

**ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>CABINET</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2012</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>GROUNDWORK TRUSTS PANEL – MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2012</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES</b>

**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 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2012, 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Risk that funding for projects may be withdrawn and future funding sources may not be found.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 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2012, is attached.

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