

**Rotherham Together Partnership (RTP) meeting**  
**5.00-7.00pm, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2015**  
**AES Seal New York Stadium**  
**Notes**

**Attendees:**

Akhtar, Azizzum  
 Alton, Gill  
 Barnes, Liz  
 Barnett, Louise  
 Denniff, Andrew  
 Dexter, Adrian  
 Havenhand, Martin  
 Jagger, Paul  
 Kenny, Cmmr Julie  
 Kitlowski, Dr Julie  
 Leach, Simeon  
 Pater, Lawson  
 Manzie, Cmmr Stella  
 Niedzwiedz, Marek  
 Pogson, Lisa  
 Read, Cllr Chris  
 Roche, Cllr David  
 Roche, Terri  
 Rodgers, Simon  
 Scothern, Charlotte  
 Shillito, Phil  
 Stephenson, Amy  
 Vines, Cllr Caven  
 Wheatley, Janet

**Sector/Organisation:**

Voluntary, Community and Faith Sectors (VCF)  
 Further Education  
 HE, Sheffield Hallam University  
 CEOG/Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust  
 CEOG/Chamber of Commerce  
 VCF Sectors  
 Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust  
 Chamber of Commerce  
 Commissioner, Lead for Partnerships  
 Rotherham Clinical Commissioning Group  
 Economic Development Manager, RMBC  
 Rotherham, Donc & S Humber NHS Trust  
 MD Commissioner, Partnership Secretary  
 Business Representative  
 Business Representative  
 Leader, RMBC (Chair)  
 Chair, Health & Wellbeing Board  
 Director of Public Health, RMBC  
 South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue  
 Business Representative  
 CEOG/South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue  
 Business Representative  
 Leader of the Opposition Group, RMBC  
 CEOG/Voluntary Action Rotherham

**Apologies:**

McCurry, Supt Paul  
 Oldfield, Margaret  
 Smith, Mark  
 Willis, Ruth

**Sector/Organisation:**

South Yorkshire Police  
 Voluntary Action Rotherham  
 Voluntary & Community Sector  
 Voluntary & Community Sector

**Rotherham Partnership**

Haywood, Carole  
 Rodgers, Kellie

Partnership Manager, RMBC  
 Partnership Support Officer, RMBC

	Agenda item	Action
1.	<p><b>Opening and welcome to the new Rotherham Together Partnership</b></p> <p>Commissioner Julie Kenny welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked people for coming together at relatively short notice, noting that some of the recruitment of representatives had only been concluded in the last couple of weeks. Cmmr Kenny offered an in-depth induction meeting to all new members.</p> <p>Carole Haywood to follow up this offer with individual RTP members.</p>	CH

2.	<p><b>Introductions</b></p> <p>Introductions were made, with each of the representatives giving a brief description of their role and the sector they represent.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Rotherham Together Partnership Paper 1: Formal proposal of the partnership model</b></p> <p>Attendees on arrival had been given an induction pack containing the meeting agenda, RTP paper, model, structures and Terms of Reference for the RTP and Chief Executive Officer Group and representative's contact details. Apologies were also noted for the late circulation of the papers and agenda via email.</p> <p>Cmmr Kenny opened the item by giving a brief background to the refresh of the Local Strategic Partnership and the supporting Partnership Boards, explaining that the refresh was part of the 'fresh start' for Rotherham as noted in the Council's Improvement Plan.</p> <p>Cmmr Kenny proposed the nomination of Cllr Chris Read, Leader of the Council as Chair of RTP for its first year. This nomination was <b><u>agreed</u></b> by the RTP members.</p> <p>Cllr Read, the Chair of RTP, then welcomed everyone, introduced himself and spoke a little about the roadshows that had recently been taking place across the borough, led by the Commissioners, Council and partners. The main aim was to engage with people and listen to their views and opinions of Rotherham. The 'Views from Rotherham' roadshows were attended by over 1400 Rotherham residents/workers, and offered an opportunity for people to talk about the town and its future. Over 300 people also completed the same consultation on-line. Rotherham Show and a Chamber Business event provided further opportunity with approximately 700 participants voting on a set of 12 statements (derived from the roadshow consultation) which they had to prioritise. The views and feedback will help to shape the new vision for the borough and the new Community Strategy – with further, more detailed discussions on this later in the meeting.</p> <p>The Chair then asked Carole Haywood to take the RTP members through the paper on the formal agreement of the RTP including the model, structures, membership and terms of reference for both the RTP and the CEOG.</p> <p>Questions/comments followed:</p> <p>Paul Jagger requested that future meeting dates were set and communicated well in advance.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>CH</p>

	<p>Lawson Pater asked for clarification within the RTP Terms of Reference on the 'agreement' of the shared vision, and whether there would be an opportunity for RTP to contribute to or develop the vision.</p> <p>Commr Manzie noted the point, and expressed it would be discussed within the next item of the agenda.</p> <p>Lawson also requested formal, regular reporting from the CEO Group and supporting boards relating to the oversight and agreement of the delivery plan. (As per paragraph 22 of the report). SM agreed to amend the TOR to reflect this.</p> <p>Carole Haywood informed the RTP that she was working with colleagues within RMBC Children and Young People's Services to look at how best to engage with young people. The group <b>agreed</b> to contact Carole directly if they would like to participate in a joint working group to scope out this work further.</p> <p>A question was raised as to whether number of VCF sector reps was adequate for the Partnership? Janet Wheatley, CEO of Voluntary Action Rotherham confirmed that the quota of voluntary and community sector representatives should be adequate, given that each of the reps link into different networks and consortia.</p> <p>The RTP <b>agreed</b> the structure and membership of the RTP.</p> <p>The RTP <b>agreed</b> the terms of reference for the RTP (subject to the amendment noted above) and the supporting operational Chief Executive Officer Group.</p> <p>The RTP <b>agreed</b> Cllr Chris Read as the Chair of RTP for the first year of operation.</p>	<p>CH</p> <p>All</p>
4.	<p><b>Key tasks for the Partnership: Rotherham Community Strategy – Discussion item</b></p> <p>This item was led by Commissioner Stella Manzie who gave an overview on partnership working, and how it must be able to demonstrate 'added value' for those involved in order to succeed. Cmmr Manzie stressed the subtleties of partnership working and the need to allow for flexibilities and respond to situations as they arise. Cmmr Manzie confirmed that the Council were currently working on a vision for the borough which partners should identify with. A discussion paper will be brought to the RTP November meeting, following on from discussions at the CEO Group regarding the vision. Any comments at this stage to be forwarded to Carole Haywood/Cmmr Manzie.</p> <p>Discussion followed on the vision and strategy, main points raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The vision/strategy should be bold and daring – has to include something that attracts people into Rotherham</li> </ul>	<p>Agenda item for the next meeting</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whatever we do should be representative of the 12 statements (derived from the roadshows).</li> <li>• Although the 12 statements are broadly emotions/feelings – they could become tangible and measurable if we frame specific targets around the statements</li> <li>• How can we galvanise the work that is taking place elsewhere – for example Rotherham Less Lonely campaign – helping to alleviate loneliness and isolation in older people (especially as Rotherham has an ageing population)</li> <li>• The people of Rotherham need to own the strategy/vision – then it would help people to engage with the process</li> <li>• We need a robust communications strategy to keep the media informed of progress and what we are doing - we need to ensure that good news stories are promoted</li> <li>• There is a need to be careful that we have a consistency of message before we promote what we are doing more widely</li> <li>• We need build a momentum for change with something tangible that we can point to and say we did it! (as soon as possible – quick wins)</li> <li>• We need to change perceptions and restore confidence (long term process)</li> <li>• We need to listen to the people, identify work streams under each theme/board with specific targets.</li> <li>• We can subtly engage with the vast network of partner workforces which we have access to</li> <li>• We need to harness community activity (without over-reliance upon it) and contribute to taking Rotherham to a different place (where would we like Rotherham to be?)</li> <li>• Lots of missed opportunities for the borough over the past 10-15 years, however there will be other opportunities that are presented to us and we need to be ready to seize them</li> <li>• Make the work visible – what does this look like to a resident?</li> <li>• The statements are symptoms and RTP needs to address the cause of these symptoms</li> <li>• Take preventative decisions early e.g. change planning laws to insist that sprinkler systems are installed in all new-build properties</li> <li>• Agree to what partners are able to tangibly achieve – e.g. increasing employment – take on an apprentice</li> <li>• Agree some basic principles around daring to be different, information sharing, breaking down governance barriers</li> <li>• Partners should be open to sharing risks within their own organisations – this presents an opportunity to change and transform organisations</li> </ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do we create a fantastic quality of life for Rotherham residents?</li> <li>• We need to champion equality and diversity.</li> </ul> <p>Carole Haywood confirmed that a detailed report which underpins the roadshow findings would be released shortly (mid-October). CH to circulate the report to RTP members when available.</p> <p>Cmmr Manzie suggested there needs to be a rejuvenated RTP website with a social media presence, and agreed to access to some RMBC communications capacity. Cmmr Manzie stressed the need to be clear about what RTP won't do.</p> <p>Cmmr Manzie commented that as this was the initial meeting of the RTP it was the first opportunity for the group to discuss the vision and strategy. Cmmr Manzie confirmed that the RTP team would produce a paper for the next meeting which would stimulate some further thinking about the future strategy and vision and how partners can draw upon their collective power (including both quick wins and longer term plans). This would be a progressive/evolving process.</p> <p>Cmmr Manzie confirmed that the RTP would have a system of open agenda setting. Partners are to channel any items for the agenda through Carole Haywood, Cllr Read or Cmmr Kenny.</p>	<p>CH</p> <p>All</p>
5.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><b>Rotherham Together Partnership Brand &amp; Logo</b></p> <p>Cmmr Kenny informed the RTP that students from RCAT had been commissioned to design new branding and a logo for Rotherham Together Partnership. Carole Haywood will work with the students over the next few weeks and shortlisted designs will be presented to the next meeting for agreement.</p> <p><b>Community Achievement Awards</b></p> <p>Janet Wheatley informed the group that the Community Achievement Awards 2015 will be held on Friday 20th November. The Awards, which have now been running for twelve years, offer a unique opportunity to celebrate the people and projects that have made a real difference to communities in Rotherham. The RTP members would be receiving an invite to the event.</p>	<p>Agenda item for next meeting</p>

Next meeting: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 5.30-7.30pm, AES Seal New York Stadium