

CABINET

Monday, 4 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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AGENDA

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. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Agenda Item 7 has exempt appendices. Therefore, if necessary when considering that item, 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 item of business on the grounds that it involves 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.

HOUSING

Revision to Housing Allocation Policy (Pages 1 - 24)
 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 are 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 close family relative or carer live in Rotherham and have done so for the last three years.

6. Whinney Hill and Chesterhill Avenue - Sites Disposal (Pages 25 - 33)
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.
- 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.
- 7. Delivery of bungalows on Housing Revenue Account sites using Modern Methods of Construction (Pages 35 47)

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

Recommendations:-

- 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 Hoober and Valley wards.
- 8. Recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (Pages 49 50)

To receive a report detailing the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board in respect of the items that were subject to predecision scrutiny.

SHARON KEMP,

Chief Executive.