

**SCHEME OF DELEGATION TO INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBERS**

**DECISION OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION**

**13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2006**

**Cabinet Member:** Councillor Sharif

**Attending Officer(s):** Gill Durie (Head of Partnerships and Regeneration)

**ROCHDALE TOWN CENTRE ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION**

CONSIDERED - A report of the Head of Partnerships & Regeneration (ICM. 5/06) seeking approval of expenditure on environmental improvements to Rochdale Town Centre, the funding being offered by European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) funding to be matched by Safer Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF) monies that have already been approved.

**DECIDED - That expenditure of £41,925 in 2006, £195,650 in 2007, and £41,925 in 2008 for environmental improvements across the SSCF eligible areas of Rochdale Town Centre, to be funded from Regional ERDF Funding, be approved for the purposes of Financial Regulation 12.15(b)**

Reason for the recommendation: Rochdale Town Centre is within the lower 3% of 'Super Output Areas' within the country and, as a result, has been allocated Safer Stronger Communities Funding to improve the quality of the public realm to attract investment and create a cleaner, safer, greener environment. This opportunity exists to match this funding with ERDF monies to make a significant improvement. The recommendations will also assist in meeting agreed outcomes within the Town Centre Improvement Plan, Community Plan, Housing Market Renewal Programme, and Borough Masterplan.

Alternatives considered: £279,000 has already been approved through the Safer Stronger Communities Fund for environmental action within Rochdale Town Centre; not proceeding with the additional ERDF spend will mean no increase in activity within the area and in investment being lost to the Borough. No other funding is available to match the SSCF allocation.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None.

**ELIGIBLE FOR CALL-IN:** Yes.