

## Joint Working Group

### RMBC and Parish and Town Councils

11/05/09 Town Hall, Rotherham

#### Present:-

Councillor Mahroof Hussain (Chair)

Councillor Jane Austen (JA)

Councillor Eric Shaw (ES)

Councillor Gary Cooper (GC)

Councillor Ted Kelsey (TK)

Councillor Richard Swann (RS)

Jan Leyland (JL)

Paul Griffiths (PG)

Helen Sleight (HL)

AGENDA	ACTION
<p><b>1. Apologies</b></p> <p>Councillor Pat Wade</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>World Environment Day</b></p> <p>JL advised the group that planning was taking place for the World Environment Day scheduled for the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2009 and that she would ensure that there is parish council involvement. The event was being co-ordinated by Chief Execs office and the Neighbourhood Partnerships Team and will include a number of events including a workshop for young people across each Area Assembly area facilitated by the Area Partnership Managers.</p> <p>.</p> <p><b>Code of Conduct</b></p> <p>PG advised that Tim Mumford is presenting the documents to the Standards Committee on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2009 following which it is hoped the documents will be ready to release onto the Parish Councils Website.</p> <p><b>Feedback from Parish Representatives on Council Committees</b></p> <p>PG advised that the Scrutiny team had discussed the proposal and provided the following feedback:-</p> <p>That the reporting back is 'owned' by the parish representatives and is done on a six month basis.</p>	<p>PG to contact TM following Standards Committee meeting.</p>

<p>That a link is made between the parish councils website and the Scrutiny website so information is readily available on the work of the Panels.</p>	<p>PG to contact scrutiny reps and progress.</p>
<p><b>3. Planning/LDF Next Phase of Consultation</b></p> <p>Helen Sleigh explained that a core strategy revised options consultation will be launched shortly. This will look at options for development of sites around the Borough to provide for 24500 new homes and 3 hectares of business development over the next 20 years.</p> <p>The Consultation will run from May 29<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> of July and includes three potential options all of which mean the release of some green belt land.</p> <p>It is intended that the consultation will be extensive and the options documents will be available at service centres, on-line and with interactive 'e forums', area assemblies holding workshop events, reference copies in libraries and up to three borough wide drop in sessions.</p> <p>Further work will be done with Rotherham Ethnic Minority Alliance and Yorkshire Planning Aid to reach out to minority groups.</p> <p>The potential development sites in question are available for anyone to see and during the consultation the three options will be illustrated on a map.</p> <p>Dates and venues of the consultation are yet to be agreed however all parish councils will be invited to take part.</p> <p>A question and answer session followed with the group:</p> <p>TK: Are Bramley and Wickersley are likely to be effected?</p> <p>HL: This has yet to be agreed. We are just beginning the consultation phase so it is not easy to say where is likely to be effected.</p> <p>RS: How final is the figure of 24500 new homes.</p> <p>HL: This is the final figure at the moment and includes releases of affordable housing.</p> <p>MH: What will be the outcome of the consultation?</p> <p>HL: One of the option will emerge as a favoured option. Most probably the one with the least impact and least development and will come into effect at the end of 2010.</p>	

<p>MH: How can we ensure the involvement of parish councils in the consultation process?</p> <p>JA added that it is important the dates for any drop in sessions etc go out as soon as possible to be included in parish meeting agendas.</p> <p>HL: e-flyers and posters will be made available and a link will be provided on rotherhamparishcouncils website so any Parish council can go directly to the information. A presentation can also be made at the next Parish Network meeting.</p>	<p>PG to update website and provide HL with details of next Parish Network.</p>
<p><b>3. Feedback from the Parish Network meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2009.</b></p> <p>PG reported that he had only received a handful of feedback sheets from the event however they had been mainly very positive. A few comments were made about the event starting late however this was clearly out of the control of the joint working group. In total 36 people attended the meeting which compared well with previous attendances.</p> <p>The group discussed the content of the next Network meeting and it was agreed that the following topics could be explored:</p> <p>LDF options consultation Licensing Well Being Power</p> <p>It was agreed that the date for the next meeting would be the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2009 at the Town Hall with a 5.30/6pm start.</p>	<p>PG to begin work on arrangements.</p>
<p><b>4. Any other Business</b></p> <p>TK thanked the group for it's support following the recent sad loss of his wife.</p>	
<p><b>6. Date and Time of the Next Meeting.</b></p> <p>29<sup>th</sup> June 2009 4pm at the Town Hall</p>	