

**CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING
16th September, 2013**

Present:- Councillor Wyatt (in the Chair); Councillors Tweed (Advisor) and Dalton (Health Select Commission).

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Buckley.

K18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made at the meeting.

K19. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8TH JULY, 2013

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th July, 2013, be approved as a correct record.

It was noted that work was continuing with the Living Streets project (Minute No. K13).

K20. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on 10th July, 2013.

Resolved:- That the contents of the minutes be noted.

It was noted that a further meeting had been held on 11th September where it had been agreed that the Smokefree Charter for Rotherham be signed.

K21. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE/OTHER BODIES 2013/14

Resolved:- (1) That the Chairman be appointed as the Council's representative on the following Outside Bodies:-

South Yorkshire Nature Partnership
RDaSH
Obesity Strategy Group (Chair)
Rotherham Heart Town (Joint Chair)
Warm Homes
Tobacco Control Alliance (Chair)
Suicide Prevention Group
CCG Committee (by invitation)

(2) That it be noted that the Sheffield City Region Carbon Reduction Forum and Rotherham Information Governance Group no longer existed.

(3) That it be noted that the South Yorkshire Biodiversity Forum was an officer group.

(4) That the Health Select Commission be requested to consider representation on the Rotherham Foundation Trust – Council of Governors in the capacity as a partner governor.

(5) That the Cabinet Members for Health and Wellbeing, Adult Social Care and Children, Young People and Families Services represent the Council on the Local Government Yorkshire and the Humber – Health and Wellbeing Group

(6) That efforts be made to ascertain if the Don Catchment Working Group still met.

K22. ROTHERHAM LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

Ken Whetter, Chair of the Rotherham Local Access Forum, gave the following powerpoint presentation:-

The Local Access Forum (LAF) is

- A voluntary group of people interested in public access to land including walkers, cyclists, horse riders, motorised trail riders, disability rights representatives and landowners
- A statutory body that was set up in every Local Authority in England under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000
- A group that is supported administratively by Rotherham Borough Council and meets around every 3 months to decide and oversee improvements to the network of rights of way and public land

What does the LAF do?

- Provides advice on improvement of public access to land
- For the purposes of open air recreation, enjoyment and any lawful purpose
- “Land” not clearly defined in the Act but includes buildings and other structures and land covered with water and excludes any land to which access which cause trespass or an offence
- Covers all users when advising on improvements to public access including canoes and motorised vehicles. Excludes vehicles when advising on access for any other lawful purpose apart from on byways

What does the LAF advise?

Mainly

- The appointing Local Authority, that is RMBC
- Any county, unitary, district or borough council within the Forum's area
- The Secretary of State (that is any Government Department)
- Natural England

- The Forestry Commission
- English Heritage

But also

- Sport England
- Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Conservation Boards
- Parish and Town Councils

How does the LAF work?

- The Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP)
- Links with other plans e.g. the Local Transport Plan
- Influencing decision makers and seeking feedback from them
- Forum meetings
- Sub-groups
- Site visits
- Keeping in touch with neighbouring LAFs and the Regional LAF
- Keeping in touch with public opinion
- Focusing on relevant issues and prioritising activities
- Annual reports and measuring effectiveness

So what has the LAF ever done for Rotherham?

- Improvements in specific parishes
- Influencing major restructural developments e.g. Waverley, Kiveton, Dinnington
- Supporting funding applications for major access improvement schemes e.g. Connect 2 route into Rother Valley Country Park; the Bluebell Way
- Advising on highway improvement schemes e.g. A57 at Todwick and on Sheffield Parkway
- Advising on local transport improvement projects e.g. Rotherham to Sheffield riverside and canal paths
- Managing an annual CROW improvement budget which is separate from the normal maintenance ROW budget

What next for the LAF?

- Deliver the Annual Plan for 2013/14. Review our ROWIP
- Extend the “reach” of the LAF by linking better with key strategic bodies with shared interests e.g. Health and Wellbeing Board; Canal and Rivers Trust; Green Infrastructure; HS2 Ltd.
- Advise RMBC and other bodies on the prioritisation of public access improvements, focusing on areas of the Borough currently not well provided for

Suggested areas of mutual interest between Health and Wellbeing and LAF

- Creating and encouraging healthy lives and physically active communities
- Access to national and local information to inform decision making

- Improving public access for all
- Encouraging greater use of existing network of paths and rights of way and trails
- Building in public access routes in major new planning developments
- Joint initiatives

Discussion ensued on the presentation with the following issues raised:-

- Investigate possible linkages with the Rotherham Rivers Project and the Rotherham Active Partnership
- Circulate the 16 point action plan once available to the Health and Wellbeing Board
- Strengthen involvement with Rotherham Access Group

The Chairman thanked Ken for his presentation.

K23. HEALTHWATCH UPDATE

Naveen Judah, Chair of Rotherham Healthwatch, gave the following presentation:-

- Healthwatch was a statutory body introduced by the Health and Social Care Act
- It was the new consumer champion for both health and social care
- Independent, influential and effective
- Gave citizens a stronger voice in influencing and challenging how health and social services were provided in Rotherham
- In part response to a number of reports – Mid-Staffs, Keogh Review, Berwick Report, Winterbourne Review
- NHS – A Call to Action – “This is all about neighbourhoods and communities saying what they need from their NHS; it is about individuals and families saying what they want from their NHS
- Rotherham Healthwatch structured around the 6 Priorities of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy i.e. Prevention and Early Intervention, Expectations and Aspirations, Dependence to Independence, Healthy Lifestyles, Long-term Conditions and Poverty
- Each Director had been allocated 1 Priority – all projects would fall under the 6 Priorities
- Links with CQC, Local Medical, Dental, Optician and Pharmaceutical Committees

- Additional projects would be undertaken as requested by partners or by issues raised through the complaint process. Reports would then be submitted to the Healthwatch Board. If the Board agreed, a project and plans would be identified. Findings would be reported back to the Board, partner agencies and the Health and Wellbeing Board
- Healthwatch now occupied offices on High Street. Its staff included 6 Directors, Manager, Engagement Officer, Information Officer and Advocate. Volunteers would be relied upon

Naveen was thanked for his update.

Resolved:- That a Members' Seminar be convened in the future.

K24. SOUTH YORKSHIRE FOREST PARTNERSHIP - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Chairman reported that the South Yorkshire Forest Partnership was comprised of Barnsley, Doncaster, Sheffield and Rotherham Councils, the Forestry Commission and Natural England. It was based on a Memorandum of Agreement which set out the detailed arrangements for working to support the development of the Partnership's work. The Agreement cover the 5 year period from 2010-2015.

The Council was now being asked to make formal its position by signing the Agreement retrospectively.

Resolved:- That the Cabinet Member sign the Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the Council.

K25. CONSULTATION - IMPROVING GENERAL PRACTICE

It was noted that NHS England was consulting on the future of general practice services in England.

The main purpose of the consultation was to stimulate debate in local communities as to how best to develop general practice services. A number of area teams and CCGs were already working collaboratively to develop shared strategies for primary and integrated care. The questions in the consultation were designed both to support the existing examples of local action and to stimulate similar approaches in all other parts of the country.

The consultation was open until 10th November, 2013, with an initial review of responses on 30th September.

This issue was to be raised at the meeting of the South Yorkshire Joint Health and Wellbeing Boards on 19th September, 2013.

Resolved:- That the consultation be noted.

K26. ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Climate Change Strategy Group held on 16th July 2013. At that meeting, there had been consideration of the Environment and Climate Change Key Area and Objectives "Energy and Water".

Resolved:- That the contents of the minutes be noted.