

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Members' Training and Development Panel
2.	Date:	30 th September, 2010
3.	Title:	Eco-Vision
4.	Directorate:	Chief Executive

5. Summary

This report describes a visit to the 2010 Research & Development Tour Freiburg in Germany

Joanne Wherle will attend the meeting to present the item.

6. Recommendations

Members are asked to consider the request to support the visit.

7. Proposals and Details

The Dearne Valley Eco-Vision project team, in conjunction with Transform South Yorkshire's Delivering Design Quality (DDQ) team, is organising a best practice study visit to Freiburg in Germany in November. We are hoping to take a varied group of people including business representatives, local community representatives and public sector representatives to look at a range of elements involved in sustainable urban development, including planning, building design, transport, water management, citizen involvement, green infrastructure, etc.

The Leader would like an elected member from Rotherham to be included in the delegation. We have secured some LABGI funding to help pay for Rotherham representatives. We are hoping to fully subsidise community representatives from the Rotherham part of the Dearne but, to maximise the amount of funding available, we are suggesting part subsidy for business and elected member representatives from Rotherham. If we paid for the travel costs (£270) from LABGI, would it be possible to consider use of the Members' training budget to fund the study tour element (£300) of the trip.

8. Finance

- LABGI to meet the expenses of the Travel costs - £270
- Members Training Budget to meet the expenses of the Programme (including study tours - £300)

9. Risks and Uncertainties

There is the potential for Member to miss the opportunity to take part.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The Council welcomes activities and initiatives which support the Eco-Vision.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

As attached

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