

Meeting of: The Council **Time / Date** 7.00 pm, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2008 Venue Council Chamber, Hardman Mill, New Hall Hey, Rawtenstall

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ITEM	Agenda	Lead Member/
		Contact Officer
Α.	BUSINESS MATTERS	
A1.	Apologies for Absence	
A2.	To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2008.	
A3.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> Members are requested to indicate at this stage, any items on the agenda in which they intend to declare an interest. Members are reminded that, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000 and the Council's Code of Conduct, they must declare the nature of any personal interest and, if the interest is prejudicial, withdraw from the meeting during consideration of the item.	Linda Fisher, Executive Director - Business (Monitoring Officer) Tel: (01706) 252447 Email: <u>lindafisher@rossendalebc.gov.uk</u>
A4.	<b>Urgent Items of Business</b> To note any items which the Mayor has agreed to add to the Agenda on the grounds of urgency.	







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B. Topic for debate – Highways and Transportation in Rossendale	
The debate will take the following form:	
<ul> <li>i) Welcome and Introductions</li> <li>Welcome by the Leader of the Council outlining the purpose of the debate.</li> </ul>	
ii) Presentation by Sir Howard Bernstein, Chief Executive, Manchester City Council On the subject of the Transport Innovation Fund.	
<b>iii) Community Views</b> Members of the public will be invited to ask questions on the Transport Innovation Fund and to express their views on the consultation on congestion charging in Greater Manchester.	
http://www.gmfuturetransport.co.uk/consultation/	Carolyn Sharples, Committee and Member Services Officer
<b>iv) Questions by Elected Members</b> Councillors will be invited to ask questions on the Transport Innovation Fund and to express their views and consider a formal response on the consultation on congestion charging in Greater Manchester. A copy of the consultation document and the comments of the Councillor Response Group are attached for background information.	Tel: 01706 252422 Email: carolynsharples@rossendalebc.gov.uk
<b>v) Presentation by Lancashire County Council</b> A presentation by Elected Members and Officers of the County Council setting the scene in relation to highways and transportation in Rossendale and the way forward.	
<b>vi) Community Views</b> Members of the public will be invited to express their views on highways and transportation issues and ask questions.	
<b>vii)Questions by Elected Members</b> Councillors will be invited to express their views on highways and transportation issues and ask questions.	
<b>viii) Council Debate</b> Elected members will be invited to debate the highways and transportation issues and, if appropriate, to make any resolution.	

С.	<b>Communications from the Mayor, the</b> <b>Leader or Head of Paid Service</b> To receive any communications from the Mayor, the Leader, or the Head of the Paid Service that they may wish to lay before the Council.	The Mayor Councillor Gill, Councillor Swain and Carolyn Wilkins, Chief Executive Tel: (01706) 252428 Email: <u>carolynwilkins@rossendalebc.gov.uk</u>
D. D1.	COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Public Question Time This is an opportunity to ask the Council a question about a matter which we can assist with.	Carolyn Sharples, Committee and Member Services Officer Tel: 01706 252422 Email: <u>carolynsharples@rossendalebc.gov.uk</u>
E.	MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME	
E1.	<ul> <li>Questions by Members</li> <li>Subject to Council Procedure Rule 10.2, a Member of the Council may put a question to:-</li> <li>The Leader</li> <li>A Member of the Cabinet</li> <li>The Chairman of any Committee or Sub- Committee</li> <li>The Member of the Council appointed to a Joint Committee and nominated as Spokesperson for the Joint Committee</li> <li>The Member of the Council appointed as the Council's representative on an Outside Body</li> </ul>	Carolyn Sharples, Committee and Member Services Officer Tel: 01706 252422 Email: carolynsharples@rossendalebc.gov.uk
F.	ORDINARY BUSINESS	
Recommendation of the Cabinet 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2008		
F1a.	Strengthening our Neighbourhoods: Area Based Grant.	Councillor Swain / Carolyn Wilkins, Chief Executive Tel:
Recommendation of the Cabinet 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2008		01706 252428 Email: carolynwilkins@rossendalebc.gov.uk
F1b.	Food Law Enforcement Service Plan 2008-2009.	

F2.	To consider the following written notice of motion submitted by Councillors C Pilling and J Pilling: "That Rossendale Council re-opens the Tourist Information Centre in a dedicated building and in an appropriate location". Notice of Motion	Councillor C Pilling and Councillor J Pilling Councillor C Pilling and
	To consider the following written notice of motion submitted by Councillors C Pilling and J Pilling: "That Rossendale Council considers an application in partnership with neighbouring Boroughs for the status of area of outstanding natural beauty, which will enhance tourism, protect and enhance our landscapes, and preserve our wonderful heritage".	Councillor J Pilling
F4.	Annual Review of the Constitution	Councillor Swain / Linda Fisher, Executive Director - Business Tel: (01706) 252447 Email: <u>lindafisher@rossendalebc.gov.uk</u>
F5.	Local Government Ombudsman – Annual Letter The Council is asked to consider the Annual Letter for the year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2008 together with the Council's Annual Complaints Review	Councillor Essex / Linda Fisher, Executive Director - Business Tel: (01706) 252447 Email: <u>lindafisher@rossendalebc.gov.uk</u>
F6.	<b>Urgent Decisions</b> The Council is asked to note that two urgent Cabinet decisions have been taken since the last meeting:	
1.	A decision was taken under Rule 12 of the Cabinet Procedure Rules on the 1 <sup>st</sup> September. This related to an amendment to the boundaries in the Plans of the Interim Housing Policy Statement. The reason for urgency was to provide clarity.	Councillor Essex / Linda Fisher, Executive Director - Business Tel: (01706) 252447 Email: <u>lindafisher@rossendalebc.gov.uk</u>
2.	A decision was taken under Rule 16 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules on 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2008. This related to the development of a community based management plan for Rossendale woodlands between the area of Hareholme and Waterfoot. The reason for urgency was a funding deadline.	

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Carolyn Wilkins Chief Executive

Date published: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2008

## Transport Arrangements

Rossendale Council and Rossendale Transport have teamed up to provide an extension to the County Rider Bus Service. The new shuttle will take people from Rawtenstall Town Centre to Council meetings held at the new Hardman's Mill Council Chamber at New Hall Hey.

The service will pick people up from Rawtenstall Bus Station (STAND E) and take them to the Council Chamber at Hardman's Mill. It will operate as and when required for up to 30 minutes before each meeting begins. The longest anyone will have to wait for the bus is the time it takes for the bus to make a return trip – less than 8 minutes.

Anyone can use this service with a small charge of £1.00 per person. NoW Card holders will get their usual concession.

