CABINET

Monday, 23 December 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
This meeting will be webcast live and will be available to view via the Council’s website. The items which will be discussed are described on the agenda below and there are reports attached which give more details.

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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 - 16)

To receive the record of proceedings of the Cabinet meeting held on 21 October 2019.
5. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Agenda Item 19 has an exempt appendix. 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 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.

**ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH**

6. **Adult Services Non-residential Care Charging Policy Proposals**
   *(Pages 17 - 62)*

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

Recommendations:-

That approval be given as set out below to make changes to the non-residential charging policy.

1. Note the outcome of the consultation as set out in detail in Appendix 3.

2. Approve Proposal 2 - Under the new framework, those who can afford it would be charged for the total number of carers attending and providing services, which would mean introducing a charge where more than one carer is provided at the same time and Proposal 3 - It is proposed that the liability for charges be from the date on which the service commences, so people will be asked to pay the accrued charges for the services they have received following completion of a financial assessment, as changes to the non-residential charging policy from April 2020 which are also detailed further in Section 3.

3. Approve the recommended policy changes from the date of implementation for a period of 2 years. The policy will not be reviewed within the two years unless there are statutory requirements to do so.
7. Home Care & Support Tender Outcome Report (Pages 63 - 94)
Report of the Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health

Recommendations:-

1. That the following update be noted:-
   • the co-production work and re-design of a new service specification was successfully completed to enable a tender process to take place
   • a competitive tendering exercise ran from 7th June to 18th November 2019
   • A framework agreement will be established on 1st April 2020 consisting of the following::
     o 9 Tier 1 providers
     o Tier 2 providers
     o 2 specialist Learning Disability providers
     o 1 specialist Unpaid-Carers Support service
   • the mobilisation period will enable the new delivery model to commence from the 1st April 2020
   • the overall contract value is anticipated to be circa £14.4m per annum for the Council and £1.7m for the Rotherham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

CHILDREN’S SERVICES AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING

8. South Yorkshire Regional Adoption Agency (Pages 95 - 147)
Report of the Interim Strategic Director of Children and Young People’s Services

Recommendations:-

1. That the business case be endorsed to enable the Council to work towards a regionalised model of adoption services in accordance with the Department for Education’s expectations.

9. Proposal to increase capacity at Rawmarsh Community School
(Pages 149 - 173)
Report of the Interim Strategic Director of Children and Young People’s Services

Recommendations:-

1. That, subject to a successful planning application and receipt of satisfactory procurement evidence, approval be granted to allocate £0.9m capital to the Wickersley Partnership Trust to increase capacity by 150 places at Rawmarsh Community School, to be achieved by the installation of additional classroom space as part of a larger Trust led building replacement programme to accommodate future pupil numbers.
    Report of the Interim Strategic Director of Children and Young People’s Services

    Recommendations:-

    1. That the publication of the Rotherham Youth Justice Plan 2019-21 be noted.

11. **2019 Education Performance Outcomes (Pages 215 - 247)**
    Report of the Interim Strategic Director of Children and Young People’s Services

    Recommendations:-

    1. That the report and education performance outcomes for Rotherham in 2019 be noted.

**CLEANER GREENER COMMUNITIES**

12. **Temporary use of Boston Park (Part) by Yorkshire Water (Pages 249 - 261)**
    Report of the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment

    Recommendations:-

    1. That 8,880 m$^2$ land at Boston Park be temporarily utilised by Yorkshire Water by way of a short-term lease to store soil, materials and site accommodation, to allow service reservoirs to be replaced in their current locations on an adjacent site, subject to the granting of planning permission.

    2. That the Assistant Director of Planning, Regeneration and Transport be authorised to negotiate on the fee and financial arrangements in consultation with the Assistant Director of Financial Services.

    3. That the Head of Legal Services be authorised to negotiate and complete the necessary lease documentation.
CORPORATE SERVICES AND FINANCE

13. **October Financial Monitoring and Medium Term Financial Strategy Update (Pages 263 - 284)**
    Report of the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services

Recommendations:-

1. That the current General Fund Revenue Budget forecast of £4.1m overspend be noted.

2. That it be noted that actions will continue to be taken to mitigate the forecast overspend.

3. That the Capital Programme update be noted.

4. That approval be given to the utilisation of £250k of the Town Centre Development Capital Allocation as set out in Paragraphs 2.49 and 2.50.

5. That the interim update to the Council’s Medium Term Financial Strategy be noted.

    Report of the Assistant Chief Executive

Recommendations:-

1. That the overall position and direction of travel in relation to the Council Plan performance be noted.

2. That Cabinet discuss measures which are not achieving their targets and the actions required to improve performance, including future performance clinics.

3. That the performance reporting timetable for 2019-2020 be noted.

15. **New Application for Business Rates Discretionary Relief for The Drop-In Centre (Rawmarsh) (Pages 353 - 362)**
    Report of the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services

Recommendations:-

1. That 20% top up discretionary relief be awarded to The Drop-In Centre (Rawmarsh), for the period 10th April 2019 to 31st March 2020.
16. Area Housing Panels Review (Pages 363 - 388)
Recommendations:-

1. That the existing Area Housing Panels be disestablished at the end of the 2019/20 financial year and be replaced by 25 ward Housing Hubs.

2. That from 2020/21 financial year, a base budget of £4,000 be set per ward, with the remainder of the annual budget provision then being allocated to wards, based upon the percentage of Council homes within each ward.

3. That the Assistant Director of Housing be authorised, in consultation with the Head of Finance (Adults, Public Health and Housing), to increase the ward Housing Hubs budget (on a ward by ward basis) by the value of the ward Housing Hub underspend in the preceding year within the 4 year cycle.

4. That the proposed governance arrangements, set out in 3.2.3 below, be approved.

17. Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2020-21 (Pages 389 - 412)
Recommendations:-

That Cabinet resolves to recommend to Council:

1. That the proposed 2020-21 Base Case Option 3 for the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan be approved.

2. That the plan be reviewed annually to provide an updated financial position.
Recommendations:-

That Cabinet resolve to recommend to Council:-

1. That dwelling rents be increased by 2.7% in 2020/21 in line with the government guidelines on rents for social housing from April 2020 which allows rents to increase by Consumer Price Index (as at September) plus 1%.

2. That there be a 2% increase in charges for garages and parking spaces, communal facilities, cooking gas and use of laundry facilities, in line with increases being proposed for other fees and charges across the Council.

3. That the unit charge per Kwh for District Heating Schemes remain the same level, as agreed by the Council in December 2017.

4. That all Affordable Rent properties be revalued in October and March each year to provide a valid rent value for when Affordable Rent properties are re-let.

5. That the draft Housing Revenue Account budget for 2020/21 be agreed.

**JOBS AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY**

19. **Town Centre Masterplan Public Realm Improvements Phase 1 (Pages 437 - 478)**

Recommendations:-

1. That approval be given to Phase 1 of the public realm improvement scheme.

2. That approval be given to the allocation of funding from the Town Centre Investment Fund (TCIF), to progress to final design and implementation.

20. **Sheffield City Region Statement of Common Ground (Pages 479 - 525)**

Recommendations:-

1. That the Council be a signatory to the Sheffield City Region Statement of Common Ground.
21. **Rotherham Town Centre Parking Strategy (Pages 527 - 579)**
   Report of the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment

   Recommendations:-
   
   1. That Cabinet formally adopt the Town Centre Parking Strategy.

22. **Rotherham Local Plan - Local Development Scheme (Pages 581 - 605)**
   Report of the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment

   Recommendations:-
   
   1. That Cabinet recommend to Council that the revised Local Development Scheme be adopted with effect from 23 January 2020.

**WASTE, ROADS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY**

   Report of the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment

   Recommendations:-
   
   1. That Cabinet agree the draft policy that should be consulted upon and authorise officers to commence consultation as outlined in this report.

24. **Neighbourhood Road Safety Schemes (Pages 721 - 745)**
   Report of the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment

   Recommendations:-
   
   1. That Cabinet accept the schemes identified in Figure 1 into the programme for delivery in 2019/20;
   
   2. That Cabinet approve the continued development of the schemes identified in Figure 2 as part of the indicative future programme, and;
   
   3. That Cabinet approve a second round of ward consultation during 2020 to identify new schemes to complete the programme, as detailed in Option 1.

Report of the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment

Recommendations:

1. That approval be given to begin the second stage of public consultation, in line with the option agreed by Cabinet in June, in respect of the Council’s Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy.

2. That Cabinet agree that Officers undertake a Cumulative Impact Assessment for the Wickersley area, to support the Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy.


Report of the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment

Recommendations:

1. That approval be given to undertake consultation, in line with the option agreed by the Council in June, in respect of the Council’s revised Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy.

27. 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 above items that were subject to pre-decision scrutiny on 20 December 2019.

28. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cabinet will be held on Monday 21 January 2019 commencing at 10.00 a.m. in Rotherham Town Hall.

SHARON KEMP,
Chief Executive.