

**CABINET MEMBER FOR TOWN CENTRES  
18th October, 2010**

Present:- Councillor R. S. Russell (in the Chair); Councillors Ali, Swift and Tweed.

**L19. PROPOSED CLOSURE OF FITZWILLIAM ROAD CAR PARK (COTTENHAM ROAD EAST) AND GREASBROUGH ROAD CAR PARK**

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Parking Services Manager, which related to the proposed closure of the two above-mentioned car parks due to lack of use and financial reasons.

Further information was provided on the number of spaces available in each car park, the capacity of the remaining car parks to accommodate the possible displacement and the financial liabilities.

Resolved:- (1) That the car parks be closed at the earliest opportunity.

(2) That the land be declared surplus to requirements and placed in the Council's Land and Property Bank.

**L20. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended March 2006) (financial/ business affairs).

**L21. TOWN CENTRE BUSINESS VITALITY GRANT SCHEME**

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Retail Investment Manager, which related to an application that was considered by the Town Centre Business Development Steering Group at its meeting on 6th October, 2010 when the Grants Panel agreed to support the project.

Further information was provided on the applicant, the application and the proposal for a blinds and home interiors business at retail premises at 20 High Street.

Reference was made to the applicants existing business and experience, together with the risks and uncertainties associated with this application.

Resolved:- (1) That the award of rental contribution to this project to provide 50% of annual rent in year one and 25% of annual rental in year two, to be paid quarterly in arrears on submission by the applicant on proof of payment of rent, be approved.

(2) That the award of a capital improvement grant be awarded to this project to cover 75% of total cost of eligible works (excluding VAT), up to a maximum grant payment of £7,500 to include fitting out and shop front sign writing, be approved and subject to the submission and approval of satisfactory specifications and quotations, the grant be paid in arrears on submission by the applicant on proof of payment to suppliers and contractors and upon the satisfactory completion of the capital works.

## **L22. TOWN CENTRE BUSINESS VITALITY GRANT SCHEME**

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Retail Investment Manager, which related to an application that was considered by the Town Centre Business Development Steering Group at its meeting on 6th October, 2010 when the Grants Panel agreed to support the project.

Further information was provided on the applicant, the application and the proposal for an Eastern European deli to trade in a shop unit within Rotherham Centenary Market Hall.

It was noted that the applicant was to take on a five year lease, but during the first twelve months was recommended to receive ongoing support from the Rotherham Enterprising Neighbourhoods Coach, the Markets Manager and Rotherham Chamber in order to assist in developing the business further.

Resolved:- (1) That the award of rental contribution to this project to provide 50% of annual rent in year one and 25% of annual rental in year two, to be paid quarterly in arrears on submission by the applicant on proof of payment of rent, be approved.

(2) That the award of a capital improvement grant be awarded to this project to cover 75% of total cost of eligible works (excluding VAT), up to a maximum grant payment of £7,500 to include fitting out and shop front sign writing, be approved and subject to the

submission and approval of satisfactory specifications and quotations, the grant to be paid in arrears on submission by the applicant on proof of payment to suppliers and contractors and upon the satisfactory completion of the capital works.

### **L23. TOWN CENTRE STREET CAFE GRANTS**

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Retail Investment Manager, which related to the receipt of an application under the town centre street café grants scheme, which was supported by the Grants Panel at its meeting held on 6th October, 2010.

Further information was provided on the location of the premises, together with the applicant's current operation, the application details and the highways, planning, licensing and legal constraints that applied to this application.

Resolved:- That grant assistance be awarded to this project providing:-

(i) 75% of eligible costs relating to the purchase of street café furniture (excluding VAT), up to a maximum grant payment of £2,000.

(ii) A maximum of £335 be awarded to this project towards planning fees (as required).

(iii) The approval be subject to the submission of satisfactory specifications and quotations, the furniture satisfying the requirements of the town centre design guidelines and to the applicant obtaining the necessary permissions and licences.