



CABINET

Monday, 18 February 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 Previous Meetings (Pages 1 - 10)

To receive the record of proceedings of the Cabinet meetings held on 21 January and 4 February 2019.

5. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Agenda Items 8 and 11 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.

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

6. Budget and Council Tax 2019-20 and Medium Term Financial Strategy (Pages 11 - 217)

Report of the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services

Recommendations:-

That Cabinet recommend to Council

1. Approval of the Budget and Financial Strategy for 2019/20 and 2020/21 as set out in the report and appendices, including the £23.536m of savings as set out in Appendix 1 and a basic Council Tax increase of 2.99%.
2. Approval of the updated Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).
3. Approval of the proposed use of reserves as set out in Section 2.7 noting that the final determination will be approved as part of reporting the financial outturn for 2018/19.
4. That Council notes and accepts the comments and advice of the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services (Section 151 Officer), provided in compliance with Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003, as to the robustness of the estimates included in the Budget and the adequacy of reserves for which the Budget provides (Section 2.12).
5. That Council notes the consultation feedback from the public, partners and trade unions following publication of Directorate budget savings proposals on the Council's website for public comment from Friday 26th October 2018 to 30th November 2018 (Section 4).
6. Approval of the Council Fees and Charges schedules for 2019/20 attached as Appendix 6.

7. Approval of the proposed increases in Adult Social Care provider contracts as set out in Section 2.5
8. That the Council applies the Business Rates Retail Discount for 2019/20 in line with Government guidance.
9. That the Council continues to apply the Business Rates Rural Relief Scheme for 2019/20 in line with Government guidance.
10. Approval that the annual determination of the Council Tax Base is delegated to the Director of Finance and Customer Services (Section 151 Officer) in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive.
11. Approval of the use of in-year Capital Receipts up to 2021/22 to maximise capitalisation opportunities arising from service reconfiguration to deliver efficiencies and improved outcomes for clients and residents, and thereby minimise the impact of costs on the revenue budget as included in the Flexible use of Capital Receipts Strategy 2019/20 (Appendix 4).
12. Approval of the proposed Capital Strategy and Capital Programme as presented in Section 2.11 and Appendices 2A to 2E.
13. That the approved Capital Programme budget be managed in line with the following key principles:
 - i. Any underspends on the existing approved Capital Programme in respect of 2018/19 be rolled forward into future years, subject to an individual review of each carry forward to be set out within the Financial Outturn 2018/19 report to Cabinet.
 - ii. In line with Financial and Procurement Procedure Rules 6.17 and 13.9, any successful grant applications in respect of capital projects will be added to the Council's approved Capital Programme on an ongoing basis.
 - iii. Capitalisation opportunities and capital receipts flexibilities will be maximised, with capital receipts earmarked to minimise revenue costs.
 - iv. Approval of the Treasury Management Matters for 2019/20 as set out in Appendix 3 of this report including the Prudential Indicators, the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy, the Treasury Management Strategy and the Investment Strategy.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND FINANCE

7. December 2018/19 Financial Monitoring Report (Pages 219 - 235)

Report of the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services

Recommendations:-

1. That the forecast General Fund outturn position be noted.
2. That the actions being taken to reduce the forecast overspend be noted
3. That the updated capital programme 2018/19 to 2021/22 be noted.
4. That the capital grant funded budget inclusions and variations, as detailed within the updated Capital Programme, be noted.

8. Annual renewal applications for Business Rates Discretionary Rate Relief (Pages 237 - 251)

Report of the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services

Recommendations:-

1. That approval be given to the applications for Discretionary Business Rate Relief for the organisations listed in Appendix 1 of this report and in accordance with the details set out in Section 6 to this report for the 2019/20 financial year.

9. New Application for Business Rates Discretionary Relief for Just Different (Pages 253 - 258)

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

Recommendations:-

1. That 20% top up discretionary relief is awarded to Just Different, Venture House, Spencer Park, Greasbrough Street, Rotherham S60 1RF for the period 1st May 2018 to 31st March 2020.

HOUSING

10. Amendments to the Housing Allocation Policy - February 2019 (Pages 259 - 284)

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 as detailed in section 2.2.6 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 one 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 three years. There will be a validation process asking the applicant to provide proof of the Grandparent's address and confirmation that they are in regular contact with them.

ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

11. Commissioning and procurement of a new delivery model for Home Care and Support Services (Pages 285 - 298)

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


Recommendations:-

1. That approval be given to the commencement of a competitive tender process for the home care and support service from April 2019.
2. That it be noted that the new home care and support delivery model has been defined following the completion of a co-production exercise with a range of stakeholders, which informed the specification for the new contractual arrangements.
3. That a further summary contract report be submitted to Cabinet detailing the outcome of the tender process and the steps required to mobilise the new framework following contract award.

12. 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 13 February 2019:

- Budget and Council Tax 2019-20 and Medium Term Financial Strategy
- Commissioning and procurement of a new delivery model for Home Care and Support Services

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sharon Kemp". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

SHARON KEMP,
Chief Executive.