



CABINET

Monday 25 January 2021

10.00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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

Rotherham
Metropolitan
Borough Council 

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Venue: Virtual Meeting - viewable through <https://rotherham.public-i.tv>

Date and Time: Monday 25 January 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

Agenda Contact Governance Unit – governance@rotherham.gov.uk

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 7 - 20)

To receive the record of proceedings of the Cabinet meetings held on 10 and 21 December 2020.

5. Exclusion of the Press and Public

There are no agenda items which require the exclusion of the press or public.

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

6. COVID-19 Update (Pages 21 - 76)

Report of the Chief Executive

Recommendations:-

- a) That the proposed Local Self-Isolation Support Payment be approved with an initial budget of up to £100k if demand requires it; funded from the Contain Outbreak Management Fund.
- b) That the discretionary Self-Isolation Support Payment fund be topped up by up to £100k if demand requires it; funded from the Contain Outbreak Management Fund.
- c) That authority be delegated to the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services to adjust the allocations provided to the discretionary scheme and the Local Self-Isolation Support Payment scheme, between the schemes, as demand requires.
- d) That Cabinet note the ongoing impacts of COVID-19, including local outbreaks.
- e) That Cabinet note the arrangements in place to respond to COVID-19.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND FINANCE

7. November Financial Monitoring (Pages 77 - 100)

Report of the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services

Recommendations:-

1. That the current General Fund Revenue Budget forecast of £0.9m overspend be noted.
2. That it be noted that actions will continue to be taken to mitigate the forecast overspend and that a balanced financial outturn is envisaged.
3. That the Capital Programme update be noted.

HOUSING

8. Quarterly Housing Development Update (Pages 101 - 126)

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

Recommendations:-

1. That progress made with the 2020/21 housing development programme be noted.
2. That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director of Housing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and the Section 151 Officer, to enter into a Brownfield Housing Fund agreement with the Sheffield City Region where this will serve to increase the number of new homes delivered in Rotherham.
3. That the appropriation of Netherfield Court and York Road car park (both in Eastwood) from the General Fund to the HRA, be approved.
4. That a change to six monthly rather than quarterly update reports, be approved.

JOBS AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY

9. Community Energy Switching Scheme (Pages 127 - 136)

Report of the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment Services

Recommendations:-

1. That an internally delivered community energy switching scheme is implemented to launch in March 2021.

10. BT proposals to permanently remove the public phone box at Boston Castle Grove, Moorgate and 42 phone boxes across the borough (Pages 137 - 179)

Report of the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment Services

Recommendations:-

1. That Cabinet notes the final decisions made on the 42 payphones proposed for closure by BT as shown in Appendix 5.
2. That Cabinet notes the final decision consenting to the closure of the telephony service at the payphone on Moorgate Road, at the junction with Boston Castle Grove, Rotherham S60 2BQ.

WASTE, ROADS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

11. Modern Slavery Transparency Statement - Annual Refresh (Pages 181 - 201)

Report of the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment Services

Recommendations:-

1. Cabinet note the progress against commitments made.
2. Cabinet approve the refreshed transparency statement for publication.

12. Domestic Abuse Services (Pages 203 - 232)

Report of the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment Services

Recommendations:-

1. That the two Domestic Abuse support services are combined into a single contract and subject to a competitive procurement process to establish a new delivery model, for an initial contract period of three years with an option to extend by a further two years (total five years).
2. That the refuge service will be commissioned in the immediacy, for a two year period, with an option to extend by a further 1 year period (total 3 years) as a single contract maintaining current provision as a minimum and with an outcome focussed specification, which is focussed on meeting the needs of victims and survivors of Domestic Abuse and ensures a female-only refuge space.
3. That an outcome-based specification is co-produced for Domestic Abuse Support services in line with the key issues detailed in section 2, ensuring appropriate engagement with the Cabinet Member and the Council's Improving Lives Select Commission.
4. That authority is delegated to the Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health and Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment to enter in to the contract with the successful organisation following the procurement process.
5. That the Independent Domestic Violence Advocates staff employed by the Council are proposed to be retained in the employment of the Council and the service will be integrated with Commissioned Services, providing seamless support for victims.
6. That Cabinet support the objective to recommission the services by March 2022 and further support the seeking of an extension of the

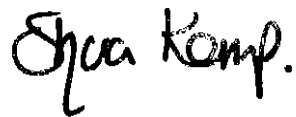
support service contracts to continue the current service delivery up to September 2022 at the latest to enable effective mobilisation.

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 above items that were subject to pre-decision scrutiny on Wednesday 20th January 2021.

14. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cabinet will be held on Monday 15 February 2021 commencing at 10.00 am virtually via Microsoft Teams.

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SHARON KEMP,
Chief Executive.