

**ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> September 2013</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>The South Yorkshire Forest Partnership – Memorandum of Agreement</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>Environment and Development services</b>

### **5. Summary**

Cabinet Member is asked to consider the memorandum of Agreement for the South Yorkshire Forest Partnership.

### **6. Recommendations**

**It is recommended that Cabinet Member signs the Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the Council.**

## **7. Proposals and Details**

The South Yorkshire Forest Partnership (SYFP) comprises the core partners of Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Metropolitan borough Councils, Sheffield City Council, the Forestry Commission and Natural England.

Sheffield City Council employs the SYFP team, and holds the budget on behalf of the partnership. The Council's commitment is restricted to working with other partners to deliver the SYFP's vision and business plan; it does not make any direct financial contribution but makes (staff) resources available to support the partnership.

The partnership is based on a Memorandum of Agreement (copy attached) which sets out the detailed arrangements for working to support the development of the SYFP's work. The Memorandum of Agreement covers the 5-year period from 2010 – 2015; the Council is now being asked to make formal its position by signing the agreement retrospectively.

The Council may terminate its adherence to the memorandum at the end of a financial year, having given 12 months notice.

All other partners excepting Doncaster MBC have already signed the Memorandum of Agreement.

## **8. Finance**

There are no financial implications attached to signing the Memorandum of Agreement.

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

There are no significant risks attached to the proposal.

## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

The SYFP has custodianship of the South Yorkshire Green Infrastructure Strategy and as such links directly into the sustainable development agenda and aligns with the corporate priority of '*Improving the environment*'.

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

South Yorkshire Partnership Memorandum of Agreement

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