



CABINET AND COMMISSIONERS' DECISION MAKING MEETING

Monday, 15 January 2018

10.00 a.m.

**Council Chamber, Town Hall,
Moorgate Street, Rotherham. S60 2TH**

Cabinet Members:-

Leader of the Council
Deputy Leader of the Council
Adult Social Care and Health Portfolio
Corporate Services and Finance Portfolio
Housing Portfolio
Jobs and the Local Economy Portfolio
Neighbourhood Working & Cultural Services Portfolio
Waste, Roads and Community Safety Portfolio

Councillor Chris Read
Councillor Gordon Watson
Councillor David Roche
Councillor Saghir Alam
Councillor Dominic Beck
Councillor Denise Lelliott
Councillor Taiba Yasseen
Councillor Emma Hoddinott

Commissioners:-

Lead Commissioner Mary Ney
Commissioner Patricia Bradwell
Commissioner Julie Kenny

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A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies of any Member or Commissioner who is unable to attend the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

To invite Councillors and Commissioners to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or personal interests they may have in any matter which is to be considered at this meeting, to confirm the nature of those interests and whether they intend to leave the meeting for the consideration of the item.

3. Questions from Members of the Public

To receive questions from members of the public who wish to ask a general question in respect of matters within the Council's area of responsibility or influence.

Subject to the Chair's discretion, members of the public may ask one question and one supplementary question, which should relate to the original question and answered received.

Councillors are also entitled to ask any questions under this agenda item.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 December 2017 (Pages 1 - 16)

To receive the record of proceedings of the Cabinet and Commissioners' Decision Making Meeting held on 11 December 2017.

DECISIONS FOR CABINET

5. Calculation of the Council Tax Base for 2018/19 (Pages 17 - 23)

Report of the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services

Cabinet Member: Councillor Alam
Commissioner: Ney (in advisory role)

Recommendations:

That Cabinet recommend to Council:

1. That the amount calculated by Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council as its Council Tax Base and those of the Parish Councils shown at Appendix A for 2018/19 shall be a total of 69,240.35 Band D Equivalent Properties.

6. Increase in Council Tax Empty Property Premium (Pages 25 - 29)

Report of the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services

Cabinet Member: Councillor Alam
Commissioner: Ney (in advisory role)

Recommendations:

That Cabinet recommend to Council:

1. That an increase in the Empty Property Premium from 50% to 100% from the 1 April 2018 or any later date upon which the Autumn Budget 2017 provision to increase the Empty Homes Premium is implemented.

7. Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2018-19 (Pages 31 - 104)

Report of the Strategic Director of Adult Care and Housing

Cabinet Member: Councillor Beck
Commissioner: Kenny (in advisory role)

Recommendations:

That Cabinet recommends to the Council:

1. That the proposed 2018-19 Base Case for the HRA Business Plan and investment in services detailed within be approved.

2. That the plan be reviewed annually to provide an updated financial position as new government regulations come into force.

8. Housing Revenue Account Rents & Service Charges 2018/19 (Pages 105 - 113)

Report of the Strategic Director of Adult Care and Housing

Cabinet Member: Councillor Beck
Commissioner: Kenny (in advisory role)

Recommendations:

That Cabinet recommend to Council:-

1. That dwelling rents are reduced by 1% for 2018/19 in line with the requirements outlined in the Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016.
2. That there is a 3% increase to charges for garage rents, communal facilities, cooking gas and laundry facilities in 2018/19 in line with the increase in Consumer Price Index as at September 2017.
3. That the unit charge per Kwh for District Heating Schemes remains at the same level as agreed by the Council in December 2017.
4. That the draft Housing Revenue Account budget for 2018/19 be approved.

9. Introduction of a charging scheme for Food Hygiene Rating re-inspection visits (Pages 115 - 120)

Report of the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment

Cabinet Member: Councillor Hoddinott
Commissioner: Kenny (in advisory role)

Recommendations:

1. That a charging scheme for re-inspections of food businesses be introduced, when requested, in respect of the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme, with effect from 1 February 2018.
2. That the fee for re-inspections of food business, upon request as part of the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme, be set at £150 per inspection.

10. Recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

To receive a report detailing the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board in respect of the following items that were subject to pre-decision scrutiny on 10 January 2018:-

- Increase in Council Tax Empty Property Premium
- Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2018-19
- Housing Revenue Account Rents & Service Charges 2018/19
- Introduction of a charging scheme for Food Hygiene Rating re-inspection visits

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon Kemp". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

SHARON KEMP,
Chief Executive.