

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	CABINET
2.	Date:	18TH JANUARY, 2012
3.	Title:	GROUNDWORK TRUSTS PANEL – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12TH OCTOBER, 2011
4.	Directorate:	ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

5. Summary

Minutes of the quarterly meetings with the Groundwork Trusts Panel are submitted to Cabinet for consideration.

6. Recommendation:-

That the minutes of the meeting of the Groundwork Trusts Panel held on 12th October, 2011, be received, and the continued excellent partnership work of both Groundwork Trusts be noted.

7. Proposals and Details

The Panel was established in March 2000 to provide a forum to discuss the on-going partnership between the Council and the two Groundwork Trusts in pursuit of the economic, social and environmental regeneration of the Borough.

The two Groundwork Trusts – Groundwork Dearne Valley and Groundwork Creswell - are able to use the quarterly meetings to raise and discuss issues with Councillors and officers.

The Groundwork Trusts make an important contribution to the regeneration of the Borough and to individual local communities. The Groundwork Trusts Panel provides an important opportunity to exchange ideas and experiences, and co-ordinate actions to maximise impact and efficiency.

8. Finance

A small fund was established to enable community groups to access third party funding in support of WREN bids. The partnership working arrangements with the two Trusts enables the delivery of a wide range of projects and initiatives.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Without the partnership working with the two Trusts many community based and environmental projects would not be able to be delivered.

Risk that funding for projects may be withdrawn and future funding sources may not be found.

Constraints on budgets of both Groundworks Trusts and the Council.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

Sustainability is the heart of the work and operations of the two Groundwork Trusts. The Council and Groundwork Dearne Valley jointly fund a Local Action 21 officer for example.

The joint working of the Council and the Groundwork Trusts provides effective environmental protection, addresses social needs and creates employment opportunities for local people.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

A copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Groundwork Trusts Panel held on 12th October, 2011, is attached.

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