

<p>The group noted that this comment however is was agreed that the review is still in the consultative phase and as such no decision have been made and it was therefore difficult for the officers to elaborate on some elements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The event should contain more workshops and have less time focused on presentations” <p>The group agreed with this point. Discussion followed around the content of potential workshops at future events:-</p> <p>Basic HR issues Election costs Parish Review What is the LSP? Planning law – including planning applications as case studies and a chat to illustrate the process of dealing with responding to a planning application. Further update on the Parish Review</p> <p>PG suggested that it would be an interesting diversion to have a keynote speaker at the event. PW suggested that John Healey could be contacted with a view to attending a future meeting.</p> <p>The group agreed that due to other pressures it is unlikely that the next scheduled event will take place during September. A new date will be agreed at the next meeting.</p>	<p>PG to contact John Healey.</p>
<p>4. Rotherham Show</p> <p>PG advised the group that planning for the Rotherham show was still in the early stages however an application had been made to hold a Parish and Town councils stall.</p> <p>The group agreed that is would be useful to promote the following broad issues:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint working between RMBC and Parish and Town Councils • The role and function of Parish and Town councils and how they ‘make a difference’. <p>PG explained that early discussions around the content of the corporate tent had indicated a move towards more interactive displays. The group discussed a number of ideas and felt that it would be interesting to hold a quiz using a map of Parish Councils in the borough. This would ask participants to identify local landmarks whilst showing people that they have a local Parish Council active in their area.</p> <p>JA suggested contacting all parish clerks to request assistance</p>	<p>PG to progress promotional material with the Design Studio</p> <p>PG to contact clerks</p>

<p>with the stall. PG reminded the group that a request had been made at the last Parish Network meeting however no volunteers had been forthcoming.</p>	
<p>5. Training and Development</p> <p>The group considered training needs over the next 12 months. It was agreed that basic human resources training would be useful for Parish and Town Councils and that some commitments by RBT in the Joint Working Charter would be worth exploring. This includes the commitment relating to procurement and using the bulk purchasing power of RMBC to benefit parish and town councils for items such as office supplies.</p>	<p>PG to contact RBT</p>
<p>6. Representation on the LSP</p> <p>Following the recent Parish Network meeting Sheena Spence of the Yorkshire Local Councils Association contacted JA to request that Rotherham's Parish Councils have some representation on the Local Strategic Partnership. JA had responded and explained that the group has representation on the Proud Theme board and this was considered the most appropriate representation at the moment.</p> <p>Previously the group had nominated David Morton to attend the Proud Board. However at the present time David's position within the group is unclear and it is not known if he had attended the last meeting.</p> <p>The group resolved that this situation is resolved and that a Parish representative is present on the Proud board and feedback to the Joint Working group following each meeting.</p>	<p>PG to clarify situation with DM & contact Proud Theme Manager</p>
<p>Rotherham Community Newspaper</p> <p>JA explained that Rotherham Matters (RMBC's internal newsletter) is to be replaced by a community newspaper. The paper will be in a 'tabloid' style and will take news stories from the Council and all its partners including the police and the PCT.</p> <p>The paper hopes to reflect local issues as opposed to a generic issue being delivered borough wide.</p> <p>The group agreed that this is an opportunity for parish and town councils to raise their profile and feature their developments, issues and news stories as the newspaper evolves.</p>	<p>PG to raise with Tracey Holmes via AA Communications officer</p>
<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>JA informed the group that the Democratic Renewal Scrutiny Panel will be revisiting the Scrutiny Review of 2004 looking at</p>	

joint working with parish councils including assessing the impact of the Joint Working Charter. The group will have a role to play in this and all contributions will be welcomed.	
Date of Next Meeting To be confirmed following the August shutdown.	