufficient importance to be included within Priority 6. However, we would question the proposed funding split across the activities, with Objective 4 being provisionally allocated only 10% of the funds.

Also, could there be a degree of geographical targeting, when the consultation paper states that only 15% of the Yorkshire & the Humber region is at risk from worst-case scenario flooding?

Question 3: If asked to prioritise between actions, what do you think are the most important ones to support the regional economy going forward?

While all the actions would have a beneficial impact on the economy of Rotherham, the two most important, which also best complement existing priorities and activity are:-

- creating low or zero carbon employment sites and premises with high accompanying environmental specifications.
- Addressing the economic risks of environmental degradation and climate changes to employment sites, areas and individual businesses

As such we would have concerns that only 10% of the SY funding is allocated to Objective 4, when it may be required to deliver major reclamation or flood management schemes.

Question 4: Do you envisage the actions proposed being deliverable given the requirement for at least 50% of public or private sector match funding?

Due to the impact on the economy of the recession and the pressures on the public purse it is likely to be a difficult task to identify 50% match funding, from either public or private sector, for

these activities. We would ask that discussions are held with all partners and funders to identify innovative ways in which sufficient amounts of match funding can be identified and secured.

Question 5: What are your views on the proposal to move £70m of funding from Priority 2 (£40m Rest of Region, £30m South Yorkshire)?

We are assuming that the funding taken from the SY allocation would be ringfenced for SY under Priority 6 as well.

Is it not possible to vire money from other priorities into P6, as Priority 2 was already relatively small for the SY Programme since it provided most of the funding for P4? We would ask that moving funds from Priority 1 to Priority 6 be considered.

Details on how much is left unallocated for each Priority would be helpful in informing this discussion.

Question 6: Are the proposed outputs and results for Priority 6 appropriate measures of success?

The proposed outputs and results seem appropriate measures of success.

Question 7: Are the numbers of outputs envisaged under Priority 6 reasonable?

It would seem that the majority of the outputs would be delivered through activity under Objectives 1 & 4 of the priority; however in the proposed SY allocations this only comprises 40% of the total funding.