



CABINET

Monday, 21 January 2019

10.00 a.m.

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

Cabinet Members:-

Leader of the Council
Deputy Leader of the Council,
Children's Services and Neighbourhood Working Portfolio
Adult Social Care and Health Portfolio
Cleaner, Greener Communities
Corporate Services and Finance Portfolio
Housing Portfolio
Jobs and the Local Economy Portfolio
Waste, Roads and Community Safety Portfolio

Councillor Chris Read
Councillor Gordon Watson

Councillor David Roche
Councillor Sarah Allen
Councillor Saghir Alam
Councillor Dominic Beck
Councillor Denise Lelliott
Councillor Emma Hoddinott

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Venue: Council Chamber - Rotherham Town Hall, Moorgate Street, Rotherham, South Yorkshire S60 2TH

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A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies from any Member who is unable to attend the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

To invite Councillors 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 may also ask questions under this agenda item.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 1 - 19)

To receive the record of proceedings of the Cabinet meeting held on 17 December 2018

5. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Agenda Items 11 and 12 have exempt appendices. Therefore, if necessary when considering those items, the Chair will move the following resolution:-

That under Section 100(A) 4 of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of such Act indicated, as now amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND FINANCE

6. Calculation of the Council Tax Base for 2019/20 (Pages 21 - 27)

Report of the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services

Recommendations:-

1. That Cabinet recommend to Council that:

- (a) The amount calculated by the Council as its Council Tax Base and those of the Parish Councils shown at Appendix 1 for 2019/20 shall be a total of 70,279.97 Band D Equivalent Properties.
- (b) The creation of a new Parish of Waverley is noted.
- (c) The Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2019/20 remains unchanged from 2018/19.

HOUSING

7. Housing Revenue Account – Rents and Service Charges for 2019/2020 (Pages 29 - 37)

Report of the Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health

Recommendations:-

1. That Cabinet recommend to Council:-

- (a) That dwelling rents are reduced by 1% for 2019/20 in line with the requirements outlined in the Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016.
- (b) That there is a 2.4% increase to charges for garage rents, communal facilities, cooking gas and laundry facilities in 2019/20 in line with the increase in Consumer Price Index (CPI) as at September 2018.
- (c) That the unit charge per Kwh for District Heating Schemes

remains at the same level as agreed by the Council in December 2017.

- (d) Agree the draft Housing Revenue Account budget for 2019/20.
- (e) That rents and service charges will be collected over 52 weeks in line with Universal Credit payments.

8. Housing Revenue Account – Business Plan 2019/20 (Pages 39 - 60)

Report of the Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health

Recommendations:-

1. That Cabinet recommend to the Council to:

- (a) That the proposed 2019-20 Base Case Option 2 for the HRA Business Plan be approved.
- (b) That the plan be reviewed annually to provide an updated financial position.

9. Amendments to the Housing Allocation Policy - January 2019 (Pages 61 - 73)

Report of the Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health

Recommendations:-

1. That the five proposed amendments to the Allocation Policy detailed below be approved:-

- (a) Amend the banding related to homelessness households to award a higher band following a full homelessness assessment as detailed in section 3.2.6 of the report.
- (b) Amend the downsizing policy to award Band 2 status to Council or Housing Association tenants who are under occupying their home to move to a property with at least 1 less bedroom (a ground floor flat or a bungalow will require a medical assessment)
- (c) Amend the quota of advertised properties in Band 2 from 50% to 60%, reduce the quota of advertised properties in Band 3 from 40% to 30%, and retain the 10% quota for Transfers.
- (d) Amend the rule for single people who are Council or Housing Association tenants living in a flat who are expecting their first child to be eligible for family accommodation on the production of the MATB1 form.
- (e) Amend the local connection rule to give a person a local connection if their Grandparents or Primary Carer live in Rotherham and have done so for the last 3 years. There will be a validation process asking the applicant to provide proof of the Grandparent's address and confirmation that they are in contact with them.

10. Disposal of HRA Sites Whinney Hill and Chesterhill Avenue, Thrybergh (Pages 75 - 83)

Report of the Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health

Recommendations:-

1. That disposal on the open market of the Council-owned sites Whinney Hill and Chesterhill Avenue be approved.
 2. That the consideration and acceptance of the offer presenting the best consideration be undertaken by the Assistant Director of Housing and the Acting Assistant Director of Planning, Regeneration and Transport, in consultation with the Strategic Director for Finance and Customer Services and the Cabinet Member for Housing.
 3. That the Assistant Director of Legal Services be authorised to prepare and execute all necessary contractual documentation.
11. Delivery of bungalows on HRA sites using modern methods of construction (Pages 85 - 97)

Report of the Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health

Recommendations:-

1. That approval be given to the use of Housing Revenue Account capital resources up to a maximum of the amount set out in exempt Appendix 2, to deliver 12 bungalows using modern methods of construction on three Council-owned sites in the Hooper and Valley wards.

JOBS AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY

12. Disposal of Surplus Properties (Pages 99 - 122)

Report of the Acting Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment

Recommendations:-

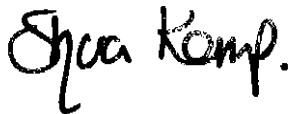
1. That approval be given to the proposed disposal of the Council's freehold interest in the following properties:-
 - (a) Goodwin Crescent, Swinton
 - (b) 36 Nelson Street, Boston Castle
 - (c) Netherfield Court, Eldon Road, Eastwood
 - (d) 20 Percy Street, Boston Castle
 - (e) 21 Scholes Lane, Scholes Village

- (f) 92 Creswick Road, East Herringthorpe
- (g) 17 West Close, Kimberworth Park
- (h) 60 Studmoor Road, Kimberworth

2. That the Assistant Director Planning, Regeneration and Transport be authorised to agree and implement the method of disposal of each asset.
 3. That the Assistant Director of Legal Services be authorised to negotiate and complete the necessary legal agreements.
13. 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 16 January 2019:

- Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2019/20
- Amendments to the Housing Allocation Policy – January 2019



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