

Joint Working Group

RMBC and Parish and Town Councils

20th January 2010, 5pm, Bailey House, Rotherham

Present:-

Councillor Mahroof Hussain (MH) Chair
Councillor Jane Austen (JA)
Councillor Eric Shaw (ES)
Councillor Gary Cooper (GC)
Councillor Ted Kelsey (TK)
Councillor Pat Wade (PW)
Councillor Richard Swann (RS)
Paul Griffiths (PG)
Adrian Gabriel, Waste Management (AG)
Hugh Long , Waste Management (HL)
Helen Sleigh, Forward Planning (HS)

AGENDA	ACTION
<p>1. Apologies</p> <p>No apologies</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.</p>	
<p>3. Waste Management Strategy</p> <p>The group welcomed Adrian Gabriel (Waste Management Strategy Manager).</p> <p>RS explained that the group felt that Parish Councils are making a significant contribution in keeping the borough clean and tidy and yet feel undermined as they are turned away from RMBC run sites as they are unable to offload any waste collected.</p> <p>In addition the group were interested to hear about the borough wide strategy as waste issues were often brought up by parish constituents.</p> <p>AG advised that significant changes have been made over the past few years in the way that the Borough council deals with it's waste. In particular the recycling scheme has been introduced based heavily on targets from central government.</p>	

<p>This has progressed to such an extent that 40% of the borough's waste is now recycled.</p> <p>The household waste centres are currently being upgraded at significant cost. However following a consultation with key stakeholders Members decided that parish councils and private landlords should not be able to use the sites for free. Members took the view that an element of the precept should be put aside for alternative waste disposal.</p> <p>PW asked if the only option for parish councils is to enter into a commercial waste contract.</p> <p>AG replied that this is left to individual parish councils to decide.</p> <p>JA commented that this has been an ongoing problem for sometime. It could be argued that the larger parishes have vehicles to tackle fly tipping and as such this saves Streetpride money and time by doing the work.</p> <p>JA advised that she will look to progress this issue with the relevant Member. It would also be useful to send a questionnaire to all parish councils asking what current arrangements they have in place and what arrangements they would like to see in the future.</p>	<p>PG to work on questionnaire</p>
<p>4. Local Development Framework</p> <p>The group welcomed Helen Sleigh (Senior Planner) to talk about the next phase of the LDF.</p> <p>HS advised that the planning team have prepared an interim statement summarising the outcome of the recent consultation.</p> <p>The statement contains:-</p> <p>A breakdown of all the comments received An assessment of what has been done against the statement of community involvement. Notes from the workshop sessions held around the Borough.</p> <p>The document will be available at various outlets around the Borough and a letter sent to all those who contributed in the last round.</p> <p>The next round of consultation will not take place until after June 2010. This consultation will be on the Core Strategy and also the potential sites for future development.</p> <p>JA commented that Parishes are now well prepared for the next round of consultation and the Joint Working Group can play it's part by keeping on top of any new information and it's distribution</p>	

<p>out to Parish Councils.</p> <p>HS would like parish councils to be more involved in the next consultation by being more involved in getting information out to members of the public and playing a part in taking the feedback.</p> <p>JA requested that each Parish Council was contacted prior to the consultation beginning to provide them with an opportunity to comment on how the next round may be conducted and copy in members of the Joint Working Group.</p>	<p>HS to work on draft letter.</p>
<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</p> <p>10th March 2010, 4.30pm, Bailey House.</p>	