

Appendix 1 a – A summary of performance against those outcomes rated Amber

Priority 1 – Making sure no community is left behind

Outcome 02 - Everyone can expect to live longer lives, regardless of where they live Owner: John Radford

Official data on life expectancy at birth from the NHS Information Centre is now not due until summer 2013. Current provisional data suggests the following:

- The 3-year average 2009-2011 for life expectancy at birth is 77.6 years for males and 81.5 years for females (both provisional)
- This is an increase of 0.5 years for both males and females over the 2008-2010 figures of 77.1 years (males) and 81.0 years (females)

Priority 2 – Providing quality education; ensuring people have opportunities to improve skills, learn and get a job

Outcome 06 - More people have formal qualifications and skills Owner: Dorothy Smith

The Key Stage 2 final National Curriculum Assessment results for 2012 were published on the 13th December. The Key Stage 4 final results for 2012 were published on the 24th January 2013. The data below was published on the DfE research and statistics website.

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- Rotherham's performance has been above both the national and Yorkshire and Humberside averages in 2010, and above regionally in 2011. In 2012, performance at this level has increased by 1.7% to 60%. However, national averages increased by 5%. The gap to the national average is 4%.

Key Stage 2 outcomes for Rotherham improved in all indicators 2011-2012

- Key Stage 2 L4+ English & mathematics combined increased by 5.7% to 75%. National averages increased by 5% to 79%. The gap to national averages was reduced by 1% but remains too wide at 4%.
- KS1-KS2 progress measures in English increased by 6% to 86%. National averages increased by 5% to 89%. The gap to national averages was reduced to 3%.
- KS1-KS2 progress measures in mathematics increased by 5% to 84%. National averages increased by 4% to 87%. The gap to the national average was reduced to 3%.

Key Stage 4 outcomes for Rotherham improved in all indicators 2011-2012

- 5+A*-C including English and mathematics increased by 3.3% to 60% against a increase in the national averages of 0.5% to 59.4% Rotherham LA average is 0.6% above the national average. Rotherham averages have exceeded the national average for the first time for this threshold.
- The 5+A*-C indicator increased by 2.1% against a national average increase of 2.3%. 83.9% of pupils achieved 5+A*-C against a national average 81.8%. Rotherham LA average is 2.1% above the national average. This is the second year Rotherham averages have exceeded national averages for this threshold.
- KS2-KS4 progress by 3 levels in English remained at 73%. National averages declined by 3.8% to 68.0%. The Rotherham average is 5% above the national average in 2012.
- KS2-KS4 progress by 3 levels in mathematics increased by 6.9% to 66.9%. National averages increased by 3.9% to 68.7%. Rotherham has reduced the gap to national averages to 1.8%.

Various initiatives have been implemented and are detailed below, as well as being discussed in a dedicated performance clinic around KS2 during quarter 4.

- Local Authority Powers of Intervention have been established and introduced to work with schools that are vulnerable to falling below KS2 floor standards or data indicates underperformance.
- School of Concern (SoC) meetings are held each half term and chaired by the Senior Director of Schools & Lifelong Learning. The HT and Chair of Governors attend the meetings to review the evidence of progress and impact in the areas identified for improvement including the capacity of leadership. An external evaluator is appointed to ascertain the impact and progress of the development work. The Senior Director of Schools & Lifelong Learning and the Head of School Effectiveness Service have met with schools that have showed insufficient evidence of progress and increased capacity during allotted timescales leading to the removal of the powers of Governing Bodies and senior leaders within some schools.
- Learning Communities (LC's) have developed Strategic Performance Groups to drive and support school improvement. The SPG includes the Headteacher of each school within the LC and a Consultant Headteacher representative from the School Effectiveness Service. Part of the meeting cycle is regular and thorough analysis of data. Rotherham LA School Effectiveness Service have developed LC Audits (ie Thresholds and Progress Measures - DfE) and Termly APS Trackers (overall attainment and progress for all pupils and sub-groups including FSM, SEN etc for each year group).
- The concept of an experienced Headteacher with a proven track record of school improvement working across more than one establishment is now commonplace within Rotherham. Subsequently, the School Effectiveness Service has been involved with the establishment of nine collaborations across the borough.
- Learners First are continuing to fund National Leaders in Education (NLE) and Local Leaders in Education (LLE) to support Rotherham schools. LLE's are successful headteachers or principals who work alongside other heads to drive forward improvements and build capacity to ensure that improvements can be sustained. NLE's / LLE's are working as and when appropriate, in supporting schools within or beyond their own Learning Community. Specialist Leaders in Education (SLE's) have been assigned to the Teaching School Alliance and have expertise in a specific area to support individuals or teams in similar positions in other schools.
- Apprenticeship programmes continue to be embedded into LA recruitment policies, thus modelling the process for outside companies. The LA will continue to work closely with NAS, working with employers and training organisations to maintain this momentum.
- Rotherham recently merged its Youth Offending Service, Youth Service and Connexions into a single Integrated Youth Support Service with the aim of improving targeted support and IAG to vulnerable young people to support the raising participation agenda.
- RMBC was recently awarded by Prospects a sub-contract to deliver the Youth Contract in Rotherham. This will be undertaken by IYSS and will support the engagement in learning of those most hard to reach and engage.

Outcome 09 – More people are in work or training and less are living on benefits

Owner: Paul Woodcock

Current Office of National Statistics (ONS) data indicates that the % of working age Rotherham residents in employment has increased slightly from the 66.1% reported for the 1st quarter of 12/13 to 67.8% for the 3rd quarter. Over the same period the gap to the region closed from 1.5% to 0.8%.

Current ONS and DWP data reports that the out of work claimant rate is 15.7%. This compares unfavourably with the regional rate of 13.0% resulting in 2.7% gap between Rotherham and the region against a target of 2.5%. The gap does however appear to have stabilised. Taking this and the positive direction of travel regarding employment rates into consideration this outcomes is assessed as Amber.

Outcome 10 - All 16-19 year olds are in employment, education and training

Dorothy Smith

The 3 month average position of 7.4% for the end of January shows a reduction from the 7.6% return for the same period in 2011/12. The average number of academic age 16 -18 NEET for this year is 667 (compared to 686 for the same period last year which is a slight reduction of 19).

The number of actual age 16-18 NEET at the end of January is 704 compared to 653 for the same period in 2012. This is explained by the significant reduction in unknown destinations for the same period last year. Extensive follow up has resulted in more robust and current destination information.

The January 2013 figure for Not Known stands at 2.9% which is a significant reduction on last years figure of 4.9%.

The latest statistical neighbour information produced by DoE relates to December 2012. The mean for statistical neighbours NEET at the end of December 12 was 7.1% which is slightly lower than Rotherham's figure of 7.3%. The December 12 figure for Rotherham Not Knowns stands at 4.5%, whereas the same for statistical neighbours is 7.5%. Rotherham has concentrated effort on ensuring data is as robust and current as possible given the 19 year olds being included in the count. The In learning figure for the same period stands at 82.8% against a mean figure of 80.7% for our statistical neighbours.

The annual destination survey relating to 2012 Y11 leavers was completed in November and Rotherham has once shown an improvement in the In Learning figure. This year that figure stands at 95.6%, against 95.4% last year. The In Learning figure has risen year on year since 2006. There were only 121 young people known to have failed to make a successful transition this year, compared with 140 last year.

Priority 4 – Helping create safe and healthy communities

Outcome 22 - People from different backgrounds get on well together

Owner: CEX – Matt Gladstone

Life Style Survey – This is an annual survey for Year 7 and Year 10 pupils. The number percentage of pupils who have been bullied because of race/disability/sexuality shows a rise from 10% in 2011 to 15% in 2012.

Hate Crime and Incidents - There have been 51 incidents of Hate Crime recorded in quarter 1, 40 in quarter 2, and 39 in quarter 3 which were classed as “criminal offence” by South Yorkshire Police (SYP). This represents a total to date this year of 130.

In addition 142 incidents were reported in Rotherham schools and a further 13 incidents through council directorates over quarters 1, 2 and 3 of 2012/13.

In response to the Equality and Human Rights Commission report “Hidden in Plain Sight” on disability related hate crime, the publication of the Government’s Plan to “Tackle Hate Crime, Challenge it, Report it, Stop it”, and the development of a National Hate Crime Strategy, the Council and SYP have reviewed our approach and a dedicated “Vulnerable Persons Unit” has been established from existing staffing resources.

Based within Main Street Police Station this is a multi-agency team aims to improve the coordination of all strands of work around vulnerable individuals (intelligence, prevention, intervention and enforcement), including those subject to ASB, hate crime, domestic violence, mental health, sexual exploitation, community cohesion.

This new approach will lead to identifying and intervening much earlier in many of these risk areas to prevent escalation of harm and increased demand.

Outcome 23 - People enjoy parks, green spaces, sports leisure and cultural activities**Owner: David Burton / Paul Woodcock**

Visits to libraries, sports facilities and the theatre indicate an upward trend. The closure of Arts Centre based facilities such as the Studio Theatre, Arts Centre Café, art gallery and Yorks and Lancs Museum have however had an impact on Theatre and Museum visits in general.

This outcome is flagged as Amber due to the operational risks that remain in relation to the achievement of this outcome following enforced service reductions in key areas and the effect that these are likely to have on both participation levels and satisfaction.

Priority 5 – Improving the environment.**Outcome 24 - Rotherham is prepared for present and future climate change****Owner: Colin Earl**

Rotherham MBC; Bradford CC and University of Sheffield (UoS) are submitting a request for EU funding to support the collaboration project. UoS has developed a project proposal and submitted the bid to the EU Interreg IVB North Sea Region Programme.

A free consultation service has been applied for via an MSc student from Hallam University Sheffield to carry out a gap analysis to identify:

- what action is already underway / complete to address risks;
- key barriers preventing actions to address risks;
- potential / new actions or opportunities to reduce risks;
- urgent areas for action;
- potential to develop an encompassing water management strategy.

The Sheffield Hallam University project will involve carrying out gap analysis; producing a report with the results of the analysis and presenting the results to the Rotherham Environment and Climate Change Group (Chaired by Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing). The results and recommendations of the report will form the basis for future adaptation measures in Rotherham and potentially South Yorkshire.

RMBC Adaptation working group has been set up to represent teams that have a direct influence / control on the RMBC adaptation actions. The next group meeting is scheduled for Monday 11th March 2012. The main focus of the meeting will be to support the gap analysis and develop an adaptation programme.

The Environment and Climate Change Strategy and action plan is currently under review and revised performance management frameworks are being developed. Initial amendments have been carried out and a Members workshop has been arranged for 26 March 2013 to finalise the changes prior to submitting for authorisation.

Outcome 25 – Clean Streets**Owner: David Burton / Paul Woodcock**

This outcome is currently assessed Amber due to a downward direction of travel against litter and ongoing concerns about the impact of budget reductions. There is some uncertainty about the extent which the NI 195 methodology (previously a statutory national indicator now retained locally) delivers an accurate assessment of street cleanliness. Data collection is resource intensive and the results do not always correlate with analysis of customer service requests and complaints data. Ongoing usage of this measure and our methods of assessing levels of street cleanliness are therefore under review as part of our service and performance planning for 2013-2014.

Outcome 26 – Safe and well maintained roads**A) Well maintained roads****Owner: David Burton / Paul Woodcock**

This target is to maintain standards to at least average standards as indicated by *SCANNER* data for all local authority areas. However, due to restructuring of central government departments comparative data beyond 2010 is not available though this has been promised for release on 28th February.

Capital investment programmes (£5m 2008-10, and £3m 2011-13) have helped stabilise the condition of the highway, but *SCANNER* survey results are already indicating some (small) deterioration in the condition of principal and non-principal roads compared with 10/11. With the reduction in revenue budgets for maintenance it is expected that the rate of deterioration will accelerate after the capital investment ends. This is assessed as Amber on the Corporate Risk Register.

Outcome 26 – Safe and well maintained roads**B) Safer roads and casualty reduction****Owner: David Burton / Paul Woodcock**

Key road accident indicators use a five year rolling average based on the calendar year (Jan – Dec) to measure trends. We are currently awaiting data from South Yorkshire Police regarding the 5 year rolling average up to December 2012

The five year rolling average for all Killed or Seriously Injured (KSI) in 2011 was 90 and indicated a decline compared with 92.2 in 2010. There are concerns however that 2011 did see an actual increase in road traffic accidents following the positive figures for 2010 which were the lowest on record by some margin, hence the current Amber rating. This increase occurred during a period of reduced funding and staff numbers for road safety education and training initiatives.

The Council continues to deliver a range of road safety initiatives and will undertake detailed analysis of annual casualty data from which we will be able to identify if there are recurrent issues for which actions can be developed and resources targeted.

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