

**CABINET MEMBER FOR SAFE AND ATTRACTIVE NEIGHBOURHOODS**  
**7th April, 2014**

Present:- Councillor McNeely (in the Chair); Councillors Astbury and Goult (Policy Advisors).

**J75. AREA ASSEMBLY CHAIRS**

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**MONDAY, 10TH MARCH, 2014**

Present:- Councillor McNeely (in the Chair); Councillors Atkin, Beaumont, Dodson, Falvey, J. Hamilton, N. Hamilton, Havenhand, Johnston, Read, Swift and Whelbourn.

Apologies for absence:- Apologies were received from Councillors Currie and Sims.

**29. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2014, were noted.

Resolved:- That a report on Streetpride Champions be submitted to the next meeting.

**30. PARTNERS & COMMUNITIES TOGETHER (PACT) UPDATE**

Steve Parry, Neighbourhood Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Manager, gave the following powerpoint presentation:-

The Policing Pledge 2008

- In June 2008, the Louise Casey Review, Engaging Communities in Fighting Crime, suggested a more structured approach to community empowerment and involvement in identifying and accountability around local priorities
- The Policing Pledge was born out of the new approach and in December 2008 the Chief Constable of South Yorkshire Police formally agreed to implement the principles of the Pledge
- The key components of the Pledge were separated into 3 main areas:-
  - Citizen Focussed service provision (dealing with people fairly, with dignity and respect and being accessible and keeping victims updated)
  - Incident handling protocols (999 calls, non-emergency calls and calls in relation to locally defined priorities)
  - Engaging and consulting the public on local priorities, crime data and sentencing (Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meetings and process)
- PACT meetings were established in Rotherham, amalgamated within the Area Assembly meeting on the months that meetings take place and as 'standalone' meetings on those months when there was no Area Assembly meeting
- On 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2010, the Home Secretary of the newly elected coalition Government "scrapped" the Policing Pledge with immediate effect
- PACT meetings continue to be held in Rotherham aligned to the Area Assembly meetings

- The Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable met in January to discuss the PACT meeting process in South Yorkshire and there was a joint agreement to publicise the following 'PACT (Minimum Standards) Neighbourhood Engagement Policing Pledge'
- The current position in Rotherham in respect of the 7 'Pledge Standards' was as follows:-

#### Pledge 1

- We will hold bi-monthly PACT meetings where you can meet your Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT), local Councillors, partner agencies and other members of your community to agree priorities for your local area
- Current position – A robust structure already in place that exceeds the minimum requirement

#### Pledge 2

- We will hold at least 1 engagement event each month (in addition to PACT meetings) where you can meet members from your local SNT and talk to them directly about issues in your community. These will be held at various locations and times of day to give as many people as possible the opportunity to engage with their local police team
- Current position – This can be accommodated within the existing structure

#### Pledge 3

- We will ensure dates, times and venues of PACT and engagement events are advertised 12 months in advance and are not cancelled at short notice
- Current position – Accommodated within the existing process – PACT meeting advertised on both the Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams and Area Assembly websites – confirmation required that meetings are published 12 months in advance

#### Pledge 4

- We will provide you with regular updates on local crime and policing issues. This will include information on specific crimes, those brought to justice, details of what action we and our partners are taking to make your neighbourhood safer and how your force is performing
- Current position – Primarily a Police process

#### Pledge 5

- We aim to have all PACT meetings chaired by a local Councillor or member of the public; where this is not possible meetings will be chaired by a Police Officer
- Current position – Accommodated within the existing structure in respect of local Councillor – awaiting further detail from the Police in respect of meetings being chaired by a member of the public

#### Pledge 6

- We will engage with partners and Local Authority Members to make sure we have a complete approach to keeping your local community safe and whenever possible ensure PACT meetings are incorporated into existing meetings to maximise the efficient use of officers' time
- Current position – Police acknowledge that improvements could be made in respect of regular engagement – PACT meetings are incorporated into existing meetings

## Pledge 7

- We will ensure that you are consulted on any significant changes that are under consideration for your local Safer Neighbourhood Area
- Current position – Awaiting further detail from the Police on their proposals in respect of this Pledge

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

- The existing structure should be able to accommodate the Neighbourhood Engagement Policing Pledge
- Attendance at Area Assembly meetings of Police Officers of sufficient ranking had been raised with the Police
- The Constitution had recently been updated including the frequency of meetings which may affect the PACT meetings being unable to “tag” onto an Assembly meeting
- It was the intention to have a PACT meeting bi-monthly with an engagement event on the alternate months which was the Police’s responsibility to organise
- Desire for the word “consult” in Pledge 7 to be changed to “information sharing”
- A publicised time slot at a Parish Council meeting/Councillors Surgery could be used for Pledge 6
- Dates and times of Assembly meetings were publicised but sometimes, due to unforeseen circumstances, they had to be changed
- Concern if a PACT meeting was not chaired by a local Councillor or a Police Officer

It was noted that the Pledges had been introduced and were not out for consultation.

Resolved:- (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the report be submitted to the Safer Rotherham Partnership.

### 31. AREA ASSEMBLY CHAIRS/AREA PARTNERSHIP MANAGERS UPDATE

Andrea Peers, Area Partnership Manager, gave the following update:-

#### **Wentworth Valley**

- Community First bids were currently being invited for Hooper, Silverwood and the Valley Wards. There had been 2 celebration events on 10<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March
- Affordable Warmth – current ongoing programme in Wentworth, Harley and Brampton with an awareness drop-in event being held on 13<sup>th</sup> March
- Community Involvement – a Summer Wonderland event had been held on 25<sup>th</sup> February in Dalton supported by local Councillors. Over 200 local people had attended which had enabled the Team to build up their database on engagement activity
- Community Organisers – an extension had been secured for East Herringthorpe so applications would be welcomed until 2<sup>nd</sup> May. There were to be 2 local awareness raising drop-in sessions to promote it
- Easter Events – Local Elected Members had sponsored a range of Easter events
- Area Housing Panel – Wentworth North and Wentworth South were inviting bids for environmental projects for 2014/15
- NAG – the new Police Inspector had agreed to sign off Parkgate and adopt 2 new areas for Maltby

Councillor N. Hamilton congratulated staff on the Summer Wonderland event.

**Maltby**

- An awareness raising event around Child Sexual Exploitation had been held
- "Locks" Project – Burglary other (burglary of sheds and outbuildings) was a problem across the Borough. Some vulnerable areas in Maltby had been identified and an agreed joint package of funding (Area Housing Panel, local Members, Fire Service) with locks and signage purchased. Yorkshire Housing's Staying Put Project had fitted the kit free of charge.

Councillor Beaumont reported that, following a lot of preparation for the CSE event with regard to the target audience, time of meeting etc., it had been agreed that the Bramley business community would be targeted. Invitations letters had been sent and personal visits explaining the purpose of the meeting. It had been very positively received, however, only 1 had attended from the business community.

**Aston**

- A roadshow had taken place to kick start the disadvantaged communities agenda

**Thurcroft**

- Winter Wonderland event held which had been very well attended
- Big Local consultation continuing – members of the public voting for the priorities they wanted to see in the Plan

**Dinnington**

- Event held on last day of term to engage young people – 500 young people had attended and had included attendance by the Police, Know the Score, Youth Service, Sexual Health, Community Alcohol Partnership etc.

Shaun Mirfield, Area Partnership Manager, gave the following report:-

**Rotherham North**

- Co-ordinating Groups had been held to discuss deprived neighbourhoods and staffing issues
- It had also been agreed that there would be an Away Day in September to both review the past and plan for the future and a session in February around the budget
- Deprived Neighbourhoods
  - Ferham – There was to be a clean up on 5<sup>th</sup> April and work ongoing to lease part of the old Thornhill Recreation Ground. Discussions were taking place with Green Spaces, Rotherham United Community Trust and Sport England with regard to a funding bid to develop facilities
  - Eastwood – A number of properties had been the subject to a Police investigation which would be discussed at the forthcoming NAG meeting. Local Learning Community event held at My Place which more than 40 front line workers had attended and identified a range of issues pertinent to schools and other local partners regarding pre-school provision, attainment, jobs and skills, safeguarding etc. It had been agreed a series of themed events be held the first of which was on 4<sup>th</sup> April looking at pre-school provision. Work was ongoing with Children, Young People and Families Services with regard to the development of the new school

Members also raised the following issues:-

- Athena Awards – deadline for nominations was 17<sup>th</sup> March
- Greasbrough Historical Group – a newly formed group that was working on a book of Greasbrough and the surrounding area and the war. It would

involve a lot of work with the school and elderly people in their homes. Any war memorabilia/memoirs that could be loaned/passed on would be greatly appreciated

- St. John's Green Task and Finish Group – there was a problem with litter in particular aluminium cans. An arrangement had been reached with a local recycler that if he provided recycling bins, the shopkeepers would position them outside their premises and he would empty them
- Wingfield Theatre Group – had received their first booking from a professional theatre group for Twelfth Night

Resolved:- That the information shared be noted.

### **32. AREA PARTNERSHIP TEAM STAFFING UPDATE**

Paul Walsh, Housing and Communities Manager, gave the following staffing update:-

Helen Thorpe – Community Involvement Officer  
Nicola Hacking – Community Involvement Officer, Wentworth Valley  
Julie Barnett – Community Involvement Officer, Rother Valley West

Work was ongoing to backfill the gaps at Community Support level the above 3 appointments had created.

Resolved:- That the latest staffing structure be circulated to Area Assembly Chairs.

### **33. ON-LINE COMMUNICATIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA**

Helen Thorpe, Community Involvement Officer, gave a presentation on how communications could be improved through the use of social media and hopefully reach a wider audience.

There were issues with monitoring social networks but that could be addressed through training. The advantages/disadvantages of a number of forms of social media were illustrated.

It was felt that Twitter would be the best vehicle for Area Assemblies.

Resolved:- (1) That Twitter be used as the method of social media to publicise Area Assemblies.

(2) That the response be monitored and reported in 4 months.

### **34. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business to report.

## **J76. PETITION RE PARKHURST, DONCASTER ROAD**

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services reported receipt of a petition, containing 45 signatures, regarding the anti-social problems they were experiencing from Parkhurst, a derelict property situated next door to Beechwood Lodge.

Resolved:- (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the issues raised be investigated and a report submitted thereon in 1 month.

#### **J77. REVIEW OF NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRES PHASE ONE**

Further to Minute No. 77 of the Cabinet Member meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2013, the Director of Housing and Neighbourhoods submitted a report detailing the outcome of the consultation exercise undertaken regarding Neighbourhood Centres.

The consultation with Ward Members, tenants and community groups had enabled recommendations for communal facilities in 62% of the Centres to be finalised. The report set out the forms of consultation that had taken place.

Of the work completed to date, it was proposed that 37 of the 60 Centres be retained as they were considered to be sustainable. The process had highlighted that the identified Centres were well used and provided facilities which offered many benefits to aged persons and local communities. Links had been established with Age UK Rotherham and Rotherfed to support increased activity provision in the Centres which would improve their sustainability.

Work was also taking place with the Audit and Asset Management Service to offer potential use of Neighbourhood Centres to host community and voluntary sector activity which may be displaced following the review of community buildings.

Further consideration was being given to the remaining 23 Centres which may be unsustainable, but further work was being undertaken to stimulate usage or consider options for future use prior to finalising proposals.

Discussion ensued on the report with the following issues raised/clarified:-

- Future investment and furniture requirements of the retained Centres
- Continued monitoring of the usage of the retained Centres required
- Clarification to Elected Members on the future of the Centres

Resolved:- (1) That the retention of 37 of the 60 Centres be approved.

(2) That Ward Members be notified of the Centres within their Ward which were to be retained.

(3) That tenants residing in Centres identified for retention be written to with details of the decision.

(4) That a further review be undertaken of the remaining 23 communal facilities and further work be undertaken in relation to laundry and guest bedroom facilities across all Centres to enable proposals to be finalised.

(5) That options be identified to address the issues highlighted with the communal facility charging arrangements.

(6) That a further report be submitted in the Summer, 2014 on the remaining Centres and other communal facilities.

(6) That a report be submitted in 12 months with regard to the usage of the retained Centres.

**J78. PROMOTING BENEFIT TAKE-UP BY OLDER COUNCIL HOUSE TENANTS**

The Finance Manager, Neighbourhoods and Adult Services, submitted details of 1 year pilot project designed to significantly increase the numbers of local people receiving Attendance Allowance.

Supporting people to claim the benefits they were entitled to was a key strand of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. However, available information indicated that the numbers of people claiming Attendance Allowance had fallen at the same time as it would be reasonable to expect rates to increase due to an ageing demographic disability profile for the Borough.

Attendance Allowance was a non-means tested state benefit designed to help with the extra costs of living attributed to long-term illness or disability. It was paid to applicants who had either physical or mental illness on a scale of between £55 to £80 per week. Payments were for life, or until the applicant had a change in circumstances, and could make a significant difference to the financial wellbeing of some of the Borough's older or disabled residents. It did not reduce other benefits but may increase the amount recipients received as it could be used as a passport to other benefits.

Age UK Rotherham estimated that there were approximately 14,000 people in Rotherham who were not FAC eligible but could potentially significantly benefit from Attendance Allowance because of their poor family/support networks.

It was proposed that Age UK Rotherham be commissioned to deliver a 1 year pilot project to determine if it was possible to significantly increase the financial wellbeing of older frail or disabled Council tenants. The project would work exclusively with Council house tenants and represented a key strand in Rotherham Housing Services' Financial Inclusion Strategy. The pilot would determine the appropriateness of continuing with the scheme and further development to address the needs of all potential applicants in the Borough.

It was clarified that the 300 tenants in the pilot scheme would be selected via possible eligible tenants coming forward through publicising of the scheme and Housing Officers' nominations.

Resolved:- (1) That a 1 year pilot project be designed to increase the numbers of tenants who had reached Pension Credit age who successfully apply for Attendance Allowance.

(2) That, in the light of the organisation's existing experience, Age UK Rotherham (AUKR) be commissioned to undertake the above pilot project at a cost of £30,000.

**J79. NEIGHBOURHOODS GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2013-14**

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Finance Manager, Neighbourhoods and Adult Services, in relation to the budget monitoring and financial forecast for the Neighbourhoods General Fund within the Neighbourhoods and Adult Services Directorate to 31st March, 2014, based on actual income and expenditure for the period ending February, 2014.

The latest forecast showed an overall underspend of £321,000 against an approved net revenue budget of £2.461M as follows:-

Strategic Housing and Investment Service (+£11k)

- Lower than expected staff turnover against budget

Housing Options (-£101k)

- Projected underspend on the Dispersed Units Trading Account and within the Private Sector Adaptations Service as a result of continued vacancy and an increase in fees and charges
- Projected overspend on the Key Choices Property Management Service as a result of lower than anticipated income from managed properties

Housing and Communities (-£70k)

- Projected underspends within Area Assemblies and Supplies and Services as a result of the Council-wide moratorium on non-essential spend
- Partially reduced by a small overspend on Anti-Social Behaviour due to lower than expected staff turnover
- Small underspend within Community Safety Unit as a result of a recent vacancy
- Underspend also within Community Leadership Fund

Central (-£8k)

- Small underspend due to savings on Supplies and Services



**Business Regulation (-£48k)**

- Business Regulation was projecting an underspend
- Pressures on staffing costs within Health and Safety, Food and Drugs and Animal Health budgets were being offset by savings within Trading Standards due to continued vacant posts
- Projected overspend within Licensing due to projected income for new licences not being as high as originally anticipated
- Bereavement Services projecting an underspend as a result of lower than forecast costs relating to repairs and maintenance

**Safer Neighbourhoods (-105k)**

- Savings within Community Protection through vacancy management, further savings achieved as a result of the moratorium on non-essential spend and additional grant funding
- Partly reduced by a small remaining pressure on income due to reduced Environmental Protection Act applications
- Statutory health and safety work on landfill sites resulting in a forecast overspend

Consultancy spend to date was £46,808 in respect of data analysis relating to Green Deal Energy Efficient projects which was grant funded. There had been no spend on Agency within Neighbourhoods' General Fund budgets.

Resolved:- That the report be received and the latest financial projection against budget for 2013/14 noted.

**J80. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET MONITORING FEBRUARY 2014**

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Finance Manager, Neighbourhood and Adult Services, relating to the Housing Revenue Account based upon actual income and expenditure to the end of February, 2014. The overall forecast was that the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) would make a contribution to working balances (reserves) of £0.369M, a variation of £-2.968M against approved budget.

Appendix A of the report provided the Budget Operating Statement for 2013/14 which showed the various income and expenditure budget lines which made up the net cost of delivering the Service. The latest forecast net cost of Service was £-8.781M, together with Revenue contribution to Capital costs and interest received, would result in an overall surplus of £0.369M to be transferred to Working Balances.

**Expenditure**

Based upon expenditure and commitments to date, total expenditure was forecast to outturn at £71.232M compared to a budget provision of £73.091M, a reduction in spend of £1.859M. The main variations were:-

#### Contributions to Housing Repairs

- Repairs and Maintenance – Currently forecast to underspend £756,000 against budget at £17.966M. The Empty Homes budget was difficult to forecast given it being a responsive service. At the end of January there had been 256 more void completions than budgeted, the main reason being the impact of the Welfare Reform as more tenants requested a transfer to smaller properties. Within the Housing Repairs budgets there was an overall forecast overspend on Empty Homes due to increase in minor voids offset by a forecast underspend on overheads within revenue schemes plus shared savings now agreed with both contractors

#### Supervision and Management

- Forecast to outturn at £19.072M, overall underspend of £993k. The main reason for the variation was lower than expected staff turnover including delays in implementing the review of structures across a number of teams. This was reduced by an additional contribution to the Furnished Homes reserve due to additional income as more clients used the Scheme
- Forecast cost of Capital Charge was £200k less than budgeted due to lower than anticipated interest rates
- Forecast overspend of £40k due to the increase in number of void properties for Rents, Rates and Taxes
- Forecast increase to the provision for bad debts to reflect the increase in number of current and former tenant arrears and outstanding income from rechargeable repairs

#### Income

- Total forecast income collectable was £80.013M, an increase of £1.109M above the approved budget of £78.904M
- Dwelling rental income was projected to over-recover by £274k. However, non-dwelling rents was forecast to under-recover against budget by £51k due to a review and reclassification of a small number of properties to General Fund resulting in less income due to the HRA
- Income from charges for services and facilities were forecasting an outturn of £4.342M, an over-recovery of £740k mainly as a result of additional income on Furnished Homes due to increase in the number of clients, additional fee income from Right to Buy sales plus one off income from prior year charges for District Heating. However, there was a forecast under-recovery of income from clients using Sheltered Neighbourhood Centres services as tenants opted out of the laundry charge
- Other fees and charges were forecasting an over-recovery of income of £147k which included additional income in respect of the sale of tenants contents insurance, recovery of Court costs, income from second hand furniture and income from utility companies for the use of solar panels

Resolved:- That the latest financial projection against budget for 2013/14 be noted.

**J81. HOUSING INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2014-15 TO 2016-17**

The Business and Commercial Programme Manager presented the proposed Housing Investment Programme for 2014/15 to 2016/17 detailing how the Programme had been compiled and identified how various individual schemes of work included within the Programme had been drawn up.

The budget process that led to the original Capital Programme for 2013/14 to 2016/17 ensured that the Council's capital investment plans were aligned with its strategic priorities and vision for Rotherham. Anticipated spend for 2014/15 was:-

Refurbishments	£11,995,000
Other Capital Projects	£13,563,000
Fair Access to All (Adaptations)	£3,389,000
Regeneration/Neighbourhood Renewal – Public Sector	£5,086,000
Regeneration/Neighbourhood Renewal – Private Sector	£971,000
Total	£35,004,000

Resolved:- That the Housing Investment Programme for 2015-15 to 2016-17 be noted.

**J82. HOUSING INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2013/14 - FEBRUARY 2014**

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Business and Commercial Programme Manager, which represented the indicative outturn position for the 2013/14 Capital Programme.

As at the end of Period 11 (February, 2014), total spend on the HIP was £17,940,076M compared to a budget provision of £19,532,452M, an underspend of £1,592,376 (-11% variance).

The report submitted provided details of savings and slippage on the individual schemes of work with the overall programme and highlighted the fact that the resources not drawn down in 2013/14 would be carried forward into next year.

Further information was provided on:-

- Total Capital Works to Properties.
- Fair Access to All.
- Regeneration/Neighbourhood Renewal – Private and Public Sector.
- Other Public Sector.

Savings and slippages identified were primarily across schemes funded through the Major Repairs Allowance and would be carried forward into future years.

Resolved:- (1) That the spend and forecast position to the end of Period 11 (February, 2014) be noted.

(2) That the virement of £200,000 slipped funding for the Boundary Walls Scheme to the 2014-15 Refurbishment budget be approved. This would result in a revised Refurbishment budget of £12,195,000 and a revised Boundary Walls budget of £625,000 in 2014-15.

### **J83. FURNISHED HOMES SCHEME**

The Director of Housing and Neighbourhoods presented a proposal to reclassify the Furnished Homes Scheme as a General Fund Service in order to maximise its flexibility and capacity to respond to the changing circumstances brought about by Welfare Reform and the Housing Revenue Account self-financing rules.

The Scheme was originally launched in 2004 and remodelled in 2009 to provide a more flexible personalised service. The changes had proved very popular and led to a rapid expansion of the Scheme with the overall number of furnished tenancies having increased to 2,750.

At present it was only offered to Council house tenants and, up to and including 2013/14, accounted for as a Housing Revenue Account (HRA) traded service but outside the scope of the annual and 30 year financial and business plan of the Housing Revenue statutory ring-fenced Account.

A business development plan was being developed in order to determine the extent to which the Service could release further business opportunities and future revenues. However, continuing to trade as a HRA Traded Service was restrictive given the HRA's current financial borrowing limit which was already fully committed on strategic schemes supporting the HRA Business Plan.

The reclassification of the Service had no implications for the tenants.

Legal Services had confirmed that, given the specific welfare aims of the Service, there were no legislative barriers which would prevent the Service from being operated as a General Fund provided the level of charges to the HRA were not being regarded as excessive and it met the accounting code definition of a traded service. The views of the Council's external auditors had also been sought and indicated no reason to challenge the proposal subject to the level of charges to the HRA for the service being reasonable.

Discussion ensued on the proposal with the following issues raised/clarified:-

- Consideration be given to the ability for tenants to be able to purchase single white good items
- Publicising of the Scheme to existing tenants
- Possible study opportunity for an University student

Resolved:- That the Furnished Homes Scheme be operated as a General Fund Service with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2014.

**J84. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Resolved: - That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (information relating to the financial/business affairs of any person (including the Council)).

**J85. STRATEGIC HOUSING MARKET ASSESSMENT**

The Director of Housing and Neighbourhoods submitted a report seeking a waiver of Standing Orders to enable Sheffield University to carry out a Strategic Housing Market assessment for Rotherham.

The Council had committed to carry out a Joint Strategic Housing Market Assessment in order for the Planning Inspector to continue with his examination of the Council's Core Strategy. Sheffield University had carried out an Assessment for Sheffield City Council in November, 2013. There would be significant savings and efficiencies if the 2 studies could be linked together to form an assessment for the whole market area which would greatly benefit the Sheffield City Region.

The Council's financial contribution was estimated to be a maximum of £50,000.

Resolved:- That the waiving of the Standing Order (requirement to tender) be approved to enable the award of the Strategic Housing Market Assessment to Sheffield University because of the efficiencies gained.

**J86. AFFORDABLE HOUSING - CANKLOW LAND TRANSFER**

Further to Minute No. C79 of the Cabinet held on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2012, approving the transfer of land on Rother View Road, Canklow, to South Yorkshire Housing Association for the purpose of new residential development, the Director Housing and Neighbourhood Services submitted a proposal for a land swap.

Following a geotechnical survey carried out by SYHA, the site at Rother View Road was not financially viable for development of social affordable housing. It was proposed that the land be swapped for land at Castle Avenue and Warden Street for the development of 16 affordable homes.

The risks and uncertainties and financial implications were set out in the report submitted.

Resolved:- That the proposed land swap at Rother View Road to Castle Avenue/Warden Street, Canklow (as shown at Appendix 1 of the report submitted) be approved for the purpose of enabling 16 units of affordable housing.

(Councillor McNeely declared a non-pecuniary interest being the Ward Councillor for the area.)