

**ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS**

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| <b>1.</b> | <b>Meeting:</b>     | <b>Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Environment – Delegated Powers Meeting</b>        |
| <b>2.</b> | <b>Date:</b>        | <b>6 September 2010</b>  |
| <b>3.</b> | <b>Title:</b>       | <b>2010 Rotherham Ltd - Environmental Works on the Public Highway<br/>Ward 17 Valley</b> |
| <b>4.</b> | <b>Directorate:</b> | <b>Environment and Development Services</b>  |

**5. Summary**

To report on the details of an amended Year 2 scheme at Ridgeway, East Herringthorpe proposed by 2010 Rotherham Ltd to provide environmental improvements and so seek approval to proceed with the works, in as far as they will affect the public highway.

**6. Recommendations**

**It be resolved that:**

**The following works be implemented**

Ridgeway, East Herringthorpe - Proposed Parking Lay-By's

**subject to:**

**a) Scheme funding being made available by 2010 Rotherham Ltd.**

**b) There being no objections raised through further consultations with residents that cannot be overcome through minor modifications through the 2010 consultation process.**

## **7. Proposals and Details**

### **7.1 Background.**

The Decent Homes Environmental Works strategy sets out 2010 Rotherham Ltd and Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council's strategy for delivering environmental improvements throughout the Borough, as part of the overall Decent Homes Investment Plan. The proposed programme of work will improve environmental standards and provision throughout the Borough.

The Decent Homes Environmental works programme is being developed and delivered through the key work streams of strategy and procurement, consultation and scheme development, and programme delivery.

The Strategy and the Procurement strategy were reported to the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008, Minute No.116 and approved. The report set out the aims and objectives for the effective and efficient delivery of the £10.8M Decent Homes Environmental Improvement Work grant for Council housing stock.

The Consultation and Programme Report were reported and approved by the Cabinet Member for Housing and Neighbourhoods on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009, Minute No. 30 refers. This report set out the rationale behind the development of the proposed programme of work, detailed the consultation undertaken up to that date to support programme development and identified the proposed individual schemes to be prioritised and funded. The programmes and priorities were developed in conjunction with the RMBC Neighbourhood Investment Service (NIS) who will provide additional funding support to the programme.

A range of works will be provided as part of the programme, and will include boundary fencing, street lighting, hard standing for cars and the associated dropped kerbs. However, some schemes include significant works on the public highway aimed at improving the parking provision, and it is these schemes that are specifically the subject of this report.

On 7 June 2010, Cabinet Members approved 5 of the schemes proposed as part of the Year 2 programme. Following further consultations and discussions the proposed scheme at Ridgeway, East Herringthorpe is amended from the original approved scheme, and is therefore re-submitted for approval.

### **7.2 Scheme Specific Proposals**

#### **Appendix A - Ridgeway, East Herringthorpe – Proposed Parking Lay-Bys**

The above area suffers from severe demand on the available on-street parking. The pressure on on-street parking has resulted in verges being used as vehicle parking areas to the detriment of the appearance of the areas as well as a maintenance problem to ensure that the verges are at least kept in a safe condition.

The proposed verge hardening works compliment schemes recently undertaken or in progress at various locations around Rotherham, for example Marriot Place, Rawmarsh. The scheme proposed is similar to previous schemes to maintain a consistent approach around Rotherham. The proposed parking bays will provide essential 'off road' parking for residents. The Year 2 programme of works is now well advanced and many of the previously approved schemes are complete or in progress.

All works to the public highway will be completed to highway specifications which will be inspected and 'signed off' by officers from within EDS, under a service level agreement with 2010. The works will be undertaken between September 2010 and December 2010.

## **8. Finance**

The 2005 Decent Homes funding bid determined that £8.403m would be spent on sustainability/environmental works, which was within the mandatory 5% allowance of the overall funding required as determined by Government Office.

In order to maximise the impact and effect of environmental works, it was proposed that some of the efficiencies realised through partnership working and collaborative procurement would be used as match funding with the Neighbourhood Investment Service's own budget for tackling priority regeneration initiatives, which in turn seeks funds from HMR Pathfinder and Regional Housing Board. The total budget now stands at approximately £11M.

The works will be funded entirely by '2010' Rotherham Ltd.

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

Utility companies have been contacted and Yorkshire Electricity are to undertake a diversion to allow affected parking bays to be constructed.

As with any engineering works there are risks and uncertainties with unforeseen costs.

If any unforeseen costs do arise then 2010 may elect not to provide funding.

## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

The delivery of environmental investment works will further enhance the efforts being made to create and maintain a sustainable environment. The Decent Homes environmental works will be undertaken to contribute towards safe, sustainable communities which will contribute towards the wider quality of life, making good use of limited resources.

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

### **11.1 Background Papers**

Report to the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008, Minute No.116.

Report to Cabinet Member for Housing and Neighbourhoods on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009, Minute No. 30

Report to Joint Cabinet Members for Streetpride Services and Economic Development, Planning and Transportation, 7 June 2010, Minute No 1.

## 11.2 Consultation

To identify the schemes to be delivered in the programme, consultation has been undertaken with key stakeholders, including the Neighbourhood Investment Service, 2010 Ltd Neighbourhood Management Teams and a number of ADF Steering Groups. Scheme proposals identified during the consultation process were collated and developed.

The following consultation methods have been employed for collecting Council Members', tenants' and other stakeholders' wishes and aspirations.

- Area Assembly consultation events
- Member Involvement
- Neighbourhood Managers workshops and consultation events
- Rotherfed consultation events
- 'Round Your Place' community van
- Customer surveys
- Gala's and fun days
- Tenants and Resident Association events

All Council Members were informed by letter outlining the schemes to be completed in their area once consultation to identify the schemes to be funded and the proposals for each had been collated and prioritised.

Consultation will continue to be undertaken by 2010 throughout the life of the project as individual schemes progress allowing for customer involvement and feedback on scheme design, customer choice, and during delivery and post delivery evaluation.

Consultation has been had with the Transportation section within Planning and Regeneration, in respect of traffic management and road safety aspects.

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