

**Rotherham Together Partnership (RTP) meeting**

**5.30-7.30pm, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

**AES Seal New York Stadium**

**Notes and Action points**

**Attendees:**

Akhtar, Azizzum  
Chavaudra, Nicole  
Connolly, John  
Denniff, Andrew  
Dexter, Adrian  
Harwin, Jason  
Havenhand, Martin  
Heyes, Emma  
Kemp, Sharon  
Kenny, Cmmr Julie  
Kitlowski, Dr Julie  
Leach, Simeon  
Niedzwiedz, Marek  
Roberts, Steve  
Roche, Cllr David  
Rodgers, Simon  
Scothern, Charlotte  
Sims, Cllr Kath  
Smith, Mark  
Smith, Mike  
Wheatley, Janet  
Woodcock, Paul

**Sector/Organisation:**

Voluntary, Community & Faith Sectors (VCF)  
RMBC CYPS  
Further Education  
Chamber of Commerce  
VCF Sector Representative  
South Yorkshire Police  
Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust  
CYPS, RMBC  
Chief Executive, RMBC  
Commissioner, Lead for Partnerships  
Rotherham Clinical Commissioning Group  
Economic Development Manager, RMBC  
Business Representative  
Chair, Business Growth Board  
Chair, Health & Wellbeing Board  
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue  
Business Representative  
Chair, Safer Rotherham Partnership  
VCF Sector Representative  
Rotherham, Donc & S Humber NHS Trust  
Voluntary Action Rotherham  
Assistant Director of Planning, RMBC

**Apologies:**

Barnes, Liz  
Jagger, Paul  
Oldfield, Margaret  
Pater, Lawson  
Pogson, Lisa  
Read, Cllr Chris  
Stephenson, Amy  
Vine, Cllr Caven  
Willis, Ruth

**Sector/Organisation:**

HR, Sheffield Hallam University  
Chamber of Commerce  
Voluntary Action Rotherham  
Rotherham, Donc & S Humber NHS Trust  
Business Representative  
Leader, RMBC (Chair)  
Business Representative  
Leader of the Opposition Group, RMBC  
VCF Sector Representative

**Rotherham Partnership:**

Haywood, Carole

Partnership Manager, RMBC

Holmes, Michael

Assistant Partnership Manager, RMBC

Rodgers, Kellie

Partnership Officer, RMBC

	Agenda item	Action
1.	<p><b>Opening, welcome and introductions</b></p> <p>Cmmr Julie Kenny gave apologies for the Leader, Cllr Chris Read, who was tied up work relating to the CSE verdicts announced earlier today. Cmmr Kenny confirmed that she would chair the meeting in his absence. Cmmr Kenny welcomed everyone to the meeting, and introductions followed. Additional apologies were noted, as above.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Notes and actions from the previous meeting and declarations of interest</b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p> <p>The notes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.</p> <p><b>Matters arising</b></p> <p><b>Rotherham Together Partnership new logo</b></p> <p>Carole Haywood confirmed that the new logo had been chosen and was now in use. A thank you was noted to the students at Rotherham College for their involvement in this project.</p> <p><b>New vision for Rotherham/Community Strategy discussion</b></p> <p>To be picked up on today's agenda.</p> <p>Simeon Leach provided a brief update on his recent visit to Bradford which looked at how they had successfully regenerated the city and improved internal/external perceptions. Bradford Council had injected lots of funding into capital works, coupled with some regional growth fund money. They have also offered rate rebates for up to three years to attract new businesses as well as rebates on listed building use. They have a clear culture and leisure offer, with a large music venue and 12-screen cinema and outline proposals for a further 6-screen cinema. Bradford acknowledged that they need to undertake some work</p>	

	<p>on their train/coach station to improve this gateway to the city. A reciprocal visit with Rotherham would be arranged.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p><b>The new vision for Rotherham/Community strategy discussion and presentation</b></p> <p>Carole Haywood introduced the paper which asked the RTP to agree an annual partnership plan for 2016/17 and action plan, together with an outline programme for consulting on a longer term community strategy and vision. Carole confirmed that she would allow a further week for comments/amendments prior to the launch, which is taking place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March at the Carlton Park Hotel. The plan will include initiatives that stem from feedback provided via the Views from Rotherham consultation.</p> <p>Carole asked that the RTP circulate the launch event invitation across their networks.</p> <p>A further away day session is to take place on the 13<sup>th</sup> April for the CEO Group and their respective organisational chairs, to start the process on the longer term vision and strategy. A consultation programme for the strategy will be brought back to the June RTP meeting for discussion.</p> <p>Carole thanked Michael Holmes for writing and developing the plan to this stage.</p> <p>The plan contains three main themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bringing people together</li> <li>• Opportunity and equality</li> <li>• Welcoming places</li> </ul> <p>There is an overriding focus on building social capital and an emphasis on ongoing communications and engagement.</p> <p>Questions/comments followed.</p> <p>Mike Smith noted the lack of physical/mental health indicators in the plan and highlighted Rotherham’s success in the area of social prescribing.</p>	

	<p>Sharon Kemp commented that there had been lots of information collected from the Views from Rotherham consultation and it was good to have time to reflect on this.</p> <p>Cmmr Kenny suggested that the wider partnership could engage in this process via a further dedicated session to take place in June.</p> <p>Carole asked that the RTP forward details of any initiatives/activity for inclusion in the plan, or that the wider partnership could promote/support.</p> <p>The RTP <b>agreed</b> the partnership plan for 2016/17 and the associated action plan.</p> <p>The RTP <b>noted</b> the details of the 17<sup>th</sup> March event.</p> <p>The RTP <b>agreed</b> the proposed consultation programme for the longer-term vision and community strategy (as outlined in the paper).</p>	<p>Action: CH</p> <p>Action: all</p>
4.	<p><b>Update on the partnership initiatives (presentation)</b></p> <p>Carole Haywood delivered a presentation outlining the partnership initiatives under the banner of ‘Let’s get Rotherham...’ including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Let’s get Rotherham Cleaning</i> – lead officer Shirley Hallam, RMBC</li> <li>• <i>Let’s get Rotherham Talking</i> – lead officer Carole</li> <li>• <i>Let’s get Rotherham working</i> – lead officer Simeon Leach, RMBC</li> <li>• <i>Let’s get Rotherham shopping</i> – lead officer Bernadette Rushton, RMBC.</li> </ul> <p>Questions/comments followed.</p> <p>Cmmr Kenny commented that there were lots of good things happening at the moment in Rotherham, including the launch of Grimm &amp; Co in the town centre.</p> <p>Jason Harwin informed the RTP that national media had now moved to a position of looking to the future and asking ‘what does the new Rotherham look like?’ Jason stressed the need to</p>	

	<p>take up this opportunity to promote the good things that were happening in the town.</p> <p>Andrew Denniff confirmed that there was lots of media interest in Rotherham at the moment and he had received a request for an interview from ITV, this would provide a good opportunity to highlight the good work that is taking place.</p>	
5.	<p><b>‘Bringing People Together’ Community Relations work (Paper 2)</b></p> <p>Sharon Kemp asked the RTP to support the ‘enough is enough’ petition which closes on the 26<sup>th</sup> February and a letter regarding the impact of EDL demonstrations locally and their effect on community cohesion, which was in the process of being drafted and would be sent to the Home Secretary.</p> <p>Sharon highlighted a practical action in the reporting of hate crime across partners, asking whether partners could consider becoming 3<sup>rd</sup> party recorders of hate crime and change mainstream practice to deal with issues at point of contact.</p> <p>Carole Haywood asked how partners could support the promotion of reporting incidents of hate crime. Jason Harwin responded that a good starting point would be to educate partner workforces to stop/challenge these incidents.</p> <p>Steve Roberts asked whether the RTP should have a statement of values to set out what it stands for and give out a consistent message.</p> <p>Azizzum Akhtar suggested that small, night time economy businesses would find some information on hate crime and reporting of hate crime useful.</p> <p>Adrian Dexter suggested that a video could be produced to show what young people in Rotherham think about community cohesion. John Connolly offered to investigate whether this could be accommodated within the curriculum of video production students at Rotherham College.</p>	
6.	<b>Skills, Jobs and the Economy (presentation)</b>	

Paul Woodcock (RMBC) and Andrew Denniff (Chamber of Commerce) delivered a presentation which gave an overview of skills, jobs and the economy within Rotherham and the wider Sheffield City Region. The main points included:

- The challenges faced by Rotherham and the wider Sheffield City Region
- An outline of the strategic structures
- An update on the AMP and AMID
- Proposals for large scale developments (e.g. Bassingthorpe Farm)
- Town Centre opportunities
- Business Growth Board priorities

Andrew Denniff ran through a few key infrastructure dates, including:

- The opening of the new Tinsley viaduct road in October which will tie into the rapid transit bus scheme.
- The tram/train system between Rotherham and Parkgate will open in Feb/March 2017
- Phase 1 of the new FARRRS road project is now open (Great Yorkshire Way) and will provide a new highway from the M18 at junction three to Doncaster Sheffield Airport with links into Rossington and the iPort development.

Questions and comments followed.

Charlotte Scothern asked what incentives were available to attract new/growing businesses. Paul Woodcock responded that there is lots of activity in this area, including rate relief, AMP enterprise zone status and Sheffield City Region growth hub.

Steve Roberts added that RiDO should be the first point of contact for new businesses and will be key to moving the borough forward.

Julie Kenny informed RTP that UKTI had made a request to join the Business Growth Board, and she highlighted exporting as a key area of growth.

	<p>The chair thanked Paul and Andrew for their presentation.</p>	
	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><b>International Women’s Day/Athena</b>  An event will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> March at Tankersley Manor Hotel to celebrate International Women’s Day and will incorporate the Athena Awards. The event is organised by Women in Business (Chamber of Commerce). Carole Haywood has three tickets for the event available; RTP members should contact Carole directly if they wish to attend.</p> <p><b>Business in the Community – Business Connector Programme</b>  Janet Wheatley to make contact with BITC to discuss their Business Connector Programme.</p> <p><b>Biomass Power Plant at Templeborough</b>  Andrew Denniff informed the RTP that a visit to the new £16m Biomass Power Plant site at Templeborough is arranged for the 15<sup>th</sup> March, 1.00-3.00pm. RTP members should contact Andrew directly if they wish to attend.</p>	<p>Action: CH to circulate details</p>