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ROTHERHAM'S LEADERS TO HOST NEIGHBOURHOOD SESSIONS

Some of Rotherham's most senior leaders and managers are set to host meetings across the town to talk about the borough's future.

One change already made in the last year was the creation of the Rotherham Together Partnership - which brings together representatives from some of the main local agencies to work on a range of shared priorities. Its aim is to improve the social and economic wellbeing of the Rotherham borough.

Chief executives and leaders of this group – which includes the Police, Fire Service, Colleges, Hospitals, the Council, Voluntary and Community Sector, Business leaders and the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) – are set to host sessions in local neighbourhoods. Not only is this a chance to meet with them, but it will also give local people the chance to have a say about issues important to them.

These sessions follow on from the 2015 "Views from Rotherham", which was the biggest consultation that Rotherham council and partners has ever undertaken. These new sessions are part of the Partnership's commitment to having ongoing discussions with the public and listening to their views.

Council Leader Cllr Chris Read, Chair of the Rotherham Together Partnership, said: "This is a key opportunity for people to let us know the issues which are important in the neighbourhoods they live in. It gives people a chance to put faces to names and to also get a clear understanding of the direction we are all moving in, given the tough times we all have to work in and the limits on budgets, due to Government cuts.

"There is no doubt that we have some very tough decisions to make in the future but knowing what is most important to the community helps us to prioritise."

The sessions will be an opportunity to provide feedback to people on the work that has taken place over the last year and to ask people what else that they would like to see addressed, including current issues in their local area. Officers will then take back the information from the sessions and look to resolve any arising issues, working with other partners as required.

The public sessions will take place between October and November 2016 at different locations across the borough, including Customer Service Centres, with a mix of daytime and evening sessions. Individual monthly sessions will follow after this.

They will be held in:

- Dinnington Resource Centre (Reception/Cafe Area), Tuesday 4th October, 4:15pm-5:15pm
- Swinton Library (Community Meeting Space), Wednesday 12th October, 1:45pm-2:45pm
- Aston Joint Service Centre (2nd Floor Meeting Rooms), Thursday 20th October, 10:45am-11:45pm
- Riverside House (Gallery), Thursday 3rd November, 5:45pm-6.45pm
- Rawmarsh Customer Service Centre, Tuesday 15th November, 10:45am-11:45pm
- Maltby Joint Service Centre, Tuesday 22nd November, 5:45pm-6:45pm

Further details about the sessions will follow, but anyone interested in attending a session should register at RTPartnership@rotherham.gov.uk or ring 01709 334020 to book a place.

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