

**GROUNDWORKS TRUSTS PANEL
WEDNESDAY, 18TH JULY, 2012**

Present:- Councillor Sharman (in the Chair); Councillors Beck, Rushforth and Swift.

Jamie Ferneyhough	Groundwork Dearne Valley
Alan Hartley	Groundwork Dearne Valley
Janet Johnson	Groundwork Dearne Valley
Jamie Trowsdale	Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield and Mansfield
Nick Barnes	Green Spaces, RMBC

1. INTRODUCTIONS/APOLOGIES

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Akhtar, Clark, R. S. Russell and Smith.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE PANEL HELD ON 11TH APRIL, 2012

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Groundworks Trusts Panel, held on 11th April, 2012, were agreed as a correct record.

3. QUARTERLY REPORT - GROUNDWORK CRESWELL

Jamie Trowsdale, Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield and Mansfield and Crestra Limited reported on the quarterly progress of the various projects for the period 1st April to 30th June, 2012, which included:-

- One World Schools-Youth Re-engagement Programme - Breakthrough youth re-engagement group - continuing to work with young people supporting local community groups with any projects.
- Education and Training - working in partnership with CTS Training on the Foundation Learning Programme.
- Apprenticeships - newly opened Apprenticeship Centre continues to go from strength to strength with strong subject areas of Construction and Horticulture, but other areas for consideration in the future.
- Various bids in progress working with pre and post 16 NEET Young People as well as venerable adults and looking to support them into gaining sustained employment. Progress on outcomes to be provided in the next quarterly report.
- Development Construction Services - various projects including rebuilding the Treeton Cemetery wall, electrical work at Treeton Youth Centre, installation of land drains at the football pitch off Washfield Lane, Treeton and energy saving measures to ten properties in Maltby on behalf of South Yorkshire Housing Association.

- Tenders & PQQ's - Groundwork CAM and Crestra Limited keen to be added to other Rotherham MBC Department's tender lists.
- Community Learning – promoting community relationships.

Discussion ensued on the allocation of apprentices and the preparation work being done for moving on and the information that could be provided regarding awareness raising with Parish Councils via the Parish Council Network.

Agreed:- That the contents of the report be noted and the progress being made be welcomed.

4. QUARTERLY REPORT - GROUNDWORK DEARNE VALLEY

Janet Johnson, Jamie Fernyhough and Rob Saw, Groundwork Dearne Valley, reported on the progress of projects for the period 1st April to 30th June, 2012, set out in detail as part of the report, which included:-

- Main progress/achievements for this period.
- Number of work areas under development in this period.
- Individual summaries for each work area.
- New project proposals from the trust.

In addition, a briefing note was circulated which set out activities in Rotherham for 2012/13 and their respective objectives, activities part funded by the Council's contributions and other activities not linked to the Council's contributions, which were grouped together in five key themes:-

- Neighbourhoods and Community Wellbeing.
- Natural Environments and Green Spaces.
- Learning and Skills.
- Energy and Sustainable Development.
- Enterprise and Employment.

The Panel welcomed the good work taking place in Rotherham and took account of the detail contained in the briefing note which should be shared with all Elected Members.

Agreed:- (1) That the report and the briefing note circulated at the meeting be noted and the progress made be welcomed.

(2) That the briefing note be circulated to all Members of the Council for information.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no other matters to discuss.

6. DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Agreed:- That the future meetings of the Groundworks Trusts Panel take place at the Town Hall on the following dates:-

Wednesday, 10th October, 2012 at 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 16th January, 2013 at 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 10th April, 2013 at 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 17th July, 2013 at 2.30 p.m.