Present:- Councillor R. S. Russell (in the Chair); Councillor Ali
together with: Councillors Swift and Turner

42. FITTER FOR WALKING - PROJECT UPDATE

Further to Minute No. 205 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development Services held on 16th March, 2009, consideration was given to a report, presented by the Transportation Unit Manager, detailing the progress of the 4 year “Fitter for Walking” project partnership between Rotherham Borough Council and Living Streets.

It was explained that the project aimed to increase the number of walked journeys lasting up to about 15 minutes including most types of walking trips e.g. to local shops, public transport facilities, or places of work and schools.

In order to achieve an increase, Living Streets and the Council will identify and work with up to 24 communities over a 4 year period to develop projects and promotions related to walking. Reference was made to the appointment in May 2008 of a Fitter for Walking Regional Co-ordinator the Yorkshire and Humberside (effectively the geographic areas of Rotherham and Doncaster).

To date, Living Streets and local communities have identified and developed the following:-

- Addison Road/Laburnum Road, Maltby – access to local shops
- St. Albans Church, Wickersley – Lighting and footpath improvements
- Thurcroft Mineral Line
- Wath Heritage Walk
- Play Pathfinder

Reference was made to the requirement for match funding from the Council.

It was pointed out that if significantly more requests for schemes were received then these would have to be prioritised within the budget and resources available.

Resolved:- (1) That the progress being made be noted.

(2) That details of the Wath Heritage Walk be provided for the Cabinet Member for Streetpride.
(3) That a further progress report be submitted in due course.

43. BLUE BOX TRANSFER STATION CONTRACT

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Waste Management Officer, detailing the termination of the contract with Creation Recycling Ltd for the provision of a Blue Box Transfer Station on 18 December 2008.

It was explained that alternative temporary provision had been provided since December, 2008 by Beatson Clark Plc on an emergency basis until the service was re-tendered. It was noted that the Environment Agency had given permission to Beatson Clark to carry out the service.

It was reported that the re-tendering and evaluation process for a new three year contract (with possible two year extension) was now complete.

The report detailed the companies that had tenders together with the results of the evaluation process.

The following issues were highlighted:-

- Contract start date of 6th July, 2009
- Need for both an Environmental Permit and planning permission of the Transfer Station
- TUPE situation
- Quality/Price score range

Resolved:- That approval be given to awarding the contract to Beatson Clark Plc, subject to them obtaining the required planning permission and Environmental Permit.