TIMELINE OF KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

September 2020 - January 2021

Rotherham D **Borough Council**

Government announcements

Thriving Neighbourhoods

Better Health and Wellbeing

Economic recovery

Ways of working

Hope and confidence

First Covid-19

vaccinations in

Rotherham

administered.

with a 94-year-old

resident the first

to receive this at

his local GP-led

vaccination

service.

Cross cutting

Land Artwork at Clifton Park from 15-19 September.

Proposals outlining safe return to Council building were completed and kept under review dependant on national situation and to be implemented at appropriate time.

Virtual consultation launched to ask people's thoughts on plans to invest £35m into the town through the Towns Fund programme.

Seven-month Rotherham Together Programme launched aimed at bringing residents and communities together through cultural events and installations, including talks, performances and screenings, plus a series

Clifton Park Museum reopened safely following refurbishment and phased reopening of libraries and leisure centres commenced.

Draft proposals on the Council's Organisational Development Plan presented to Isenior managers.

of toolkits and guides.

Initial meeting of Climate Champions to develop cross service carbon action plan. The action plan will be presented to Cabinet as part of the Climate

Emergency Annual Report in March Street Cleaning service commenced weekend

Video featuring Rotherhamborn former Arsenal and England goalkeeper David Seaman askina local residents to follow the current auidelines toured the borough on the sides of digital display van.

working arrangements.

Three of Rotherham's parks - Clifton. Greasbrough and Ulley received Green Flag Award.

> Virtual programme of events took place for Safeguarding **Awareness** Week 2020.

Q&A sessions held with Chief Executive to enable staff to ask questions about The Year Ahead

Plan.

First Covid Local Restrictions Support Grants made available.

> Public online information event held for works on Frederick Street

> > Flood mitigation works at Forge Island completed

Series of emotive videos shared detailing local residents' stories about how Covid has impacted their lives.

Cabinet approved proposals to refresh the Council's approach to equalities and to seek excellence accreditation against the Local Government Association Equalities Framework.

Household waste recycling centre opening times extended to seven days a week.

Virtual held for Reclaim the Night

Briefing paper on staff wellbeing presented to Strategic Leadership Team.

Online Housing Rent Balance service launched

Pathways Rotherham programme launched, aiming to support residents to progress into education employment or training.

Big Hearts, Big Changes Awards 2020 held virtually, celebrating the outstanding work of Council employees during the past year (also links to hope and confidence theme).

Council purchased the former Primark site and unveiled plans to demolish the building and replace it in the

a pocket park.

Digital process to

support aarden

waste collection

went live.

Eiaht

workforce

wellbeing

activities took

place across

December

Year Ahead

in Tier 3.

Creation of Rotherham's first specialist education provision for children with social emotional and mental health difficulties at the former **Dinnington College** Campus was approved by Cabinet.

DECEMBER

500 children from schools across the borough took part in virtual Christmas performance.

Rotherham Discretionary **Business Support scheme** launched to support small and new businesses affected by the pandemic.

National lockdown ended on 2 December and Rotherham placed

> **Ofsted Focus** Assurance visit letter praised the Council's rapid and effective response to Covid in early 2020 and said that senior leaders have continued to respond to need as before the pandemic.

Campaign launched #getridreyt to raise awareness of waste responsibilities and duty of care offences.

> Budget consultation 2021/22 opened to obtain residents' views on the budget and future spending and savings.

> > Forge Island deal with Arc Cinema completed.

11 new Work Coaches commenced in post with DWP Rotherham.

JANUARY

Video released was for Holocaust Memorial Day encouraging individuals and communities to be the light in the darkness'

Staff wellbeing session held on the Access to Work Mental Health Support Service, a fully funded mental health support service for Council employees.

> Remediation work complete at all three sites in the town centre housina development programme.

> > £23.75m

funding for

councils

announced

to boost the

Community

Champions

scheme.

Third national

lockdown

implemented

from 5 January.

Mass vaccination

2020

Winter Economy

Plan unveiled

aiming to protect

iobs and support

businesses over

the coming

months.

Adult Social Care

Recovery and Reset

Plan commenced.

Rough Sleeper

Team initiative

commenced providing

intense support and

resettlement to all

accommodation and

those at risk of rough

sleeping.

SEPTEMBER

Work

commenced

to improve the

town centre's

open spaces,

starting on

Bridgegate.

OCTOBER

Covid-19

testing centres

opened in

Dinnington

and Maltby.

5 November in

response to rising

the country.

NOVEMBER

New technology

'Voicescane

started being

used to keep

in touch with

tenants.

Virtual

memorial

service held

for 2021-26 National lockdown implemented from Covid cases across

> Covid Winter Plan published, detailing the route out of lockdown, including a return to the three-tier system and

£170m grant

scheme.

National

Staff Wellbeing Survey launched

Library Strategy

approved by Council, with key aspects including improvements to library buildings, makina libraries more accessible and increasing community involvement.

National Job Support Scheme launched.

workshops for staff were held with Strategic Directors. and O&A sessions were also held with the Chief

service.

Individual web pages for began across the

Volunteer Coordinators commenced to develop and support new volunteering opportunities with partners, coordinate placement of volunteers, and implement a Council staff volunteering

Capital IT programme of works in libraries across the borough completed. (also links to hope and

Novel UK Covid-19 variant discovered and later confirmed to be more infectious.

programme.

A national relaxation of restrictions allowed in many areas of UK on Christmas Day.

Video produced and released on social media to celebrate volunteers and their efforts throughout the pandemic.

2021

Cabinet approved plans for use of the COVID-19 Winter Grant including free school meal vouchers. Christmas food utilities and

Cabinet approved plans for £100,000 of local financial support alongside the national self-isolation support payment scheme.

Cabinet agreed

the process for

recommissioning

domestic abuse

support services.

Lateral Flow testing

for asymptomatic

frontline staff

began at Riverside

House.

Covid awareness raising at Rotherham College over a three-week period.

non-priority customers across the placed in emergency 'Rule of Six' introduced, prohibiting autherings of more than six people

Three-tier system of Covid Alert Levels introduced. with Rotherham placed in Tier 2 on 14 October.

Decision taken to offer free school meals support over half term. helping more than 122 schools 10.000 of the

borough reopened safely with provisions in place for transport, catering, cleaning and school crossing patrols.

South Yorkshire moved to Tier 3 on 24 October.

borough's

children.

aiven and £42m of funding approved for the Parkway upgrade. 4,203 local young

Government

go-ahead

people participated in a survey on emotional health and wellbeing to identify ways to support children through the pandemic.

> Work on 19 Neighbourhood Road Safety schemes across the borough approved by Cabinet.

UK spending plans for the coming year unveiled in Spending Review.

to mark Remembrance Day in Rotherham.

the order and collect

each of the borough's 21 wards went live. including local news and information for residents

Rotherham Heroes story regarding a volunteer who helped a critically vulnerable resident receive her first Christmas presents in over a decade was shared in The Advertiser

confidence theme).

First Covid-19 vaccines approved and vaccinations

country

school uniform support.

Tier 4 'Stay at Home' category introduced in response to rising cases in the South East and the new variant

centres opened across the country and national Vaccines Delivery Plan published.

The Council worked with the Environment Agency to monitor river levels and provided almost 3,400 sandbags in response to the threat of flooding in the borough