TIMELINE OF KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

May to July 2021

Rotherham
Metropolitan
Borough Council

KEY Government Announcements

Thriving Neighbourhoods

Better Health and Wellbeing

Economic Recovery

New Ways of Working

Hope and Confidence

Cross-cutting

Works to prepare riverside precinct and chantry buildings for demolition began, a key milestone in the development of Forge Island.

Staff wellbeing session on mindfulness streamed for staff to watch back

Rotherham was awarded £12.6 million under the Future High Streets fund. for the UEFA Women's Euros in 2022, aiming to inspire women and girls across the borough to get involved in football.

Recruitment

commenced

for Kickstart

placements

within the

Council.

The Council set out its legacy plans

The Member Induction Programme began, with 11 sessions held for Members during May.

Question and answer session held for staff with Sharon Kemp, Chief Executive. Three wellbeing sessions were held for staff: money, happiness and wellbeing, applied relaxation and emotional wellness.

News of three recent waste-related convictions were shared on the Council website and social media as part of #GetRidReyt.

A bid was submitted for almost £60 million from the Levelling Up Fund for projects across the borough.

Commenced installation of solar bins in the town centre.

Carer's Week

A session on the Year Ahead Plan and the new Council Plan was held for staff.

Rotherham was awarded £31.6 million from the Towns Fund to carry out ambitious regeneration projects across the town centre, Eastwood and Templeborough.

Clifton Park Museum reopened with two new temporary exhibitions.

JUNE

A new enhanced prebooked appointment mode for face-to-face customer service went live in five locations and in Riverside House in July.

> Videos were shared by Rotherham Libraries which showcased the Summer Reading Challenge and the Home Library Service.

> > Equalities Annual Report for 2020/21 published.

A video update
was shared on the
Rotherham Civic
Theatre refurbishment
ahead of its reopening
in September.

Support for children over the school holidays put in place, including The Rotherham Healthy Holidays Programme organised by the Council and partners to offer activities ranging from football and cycling through to arts and first aid.

Riverside Library reopened for the first time since March 2020.

Video showcasing the new town centre housing developments shared with residents.

Neighbourhood Centres reopened across the borough.

> 'The Great Big Rotherham To Do List' resilience toolkit was launched.

JULY

Future town centre plans put on display in front of what will become the new riverside gardens entrance.

A new £126,000 Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) opened in Greasbrough.

New feature allowing residents to use location services or put a pin on a map for reporting faulty lights, bollards or signs went live on the website.

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2021

MAY

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took place at the pr
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25 new ward webpages launched following the elections to reflect changes to wards and their Elected Members.

The Queen's Speech 2021 introduced 25 new pieces of upcoming legislation.

Video shared demonstrating the process at the Unity Centre, Rotherham's community testing site.

The purchase of land and buildings at Dinnington College to provide new specialist education for children with social, emotional and mental health needs was

completed.

Lateral flow test kits were made available from nine Rotherham libraries.

Step three of

lockdown easina

began on 17 May:

most outdoor

social contact

rules lifted, six

people or two

households can

meet indoors, and

indoor hospitality

can open.

2021 marked with information and events, including an information stand in All Saints Square.

Shared Lives Week celebrated throughout the borough, including a treasure hunt in Todwick, walks through Thrybergh Country Park and a final celebration event at Winthrop Gardens which focused on the strength and resilience of Shared Lives carers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

First fortnightly 'Rotherham Round-Up' bulletin went out to residents.

of lockdown
easing was
delayed from 21
June to 19 July
as the national
vaccination
programme was
accelerated.

Stage four

Announced that a new community food pantry at Kimberworth Park is to be created. A mental health awareness session for managers was held.

The first of a series of videos was released showcasing the Town Centre Masterplan.

Video shared as part of Let's Get Rotherham Moving campaign which featured local residents talking about what we all need to do to make sure we keep Rotherham moving out of Covid restrictions.

The Member Induction Programme was successfully delivered, and the Member Development Plan was completed.

The Council took part in Thank You Day – a UK-wide celebration of all the people whose actions have made a difference. A thank you wall was shared on the intranet with messages for colleagues, and various videos and posts were shared on social media, including a message from the Leader.

Step four of the roadmap (delayed from 21 June) began on 19 July: all legal limits on social contact removed and reopening of final closed sectors of economy. The development of new ward plans with Members began.

'Beat the Street' summer programme of activity developed, with the programme sent to schools and printed copies distributed around the borough. This included nature trail sheets for families, and an Olympic trail in Clifton Park on 16th August.

Announced that free school meal vouchers are to be extended over the summer, with almost £1m worth of vouchers to be provided to 10,802 children from 119 schools across the borough.

Two public consultations went live on cycling: the draft cycling strategy and the proposal to create cycle tracks along the A6178 Sheffield Road.

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