



CABINET

Monday 15 February 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

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

Date and Time: Monday 15 February 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 9 - 18)

To receive the record of proceedings of the Cabinet meeting held on 25 January 2021.

5. Exclusion of the Press and Public

There are no items that require the exclusion of the press and public.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND FINANCE

6. Digital Strategy (Pages 19 - 45)

Report of the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Service

Recommendations:-

1. To approve the Council's Digital Strategy.
2. To note the investment already approved towards its delivery.
3. To endorse the management and governance arrangements.

7. December Financial Monitoring (Pages 47 - 70)

Report of the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services

Recommendations:-

1. That the current General Fund Revenue Budget forecast of £0.5m underspend be noted.
2. That it be noted that actions will continue to be taken to ensure that a balanced financial outturn is delivered.
3. That the proposed use of the Rapid Testing Fund allocation as set out in Paragraphs 2.47 to 2.48 is approved.
4. That the Capital Programme update be noted.

8. Annual Renewal Applications for Business Rates Discretionary Rate Relief (Pages 71 - 85)

Report of the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Service

Recommendation:-

1. That Cabinet approve the applications for Discretionary Business Rate Relief for the organisations listed in Appendix 2 of this report and in accordance with the details set out in Section 6 to this report, for the 2021/22 financial year.

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

9. Budget & Council Tax 2021-22 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy Update (Pages 87 - 328)

Report of the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services.

Recommendations:-

That Cabinet recommends to Council

1. Approval of the Budget and Financial Strategy for 2021/22 as set out in the report and appendices, including the proposed budget adjustments and investments, a basic Council Tax increase of 1.99% and an Adult Social Care precept of 1.0%.
2. Approval of the updated Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) to 2022/23, including the carry forward of the 2020/21 £4m budget contingency and £3.5m Treasury Management Savings in a Budget Strategy Reserve.
3. Approval of the Reserves Strategy as set out in Section 2.8 noting that the final determination of Reserves will be approved as part of reporting the financial outturn for 2020/21.
4. To note and accept 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. To note the consultation feedback from the public and partners following public consultation on the Council's budget for 2021/22 which took place from 5th January 2021 to 26th January 2021 (Section 4).
6. Approval of the proposed increases in Adult Social Care provider contracts as set out in Section 2.4.
7. Approval of the investment proposals set out in Section 2.7 and Appendix 2.
8. Approval of the Council Fees and Charges schedules for 2021/22 attached as Appendix 7.
9. Application of the Business Rates Reliefs as set out in Section 2.9, in line with Government guidance.

10. Approval of the proposed Capital Strategy and Capital Programme as presented in Section 2.10 and Appendices 3A to 3F.
11. Approval of the Treasury Management matters for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix 4 of this report including the Prudential Indicators, the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy, the Treasury Management Strategy and the Investment Strategy.
12. Approval of the Flexible use of Capital Receipts Strategy 2021/22 (Appendix 5).
13. Approval to transfer any 2020/21 revenue outturn position underspend into the Council's reserves, to be held within the Budget Contingency Reserve.
14. Approval to transfer any 2020/21 un-ringfenced Covid funding balances into the Council's reserves to meet Covid related pressures and costs in 2021/22.
15. Approval that the Capital Programme budget continues to be managed in line with the following key principles:
 - (i) Any underspends on the existing approved Capital Programme in respect of 2020/21 be rolled forward into future years, subject to an individual review of each carry forward to be set out within the Financial Outturn 2020/21 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.

10. Social Value Annual Report (Pages 329 - 356)

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive

Recommendations:-

That Cabinet:

- a) Note the progress achieved with procurement through the Social Value Portal in the first year of operation of the Social Value Policy.
- b) Receive a further procurement progress report when the second year of operation is complete.
- c) Note the research work and findings around local markets and suppliers, building the knowledge base.
- d) Agree the strategic approach to “Social Value by Design” to embed existing best practice within the Council including the production of a Social Value Commissioning Toolkit.
- e) Support the approach to Community Wealth Building as set out in this report with priority actions for the year ahead taking forward:
 - i) Real Living Wage accreditation.
 - ii) Achieving Social Value aligned to working towards “Excellent” under the Equality Framework for Local Government.
 - iii) Progressing the Rotherham Together Partnership Social Value Charter into the development of Anchor Networks.
 - iv) Work with the Mayoral Combined Authority to promote and develop Social Value for the Sheffield City Region.
- f) Agree to hold a workshop event in the summer of 2021 to explore further Community Wealth Building options.
- g) Support engagement in the CLES Community Wealth Building Centre of Excellence.

HOUSING

11. Revisions to the Housing Allocation Policy and the Strategic Tenancy Policy (Pages 357 - 460)

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

Recommendations:-

1. That Cabinet note that the Housing Allocation Policy has been reviewed and updated in line with current legislation.
2. That Cabinet approve the updated Housing Allocation Policy as attached in relation to changes to eligibility criteria and outlined at 3.1 to 3.14.
3. That Cabinet approve the updated Strategic Tenancy Policy as attached in relation to issuing of fixed term tenancies to new tenants of specialist housing and outlined at 3.15.

WASTE, ROADS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

12. Amendment to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy (vehicle licence plates) (Pages 461 - 530)

Report of the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment

Recommendation:-

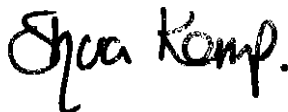
1. That Cabinet agrees to the amendment of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy 2020-2023 by reducing the frequency of issuing vehicle licence plates to yearly.

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 10 February 2021.

14. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cabinet will be held on Monday 22 March 2021 commencing at 10.00am via Microsoft Teams.



SHARON KEMP,
Chief Executive.