



Council

Wednesday, 30 September 2020
2.00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Rotherham
Metropolitan
Borough Council 

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The Council Meeting is chaired by the Mayor, who will ensure that its business can be carried out efficiently and with regard to respecting the rights and responsibilities of Councillors and the interests of the community. The Mayor is the Borough's first citizen and is treated with respect by the whole Council, as should visitors and member of the public.

All Councillors meet together as the Council. Here Councillors decide the Council's overall policies and set the budget each year. The Council appoints its Leader, Mayor and Deputy Mayor and at its Annual Meeting will appoint Councillors to serve on its committees.

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COUNCIL

Wednesday, 30 September 2020 at 2.00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

THE MAYOR (Councillor Jenny Andrews)
DEPUTY MAYOR (Councillor Ian Jones)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE (Sharon Kemp)

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

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IRELAND, Jonathan C.
JEPSON, Clive R.

KEPPEL

CLARK, Maggi
CUTTS, Dave
HAGUE, Paul

SITWELL

COWLES, Allen
SHORT Peter, G. J.
TURNER, Julie

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YASSEEN, Taiba K.

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CARTER, Adam
SIMPSON, Nigel G.

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VALLEY

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TWEED, Simon A.
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ROTHER VALE

BROOKES, Amy C.
WALSH, Robert J.

WALES

BECK, Dominic
WATSON, Gordon
WHYSALL, Jennifer

HELLABY

ANDREWS, Jennifer A.
CUTTS, Brian
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COOKSEY, Wendy
FENWICK-GREEN Deborah
KHAN, Tajamal

WATH

ATKIN, Alan
ELLIOT, Jayne C.
EVANS, Simon

HOLDERNESS

ELLIOTT, Michael S.
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TAYLOR, Robert P.

ROTHERHAM WEST

JARVIS, Patricia A.
JONES, Ian P.
KEENAN, Eve.

WICKERSLEY

ELLIS, Susan
HODDINOTT, Emma
READ, Chris

HOOBER

LELLIOTT, Denise
ROCHE, David J.
STEELE, Brian

SILVERWOOD

MARLES, Steven
NAPPER, Alan D.
RUSSELL, Gwendoline A.

WINGFIELD

ALLEN, Sarah A.
ELLIOTT, Robert W.
WILLIAMS, John

Council Meeting Agenda

Time and Date:-

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Venue:-

Virtual Meeting

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

To consider any announcements by the Mayor in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 3(2)(ii).

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive the apologies of any Member who is unable to attend the meeting.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

Any communication received by the Mayor or Chief Executive which relates to a recommendation of the Cabinet or a committee which was received after the relevant meeting.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING (Pages 1 - 28)

To receive the record of proceedings of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 22nd July, 2020, and to approve the accuracy thereof.

5. PETITIONS (Pages 29 - 33)

To report on any petitions received by the Council received by the Council and receive statements in support of petitions in accordance with Petitions Scheme and Council Procedure Rule 13.

6. 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.

7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

To receive questions from members of the public who may wish to ask a general question of the Mayor, Cabinet Member or the Chairman of a Committee in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.

8. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Should it be necessary, in the opinion of the Mayor, to consider excluding the press and public from the meeting in relation to any items of urgent business on the grounds that private information is likely to be divulged.

There are no such items at the time of preparing this agenda.

9. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S STATEMENT

To receive a statement from the Leader of the Council in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.

10. MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING (Pages 34 - 44)

To note the minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held on 20th July, 2020.

11. RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET - FINANCIAL OUTTURN 2019/20 (Pages 45 - 82)

To consider a recommendation from Cabinet to note the revenue outturn position and approve the updated Capital Programme.

12. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - RAVENFIELD PARISH COUNCIL - FINAL OUTCOME (Pages 83 - 94)

To consider a report in respect of the final consultation responses received in respect of the Community Governance Review being undertaken by the Council following the receipt of a petition from Ravenfield Parish Council..

13. AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20 (Pages 95 - 108)

To consider the report and approve the Audit Committee Annual Report 2019/20.

14. THRIVING NEIGHBOURHOODS - UPDATES FROM WARD COUNCILLORS (Pages 109 - 114)

To receive updates from ward councillors from Wales, Wath and Wickersley on the activities supporting Thriving Neighbourhoods across the Borough.

15. AUDIT COMMITTEE (Pages 115 - 126)

To receive and consider reports, minutes and recommendations of the Audit Committee.

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

16. PLANNING BOARD (Pages 127 - 133)

To receive and consider reports, minutes and recommendations of the Planning Board.

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

**17. LICENSING BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE AND LICENSING COMMITTEE
(Pages 134 - 142)**

To receive and consider reports, minutes and recommendations of the Licensing Board Sub-Committee and Licensing Sub-Committee.

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

18. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO DESIGNATED SPOKESPERSONS

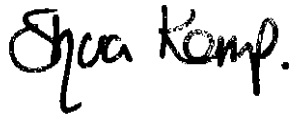
To put questions, if any, to the designated Members on the discharge of functions of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority and South Yorkshire Pensions Authority, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11(5).

19. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

To put questions, if any, to Cabinet Members and Committee Chairpersons (or their representatives) under Council Procedure Rules 11(1) and 11(3).

20. URGENT ITEMS

Any other public items which the Mayor determines are urgent.



SHARON KEMP,
Chief Executive.

**The next meeting of the Council will be on
11th November 2020 at 2.00 p.m.**

COUNCIL MEETING
22nd July, 2020

Present:- The Mayor (Councillor Jenny Andrews) (in the Chair); Councillors Alam, Albiston, Allen, Atkin, Beck, Bird, Buckley, Carter, Clark, Cooksey, Cowles, B. Cutts, D. Cutts, Elliot, M. Elliott, R. Elliott, Ellis, Fenwick-Green, Hoddinott, Ireland, Jarvis, Jepson, Jones, Keenan, Khan, Lelliott, McNeely, Mallinder, Marles, Napper, Read, Reeder, Roche, Rushforth, Russell, Sansome, Senior, Sheppard, Simpson, Steele, Taylor, John Turner, Tweed, Vjestica, Walsh, Williams, Watson and Wyatt.

The webcast of the Council Meeting can be viewed at:-

<https://rotherham.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>

350. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor was proud to announce the achievement of two awards by the Council; the first where Rotherham had won a Gold Performance Award for Address Data at the recent 2019 Geoplace Exemplar Awards. Local authorities must maintain a database of all residential, commercial, telecoms and utilities addresses within their area. The data had wide usage including the emergency services, so it was vital it was accurate and up-to-date.

In recent years, the Planning Policy team had improved this database tremendously, achieving bronze standard in 2014 and silver standard by 2015. Further data matching work on over 600,000 records and the introduction of daily exports to the national database had resulted in Rotherham reaching Gold Standard in 2018 and maintaining this high performance in 2019.

This was another example of the hard work that went into the technical functions of the Planning Service. These “unsung” functions did not often get the limelight, but were fundamental to the Council continuing to deliver an excellent service for Rotherham residents and businesses.

Secondly, the Council had won an award for Data Quality and Improvements for Streets, in recognition of the way the street information database was managed.

This related to the information captured on the Street Gazetteer. Data set requirements changed on a regular basis requiring constant management and inclusion of new data. Data in the Gazetteer included street geometry, additional street data, sensitivities, and engineering difficulties amongst others.

The data was uploaded to Geo-place each month for verification where it had to pass various criteria as part of the Authorities Data Co-operation Agreement and current data entry conventions. Utilities and others download the data direct from Geo-place and this allowed them to plan

and schedule their works on the highway, providing the data for the Electronic Transfer of Notices. The Street Gazetteer also provided data to the Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG) that in turn provided data that was widely used by HMRC, National office for statistics, emergency responders and others.

The Mayor asked everyone present to join her in a round of applause.

The Mayor was also pleased to present her activity since the last Council meeting which was attached for information to the Mayor's Letter.

351. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Beaumont, Cusworth, Marriott, Pitchley, Short and Yasseen.

352. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications received.

353. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

Councillor Jepson made reference to Minute No. 330 (Petitions) and how a response to the petition had not yet been received. This would be investigated further.

Resolved:-

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 3 June 2020 be approved as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

Mover:- Councillor Read

Seconder:- Councillor Watson

354. PETITIONS

The Mayor advised Members that no petitions had been received since the previous Council meeting held on 3 June 2020.

355. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Carter declared a personal interest in Minute No. 367 (Motion in respect of the opening of schools during the Covid-19 pandemic) on the grounds of being a member of the British Medical Council.

356. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

1. Mr Paddy Cawkwell asked "When the licence of a taxi driver is revoked AND there is a concern that the person whose licence is revoked may have information about criminal activities (or there is a suspicion the

person was involved in criminal activities), is this information shared with South Yorkshire Police?"

In response the Chair or the Licensing Board and Licensing Committee advised that the Council's Licensing Service notified South Yorkshire Police every time that a licence was revoked.

As a supplementary question Mr Cawkwell asked that as every victim of a crime involving a licence holder had the potential to create a cost for the Council, how were conflicts of interest prevented when the Council was working with victims of crime when the result of the investigations could result in a cost for the Council. The Chair in response advised that all complaints made by victims of crime were always investigated with no regard to any potential costs and that the appropriate actions were always taken.

2. The second question that had been submitted for the meeting had been withdrawn overnight, as the Leader of the Council had provided a written response to the question at the request of the member of the public.

3. **Mr Marcus Wheatcroft** was unable to attend the meeting and would receive a written response.

357. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Mayor advised Members that there were no items of business on the agenda that would require the exclusion of the press or public from the meeting.

358. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S STATEMENT

The Leader presented his update statement and in doing so drew attention to how Rotherham had seen, up to the end of last week, 320 deaths due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the thoughts and prayers went out to all those who had been affected by the virus.

The infection rate was higher than the U.K. average here in Rotherham, but lower than areas like Leicester and Blackburn.

Since the last Council Meeting, Rotherham had seen a phased approach to lockdown restrictions being lifted. People could now meet with family and friends (two households), visit the pub or a restaurant, have a haircut and start to see a return to some familiar and important aspects of daily life. However, people must remain cautious, be careful and remember that Coronavirus was still a very real threat. The virus had not gone away.

On the 22nd May, 2020, the Government announced that as part of its national strategy to reduce infection from Coronavirus, it would expect every area in England to create a Local Outbreak Control Plan. The

Council had its plan in place and had established a Local Outbreak Board which aimed to provide public-facing engagement and communication for outbreak response. The meetings were chaired by myself, the Leader, the Board meetings which were also attended by some Members (Councillors Cowles, Roche and Watson) joining today's meeting and by officers that have accountability for addressing key elements of the Coronavirus response across the Borough. The objectives of the Board were:-

- Support the effective communication of the test, trace and contain plan for the Rotherham Borough.
- Provide regular updates to the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- Record proceedings of the Local Outbreak Engagement Board and agree and review actions for Board Members.
- Provide oversight of the local response around prevention and management of Covid-19 outbreaks, as set out in the Local Outbreak Control Plan.
- Lead on communication with residents, businesses and stakeholders across the Rotherham Borough generally in relation to outbreak prevention and management.
- Engage with communities and groups where outbreaks may be more likely or where they have occurred.
- Receive assurance on progress against the delivery of the Local Outbreak Control Plan.

The Prime Minister's announcement over the weekend outlined new powers for Councils providing greater enforcement powers to facilitate local lockdowns to support the management of any outbreak. This meant that the Council was now able to enforce lockdowns of small areas (communities), close premises and cancel events which may be necessary to reduce the virus spreading and keep Rotherham open.

Rotherham's infection rate was high compared to other areas so people needed to continue to follow the guidance. Wash hands regularly, stay 2 m apart wherever possible and get tested if displaying symptoms or if a person just wished to take a test.

This week it would become mandatory to wear a face covering in all shops and certain exemptions existed for people who may have breathing difficulties or young children.

Only by continuing to work together, following the guidelines and being cautious were people all helping to reduce the spread of this deadly virus.

In the period where Members could ask questions of the Leader's statement, Councillor Carter reported how he had found the recent seminar as a useful update, but asked if the minutes of the Local Outbreak Engagement Board distributed to the Health and Wellbeing Board would be more helpful if they were sent to all Elected Members as a matter of procedure so Members could remain up-to-date with local measures that may need to be taken in a timely manner rather than a delay through appropriate channels.

The Leader took on board Councillor Carter's comments, but pointed out it was not up to the Local Outbreak Engagement Board to manage individual situations or to be responsible for the Public Health response and this would remain in the hands of professionals.

The minutes would fulfil the function as described and come through the Health and Wellbeing Board to this meeting. Communication would continue with Members on a regular basis.

There had not been a local outbreak situation which was why the Borough were doing so much extra testing. However, should there be a particular situation or outbreak then Ward Members would be informed and engaged in the response.

359. MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING

Resolved:-

That the reports, recommendations and minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 15 June 2020 be received.

Mover:- Councillor Read

Seconder:- Councillor Watson

360. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - BRAMLEY AND RAVENFIELD

Further to Minute No. 267 of Council held on 30th October, 2019, consideration was given to the report which provided a summary of the consultation responses received in respect of the Community Governance Review being undertaken by the Council following the receipt of a petition from Ravenfield Parish Council.

A total of 520 consultation responses have been received by various means of website submissions, e-mails, letters and handwritten consultation forms submitted at the drop in sessions, and to the Clerks of the affected Parish Councils.

The options set out in the consultation were:-

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1. No change to the existing arrangements
2. Reducing the existing Parish of Bramley and extending the Parish of Ravenfield to include the land allocated for residential use adjacent to Moor Lane South, proposed by the petition from Ravenfield Parish Council.

In summary, generally residents of Bramley were in favour of Option 1. They felt that the residents of the proposed new development would use the facilities and services within Bramley, and, therefore, Bramley Parish Council should receive the Community Infrastructure Levy money and precept from the proposed new development. Furthermore, many residents of Bramley felt that there would be increased traffic from the proposed development through their village.

In general, residents of Ravenfield were in favour of Option 2. Residents of the proposed new development on Moor Lane South would be more likely to use the facilities and services in Ravenfield due to the proximity of the proposed development to the centre of Ravenfield, and, therefore, felt that Ravenfield Parish Council should benefit from the Community Infrastructure Levy and precept from the proposed new houses.

Taking into account the outcome of the consultation, along with the comments submitted in the consultation responses, the arguments put forward by both Parish Councils, the fact that it had not been possible to consult with residents of the relevant area as no houses within the proposed development were yet built, the recommended proposal was Option 1, no change to the existing arrangements.

Further consultation would take place upon the proposal following this meeting. The proposed outcome of the Community Governance Review would be put on the Council's website between 24th July, 2020 and 30th August, 2020, and residents' views would thereby be sought as to the proposal. This would be reported back to full Council in due course.

Members supported the proposed recommendation with no change to boundaries on the basis of the consultations from the Parish Councils indicated above. When Parish Councils could not come to a mutual agreement then the status quo must be maintained.

Resolved:- (1) That the proposed outcome of the Community Governance Review that there be no change to the current arrangements in respect of the Parish boundary between Ravenfield and Bramley be noted.

(2) That a further period of consultation (as set out at Paragraph 4.2 of the report submitted) be undertaken in respect of the proposed outcome of the Community Governance Review.

Mover:- Councillor Alam

Seconder:- Councillor Allen

361. AMENDMENT TO CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 2020-21 MUNICIPAL YEAR

Consideration was given to the report which detailed how in March, 2020 the Government postponed the local elections that were scheduled to be held on 7th May, 2020, because of the restrictions introduced in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

With the local elections proposed to be held on Thursday, 6th May, 2021, this would necessitate some changes to the previously agreed calendar of meetings and this report, therefore, sought approval to adopt the revised Calendar of Meetings as set out as part of the report.

Resolved:- (1) That the Calendar of Meetings for the 2020-21 Municipal Year be amended to remove all meetings other than Planning Board and Licensing Board Sub-Committees from 30th March, 2021 until the date of the Annual Meeting (Business Meeting).

(2) That the Annual Meeting (Civic and Ceremonial) 2021 be held on Friday, 21st May, 2021.

(2) That the Annual Meeting (Business Meeting) 2021 be held on Wednesday, 26th May, 2021.

Mover:- Councillor Read

Seconder:- Councillor Watson

362. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT - 2019-20 MUNICIPAL YEAR

Consideration was given to the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2019/20 Municipal Year.

Reference was made to the timely reflection on the achievements and difference Scrutiny had made, as the Local Government Act 2000 that created Scrutiny was given Royal Assent twenty years ago next week.

The report, circulated with the agenda papers, highlighted a number of examples where Scrutiny had led to meaningful outcomes, such as:-

- Overview and Scrutiny Management Board recommendations to the Safer Rotherham Partnership on protocols for information sharing.
- Improving Lives Select Commission support for having the Pause Project, which had enabled many women to achieve positive outcomes.
- A recommendation from Improving Places Select Commission for parking fines to be included in the Time for Action contract.
- Feedback from Health Select Commission led to Autism being considered as a discreet issue from Learning Disability in the Rotherham Place Plan.

There was also the less tangible, but equally important, close scrutiny of services over time until Members were assured that progress and improvements have been made that were highlighted in the report.

Looking forward Scrutiny had a challenging work programme. This would focus on the recovery and re-set from the pandemic where Scrutiny would play a key role in shaping future developments.

Specific thanks were offered to all Scrutiny Members for their commitment to undertake meaningful scrutiny and for their hard work once again.

Thanks also went to the co-optees for their insightful contributions to the work of the Select Commissions and the service users who had shared their experiences. This involvement from the public was something to be built on this year.

In addition, thanks were extended to the Executive, officers and partners for engaging in and supporting Scrutiny, which remained a key function in local democracy.

Tribute was also paid to the invaluable service of two officers; one who was retiring shortly and the other who was leaving to take up a more senior role in another authority. Janet Spurling and James McLaughlin were thanked for their support to the Scrutiny process and to all Elected Members.

Resolved:- That the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2019-20 be approved.

(2) That this Council's best wishes be afforded to both Janet Spurling on her retirement and James McLaughlin on his new employment.

Mover:- Councillor Steele

Seconder:- Councillor Cowles

363. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REVIEW - CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER TAKEOVER CHALLENGE - HATE CRIME

Consideration was given to the report which detailed how each year one of the personal highlights was working with Youth Cabinet on the Takeover Challenge. The young people were very committed and as always had done a good, professional job this year on their chosen theme of hate crime.

This report outlined their findings and recommendations following the spotlight review, with a formal response expected in the autumn.

Recognition was given to the good work already taking place to address hate crime with the young people making recommendations around:-

- Partners continuing to engage with young people.
- Work in and between schools.
- Involving young people in a peer educator initiative.
- Further work on awareness raising.

Tributes were also made to Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, Janet Spurling and Sarah Bellamy for their support to this initiative each year.

Councillor Hoddinott also placed on record her thanks to the Youth Cabinet for looking at this important issue, which had not gone away in the Covid-19 pandemic and people were still suffering.

A number of recommendations had been made for the Safer Rotherham Partnership to look at and engagement was welcomed with the Youth Cabinet in moving this forward.

Resolved:- (1) That the report and recommendations in respect of the review of Hate Crime be noted.

(2) That the response of Cabinet be reported back to Overview and Scrutiny Management Board and Rotherham Youth Cabinet.

Mover:- Councillor Steele

Seconder:- Councillor Cowles

364. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND PANELS

Consideration was given to the report and the amendments set out as an appendix and circulated with the Mayor's Letter.

Resolved:- That the amendments to the memberships be approved.

Mover:- Councillor Read

Seconder:- Councillor Watson

365. NOTICE OF MOTION - SMART MOTORWAYS

This Council notes:-

- That sections of the M1 that run close and through our Borough have been converted to 'Smart Motorways' that remove a permanent hard shoulder on the motorway.
- In 2013, this Council told the Government "that the risk of collisions involving stationary vehicles during non-peak times is an unacceptable risk and one which will have serious and potentially fatal consequences".
- On this 16-mile stretch of the M1 there have been five fatalities in 10 months.
- The AA, the RAC, the Police Federation, our local MP Sarah Champion, have also expressed serious concerns over the safety of this scheme.

This Council believes:-

- That all-lane running is fundamentally flawed, with large distances between emergency refuges and an inability to identify vehicles stranded in the traffic quickly enough. That any benefits from increased capacity is outweighed by these serious safety concerns.

This Council resolves:-

- To reiterate the Council's opposition to all-lane running using the hard shoulder as a permanent live traffic lane.
- To offer our support to the campaigns of families affected to get all lane running reverted.

On being put to the vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mover:- Councillor Hoddinott

Seconder: Councillor Taylor

366. NOTICE OF MOTION - FLOOD DEFENCES

This Council notes:-

- The flooding of November 2019 had a big effect on local residents and businesses across Rotherham including Dinnington, Kilnhurst, Whiston, Parkgate, Wath and the Town Centre.
- 135 homes flooded with 49 households still out of their homes at the start of the year.
- Over 300 businesses were affected.
- Kilnhurst School flooded and was closed until Easter.
- Rotherham train station, the tram-train and buses were all affected for many days.
- Community and recreational facilities were also affected..

This Council believes:-

- That more can be done to assist our residents and businesses by ensuring that the works needed to prevent future flooding are funded to allow their preparation and construction in the coming years.

This Council resolves:-

- To let the Government know that this Council believes that the £51 million of funding should be committed now, so flood defence works can start.

On being put to the vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mover:- Councillor Sheppard

Seconder:- Councillor Sansome

(As an update it was noted that Kilnhurst School would be closed until October (not Easter) and that the committed funding total was £48 million (not £51 million))

367. NOTICE OF MOTION - OPENING OF SCHOOLS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

This Council :-

places on record its support and thanks to all the essential workers in our community: the NHS, the voluntary and retail sectors, drivers and care workers during this difficult and challenging time of the Coronavirus pandemic. We wish to express our sincere condolences to the people of our Borough who have lost loved ones during this period.

The Government is placing pressure on schools to reopen. However, we note the position of the British Medical Association in its support for the National Education Union's five tests before extending the opening of schools.

This Council calls on the Government not to reopen schools until it can give full assurances that children are safe and staff will be protected and supplied with personal protective equipment.

We urge the Government to work collaboratively with trade unions in the education sector to create clear conditions based on the tests the unions have helpfully set out, so that every school can implement them to ensure a safe return.

This Council will support any school establishment that refuses to open until all relevant safety measures are in place.

On being put to the vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mover:- Councillor Steele

Seconder:- Councillor Cooksey.

(Councillor Carter declared a personal interest on the grounds of being a member of the British Medical Council)

368. NOTICE OF MOTION - ROTHERHAM FIRE STATION

This Council notes:-

- That the Labour controlled South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority continues to refuse to reinstate the second pump in Rotherham, despite the overwhelming will of Members of the Council and the public in Rotherham.

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This Council believes:-

- That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board's recommendation to South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority in March 2018 should be reiterated in order for the Labour controlled authority to reinstate the second pump at Rotherham Fire Station to ensure that there is equality and consistency of cover with Sheffield and Doncaster.

This Council resolves:-

- That a formal request be made to the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority to reinstate the second pump in Rotherham.
- That the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority be recommended to recruit and train sufficient personnel, as a matter of urgency, to fill all vacant posts in Rotherham and across South Yorkshire.

Mover:- Councillor R. Elliott

Seconded:- Councillor M. Elliott.

An amendment was put and carried and became the substantive motion.

Motion now reads:-

This Council notes:-

- The 2020 review of South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue's Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) will incorporate an independent operational risk assessment and that this process will enable an in-depth interrogation of operational fire and rescue provision in Rotherham.

This Council believes:-

- That the independent operational risk assessment is the best way to assess the way to maximise the safe provision of Fire cover across South Yorkshire, not politically partisan motions.

This Council resolves:-

- That a formal request be made to the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority on the conclusion of the independent operational risk assessment, for a detailed analysis of the effect of reducing the night-time provision in Rotherham, and any findings that may identify a negative impact on community safety be addressed in a manner appropriate to the risk, including due consideration of reinstatement of the second pump at Rotherham central.

- That the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority be recommended to continue to recruit and train sufficient personnel, as a matter of urgency, to fill all vacant posts in Rotherham and across South Yorkshire in line with the available budget.

The substantive motion was put and carried.

Mover:- Councillor Read

Seconded:- Councillor Taylor

369. NOTICE OF MOTION - BLACK LIVES MATTER

There are moments in time when we are compelled to stand back and reflect. The killing of George Floyd under the knee of police officers in America is one of those times. We cannot, indeed we must not fail to share our horror and sadness that in 2020 people are still persecuted, murdered and disadvantaged purely because of the colour of their skin. We cannot ignore that this is happening in the UK.

- Between April 2018 and March 2019, there were 4 stop and searches for every 1,000 white people, compared with 38 for every 1,000 black people.
- Black women were more than twice as likely to be arrested as white women – there were 7 arrests for every 1,000 black women, and 3 arrests for every 1,000 white women.
- In the year to March 2019, black people were more than 4 times as likely as white people to be detained under the Mental Health Act – 306.8 detentions per 100,000 people, compared with 72.9 per 100,000 people.
- 4% of white people were unemployed in 2018, compared with 7% of people from all other ethnic groups combined, and 9% for black people.
- In 2018, the unemployment rate for the Asian and the combined Pakistani and Bangladeshi ethnic groups was higher for women (8% and 13%) than for men (5% and 6%).
- In every socio-economic group and age group, White British households were more likely to own their own homes than all ethnic minority households combined.

This Council notes the disadvantage faced by black minority ethnic people and the systemic racism that exists across all structures of society, including within national and local government and the police.

This Council commits to making Rotherham an anti-racist town and will:-

- Stand in solidarity with our black and minority ethnic communities, in Rotherham and around the world.
- Work with local communities, listen to them, so we can better understand the racism they experience and the challenges that they face, including in areas such as local policing and the increased risks from Covid-19.

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- Strengthen our anti-racism approach and ensure all staff participate in activity/training that supports them to address prejudice and bias, including where necessary their own.
- Report annually on how cCouncil services are responding to the different needs of people with protected equalities characteristics, setting out an annual plan to meet the needs of people from different backgrounds, addressing inequalities, and ensuring that the Council is meeting its obligations.

On being put to the vote, the motion was carried.

Mover:- Councillor Albiston

Second:- Councillor Read

370. STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

Resolved:- That the reports, recommendations and minutes of the meeting of the Standards and Ethics Committee be adopted.

Mover:- Councillor McNeely

Second:- Councillor Clark

371. AUDIT COMMITTEE

Resolved:- That the reports, recommendations and minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee be adopted.

Mover:- Councillor Wyatt

Second:- Councillor Walsh

372. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Resolved:- That the reports, recommendations and minutes of the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board be adopted.

Mover:- Councillor Roche

Second:- Councillor Mallinder

373. PLANNING BOARD

Resolved:- That the reports, recommendations and minutes of the meetings of the Planning Board be adopted.

Mover:- Councillor Sheppard

Second:- Councillor Williams

374. STAFFING COMMITTEE

Resolved:- That the reports, recommendations and minutes of the meeting of the Staffing Committee be adopted.

Mover:- Councillor Alam

Second:- Councillor Read

375. LICENSING BOARD AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Resolved:- That the reports, recommendations and minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Board and Licensing Committee be adopted.

Mover:- Councillor Ellis

Seconder:- Councillor McNeely

376. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO DESIGNATED SPOKESPERSONS

There were no questions.

377. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

1. Councillor B. Cutts asked the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health "With 130 people registered on their books, I am very concerned for the people who attend the Addison Day Centre I have received a 260 page report, however to date, page 75 Addison Road, is not mentioned. Could I now have the present position?"

In response the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health advised that, prior to the restrictions imposed due to the pandemic, there were 88 individuals who attended the Addison Centre and that they had all been contacted by staff regarding the reassessment process, with many individuals already accessing the new services. The Cabinet Member advised that while the Addison Centre was not in use due to current restrictions, staff at the Centre had remained in contact with individuals and carers to provide them with as much support as was possible. The Cabinet Member provided information on the activity that was happening to restart the transformation activity as restrictions related to the pandemic were eased. The Cabinet Member noted that the Council maintained its commitment to support all individuals and provided assurance that no one would move from the Addison Centre until they had a robust support plan in place.

As a supplementary question Councillor B Cutts advised that he had been provided with different information when he had asked this question previously and sought clarification on how the Council had arrived at the current position.

In response the Cabinet Member advised that the review of Service provision had started in 2015, with a plan being formulated in 2016 that had been subject to full consultation and Scrutiny input, with Scrutiny Members supporting the proposals. It was noted that the related Judicial Review regarding the changes had found in favour of the Council.

2. Councillor Carter asked the Cabinet Member for Cleaner, Greener Communities "What impact do you believe the coronavirus outbreak has had on the Council's plans to become the Children's Capital of Culture?"

In response the Cabinet Member for Cleaner, Greener Communities advised that the Children's Capital of Culture was planned for 2025, and that by then it would be hoped that the impact of the pandemic would be minimal. The Cabinet Member advised that originally it had been planned that external funding would be sought for outline proposals, and that in the first year of planning these would be focused on early conversations and consultation with target groups with a view to developing a more formal 'launch' of the programme early 2021. The Cabinet Member advised that as these programmes needed funding to ensure that they had the resources required to meaningfully engage with children and young people across the Borough, early discussions had taken place with Arts Council England who were supportive of bid for funding. However, as a result of the pandemic, Arts Council England had halted all funding streams and diverted resources into emergency funding that the Council was not eligible to receive.

The Cabinet Member advised with the applications for funding from Arts Council England reopening imminently, and given the time taken to develop a bid, engage with groups and to build trust and confidence, that it was now envisaged that the public launch of the Children's Capital of Culture programme would take place next Summer.

As a supplementary question Councillor Carter noted that given Rotherham's history the Borough was a surprising choice for the Children's Capital of Culture and asked what activity was planned in order to consult with residents to ensure that they were connected and engaged with the programme.

In response the Cabinet Member advised that increased public engagement was a key element in the Council's Cultural Strategy and that significant engagement activity was planned with the community via the Cultural Partnership Board and invited Councillor Carter to a future meeting of Board.

3. Councillor B. Cutts asked the Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy "With the height of the steel shuttering now almost determined and complete, can we now have an update on the next stage of the Forge Island programme?"

In response the Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy advised that now planning permission has been secured and that the next stage in delivering the scheme was to complete legal agreements with the cinema and hotel. The Cabinet Member advised that despite the implications of the pandemic, both the cinema and hotel operators that had been negotiating with the Council's development partner to locate on Forge Island remained keen to progress with the scheme and to conclude a deal.

There was no supplementary question.

4. Councillor Carter asked the Leader “How does the Leader believe the coronavirus outbreak has affected the medium and long-term strategies for the development of the Town Centre?”

In response the Leader noted that it was still very early to be able to fully assess the impact of the pandemic on the traditional high street but advised that the pandemic would most likely hasten the decline of traditional retail, and as such the Council’s Town Centre Masterplan was more important than ever. The Leader noted that the Masterplan recognised the need to enhance the attractiveness of the Town Centre, for it to have less emphasis on the traditional retail model and promote a more diverse and mixed offer that would create the right environment for future investment. The Leader advised that the Council would continue its focus on delivering its long-term strategy for the Town Centre.

As a supplementary question Councillor Carter asked for further information on the specific activities that had been happening in relation to the delivery of the Masterplan.

In response the Leader provided information on activities that were underway including information on the Future High Streets Fund bid, support from the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority, engagement with local businesses and the delivery of new homes in the Town Centre.

5. Councillor M. Elliott asked the Leader “With reference to a recent Licensing Application regarding a fast food outlet on Fitzwilliam Road, an objection was lodged by Children and Young Peoples Services on the grounds of anti-social activity, Child Sexual and Criminal Exploitation. Therefore, as you are obviously aware of these issues, just what are you, and partners e.g. the Police doing about this?”

In response the Leader noted that in respect of the individual application for the fast food outlet there had not been any concerns raised about the individual making the application but rather concern about how this type of provision would advantage the local community and residents.

The Leader stated that Council staff and partners from across the partnership took concerns regarding child exploitation very seriously and that weekly multi-agency meetings were held in order to share intelligence, that in turn enabled preventative and disruptive actions to be taken where necessary to safeguard young people in Rotherham. The Leader noted that when the Council received information relating to concerns of exploitation of children, Children’s Services worked closely with colleagues in South Yorkshire Police to ensure that individual children were safe and that all actions were taken to progress a criminal investigation. Furthermore, the weekly intelligence meetings allowed information to be shared relating to indicators of vulnerability.

The Leader advised that at the weekly intelligence meetings information was shared from across the Borough that resulted in action being taken to protect individual children and young people and enabled work in neighbourhoods to reduce opportunities for offending to occur. The Leader noted the community-based activities that had taken place in the area of Eastwood, where Fitzwilliam Road was located to reduce vulnerabilities including increased use of re-deployable CCTV in the area.

The Leader advised that the Council's specialist CSE service, Evolve, and the Youth Offending Service were working closely with the Police, local schools and Drug and Alcohol Services for young people in order to undertake community and group work to support reduction and prevention. It was noted that following the pausing of some of these projects due to restrictions related to the pandemic work would soon be restarting. It was noted that even during the pandemic that several partners, including Council staff, the Police and the voluntary sector had continued to have a presence within the area supporting the community.

The Leader advised that regarding individual children and young people who had been identified as being at risk of exploitation, whether that be sexual exploitation or criminal exploitation, a range of interventions were available to be deployed dependent upon the assessed level of risk, with all concerns discussed at the weekly meetings, with appropriate follow-up activity and monitoring conducted. The Leader assured the meeting that tackling Child Sexual Exploitation remained a priority for the Council and its partners via the Safer Rotherham Partnership and the Safeguarding Children's Partnership and noted that a number of campaigns had been developed to encourage victims and bystanders to report information or intelligence.

As a supplementary question Councillor M. Elliott noted that given the history in Rotherham of Child Sexual Exploitation, it was essential that the Council was seen to be taking action in preventing this activity and asked why that, despite action having been taken, the visibility and awareness of these activities was not very visible to the local community.

In response the Leader advised that extra resources had been put into place in the area that had made a difference including Public Space Protection Orders and Selective Licensing. The Leader acknowledged that there remained significant challenges in the area but assured the meeting that a robust multi-agency approach was in place to deal with Child Sexual Exploitation in the area.

6. Councillor Carter asked the Chair of the Planning Board "With rumoured changes to planning legislation how does the Council intend to deal with the permitted development rules regarding the conversion of retail and office units?"

In response the Chair of the Planning Board advised that while there had been rumours that the Government was to make it easier to convert more types of buildings into residential accommodation without requiring planning permission, there had been no consultation documents issued in relation to any further changes to planning legislation. The Chair advised that statements had been made by the Government about a big shake up to the planning system and that a Planning Policy Paper had been promised for release in July setting out its 'plan for comprehensive reforms of England's planning system to better support the economy and release more land for housing in areas that need it most'. The Chair reaffirmed the Council was committed to high quality development and did not want to see an increase in low quality developments of office block conversions.

As a supplementary question Councillor Carter asked what type of reforms to the planning system would the Council like to see to ensure a sufficient supply of housing in Rotherham.

In response the Chair advised that the Council's Local Plan provided a good and sufficient supply of deliverable housing sites that continued to attract good levels of interest from developers.

7. Councillor M. Elliott asked the Cabinet Member for Housing "A property on Russel Street, Eastwood, was recently found being used as a Cannabis Farm. Does the Selective Licensing Policy allow for the Landlords License to be revoked in such circumstances?"

In response the Cabinet Member for Housing advised that where a landlord has a serious conviction, for example for cannabis cultivation, then the provisions within Legislation and the Council's Selective Licensing Scheme did allow Licenses to be revoked. The Cabinet Member noted that while there had been 238 revocations of Selective Licenses since May 2015, the vast majority of these had been for breaches of Selective Licensing conditions relating to the effective management of the property, such as failures to take up references from tenants or the failure to carry out gas and electrical safety checks.

There was no supplementary question.

8. Councillor Carter asked the Cabinet Member for Waste, Roads and Community Safety "Given the impact coronavirus is having on the hospitality sector, will the Council commit to removing the anti-business Cumulative Impact Zone Licensing Policy, or is this administration prepared to see the few successful hospitality areas in the Borough such as Wickersley go the same way as the Town Centre?"

In response the Cabinet Member for Waste, Road and Community Safety advised the Council did not consider the Cumulative Impact Policy to be anti-business and noted that there was nothing in the Policy that would prevent well managed, responsible businesses from thriving in Wickersley. The Cabinet Member advised that the Cumulative Impact

Policy did not ban new licensed premises from opening in the area but was intended to ensure that the night time economy in Wickersley could operate successfully, whilst at the same time ensuring that local residents were not adversely affected by those activities. The Cabinet Member stated that the Council recognised the challenging environment that many businesses, including those in the hospitality sector were currently facing and noted that the Council did not believe that the removal of the Cumulative Impact Policy would be an appropriate or necessary response to the current situation.

As a supplementary question Councillor Carter noted that with the hospitality sector struggling due to the pandemic, and with many residents employed in the sector, that the Council should be working to support hospitality businesses, and as such would the Council be promoting the Government's "Eat out to help out" scheme.

In response the Cabinet Member advised that the Council was working with the hospitality sector to help it recover from the impact of the pandemic and for residents to be able to enjoy the hospitality sector safely.

9. Councillor Carter asked the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Finance "At the last Council meeting it was revealed that over 40% of the Council's workforce was working from home since the pandemic. How does the Council plan to facilitate home working long term?"

In response the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Finance advised that the latest Council workforce data showed that 46% of Council staff were currently working from home, but noted that many Council staff would have been working from home on some days of the week prior to the pandemic in accordance with the Council's flexible working arrangements. The Cabinet Member noted that since restrictions were imposed in March, that staff had quickly adapted to new ways of working and had continued to deliver Council services.

The Cabinet Member advised that like every good employer, the Council was aware that every colleague's personal circumstances were different and that whilst current working practices would suit some individuals, they would also present challenges for others. The Cabinet Member advised that in order to support staff the Council had provided a range of advice and support in relation to working from home.

The Cabinet Member advised that the Council would be reviewing its approach to home working assessments in order to support colleague's physical health. The Cabinet Member advised that a staff survey had just been launched so that colleagues across the Council could share their experiences of working from home in order to identify what additional support they would value longer term. The Cabinet Member noted that home working arrangements would continue to be kept under review

based on the Government's latest guidance on Covid Secure working arrangements and the need to continue social distancing.

As a supplementary question Councillor Carter welcomed the high number of staff working successfully at home and asked that while this was a temporary measure and as services had continued to function, was the Council looking at enabling permanent home working?

In response the Cabinet Member noted that the current arrangements were temporary and that due to the evolving pandemic it was hard to predict what would happen in the future but noted that the Council had always supported flexible working practices for staff.

10. Councillor Carter asked the Cabinet Member for Cleaner, Greener Communities "As the Council has recognised, Ash Dieback is affecting our Borough's trees. Does the Council commit to a policy where removed trees are replaced with sufficient trees to make the process carbon neutral or better?".

In response the Cabinet Member for Cleaner, Greener Communities advised that the problem of Ash Dieback had been noted and that it had received full consideration in the discussions of the Climate Emergency Working Group. The work of the Group had resulted in an action plan being developed that included targets for carbon capture over the next decade, with an aim of carbon neutrality for the Borough and the implementation of a tree planting strategy. The Cabinet Member advised that the Council was committed to, and had ensured that where trees were removed, more trees were always replanted than had been removed.

As a supplementary question Councillor Carter asked for confirmation that while not currently the case that policies were in place to move the Borough to a position of carbon neutrality or better. The Cabinet Member advised that this was partly true as actions were still being developed but noted that with regard to planning applications part of the negotiations with developers now always included discussions on how tree planting could be maximised.

11. Councillor Napper asked the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Finance "The now defunct Just Yorkshire and Rethinking Prevent charities have been given an official warning due to misconduct or mismanagement with regards to unauthorised payments to trustees. Rethinking Prevent was also accused of promoting extremist viewpoints: - so has RMBC had any involvement with these 2 charities and have they received any monies in the past from RMBC?"

In response the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Finance advised that the Council had not had any involvement with these charities and stated they had not received any money from the Council in the past. The Cabinet Member noted that a charity called "Just West Yorkshire",

which records suggested was the same charity as Just Yorkshire, had held premises in Rotherham between October 2016 and September 2019.

There was no supplementary question.

12. Councillor Carter asked the Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy “With Government funding being devolved for active travel schemes, how does the Council plan to use this money and what will the impact be on the current road infrastructure?”

In response the Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy advised that the Council had received confirmation of funding for Emergency Active Travel Funding based on two tranches of support. Tranche One had already been granted and was being used to support social distancing measures in town and district centres based on a set of plans developed in June 2020. The Cabinet Member noted that typically this work comprised of Town Centre signage to support retail recovery as well as temporarily widening footways using coning and temporary barriers and signage where queuing risks were identified. The Cabinet Member noted that these have met with mixed levels of support and acceptance and as such some have been removed.

The Cabinet Member advised that plans for Tranche Two funding were being drawn up and were scheduled to be submitted to Government by the 7th August deadline. The Cabinet Member noted that, if approved, the funding was expected to amount to approximately £1.5million and would be used to establish and improve cycling and walking measures along one or more routes into the Town Centre as well as for local active travel measures within residential locations.

As a supplementary question Councillor Carter asked what the impact of the current and proposed measures would be on the current road network and road users. In response the Cabinet Member advised that active travel was always beneficial, and that the Council was doing as much as possible to promote initiatives that both encouraged healthy travel but also improved safety.

13. Councillor Napper asked the Leader “WYG Consultants have been engaged to carry out a survey on Eastwood, can the Leader tell us what will the cost to RMBC for their services?”

In response the Leader advised there would be no cost to the Council and that the work that WYG had been carrying out was funded by Government as part of the work to develop a Towns Deal proposal for submission to the Government in October. The Leader noted that the work covered an area across the wider Town Centre area including Eastwood and Templeborough and was essential in order to give the Council the best possible opportunity to secure up to £50 million of Government funding to enable a number of projects that would be presented through the Town Investment Plan.

There was no supplementary question.

14. Councillor Carter asked the Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy “What effect does the council think that the coronavirus pandemic will have on the Forge Island redevelopment?”

In response the Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy advised that the Forge Island scheme was continuing to progress well, noting that planning permission had been granted in July 2020 and that occupier interest remained strong. The Cabinet Member advised that there was every reason to be optimistic about the future of the scheme. The Cabinet Member noted that the development included high quality outdoor public spaces and areas for eating and drinking and that Forge Island was well placed to provide exactly the type of environment customers would be happy to visit post-pandemic.

As a supplementary question Councillor Carter asked what the Council was doing to ensure that residents would be able to benefit from free on-site parking when using the facilities. In response the Cabinet Member advised that the Council was working with the cinema operator with regard to the provision of parking.

15. Councillor Napper asked the Leader “RMBC is supposed to be open and transparent, so can the Leader tell us why no-one was informed when the decision was taken to demolish the Old Hall at Bramley?”

In response the Leader advised that he had not been informed either and that he had learnt of the proposed demolition at the same time as everyone else.

The Leader advised that Planning permission as such was not required to demolish the Old Hall at Bramley, adding that as the building was privately owned, was not a Listed Building and was not within a Conservation Area, planning permission as the term was generally understood was not required. The Leader noted that prior to the demolition of the building, the owner would have to notify the Council about the method of demolition and proposed restoration of the site, with the Council then having 28 days to consider whether the details of the demolition and of how the site would be restored once the building has been demolished were acceptable or not.

The Leader advised that the actual decision to demolish this building was not something that could be taken into account. The Leader advised that as part of the notification procedure the applicant was required to display a site notice for a period of 21 days that contained certain information, but that as the notice that had been originally displayed had not satisfied these minimum information requirements the process would have to be repeated.

The Leader advised in order to ensure better information sharing with Elected Members that in future such notifications would be included in the planning list information that was circulated to members.

There was no supplementary question.

16. Councillor Carter asked the Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy “With unemployment rising as a consequence of the coronavirus pandemic, how does the Council leadership plan to support those residents who now find themselves without work?”

In response the Leader noted the seriousness of the current economic situation for many residents and advised that the Council would work with DWP, Job Centre Plus, colleges, training providers and the voluntary sector to put in place support for residents who found themselves out of work. The Leader noted that the Council had worked closely with partners across the Sheffield City Region in order to develop a City Region Renewal Action Plan that supported economic recovery and advised that the Council had strongly advocated that the economic impact on people and communities should be a major focus of the Plan. The Leader stated that he was pleased to report that the Council’s proposals had been supported by partners from across the region and that as such a detailed proposal had gone forward to Government describing a series of measures to help people find jobs and adapt to the new economy.

As a supplementary question Councillor Carter asked what lobbying activity was planned to obtain financial support in enable for programmes to be delivered that would enable residents to retrain for different jobs.

In response the Leader noted that lobbying activity was taken place and provided information on elements of the Renewal Action Plan that included Train to Work, Back to Work, the Young People’s Skill Guarantee Post and the Overcome Barriers scheme that would work to support residents get back into sustainable employment.

17. Councillor Napper asked the Chair of the Planning Board “Planning permission was sought two or three times for the Old Hall, Bramley, only to be told that it was not in keeping with Bramley and planning refused. So can the question be asked, and we be informed, what exactly would be in keeping with planning for Bramley?”

In response the Chair of the Planning Board advised that Councillor Napper had been misinformed and that Planning permission for the site had been approved in October 2016 for the refurbishment and conversion of the existing building to form four dwellings together with the erection of two new dwellings. The Chair noted that this permission had expired in October 2019 and that no further applications had been submitted to the Council. The Chair advised that it was understood from a structural survey submitted to the Council that the building was no longer suitable for conversion and that also a notification to demolish the building was

pending. It was noted that discussions were ongoing with the landowner in respect to the redevelopment of the site.

The Chair noted that as the site had been allocated for residential development the principle of residential use of the site was acceptable, however, due to there being a Listed Building adjacent to the site any redevelopment would have to be sensitive to that building. The Chair noted further than it would also be necessary, considering the character of the surrounding area that any proposed development would likely to be restricted to two storeys in height with separation distances and outside space incorporated in accordance with the Council's Standard that were set out in the South Yorkshire Residential Design Guide.

There was no supplementary question.

18. Councillor Carter asked the Leader "Will the Council Leader on behalf of his group condemn both Labour MPs who represent Rotherham residents for not joining the 'Excluded UK' All-Party Parliamentary Group, who are working cross-party to fight for three million residents who have been left out by the Government's coronavirus financial support schemes?". In asking his question Councillor Carter qualified his question by noting that since he had submitted his question it was one Labour MP.

In response the Leader stated that he was not aware of the full membership details of this group but noted that most MP's were members of numerous groups of this type. The Leader advised that Labour MP's had been at the forefront of calls on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to extend the Government's financial support schemes and that John Healey MP had made representations to the Chancellor regarding support for the self-employed.

As a supplementary question Councillor Carter asked how the Council would work to support residents who had not been eligible for any of the Government's financial support schemes.

In response the Leader advised that the Council had been working hard to distribute the funds that it had been allocated to those who were entitled to receive the support. The Leader noted that via the Council's Discretionary Business Support Fund ,around £4million had been distributed to small businesses who had missed out on previous schemes and advised that the Council would continue to work within its resources to support residents.

19. Councillor Cowles asked the Deputy Leader "Social mobility campaigners are urging the setup of selective sixth forms to boost the chances of deprived children outside the capital of attending an elite university. Increased numbers of these schools are transforming the lives of disadvantaged children. MP's state this is a priority. When can we expect to see adoption of this policy?"

In response the Deputy Leader advised that this would never happen.

As a supplementary question Councillor Cowles asked that as selective sixth forms were being rejected, how could high achievers at Rotherham's schools be assisted most effectively as many high achievers did not maximise their potential due to the lack of effective guidance on choosing the best courses and the best universities. Councillor Cowles also asked how many young people in Rotherham went on to attend "Russell Group" universities.

The Deputy Leader advised that the establishment of selective sixth forms would need to be a 'free school' application and therefore would come through an existing Academy, ideally with experience of post-16 provision. The Deputy Leader noted that given the recent reduction in post-16 funding, any such applications would need to target an existing wide catchment, which was currently well provided for across Rotherham and, therefore, any new provision would be entering into a highly competitive market.

The Deputy Leader advised that whilst he would want to see more students from Rotherham applying and entering highly selective universities, evidence suggested that the key reasons for low entry into these institutions was not due to any lack of breadth of provision available, but more often because of the associated costs and barriers associated with low income families being able to afford the cost of attending such universities and the legacy costs connected to the repayment of any costs incurred during the study period.

20. Councillor Cowles asked the Cabinet Member for Housing "Selective Licensing has been in place for a full term. How many landlords, for whatever infringement of this Policy, have had one or more licenses revoked?"

In response the Cabinet Member for Housing advised that 238 Selective Licenses had been revoked since May 2015 and noted that that number included landlords that had breached conditions of the License, together with where landlords for a property had changed during the lifetime of the Licence.

The Cabinet Member stated that mandatory Selective Licensing of private rented housing had been shown to be a successful tool to improve standards of rented property, both locally and nationally and as such the Scheme had been extended for a further five years. This was supported through the decision to designate a number of Selective Licensing areas for a five years period which had commenced this year. The Cabinet Member noted that when the previous Selective Licensing Scheme began, over 90% of properties inspected had not met minimum legal standards, but by the end of the Scheme over 95% of properties had been compliant, with those that were not complaint going through a formal process for improvement. The Cabinet Member stated that he hoped the

extended scheme to Thurcroft and Parkgate would bring the benefits of Selective Licensing to those communities.

As a supplementary question Councillor Cowles noted that whilst Selective Licensing had improved housing, it had not improved communities as a whole and asked how a landlord had not been aware that his property was being used as a cannabis farm.

In response the Cabinet Member asked that Councillor Cowles should raise any questions he had on specific cases with him outside of the meeting but noted that Selective Licensing had been effective and revoking licences where breaches had occurred.

21. Councillor Cowles asked the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Finance “A few weeks ago, ex-Councillor Vines published a letter in the local paper highlighting significant sums of money provided by RMBC as grants to various groups. Additionally, the letter indicated that there had been little or no scrutiny of how the money was spent. Can you assure us that this was not the case?”

In response the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Finance advised that it was clear from his letter what former Councillor Vines had been trying to suggest where he had highlighted a number of groups that supported black and minority ethnic people that had received money from the Council, grants that in most cases had been made many years ago. The Cabinet Member stated that the assertion that the Council had given Voluntary Action Rotherham £6 million made by former Councillor Vines was false and that while the Council had provided money for Magna, former Councillor Vines had at the time advocated higher levels of financial support. The Cabinet Member stated that the current administration had five years ago brought in a system that introduced a competitive grants process that was supported by strict financial safeguards that ensured a high degree of assurance regarding value for money.

As a supplementary question Councillor Cowles asked that given how the Leader had advised that questions are always answered, why had the Cabinet Member failed to answer the question he had asked fully. Councillor Cowles noted that he had not been given any assurance on the robustness of the process and scrutiny surrounding the allocation of such substantial sums.

The Cabinet Member noted his disagreement with this statement and advised that all processes were fully accountable.

378. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items for consideration.

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Before closing the meeting, the Mayor wished to place on record the thanks of the Council to the outgoing Head of Democratic Services, James McLaughlin, who was leaving the Council in August to become Director of Corporate and Customer Services at Derbyshire Dales District Council.

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Council – 30 September 2020

Report Title

Petitions

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

Borough-Wide

Report Summary

This report provides Members with a list of all petitions received by Rotherham MBC since the last Council meeting held on 22nd July, 2020 and details which petitions will be presented by members of the public at this Council meeting.

No petitions have been submitted since the previous Council meeting that meet the threshold for consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board. Similarly, no petitions have met the threshold to require a debate at the Council meeting.

This report is submitted for Members' awareness of the items to be presented to the Council meeting.

Recommendations

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Council receive the petitions listed at paragraph 2.2 of the report and lead petitioners be entitled to address the Council for a total period of five minutes in accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme.
3. That the relevant Strategic Directors be required to respond to the lead petitioners as set out by 14th October, 2020.

List of Appendices Included

None

Background Papers

None

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

No

Council Approval Required

Yes

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

Petitions

1. Background

- 1.1 The Council refreshed its Petition Scheme in May 2019, following its introduction in 2010 after legislative changes requiring local authorities to respond to petitions. Whilst the Localism Act 2011 repealed that statutory requirement, the Council has maintained its commitment to responding to issues raised by local people and communities in respect of matters within the Council's remit.
- 1.2 The current Petition Scheme sets thresholds for various routes that petitions can take through the decision making process:-
- Up to 20 signatures – not accepted as a petition.
 - 20 to 599 signatures – five minute presentation to Council by Lead Petitioner and response by relevant Strategic Director.
 - 600 to 1,999 signatures – five minute presentation to Council by Lead Petitioner and referral to Overview and Scrutiny Management Board for review of the issues, followed by response by the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Management Board setting out their findings and recommendations.
 - 2,000 signatures and above – five minute presentation to Council by Lead Petitioner followed by a 15 minute debate of the petition by the Council, followed by response by relevant Strategic Director on behalf of the Council.
- 1.3 This report is submitted for information to detail the number of petitions received since the previous Council meeting held on 26 February 2020 and the route that these petitions will take through the Council's decision making processes.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 Since the last Council meeting held on 22nd July, 2020, no petitions have been received that would require a debate by the Council or referral to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.
- 2.2 The following petitions have been received which meet the threshold for presentation to the Council meeting and for a response to be issued by the relevant Strategic Director:-

Subject	Number of Valid Signatures	Lead Petitioner	Strategic Director to respond
Residents' request for replacement pavements and crossings on Well View Road.	30 signatures	Mr. L. Ashton Mr. S. Collins	Regeneration and Environment

Request to the Council to explain why a report on RMBC's website (presented to the Improving Live Select Committee in March, 2020) continued to communicate errors of fact after these errors were pointed out.	22 signatures	Mr. L. Harron on behalf of 'T'	Children and Young People's Services
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- 2.3 In accordance with the provisions of the Council's Petition Scheme, a response will be issued to the Lead Petitioner by 14th October, 2020.

3. **Options considered and recommended proposal**

- 3.1 This report is submitted for information and Members are recommended to note the content and resolve that the petitions received be administered in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Petition Scheme.

4. **Consultation on proposal**

- 4.1 This report is submitted for information in order to detail the petitions received by the Council since the previous Council meeting held on 26 February 2020. There are no consultation issues directly associated with this report.

5. **Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

- 5.1 Under the provisions of the Council's Petition Scheme, Strategic Directors are accountable for the provision of responses to petitions received by the authority. The scheme provides for responses to be issued to the lead petitioner following the Council meeting. As a customer service standard, the Council has committed to responding to petitions within ten working days of the Council meeting.

6. **Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications**

- 6.1 There are no financial or procurement implications directly associated with this report.

7. **Legal Advice and Implications**

- 7.1 There are no legal implications directly associated with this report.

8. **Human Resources Advice and Implications**

- 8.1 There are no human resources implications directly associated with this report.

9. **Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults**

- 9.1 Whilst there are petitions listed for presentation that have implications for children and young people, there are no implications for either children and young people or vulnerable adults directly arising from this report.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

- 10.1 There are no specific equalities or human rights implications directly associated with this report.

11. Implications for Ward Priorities

- 11.1 There are no direct implications on ward priorities arising from the petitions referred to earlier in this report.

12. Implications for Partners

- 12.1 There are no known implications for partners arising from the petitions referred to earlier in this report.

13. Risks and Mitigation

- 13.1. As this report is submitted for information, there are no risks associated with the presentation of information in respect of petitions received.

14. Accountable Officers

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THE CABINET
20th July, 2020

Present:- Councillor Read (in the Chair); Councillors Alam, Allen, Beck, Hoddinott, Lelliott, Roche and Watson.

Also in attendance Councillor Steele (Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board)

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

25. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

26. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15th June, 2020, be approved as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

27. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**Resolved:**

That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for agenda Item 12 on the grounds that the appendix of the report 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.

28. FURTHER FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE PROVIDERS TO MITIGATE THE IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Consideration was given to a report which outlined a proposed approach to facilitate support to the Adult Social Care sector, with an extension of previous decisions and an addition in respect of proposed cash grants for Home Care and Support providers.

It was reported that the Council had been allocated two un-ringfenced grants totalling £16.2m from Government to support the Council in meeting additional costs associated with its response to Covid-19 and a subsequent ring-fenced grant through the Infection Control Fund of £3,008,676 specifically for Adult Social Care.

Within the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care's grant letter issued on 19th March, 2020, were specific requirements to support Adult Social Care based on the guidance previously issued to local authority commissioners by the LGA, ADASS and the Care Provider Alliance. The Council responded to the requirements set out by the Secretary of State's letter through Cabinet reports and delegated officer decisions to financially support the Adult Social Care market in Rotherham. However, those measures had been time limited and were due to expire on 30th June, 2020.

Lower numbers of reported Covid-19 infections and deaths had led the Government to reduce the threat level from 4 to 3 with the virus no longer judged to be "high or exponentially rising". However, despite the welcome improvements nationally and locally in combatting the virus, this had not diminished the impacts on Adult Social Care providers who supported the most vulnerable people in society. The people supported were, in many cases, at high risk were they to contract Covid-19. In response to this, it was proposed to extend the financial support measures agreed by Cabinet on 11th May, 2020, and through previous delegated decisions to the Adult Social Care sector for a further 3 months period up until 30th September, 2020.

Resolved:

1. That the funding arrangements currently in place be extended for a further three months (backdated from 1st July, 2020) until 30th September, 2020, and that the costs be funded from the Government grant referred to within the report:

- i) Care Homes for Older People

- a) Continue advance additional payments of £15k to each Older Peoples' Care Home in Rotherham (a total cost of £495k)
 - b) Continue provision of a £100k contingency fund for Adult Care to utilise should additional emergency funding be required for Older People's Care Homes approved by Cabinet (11th May 2020).

- ii) Home Care and Support Services

- c) Continue advance additional payments of £15k for each contracted Home Care and Support provider (a total cost of £195k).
 - d) Continue the approach of 100% payment of planned hours to contracted Home Care and Support providers until 30th September, 2020.
 - e) Continue to cover the cost of suspended packages and the application of the 20% tolerance rule within the contract at

100% cost of planned care hours for the contracted Home Care and Support providers until the 30th September, 2020

- f) Continue provision of a £200k contingency fund for Adult Care to utilise should additional emergency funding be required for contracted Home Care and Support providers.

iii) Learning Disability and/or Autism

- g) Continue to pay the providers for people with a Learning Disability/Autism additional costs as defined by Service area in the table at paragraph 3.5.4 until the 30th September, 2020.
- h) Continue the provision of a £100k contingency fund for Adult Care to utilise should additional emergency funding be required for contracted residential/supported living providers for people with a Learning Disability/Autism approved by Cabinet (11th May, 2020).

iv) Review

- i) That the position be continually reviewed on a monthly basis during the 3-month period up to 30th September and that the Council will work with Adult Social Care providers to transition from these arrangements in accordance with PPN/04 20 Supplier Relief (Recovery & Transition).

29. CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER TAKEOVER CHALLENGE REPORT - HATE CRIME

Consideration was given to a report which outlined the findings and recommendations following a spotlight review undertaken by Rotherham Youth Cabinet regarding hate crime, a key priority in their manifesto for 2020.

The report was submitted to invite Cabinet to respond formally to the recommendations and indicate agreement or otherwise and what action will be taken to implement the recommendations, together with details of timescales and accountabilities.

The report and contributions of the Rotherham Youth Cabinet were welcomed and it was noted that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board had endorsed the work and recommendations of the young people.

Resolved:-

1. That the report and the recommendations from the review be received.
2. That, in view of the requirement for a multi-agency response to the recommendations, the Interim Strategic Director of Children and

Young People's Services co-ordinate the preparation of a response to the recommendations within two months, in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

30. ROTHERHAM SHOW 2020

Consideration was given to a report which detailed the implications for holding the Rotherham Show 2020 in light of the Covid-19 pandemic and proposed alternative arrangements.

It was reported that in considering the implications for the Rotherham Show scheduled for September 2020, officers and the Production Board had taken account of:

- Health and safety of public, workers and volunteers
- Legal implications
- Financial implications
- Quality of experience for the public
- Reputational impact

On this basis, it was proposed that the Rotherham Show 2020 be cancelled and an alternative programme should be offered. Cancellation was recommended in recognition of the fact that if it was not possible to create an event that was recognisable as Rotherham Show or that could bring people together safely at scale, then it would be better not to compromise the reputation which had been built up over the previous forty years. It was reported that partners recognised that, in the absence of the Show and in recognition of the extraordinary experience of the pandemic, there was a need for an alternative programme of projects and activities which would:

- Enable people to express and make sense of the experience of the last few months
- Create memorials/ways to remember those who have lost their lives
- Provide hope and support for grieving families, complementing clinical counselling services
- Combat loneliness and bring communities back together safely (either online, or in socially distanced household groups)
- Support, and celebrate the contribution of, staff, key workers and volunteers
- Revitalise morale, pride and confidence in Rotherham (supporting economic recovery)

Resolved:-

1. That approval be given to the cancellation of the 2020 Rotherham Show in its traditional form.
2. That approval be given to the development of an alternative programme of events and activities which can be safely delivered in its place.
3. That approval be given for the Production Board to continue to plan for the safe delivery of Rotherham Show in 2021.

31. FINANCIAL OUTTURN 2019/20

Consideration was given to a report which outlined the final revenue and capital outturn position for 2019/20. It was reported that the Revenue Budget 2019/20 was approved by Council on 27th February, 2019. A budget of £221.1m was set for General Fund services; which excluded schools budgets and Housing Revenue Account (HRA). The final outturn position was a balanced budget which required £2.0m less use of corporate reserves than planned for. The original budget was supported by budget contingency reserves of £3.2m. Additional funding received in year, use of earmarked reserves and flexible use of capital receipts had resulted in a reduced call on the reserves of £1.2m leaving a balance of £2.0m to support the budget in later years.

It was noted that the Council continued to face demand pressures, in particular in respect of social care. This coupled with the significant financial challenges the Council's response to Covid-19 was expected to bring meant that the outlook was very challenging.

The Council's General Fund minimum balance had been increased to £20.700m as planned and set out within the Council's Reserves Strategy reported in the Budget and Council Tax Report 2020/21. The reserve was held to protect the Council against unforeseen events and realisation of contingent liabilities.

It was reported that the Housing Revenue Account had an underspend of £2.9m, however, the revenue contribution to capital outlay was increased by £0.2m. Therefore, the net budgeted use of HRA reserves reduced by £2.7m. The schools outturn position which was funded by the ring-fenced Dedicated Schools Grant had an underspend of £1.968m.

The capital outturn showed slippage and underspend of £6.3m against the estimated spend for 2019/20 included within the Capital Programme.

It was noted that the report had been submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board for pre-decision scrutiny on 15th July, 2020, where Members had supported the recommendations in the report and had also proposed that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

hold a dedicated workshop to consider the financial and service implications of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Resolved:-

1. That the revenue outturn position be noted.
2. That it be noted that the budgeted transfer from HRA reserves was reduced by £2.7m following the HRA outturn position.
3. That the carry forward of the combined schools balance of £1.740m in accordance with the Department for Education regulations be noted.
4. That the reserves position set out in section 2.32 of the report submitted be noted.
5. That the capital outturn and funding position as set out in sections 2.40 to 2.57 of the report submitted be noted.
6. That the report be referred to Council for information and for approval of the updated Capital Programme as set out in paragraphs 2.58 to 2.66 and Appendices 1 to 4 of this report.
7. That the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board be endorsed.

32. ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT AND ACTUAL PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2019/20

Consideration was given to the Annual Treasury Management report, which was submitted to review the treasury activity for 2019/20 against the strategy agreed at the start of the year. The report also covered the actual Prudential Indicators for 2019/20 in accordance with the requirements of the Prudential Code. The report meets the requirements of both the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management and the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities. The Council is required to comply with both Codes through Regulations issued under the Local Government Act 2003.

Furthermore, the Council received an Annual Treasury Strategy report in advance of the 2019/20 financial year at its meeting on 27th February, 2019, and Audit Committee received a mid-year report at its meeting on 26th November, 2019, representing a mid-year review of treasury activity during 2019/20.

Resolved:-

1. That the Treasury Management Prudential Indicators outturn position as set out in section 3 and Appendices A and B of the Annual Treasury Management Report for 2019/20 be noted.
2. That the report be forwarded to Audit Committee for information.

33. MAY 2020/21 FINANCIAL MONITORING

Consideration was given to a report which detailed the financial position as at the end of May 2020 and was based on actual costs and income for the first two months of 2020/21 and forecast for the remainder of the financial year.

Members noted that financial performance was a key element within the assessment of the Council's overall performance framework and was essential to achievement of the objectives within the Council's Policy Agenda. The report was the first in a series of monitoring reports for the 2020-21 financial year which would continue to be brought forward to Cabinet on a regular basis.

As at May 2020, the Council had a forecast year-end overspend of £6.2m after taking account of the Government's provision of Covid-19 support grant of £16.2m. Without the funding, the projected overspend would have been £22.4m on the General Fund.

Resolved:-

1. That the current General Fund Revenue Budget forecast of £6.2m 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.

34. STRATEGIC ACQUISITION OF 12 NEW HOMES AT HIGHFIELD FARM, WEST MELTON

Consideration was given to a report which sought approval to purchase 12 new homes at Highfield Farm, West Melton from Persimmon Homes as part of the Council's Housing Development Programme.

It was reported that six of the new homes were Section 106 planning gain homes which would be acquired at approximately 67% of the open market value, and the remaining six homes were opportunity acquisitions which would be purchased at market value.

The new homes would be brought into the Council's social housing stock to address waiting list demand and replace homes lost through Right to Buy. It was projected that the new homes will be ready for hand-over to the Council in November 2020.

Resolved:-

1. That authority to purchase six discounted Section 106 planning gain homes at Highfield Farm West Melton, using Housing Revenue Account resources, be delegated to the Assistant Director for Planning, Regeneration and Transport, in conjunction with the Assistant Director for Housing.
2. That authority to purchase six additional homes on the same development at open market value, be delegated to the Assistant Director for Planning, Regeneration and Transport, in conjunction with the Assistant Director for Housing.
3. That authority to agree additional acquisitions from this scheme should the opportunity arise, be delegated to the Assistant Director for Planning, Regeneration and Transport, in conjunction with the Assistant Director for Housing.
4. That authority to negotiate and complete the legal documentation to give effect to the Cabinet's decision be delegated to the Head of Legal Services.

35. LOCAL PLAN: CONSULTATION ON DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS

Consideration was given to a report which sought approval to undertake public consultation on the following draft Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs):

- Draft Affordable Housing SPD
- Draft Development Viability SPD
- Draft Natural Environment SPD
- Draft Transport Assessments, Travel Plans and Parking Standards SPD
- Draft Safeguarding Community Facilities SPD

It was reported that Rotherham's Local Plan provided the framework for determining planning applications. Supplementary Planning Documents provided additional detail and guidance to support policies in the Local Plan. Once adopted, they would be a material consideration which could be taken into account when determining planning applications. Supplementary Planning Documents help improve planning applications, which in turn speed up the planning process and produce better outcomes for the community.

Resolved:-

1. That approval be given to public consultation on the draft Supplementary Planning Documents at Appendices 2 to 6 of the report submitted.
2. That, following consultation, a further report be submitted in July 2021 regarding adoption of the Supplementary Planning Documents.

36. COMMUNITY ENERGY SWITCHING SCHEME

Consideration was given to a report which proposed a change of approach in respect of the Community Energy Switching Scheme that had been approved by Cabinet on 16th September, 2019, where a contract had been awarded to Robin Hood Energy (RHE). It was noted that, in the time since RHE was awarded the contract, a new management team had been enlisted and their business model reviewed and changed. As a result, RHE could not agree to the specification under the terms of the procurement process and so the contract could not be awarded.

It was reported that the recent tender process had provided a valuable insight into market conditions, and this learning had been taken forward into a revised proposal to re-tender the Community Energy Switching Scheme contract and to run an internal switching scheme in parallel with the procurement process to support Rotherham residents and gain essential market data.

This report detailed the proposed activity for 2020/21 which included:

- a market engagement and tender process for a new Community Energy Switching Scheme;
- an internally delivered switching scheme to run during the tender process; and,
- a Smart Meter project funded by National Energy Association (NEA) which would help to support the switching scheme

It was noted that the report had been subject to pre-decision scrutiny by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board at its meeting on 15 July 2020 where Members had supported the recommendations and requested a report on further developments in respect of the Community Energy Switching Scheme to be submitted to the Improving Places Select Commission. This recommendation was endorsed by the Cabinet.

Resolved:-

1. That it be noted that the previous decision to award the community energy switching scheme to Robin Hood Energy has not been able

to be progressed.

2. That approval be given to the re-tendering of the community energy switching scheme contract.
3. That approval be given to the development and implementation of an internal independent community energy scheme to run during the tender process.
4. That the recommendation of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board be endorsed.

37. CONSULTATION ON PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS - TOWN CENTRE AND BOROUGH WIDE DOG FOULING

Consideration was given to a report which proposed to undertake consultation to establish views in relation to Public Spaces Protection Orders and support a future decision about these Public Spaces Protection Orders.

It was reported that the current Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order and the transitioned borough-wide dog fouling Public Spaces Protection Order expire in September and October 2020 respectively. As part of the consultation, views would be sought about the conditions that might be included within both Orders at the same time.

It was noted that the report had been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board at its meeting on 15 July 2020 where Members had supported the proposed actions.

Resolved:-

1. That approval be given to carry out a consultation in relation to a new Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order.
2. That approval be given to carry out a consultation in relation to a Borough wide Public Spaces Protection Order specifically dealing with dog fouling.

38. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

Consideration was given to the circulated report, the contents of which were included as part of the relevant items and the details included accordingly

39. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:-

That the next meeting of the Cabinet be held on Monday, 21st September, 2020, commencing at 10.00 a.m.

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Council – 30th September, 2020

Report Title

Recommendation from Cabinet – Financial Outturn 2019/20

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

Yes

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

Judith Badger, Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services

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Ward(s) Affected

Borough-Wide

Report Summary

At its meeting on 20 July 2020, the Cabinet considered a report detailing proposals to update the Capital Programme for 2020-21.

The original report providing detail to the proposals is appended in order to provide Members with sufficient knowledge to agree the proposals.

In order to give effect to the recommendations from Cabinet, consideration and approval by Council must be given to the recommendation set out below.

Recommendations

1. That the updated financial position as detailed in the report be noted.
2. That the report be noted and the updated Capital Programme as set out in paragraphs 2.58 to 2.66 and Appendices 1 to 4 of this report be approved.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix A	Cover Report to Cabinet
Appendices 1 to 4	Capital Programme 2020/21 to 2023/24.
Appendix 5	Equalities Screening

Background Papers

Revenue Budget and Council Tax Setting Report for 2019/20 to Council on 27th February 2019.

May Financial Monitoring Report to Cabinet 8th July 2019

July Financial Monitoring Report to Cabinet 16th September 2019

October Financial Monitoring Report to Cabinet 23rd December 2019

December Financial Monitoring Report to Cabinet 17th February 2020

January Financial Monitoring Report to Cabinet 23rd March 2020

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 15 July 2020

Council Approval Required

Yes

Exempt from the Press and Public

No.

APPENDIX A



Public Report
Cabinet

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Cabinet – 20 July 2020

Report Title

Financial Outturn 2019/20

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

Yes

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

Borough-Wide

Report Summary

The report outlines the final revenue and capital outturn position for 2019/20.

The Revenue Budget 2019/20 was approved by Council on 27 February 2019. A budget of £221.1m was set for General Fund services; this excludes schools budgets and Housing Revenue Account (HRA). The final outturn position was a balanced budget which required £2.0m less use of corporate reserves than planned for. The original budget was supported by budget contingency reserves of £3.2m. Additional funding received in year, use of earmarked reserves and flexible use of capital receipts has resulted in a reduced call on the reserves of £1.2m leaving a balance of £2.0m to support the budget in later years.

A summary of the outturn position for each Directorate is shown in the table in Section 2.1 below together with the actions and measures taken to deliver a balanced budget. The Council continues to face demand pressures, in particular in respect of social care. This coupled with the significant financial challenges the Councils response to Covid-19 will bring, as reported in detail to Cabinet in June 2020, means the outlook is very challenging.

The Council's General Fund minimum balance has been increased to £20.700m as planned and set out within the Council's Reserves Strategy reported in the Budget and Council Tax Report 2020/21. The reserve is held to protect the Council against unforeseen events and realisation of contingent liabilities.

The Housing Revenue Account had an underspend of £2.9m, however, the revenue contribution to capital outlay was increased by £0.2m. Therefore, the net budgeted use of HRA reserves reduced by £2.7m.

The schools outturn position which is funded by the ring-fenced Dedicated Schools Grant had an underspend of £1.968m.

The capital outturn shows slippage and underspend of £6.3m against the estimated spend for 2019/20 included within the Capital Programme.

Recommendations

1. That the revenue outturn position be noted.
2. That it be noted that the budgeted transfer from HRA reserves was reduced by £2.7m following the HRA outturn position.
3. That the carry forward of the combined schools balance of £1.740m in accordance with the Department for Education regulations be noted.
4. That the reserves position set out in section 2.32 be noted.
5. That the capital outturn and funding position as set out in sections 2.40 to 2.57 be noted.
6. That the report be referred to Council for information and for approval of the updated Capital Programme as set out in paragraphs 2.58 to 2.66 and Appendices 1 to 4 of this report.

List of Appendices Included

Appendices 1 to 4 Capital Programme 2020/21 to 2023/24.
Appendix 5 Equalities Screening

Background Papers

Revenue Budget and Council Tax Setting Report for 2019/20 to Council on 27th February 2019.

May Financial Monitoring Report to Cabinet 8th July 2019

July Financial Monitoring Report to Cabinet 16th September 2019

October Financial Monitoring Report to Cabinet 23rd December 2019

December Financial Monitoring Report to Cabinet 17th February 2020

January Financial Monitoring Report to Cabinet 23rd March 2020

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 15 July 2020

Council Approval Required

Yes

Exempt from the Press and Public

No.

Financial Outturn 2019/20

1. Background

- 1.1 This report sets out the Council revenue, capital, HRA and schools outturn position in 2019/20. It also describes the details of the Council's reserves balances as at the end of the financial year. The Council set a revenue budget of £221.1m and a capital programme of £99.689m.
- 1.2 The report illustrates the Council's financial position on a management accounts basis which is used to monitor performance throughout the financial years. The Audit Committee will consider the Council's draft unaudited Statement of Accounts 2019/20 on 18th August 2020 and will consider the final Statement of Accounts on 24th November 2020 following the audit of the accounts by the Council's external auditors Grant Thornton. These required timetables for publication of local authority accounts have been pushed back nationally in response to the additional pressures placed on public sector finance teams due to Covid-19. The Statement of Accounts are prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2019/20 and appropriate accounting standards. As such, the reporting in the Statement of Accounts is different in format to the management reporting.
- 1.3 In understanding the outturn position it is helpful to set out the financial context of the Council.
- 1.4 The Council set a two-year budget for 2019/20 and 2020/21 at the Council Budget meeting in February 2019. The two-year budget included savings to address a funding gap of £30m over those two years, those savings included £7.8m of Service Directorate savings to be delivered in 2019/20 and a further £15.8m to be delivered in 2020/21. There were no additions in the 2020/21 budget to those savings, though £8.6m of one-off additional budget support was provided in recognition that more time was required to deliver key savings in Adults and CYPS. The existing agreed savings will continue to be monitored to ensure delivery.
- 1.5 However, the challenge is significant in light of increased demand for services and funding uncertainty for the local government sector. Notwithstanding, the Council will continue to examine service change and improvement work across the Council in meeting the challenges faced.
- 1.6 In common with other local authorities across the country, there continues to be increasing demand pressures on social care services. These increased demands continued to place additional pressures on the Council's financial position, which has been closely monitored and appropriate mitigations have been implemented by management to ensure that total expenditure remained within the overall budget for 2019/20 set by Council in February 2019.
- 1.7 The Council has a programme to identify, track and deliver a savings programme over the medium term in order to maintain a balanced budget. The process draws on an approach that ensures that both investment and savings options are not considered in isolation and contribute to the principles and priorities as set out in the Council Plan and Medium Term Financial Strategy. The Council's 'Big Hearts, Big Changes' programme helps the Council to address the financial challenges.

- 1.8 The Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy was revised and updated as part of 2020/21 budget setting and supports the Council's ambition of financial sustainability over the medium term.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 The table below provides a summary of the Revenue Outturn for 2019/20. This is followed by a summary of the position by Directorate which includes an explanation of the key variances.

Directorate	Budget 2019/20	Outturn 2019/20	Variance (over (+)/under (-))
	£'m	£'m	£'m
Children and Young People's Services	65.9	70.3	4.4
Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	77.0	77.7	0.7
Regeneration and Environment	42.2	44.7	2.5
Finance and Customer Services	18.2	17.6	-0.6
Assistant Chief Executive	6.6	6.4	-0.2
Central Services	11.2	5.6	-5.6
SUB TOTAL			
Budget Contingency	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	221.1	222.3	1.2
Actions to address budget overspend			
Use of Reserves – Budget Contingency		-1.2	-1.2
Total Actions to Address Budget Overspend	0.0	-1.2	-1.2
Net Financial Outturn			
	221.1	221.1	0.0

2.2 Children and Young People's Services

- 2.3 Children & Young People Services are implementing a two-year budget recovery plan to reduce the budget pressures from previous years (£15.7m in 2018/19) and deliver budget savings
- 2.4 The outturn position at the end of March is £4.4m with a £1.5m favourable movement since January's monitoring report to March cabinet, in the main due to £1.3m received from the DfE linked to Stovewood costs. The Looked After Children number of 595 is 5 under the budget target of 600, but the placement mix of having too many young people in residential care is the main reason for the budget overspend.
- 2.5 The direct employee budget was £39.03m and is a combination of general fund, traded and grant funded services. The staffing underspend at the end of financial year was £1.43m, of which £1.33m is a general fund underspend, with a £60k underspend on Traded Services and a £34k underspend on DSG staffing.

- 2.6 A significant element of the CYPS non-pay budgets relates to placements which has a net budget of £31.2m, the spend in 2019/20 was £37.6m, creating a financial pressure of £6.4m. The main financial pressures were Residential placements (£4.5m), Special Guardianship Payments (£1.0m), Emergency placements (£0.6m), Direct Payments (£0.4m) offset by Parent and Baby assessment savings of (£0.4m), plus a reduction in the estimated income from the Clinical Commissioning Group (£1.0m).
- 2.7 The other major budget pressures have also been incurred linked to the current number of Looked After Children this financial year. Transport overspent by £490k and section 17 & 23 payments by £543k.
- 2.8 High Needs Block
- 2.9 The High Needs Block (HNB) is £34.5m (including the £2.8m transfer from the schools block) and remains under significant pressure due to rising numbers of children supported in specialist provision and the rising costs of Education Health Care (EHC) plans. Consequently, the central DSG reserve has changed over a three-year period from a £1m reserve deficit at the end of 2015/16 to £15.1m deficit at the end of the 2018/19 financial year (£5.1m overspend in 2018/19).
- 2.10 The outturn was an overspend of £4.6m. The main pressures are due to growth in alternative provision and top up payments, plus the number of high cost external residential and independent sector placements.
- 2.10 **Adult Care, Public Health and Housing**
- 2.11 The final outturn position for the Directorate was an overspend of £0.7m. This was an improvement on the position which had been previously reported. This is based on full delivery of savings identified by implementing the new target operating model and part year savings from the reassessment programme and review of Learning Disability services.
- 2.12 Adult Care Services are overspending largely as a result of demand for services. The net reduction in people requiring the service is less than anticipated, people are presenting with increasingly complex needs and the average number of hours for a domiciliary care package is increasing.
- 2.13 The budget includes savings of £5.7m, of which £2.4m was delivered giving a shortfall of £3.3m in 2019/20.
- 2.14 Some of the forecast savings are lower than originally planned and will take longer to deliver. The reassessment savings have been re-profiled based on the reassessments delivered in 2018/19, and the forecast activity across 2019/20 to 2021/22. The outturn position includes the impact of the reassessments completed during 2019/20 which show a deficit of £0.5m against plan.
- 2.15 My Front Door has been re-profiled for the amended inhouse services timeline. Other savings are on track to be delivered as planned.
- 2.16 Neighbourhood Services' (Housing) has an underspend position due to additional fee income from the Furnished Homes scheme (-£0.4m) and additional contributions from the HRA for advocacy and appeals.

2.17 A number of mitigating actions have been identified, including maximising the use of one-off resources, which have bridged the savings shortfall this financial year and also covers some of the costs of additional demand for services, resulting in a net overall forecast of £0.7m overspend for the Directorate.

2.18 The Public Health grant has been fully utilised. A Budget saving agreed as part of the budget setting process totalling £0.1m in respect Sexual Health contract was fully achieved in year.

2.19 **Regeneration and Environment**

2.20 The Directorate has an overspend of £2.5m. This is in excess of the £2m reported to Cabinet in March 2020 but is reflective of the significant budgetary challenges that faced the Directorate during the financial year. A summary of the main budget variances are identified below.

- **Community Safety and Street Scene (CSS) - £1.1m overspend**

Street Scene services were £1.4m overspent. This included an overspend of £1.4m in the Corporate Transport Unit, which was principally made up of a £1.1m overspend in respect of Home to School transport. This is a result of demand pressures on the Service, which is affecting all local authorities. As part of the 2020/21 budget setting the Council has recognised these pressures by providing a revenue budget investment of £1.1m into this service. The Council is also working towards bringing the fleet maintenance service back inhouse from September 2020.

Network Management reported an overspend of £0.219m. Overspends of £0.197m were reported in Highway Maintenance and £0.162m in Winter Maintenance, where the budget was insufficient even for a mild winter. The Council has recognised this, with a base budget realignment of £0.181m in 2020/21. An underspend of £0.219m in Streetworks and Enforcement, largely from income over recovery, has helped to mitigate the pressures in the Network Management Service.

The overall overspend position in CSS was significantly mitigated by underspends of £0.421m in Regulation and Enforcement and £0.118m in Community Safety Resilience and Emergency Planning. This is principally as a result of staff vacancies, with some additional income.

- **Culture Sport and Tourism (CST) - £0.475m overspend**

Majority of the overspend relates to an underachievement of income (£0.8m) in Green Spaces, both at Rother Valley Country Park and Thrybergh Country Park. The shortfall is across several revenue streams, including leisure activities, café, accommodation and car-parking. The under recovery was the result of a number of factors; blue green algae in the Rother Valley lake impacted on trading at Rother Valley Country Park. Poor weather during the peak summer and autumn seasons contributed. Less than planned income led to a review of commercial traded opportunities and led to £0.400m revenue budget adjustment being applied for 2020/21 onwards. A delay to the opening of Gulliver's Valley Resort had a further knock on effect on trading conditions. It had been anticipated one off pressures would be resolved through 2020-21 until the onset of Coronavirus

Despite running a varied programme of activity, the Civic Theatre was unable to balance against planned income, recording a £0.097m overspend. The overspend position in CST was significantly mitigated by savings in Libraries of £0.287m, a combination of staff savings, reduced spend on stock and additional grant income. In addition, there was a £0.183m saving on Customer Services, largely as a result of additional income generation in Registrars. Cost restraint on non-pay budgets helped to achieve a better financial outcome

- **Planning Regeneration and Transport (PRT) - £0.952m overspend**

The principal reason for the overspend in this Service was an overspend in Facilities Management (FM) of £0.883m. Overspends were recorded in a number of FM areas, however, the largest ongoing pressure is in respect of delays to the achievement of the Council's £1m property savings, which resulted in a pressure of £0.513m. Progress has been made, but decisions to vacate buildings are subject to the completion of service reviews. Other pressures in this Service included a mixture of unbudgeted building repair and maintenance costs, building security costs, lease costs and unachievable savings from leasing out part of Riverside House (£0.16m). A number of these pressures were one-offs or have been resolved through budget realignments. Underspends in utilities partly mitigated the overall pressure in FM.

Overall the Asset Management service, of which FM is a part, overspent by £0.851m. Building Consultancy over-recovered against its surplus target by £0.171m. However, Estates overspent by £0.232m, as a result of a delay to the completion of the business units at Beighton Link. This is a one-off pressure, as the units are now covered by a rent guarantee scheme, up to the point that they are successfully let.

Elsewhere within PRT, RIDO recorded an overspend of £0.255m. The principal pressure in this Service, is the on-going under-recovery of income within the Markets Service, as a result of the difficult retail trading conditions. This has been recognised with a base revenue budget increase of £0.250m from 2020/21.

Facilities Services reported an overspend of £0.101m, as a result of lost income to the School Meals service as schools closed in late March, following Government Covid 19 lockdown restrictions. Income over recovery in the Planning and Transportation service, which reported an overall underspend of £0.196m, partly mitigated the other overspends in PRT.

As the PRT Service is heavily dependent on income to support over services, the budgetary impact of Covid 19 in 2020/21 will be significant.

2.21 Finance and Customer Services

2.22 There was an underspend of £0.6m in the Directorate, details of which are set out below.

- **Legal Services - £0.4m underspend**– Reduced challenges during the year from the demand for legal support with child protection hearings and court cases relating to Looked After Children. In addition to this staff savings generated through vacancy control have enabled a significant in year saving to be generated.

- **Customer Information and Digital Services - £0.5m underspend** – Within Customer, Information and Digital Services, there were financial pressures on Schools Connect Trading to reflect the continued loss of schools/academies subscribing to services, which is resulted in a loss of £0.1m. The service mitigated the cost pressures this year through vacancy control with plans to cease provision of the service from the new financial year.
- **Financial Services - £0.3m underspend** - within finance, the financial pressure remains from staff absence claims from the Schools Traded Service, however the pressure in-year was offset by vacancy control across the wider finance function and savings on the Council's insurance budgets.
- **Customer and Digital Programme - £0.5m overspend** – The Customer and Digital Programme aims to deliver more streamlined customer services through the use of digital ways of working for Council's services. These improved ways of working are expected to generate savings of £0.5m year on year with the FCS directorate. During 2019/20 financial year new proposals were being developed and finalised in order that they would generate full year savings from 2020/21. Some savings were achieved during 2019/20 with other work ongoing to deliver in 2020/21. The shortfall within the current year was mitigated via vacancy control across the directorate.

2.23 Assistant Chief Executive

2.24 There was an underspend of £0.2m, in the main due to vacancy control and savings from the HR restructure. Further details are:

- **Human Resources - £0.2m underspend** – this is largely due to vacancy control and the ability to capitalise salary costs relating to the implementation of the new HR and Payroll system. There were pressures in the service due to loss of income, however, these were offset by income from salary sacrifice schemes and additional income from new payroll contracts.
- **Policy and Partnerships - £0.1m underspend** – the service has been undertaking a restructure and due to this a number of posts within the service remained vacant for significant periods. In additional income was generated via a contribution from the Better Care Fund to the Performance and Quality Team.
- **Customer and Digital Programme - £0.2m overspend** – The Customer and Digital Programme aims to deliver more streamlined customer service through the use of digital ways of working for Councils services. These improved ways of working are expected to generate savings of £0.2m from the ACX directorate year on year. During 2019/20 financial year new proposals were being developed in order that they would generate full year savings from 2020/21, with the current year mitigated via vacancy control across the directorate.

2.25 Central Services

- 2.26 There was an underspend of £5.6m, this was mainly as a result of further savings identified from treasury management activity, a review of PFI funding and payment profiles, additional business rates relief grant income and savings from early payment of pension costs to SYPA.

2.27 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) OUTTURN 2019/20

- 2.28 The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is a statutory ring-fenced account that the Council must maintain in respect of the income and expenditure incurred in relation to council dwellings and associated assets. The original approved budget included a revenue contribution to capital expenditure of £14.7m and a contribution of £12.1m from reserves to provide an overall balanced budget.

- 2.29 The overall HRA position is an underspend of £2.9m, in addition the final revenue contribution to capital was £14.9m, £0.2m more than anticipated. Overall this reduced the transfer from the HRA reserve from a budgeted £12.1m to £9.4m, a reduction in use of HRA reserves of £2.7m.

- 2.30 The forecast underspend relates to:
- additional income from rents due to a quicker turnaround of void properties and a reduction in forecast rent allowances - £0.5m;
 - additional fees and charges -£0.5m
 - £1.3m underspend on Repairs and Maintenance due to increased recovery of tenants repairs income, savings on void costs and a reduction in some cyclical repairs;
 - staff vacancies and savings on other employee costs - £0.3m;
 - -£0.2m additional interest

2.31 SCHOOLS OUTTURN 2019/20

School balances at the end of 2019/20 for the Council's maintained schools and pupil referral units was £1.740m. This is a £1.629m decrease compared to the previous year and takes account of schools that have converted to academies during 2019/20.

2.32 RESERVES

- 2.33 The Councils budget for 2019/20 included a reserves strategy that made available use of £3.2m budget contingency to support the Councils projected financial position for 2019/20.

- 2.34 However, due to the identification of additional savings from Central Services budgets, additional government funding and use of capital receipts flexibility, only £1.2m was required, leaving a balance of £2m for use in later years.

- 2.35 The total General Fund revenue reserves balances as at 31 March 2020 was £49.4m compared to £39.1m in the previous year. The most significant adjustment relating to the Councils receipt of Covid-19 response grants of £8.9m specifically for additional costs as a result of Covid-19 and £6.3m section 31 grants paid early to assist local authority cash flows.

- 2.36 Total reserves including, HRA, Schools and DSG as at 31 March 2020 was £29.5m (note DSG Reserve (£19.892m)). A summary of the balances and the movements in reserves in 2019/20 is shown in the Table 2 below.
- 2.37 The Budget and Council Tax Report 2019/20 set out the proposed Reserves Strategy, which includes a planned increase in the Council's General Fund Minimum Balance to £21m by 31st March 2020 and a move to three Corporate Reserves. The outturn position reflects the projected balances for these Corporate Reserves, as well as the General Fund minimum balance as set out in the Reserves Strategy. The Corporate Reserve balances are shown in the table below and make up the Council's total earmarked reserves.
- 2.38 The Council's General Fund minimum balance has been increased to £20.700m as planned and set out within the Council's reserves strategy reported in the Budget and Council Tax Report 2019/20.

Table 3 Total Earmarked Reserves as at 31 March 2020

	Balance as at 1 April 2019 £m	Transfer to/(from) in the year £m	Balance as at 31 March 2020 £m
General Fund Reserves			
Transformation	2.7	1.3	4.1
Insurance Fund	0.4	-0.4	0.0
Business Rates	4.0	0.0	4.0
Pensions	4.9	-4.9	0.0
PFI – Education (Schools)	3.1	-1.7	1.4
Looked After Children	0.0	0.0	0.0
Corporate Revenue Grants Reserve	2.2	-1.1	1.2
Budget Contingency	3.2	-1.2	2.0
Housing Transformation Fund	0.7	0.0	0.7
Total	21.3	-7.9	13.4
Total HRA (within grant reserve)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total General Fund Reserves	21.2	-7.9	13.3
General Fund Minimum Balance	16.8	3.9	20.7
Total General Fund	38.0	-4.0	34.0
Covid-19 Grants Reserve	0.0	15.3	15.3
DSG Grant Reserve	-15.1	-4.8	-19.9

2.39 **Capital Reserves**

The total earmarked and un-earmarked capital reserve balances at the end of 2019/20 are shown in Table 4 below.

Table 4 Capital Reserves as at 31 March 2020

	Balance as at 31 March 2020 £m	Committed Resources £m	Un- earmarked as at 31 March 2020 £m
Capital Receipts			
General Fund	4.5	4.5	0.0
HRA	12.4	1.9	10.5
Sub-Total	16.9	6.4	10.5
Capital Grants – Unapplied			
General Fund (not service specific)	0.0	0.0	0.0
General Fund (service specific)	15.5	15.5	0.0
HRA	0.9	0.9	0.0
Sub-Total	16.4	16.4	0.0
Major Repairs Reserve – HRA	16.0	16.0	0.0
Total	49.2	38.7	10.5

2.40 **CAPITAL OUTTURN 2019/20**

- 2.41 The Capital Programme for 2019/20 was £99.854m split between the general fund £55.887m and HRA £43.967m. As at the financial year end 31 March 2020, the capital programme had expenditure of £96.985m, with underspend and slippage of (£2.869m). The breakdown of the outturn position by Directorate is shown below, together with a summary of the key variances between budget and outturn, and some key achievements in the year.

Table 4 Capital Outturn 2018/19

Directorate	2020/21 Budget £m	2020/21 Outturn £m	2020/21 Variance £m
General Fund Capital			
Children and Young Peoples Services	9.155	8.831	-0.324
Assistant Chief Executive	0.884	0.808	-0.076
Adult Care & Housing	4.529	4.278	-0.250
Finance & Customer Services	5.210	4.928	-0.282
Regeneration & Environment	34.110	33.163	-0.947
Capitalisation Direction	2.000	0.712	-1.288
Total General Fund Capital	55.887	52.720	-3.167
Total HRA Capital	43.967	44.266	0.299
Total RMBC Capital Programme	99.854	96.985	-2.869

2.42 Children and Young People's Services

2.43 The CYPS capital programme outturn had £0.324m of underspend and slippage against the approved budget of £9.155m. The main variances contributing to this position are:

- **Primary Schools: Waverley New Primary School - (£0.896m)** Building under construction, with internal and external walls underway, roof partially constructed and drainage complete. Contract. The contract has been delayed slightly by the COVID19 pandemic, with the building now expected to be handed over to the school in September 20 and the remainder of the site by November 20.
- This underspend is offset by an accelerated spend on the Schools PFI planned maintenance programme. The budgets are based on a life cycle maintenance programme, and whilst in 2019/20 the programme overspent, overall expenditure is still within the programme budget across the 30 year lifecycle.

As part of the outturn position the following key outputs have been delivered:

- Primaries: added two new classrooms at Rawmarsh Sandhill Academy and commenced building the new primary school at Waverley.
- Secondary Schools: started the design work and asbestos removal on the building at the Aston Academy site
- Special: completed work on SEND phase I at The Willows (single classroom) Newman School (10 additional places), and started design works to a number of SEND phase II projects at Wales high School, Thrybergh Rainbow academy, Kelford Academy, Maltby & Wath Victoria.

- Investment in twenty-seven schools through the capitalised enhancement programme.
- Work commenced or completed across eight careers properties, via Pathways to Care.

2.44 Adult Care & Housing

2.45 The Adult Care & Housing capital programme outturn had £0.250m of underspend and slippage against the approved budget of £4.529m. The main variances contributing to this position are:

- Assistive Technology scheme, underspend by £0.088m against budget, this is a demand led scheme, that provides technology equipment and alarms to assist in allowing vulnerable people to remain within their own home.
- Aids and Adaptations for Private Properties, underspend by £0.053m against budget, this is a demand led scheme, that provides adaptations to properties to allow vulnerable people to remain within their own home.
- Conway Fit Out, underspend by £0.040m against budget, this is to provide total fit out with furniture, fixtures, fittings and technology equipment to 2 new properties to deliver specialist care, slippage due to a delayed start on site.
- Bellows Scheme, underspend against budget by £0.068m on finalisation of all costs.

As part of the outturn position the following key outputs have been delivered:

- 239 Major Adaptations completed (Fair Access) to properties, including, but not limited to, hoists, level access showers, extensions, ramps, and stairlifts.
- In excess of 3,500 customers have benefited from assistive technology equipment been issued to vulnerable people to help them remain in their homes, including but not limited to, riser/recliner chairs, bed sensors, automatic door openers, and radio guardian monitors

2.46 Assistant Chief Executive

2.47 The Assistant Chief Executive capital programme outturn had £0.076m of underspend and slippage against the approved budget of £0.884m. Ward budgets have been re-profiled into the new financial year as a number of projects are still either being developed or going through an approval process.

- The Ward budgets were used to deliver in excess of 180 projects across the borough through both community and Council led initiatives, with budgets on commitments carried forward.
- The replacement HR system was completed and became fully operational during the year.

2.48 Finance & Customer Services

2.49 The Finance & Customer Services capital programme outturn had £0.282m of underspend and slippage against the approved budget of £5.210m.

As part of the outturn position the following key outputs have been delivered:

- Office 365 Implementation and Deployment
- Migration of our on-premise email platform to the cloud including the migration of 4000 individual user mailboxes
- Upgrade to Microsoft Office 365 from Office 2010 for 3500 computers
- The rollout of Skype for Business across the council for instant messaging, internal telephony and presence
- Implementation of enhanced security for mobile device management and data loss prevention within Office 365
- Replacement of the all contact centre and switchboard telephony
- Device deployment
 - 2000 laptops deployed
 - 330 desktop monitors replaced
 - 500 mobile phones deployed
 - Replaced 14 printers

2.50 Regeneration & Environment

2.51 The Regeneration & Environment capital programme outturn had (£0.947m) of underspend and slippage against the approved budget of £34.110m. The main variance contributing to this position was:

- **Corporate Property Unit:** Commercial Property capital investment programme has underspent by (£0.318m), this funding is for backlog maintenance. Quite a large proportion of the budget has been earmarked for particular schemes as and when they are ready to be delivered
- **Transport & Highways:** College Road Roundabout completion was put back to the Easter holidays due to the need to have the roundabout running temporarily with no signals; the Easter holidays would exhibit lower traffic flows and therefore be easier to manage causing an underspend in-year of (£0.831m).
- **Cultural Heritage & Sports:** Waleswood Caravan Park was completed during 2019/20, the project overspent by £0.305m overall, with the additional costs funded by service funded borrowing. The overspend is due to several issues relating to increased professional fees, non-planned highways works, and main contractor overspend due to specification changes. A review process is being carried out to establish some lessons learnt from the project that will enable more effective budget management on future projects.
- **Street Scene Services:** Fleet Management Vehicle Purchase underspent by (£0.544m) due to delay in agreeing specifications from with services on the required vehicle types.

As part of the outturn position the following key outputs have been delivered:

- £9.647m invested into improving the borough's Carriageways, unclassified roads.

- Fenton Road shared cycle footway is a £1m project that seeks to promote cycling between Kimberworth Park/Greasbrough and the town centre and builds on works carried out in previous years to improve cycle access to the town centre. This year Frederick Street has been opened for use by cyclists at peak times avoiding the peak shopping times of between 10am and 4pm.
- Beighton Link is a £5.5m development completed in 19/20 comprises two units of 20,000 sq ft and 29,000 sq ft respectively constructed through a design and build contract. The completed units will be let on the open market to end users – inward investors or expanding local companies. Once let, the investment will be retained and managed by the Council although there is flexibility in the Council's investment strategy and an investment sale is possible, subject to market conditions.

2.52 Transformation Programme (Capitalisation Direction)

- 2.53 The expenditure that the Council can capitalise under this direction is limited to the level of new-year Capital Receipts. A budget estimate of £2.000m of receipts is included in the Capital Programme to fund revenue expenditure that meets the criteria of being transformational spend. The Council's policy is to use new-year capital receipts to fund transformational costs that would otherwise be held within revenue expenditure accounts, releasing pressure on the revenue budget. The total receipts for 2019/20 was £0.712m.

2.54 Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

- 2.55 The HRA capital programme outturn was a £0.299m overspend against the approved budget of £43.967m. The main variance contributing to this position was:

- Site Clusters - this scheme is to deliver 217 units of new build housing across 7 sites, with a mixed tenure, including new Council Housing and private for sale properties. The scheme £1.8m overspent against the 2019/20 budget at the year end and is forecast to overspend overall by a £1.8m.

The project is funded from the Housing Revenue Account (HRA), as such the overspend on Site Clusters will be an additional cost to the approved overall HRA capital programme 2020/21 to 2023/24. However, for 2020/21 the total capital programme will not change as projected underspends/slippage will be utilised to cover the in-year requirement, with those underspends needing to be re-provided for in 2021/22.

- Asbestos – Underspend by £0.269m against budget, due to a planned reduction in spend to ease pressure on remaining projects within the capital programme and secondly due to the change in contractor the survey works for 20/21 were not completed.
- Braithwell Bungalows – Underspend by £0.649m against budget, due to issues with selected sites and further work required for costing of the project. The scheme is due to commence in 2020/21.
- Strategic Acquisitions – Underspend by £0.430m against budget, this was due to a delay in the properties being completed to RMBC specifications delaying handover and purchase.

As part of the outturn position the following key outputs have been delivered:

- 35 new units delivered for social housing, comprising of 32 houses from site clusters (Dinnington, East Herringthorpe and Canklow), 3 new purchased units under the strategic acquisitions programme.
- 495 Major Adaptations completed (Fair Access)
- 14 live environmental schemes completed within the year.
- 6,577 properties that received investment during the financial year.

2.56 Funding of the Capital Programme 2019/20

2.57 The £96.985m of capital expenditure was funded as shown in the table below:

Table 5 Funding of the Capital Programme 2019/20

Funding Stream	Outturn £m
Grants and Contributions	24.512
Unsupported Borrowing	21.625
Capital Receipts	5.696
Capital Receipts - Flexible Use	0.712
Revenue Contributions	0.175
Total Funding - General Fund	52.720
Grants and Contributions	1.460
Housing Major Repairs Allowance	15.548
Useable Capital Receipts	12.565
Revenue Contributions	14.692
Total Funding - HRA	44.265
Total	96.985

2.58 Capital Receipts Outturn 2019/20

2.59 The Council is continuing to undertake a comprehensive review of its assets and buildings portfolio with the aim of rationalising both its operational and non-operational asset holdings. This may contribute future capital receipts which are earmarked to support the revenue budget, using the capital receipts flexibilities in place until 2021/22 to fund expenditure relating to transforming Council services to generate future revenue efficiency savings.

2.60 In 2019/20 General Fund Capital receipts of £3.462m were generated as shown in the table below. Although, £2.750m of this was for loan repayments, these cannot be used to support the revenue budget as only those receipts by the disposal of property, plant and equipment can be used under the new capital receipts flexibilities introduced from the 1st April 2016.

Table 6 – General Fund Capital Receipts Received in 2019/20

Description	Total as at 31st March 2020 £m
4b Beighton Link	-0.021
Erkine Road	-0.100
Rockliffe Road	-0.058
Treeton Youth Centre. Church Lane	-0.280
St Leonards Youth Centre	-0.091
Fitzwilliam Street, Mexborough	-0.095
40 Lady Oak Way	-0.035
Tractor	-0.026
De-minimus receipts	-0.006
Total Capital Receipts (Excluding loan repayments)	-0.712
Repayment of Loans	-2.750
Total Capital Receipts	-3.462

2.61 The useable capital receipts available to support the capital programme outturn of £0.712m, were fully utilised to support transformational expenditure within the Council.

2.62 Updated Capital Programme 2020/21 to 2023/24

2.63 The Capital Programme 2020/21 totals £171.209m split between the general fund £111.129m (higher than normal due to reflecting the Council's Future High Streets Fund bid) and HRA £58.080m, this has increased overall by £5.045m from the position reported to Cabinet on 23 March 2020. The movement is based on the latest profiles of expenditure against schemes, following the 2019/20 outturn position, factoring in slippage from 2019/20 of £4.771m and additional funding of £0.274m. The total slippage from 2019/20 was £6.384m, £4.721m moving into 2020/21 and a further £1.612m re-profiled across 2021/22 to 2023/24.

The slippage into 2020/21 is higher than the reported outturn underspend for 2019/20, as the underspend on the overall programme for that year, also factors in overspends on projects. Therefore, the overall programme underspend would have been greater, had those projects not overspent.

The additional funding of £0.274m relates to the Councils Holmes Tail GOIT pumping station and linked highway bridge. It has been agreed with the partner organisation on this scheme, that they will contribute this sum towards the delivery of the project outcomes, in recognition of the benefit they will also derive from the works.

2.64 The Site Cluster scheme overspent against the 2019/20 budget at the year end and is forecast to overspend overall by £1.8m, the details of the overspend and mitigation were covered in a report to cabinet in June 2020. Therefore, the budget for Site Clusters has

been increased for 2020/21 by £1.8m. However, for 2020/21 the total capital programme will not change as projected underspends/slippage will be utilised to cover the in-year requirement, with those underspends needing to be re-provided for in 2021/22.

On review of the HRA programme for 2021/22 the underspends and slippage identified to cover the Site Clusters overspend will not need to be re-provided in full. Therefore, the 2021/22 HRA capital programme has been increased by £0.867m, for the re-provision of budgets for those schemes used to support Site Clusters in 2020/21.

2.65 **Table 8: Updated Capital Programme 2020/21 to 2023/24**

Directorate	2020/21 Budget £m	2021/22 Budget £m	2022/23 Budget £m	2023/24 Budget £m	Total Budget £m
General Fund Capital					
Children and Young People's Services	17.817	8.618	4.508	5.573	36.516
Assistant Chief Executive	0.255	0.210	0.210	0.210	0.885
Adult Care & Housing	4.578	6.523	12.624	6.130	29.855
Finance and Customer Services	9.582	3.008	3.124	10.523	26.236
Regeneration and Environment	78.897	56.412	43.821	41.036	220.166
Capitalisation Direction	2.000	2.000	-	-	4.000
Total General Fund Capital	113.129	76.771	64.287	63.471	317.658
Total HRA Capital	58.080	55.925	44.178	43.198	201.381
Total RMBC Capital Programme	171.209	132.695	108.465	106.669	519.038

In light of the challenges that Covid-19 has brought about the Council will need to carry out a detailed review of the current capital programme, to assess the deliverability of projects to planned budgets and timescales. It is too early at this point to accurately carry out this piece of work as such the review will need to take place in the autumn when a great level of clarity is available about the impact of Covid-19 on the capital programme.

2.66 **Forecast funding position of Capital Programme 2020/21**

The £170.935m of capital expenditure is funded as shown in the table below;

Table 9: Funding of the approved Capital Programme

Funding Stream	2020/21
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	Budget £m
Grants And Contributions	52.532
Unsupported Borrowing	53.386
Capital Receipts	5.032
Capital Receipts - Flexible Use & HRA Contribution	2.000
HRA Contribution	0.178
Total Funding - General Fund	113.129
Grants And Contributions	10.214
Unsupported Borrowing	-
Housing Major Repairs Allowance	29.952
Capital Receipts	3.998
Revenue Contribution	13.917
Total Funding - HRA	58.080
Total	171.209

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

3.1 This detail is set out in Section 2 above.

4. Consultation on proposal

4.1 None identified

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

5.1 The Strategic Director - Finance and Customer Services is responsible for implementing any actions arising from the supported recommendations in this report. These should be actioned at the earliest opportunity to aid the monitoring of the 2020/21 Revenue Budget and Capital Programme.

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

6.1 As set out in the sections above.

6.2 There are no direct procurement implications arising from the report.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

7.1 None identified

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

8.1 None identified

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

9.1 None identified

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

10.1 None identified

11. Implications for Partners

11.1 None identified

12. Risks and Mitigation

12.1. There are increasing cost pressures associated with the rising demand for social care services. The Council will continue to closely monitor its financial position throughout the year and if required management will implement appropriate mitigations.

12.2 There is funding uncertainty for the local government sector beyond 2020/21 pending the outcomes of the Government Spending Review and the Fair Funding Review, which will implement changes to the way in which local government is currently funded. The Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy will be revised and updated later in the year to reflect the outcomes of these reviews. This will of course need to factor in the financial implications of Covid-19 and its wider impact on the short and long term sustainability of Council finances.

13. Accountable Officers

Judith Badger, Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services

Graham Saxton, Assistant Director – Financial Services

Rob Mahon, Head of Corporate Finance

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers:-

	Named Officer	Date
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	26/06/20
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	26/06/20
Head of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Stuart Fletcher	26/06/20

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Capital Programme General Fund 2020/21 to 2024/25

Directorate	Current Year	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Total Project
	Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)
Adult Care & Housing	4,578,158	6,523,000	12,624,091	6,129,512	29,854,761
Children & Young Peoples Serv	17,817,460	8,618,092	4,508,023	5,572,629	36,516,204
Finance & Customer Services	11,581,539	5,007,659	3,123,931	10,523,000	30,236,129
Assistant Chief Executive	254,558	210,000	210,000	210,000	884,558
Regeneration & Environment	78,897,460	56,411,990	43,820,915	41,035,811	220,166,176
Total	113,129,175	76,770,741	64,286,960	63,470,952	317,657,828

Funding:

Funding Stream	Current Year	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Total Project
	Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)
Grants And Contributions	52,533,396	45,043,643	33,511,531	37,771,477	168,860,047
Prudential Borrowing	53,385,802	28,886,098	28,156,429	25,070,475	135,498,804
Revenue Contribution	2,178,000	2,173,000	176,000	179,000	4,706,000
Usable Capital Receipts	5,031,977	668,000	2,443,000	450,000	8,592,977
Total	113,129,175	76,770,741	64,286,960	63,470,952	317,657,828

Capital Programme General Fund 2020/21 to 2024/25

Directorate	Service Area	Service Area	Sub Service	Project Code	Project	Current Year	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Full Project Budget
						Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)
Adult Care & Housing	Adult Services	Adult Services	Adults Grants Unallocated	CUZBUN	Adults Grants Unallocated	83,150	0	0	1,856,512	1,939,662
			Adults Grants Unallocated			83,150	0	0	1,856,512	1,939,662
			Assistive Technology	CU0700	Assistive Technology Equipment	680,000	680,000	680,000	680,000	2,720,000
			Assistive Technology			680,000	680,000	680,000	680,000	2,720,000
			REWS Equipment	CU0701	REWS Capital	190,000	190,000	190,000	190,000	760,000
			REWS Equipment			190,000	190,000	190,000	190,000	760,000
			Specialist Equipment	CU0107	SALSE Provision	14,000	0	0	0	14,000
			Specialist Equipment	CU0108	Conway Crescent F&F	90,882	0	0	0	90,882
			Specialist Equipment			104,882	0	0	0	104,882
		Adult Services				1,058,032	870,000	870,000	2,726,512	5,524,544
	Adult Services					1,058,032	870,000	870,000	2,726,512	5,524,544
				CNF103	Adapts - OTHERS - Private Majr	1,028,000	0	0	0	1,028,000
				CNF104	Adapts - LOT1 - Private Majr	384,500	0	0	0	384,500
				CNF105	Adapts - LOT2 - Private Majr	351,500	0	0	0	351,500
				CNF204	Adapts - LOT1 - Private Minr	200,000	0	0	0	200,000
				CNF205	Adapts - LOT2 - Private Minr	233,000	0	0	0	233,000
				CNFBUN	Private Adaps Bud Unall	0	2,197,000	2,197,000	2,197,000	6,591,000
					Aids and Adaptations (Private)	2,197,000	2,197,000	2,197,000	2,197,000	8,788,000
					Fair Access to All	2,197,000	2,197,000	2,197,000	2,197,000	8,788,000
					Extra Care Housing	0	2,000,000	8,000,000	0	10,000,000
					Extra Care Housing	0	2,000,000	8,000,000	0	10,000,000
					Monksbridge Demolition	71,800	0	0	0	71,800
					Monksbridge Demolition	71,800	0	0	0	71,800
					Neighbourhood Regeneration & Re	71,800	2,000,000	8,000,000	0	10,071,800
					Neighbourhood Capital Programm	2,268,800	4,197,000	10,197,000	2,197,000	18,859,800
	Neighbourhood Improvements	Neighbourhood Improvements	Fuel Poverty Vulnerable People	CP0802	Fuel Poverty-Vulnerable People	28,733	0	0	0	28,733
			Fuel Poverty Vulnerable People			28,733	0	0	0	28,733
			Furnished Homes CPTL	CPA001	Furnished Homes New CPTL	1,134,000	1,134,000	1,134,000	1,134,000	4,536,000
				CPA002	Furnished Homes Replace CPTL	72,000	72,000	72,000	72,000	288,000
			Furnished Homes CPTL			1,206,000	1,206,000	1,206,000	1,206,000	4,824,000
			N'bourhood Grants Unallocated	CPXBUN	N'Hoods Grants Unallocated	0	0	84,000	0	84,000
			N'bourhood Grants Unallocated	CPD001	N'Hoods Grants Unallocated	0	250,000	250,000	0	500,000
			N'bourhood Grants Unallocated			0	250,000	334,000	0	584,000
			Specialist Equipment	CU0503	Specialist Equipment	16,593	0	17,091	0	33,684
			Specialist Equipment			16,593	0	17,091	0	33,684
		Neighbourhood Improvements Non				1,251,326	1,456,000	1,557,091	1,206,000	5,470,417
	Neighbourhood Improvements - N					1,251,326	1,456,000	1,557,091	1,206,000	5,470,417
	Adult Care & Housing					4,578,158	6,523,000	12,624,091	6,129,512	29,854,761
				CPC008	Capt'l Inv't Ward Anst wdssetts	12,666	10,500	10,500	10,500	44,166
				CPC009	Capt'l Inv't-Ward - Dinnington	7,886	10,500	10,500	10,500	39,386

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						Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)
				CPC010	Capt'I Inv't-Ward - Wales	10,464	7,000	7,000	7,000	31,464
				CPC011	Capt'I Inv't-Wd-Brinwth/cattfe	12,023	0	0	0	12,023
				CPC012	Capt'I Inv't-Ward - Holderness	10,552	0	0	0	10,552
				CPC013	Capt'I Inv't-Ward - RotherVale	10,165	7,000	7,000	7,000	31,165
				CPC014	Capt'I Inv't-Ward - Keppel	10,007	10,500	10,500	10,500	41,507
				CPC015	Capt'I Inv't-Ward - Roth West	10,603	10,500	10,500	10,500	42,103
				CPC016	Capt'I Inv't-Ward - Wingfield	19,906	0	0	0	19,906
				CPC017	Capt'I Inv't-Ward - Bostn Ctle	17,820	10,500	10,500	10,500	49,320
				CPC018	Capt'I Inv't-Ward - Roth East	9,220	10,500	10,500	10,500	40,720
				CPC019	Capt'I Inv't-Ward - Sitwell	10,082	10,500	10,500	10,500	41,582
				CPC020	Capt'I Inv't-Ward - Hooper	10,003	10,500	10,500	10,500	41,503
				CPC021	Capt'I Inv't-Ward - Swinton	14,940	0	0	0	14,940
				CPC022	Capt'I Inv't-Ward - Wath	11,105	7,000	7,000	7,000	32,105
				CPC023	Capt'I Inv't-Ward - Rawmarsh	10,478	0	0	0	10,478
				CPC024	Capt'I Inv't-Ward - Silverwood	15,738	0	0	0	15,738
				CPC025	Capt'I Inv't-Ward - Valley	13,406	0	0	0	13,406
				CPC026	Capt'I Inv't-Ward - Maltby	9,903	0	0	0	9,903
				CPC027	Capt'I Inv't-Ward - Hellaby	13,686	0	0	0	13,686
				CPC028	Capt'I Inv't-Ward - Wickersley	13,905	0	0	0	13,905
				CPC029	Hellaby & Maltby West	0	7,000	7,000	7,000	21,000
				CPC030	Maltby East	0	7,000	7,000	7,000	21,000
				CPC031	Thurcroft & Wickersley South	0	7,000	7,000	7,000	21,000
				CPC032	Aughton & Swallownest	0	7,000	7,000	7,000	21,000
				CPC033	Aston & Todwick	0	10,500	10,500	10,500	31,500
				CPC034	Brinsworth	0	7,000	7,000	7,000	21,000
				CPC035	Greasborough	0	7,000	7,000	7,000	21,000
				CPC036	Dalton & Thrbergh	0	7,000	7,000	7,000	21,000
				CPC037	Wickersley North	0	10,500	10,500	10,500	31,500
				CPC038	Bramley & Ravenfield	0	7,000	7,000	7,000	21,000
				CPC039	Swinton Rockingham	0	7,000	7,000	7,000	21,000
				CPC040	Rawmarsh West	0	7,000	7,000	7,000	21,000
				CPC041	Kilnhurst & Swinton East	0	7,000	7,000	7,000	21,000
				CPC042	Rawmarsh East	0	7,000	7,000	7,000	21,000
			Democratic Services			254,558	210,000	210,000	210,000	884,558
		Democratic Services				254,558	210,000	210,000	210,000	884,558
	Democratic Services					254,558	210,000	210,000	210,000	884,558
	Assistant Chief Executive					254,558	210,000	210,000	210,000	884,558
				CED900	Adaptations - Foster Care	1,661,835	640,000	640,000	640,000	3,581,835
				CEL900	Early Education Place Grant	103,491	0	0	0	103,491
				CER001	In-House reditential	1,499,712	500,000	0	0	1,999,712
			Children & Families			3,265,038	1,140,000	640,000	640,000	5,685,038
		Other CYPS				3,265,038	1,140,000	640,000	640,000	5,685,038
				C0119N	Badsley Moor PS-Cladding&roof	157,705	0	0	0	157,705
				C0121N	Bramley S'side-Heat&Roof	5,175	0	0	0	5,175

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						Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)
				CENBUN	Capitalised Enhancements Unall	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	4,000,000
			Schools - Capitalised Enh			1,162,880	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	4,162,880
			Schools - Prims - Major	CE1005	New Central Prim School	32,495	0	0	0	32,495
				CE1028	Waverley New Primary School	5,564,110	135,000	0	0	5,699,110
			Schools - Prims - Major			5,596,605	135,000	0	0	5,731,605
			Schools - PRUs	CE8902	Riverside (Catcliffe) PRU CPTL	79,835	0	0	0	79,835
			Schools - PRUs			79,835	0	0	0	79,835
				CE5004	Aston Acad replace classrooms	2,093,441	1,691,175	0	0	3,784,616
				CE5BUN	Secondary BUDGET UNALLOC	2,845,898	3,236,853	1,000,000	1,000,000	8,082,751
			Schools - Secs - Major			4,939,339	4,928,028	1,000,000	1,000,000	11,867,367
				CE7005	Abbey School SEND 2 add C/Room	73,732	0	0	0	73,732
				CE7006	Newman Sch- SEND 10 add places	13,995	0	0	0	13,995
				CE7008	The Willows - 1 C'room Ext	17,555	0	0	0	17,555
				CE7009	Hutton Park Pru	3,605	0	0	0	3,605
				CE7010	Milton School SEND	390,703	0	0	0	390,703
				CE7011	Wales High School SEND	393,031	0	0	0	393,031
				CE7012	Milton School SEND	250,000	0	0	0	250,000
				CE7013	Wales High School SEND	129,475	0	0	0	129,475
				CE7014	Brinsworth School SEND	21,933	0	0	0	21,933
				CE7015	Thomas Rotherham College SEND	98,147	0	0	0	98,147
				CE7016	Thrbergh School SEND	46,008	0	0	0	46,008
				CE7017	James Montgomery Academy SEND	116,121	0	0	0	116,121
				CE7018	Kelford School SEND	70,000	0	0	0	70,000
				CE7BUN	Special BUDGET UNALLOC	146,494	66,500	0	0	212,994
			Schools - Spcls - Major			1,770,799	66,500	0	0	1,837,299
			Schools PFI Life Cycle Program	CES900	Schools PFI Life Cycle Program	808,994	1,173,564	1,718,023	2,270,000	5,970,581
			Schools PFI Life Cycle Program			808,994	1,173,564	1,718,023	2,270,000	5,970,581
		Schools				14,358,452	7,303,092	3,718,023	4,270,000	29,649,567
	CYPS - RMBC					17,623,490	8,443,092	4,358,023	4,910,000	35,334,605
	DFC	DFC - RMBC	DFC - RMBC all	CEXBUN	DFCG Unallocated	193,970	175,000	150,000	662,629	1,181,599
			DFC - RMBC all			193,970	175,000	150,000	662,629	1,181,599
		DFC - RMBC				193,970	175,000	150,000	662,629	1,181,599
	DFC					193,970	175,000	150,000	662,629	1,181,599
	Children & Young Peoples Serv					17,817,460	8,618,092	4,508,023	5,572,629	36,516,204
Finance & Cust	F&CS (DUMMY)	F&CS	F&CS - REFCUS	CTR805	Transformation Projects	2,000,000	2,000,000	0	0	4,000,000
			F&CS - REFCUS			2,000,000	2,000,000	0	0	4,000,000
		F&CS				2,000,000	2,000,000	0	0	4,000,000
	F&CS (DUMMY)					2,000,000	2,000,000	0	0	4,000,000
		ICT 2	ICT 2	CTT109	EDRMS Roll Out	85,000	0	0	0	85,000
				CTT208	Finl Systms Upgrades-ICT2	412,224	0	0	0	412,224
				CTT225	Fee Billing System Upgrade	0	0	40,000	0	40,000
				CTT286	Iken Upgrade	1,250	0	0	0	1,250
				CTT287	Planned print leased machines	2,660	0	0	0	2,660
				CTT288	Fleet of MFD printers	403,398	232,470	198,931	0	834,799

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						Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)
				CTT291	Social Care IT System - CNTL C	161,437	0	0	0	161,437
				CTT294	ICT RESILIENCE	9,341	0	0	0	9,341
				CTT299	ContrOCC	75,000	0	0	0	75,000
				CTT300	Audit Management	0	30,000	0	0	30,000
				CTT301	Legal Services - Ebundles	60,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	150,000
			ICT 2			1,210,310	292,470	268,931	30,000	1,801,711
		ICT 2				1,210,310	292,470	268,931	30,000	1,801,711
		ICT Refresh	ICT Refresh	CTT218	ICT Digital Strategy	969,762	500,000	500,000	800,000	2,769,762
				CTT219	Computer Refresh	942,209	1,022,000	1,025,000	1,278,000	4,267,209
				CTT220	Network Equipment Refresh Proj	1,139,073	630,000	630,000	630,000	3,029,073
				CTT221	Replacement of server equip	519,997	235,000	235,000	0	989,997
				CTT222	Telephony System Replacement	94,209	0	465,000	1,900,000	2,459,209
				CTT223	Hybrid Cloud Computing	195,020	0	0	1,750,000	1,945,020
				CTT224	Microsoft 365 Implementation	3,556,047	0	0	4,000,000	7,556,047
				CTT296	SY superfast broadband	334,089	328,189	0	0	662,278
				CTT297	Libraries Network	620,823	0	0	135,000	755,823
			ICT Refresh			8,371,229	2,715,189	2,855,000	10,493,000	24,434,418
		ICT Refresh				8,371,229	2,715,189	2,855,000	10,493,000	24,434,418
		ICT				9,581,539	3,007,659	3,123,931	10,523,000	26,236,129
		Finance & Customer Services				11,581,539	5,007,659	3,123,931	10,523,000	30,236,129
Regeneration &	Community Safety & St	Network Management	Drainage	CGF005	Wath Flood Alleviation	14,883	0	0	0	14,883
				CGF012	Rotherham to Kilnhurst FAS	135,886	0	0	0	135,886
				CGF013	Maltby Surface Water FAS	11,274	0	0	0	11,274
				CGF014	Eel Mires Dike FAS	11,972	0	0	0	11,972
				CGF015	Flood Alleviation (ERDF)	1,319,439	1,430,800	0	0	2,750,239
			Drainage			1,493,454	1,430,800	0	0	2,924,254
			Highways Delivery	CGR001	Carriageway Resurfacing	2,824,000	2,485,850	2,485,850	2,485,850	10,281,550
				CGR008	Unclassified Rds 17/18 ? 19/20	5,618,376	6,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000	23,618,376
				CGR010	Capitalisation Carriageways	233,257	500,000	500,000	500,000	1,733,257
				CGR011	Multi Hog vehicle	302,121	300,000	300,000	300,000	1,202,121
				CGR013	Cap Rights of way	33,888	34,000	34,000	34,000	135,888
				CGR017	A6178 Sheffield Road	800,000	0	0	0	800,000
			Highways Delivery			9,811,642	9,319,850	9,319,850	9,319,850	37,771,192
			Street Lighting	CGL005	St Lighting LTP 15/16 - 19/20	213,206	179,700	179,700	179,700	752,306
				CGL007	Capitalisation Lighting	150,000	150,000	0	0	300,000
				CGL008	Cap benches signs bollards	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	300,000
				CGY018	Safety Barriers Replacement	300,000	0	0	0	300,000
				CGL009	Replace Obsolete Strt Lighting	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	160,000
			Street Lighting			778,206	444,700	294,700	294,700	1,812,306
			Parking Services	CGP001	TownCentre CarPark Improvement	254,000	0	0	0	254,000
				CGP002	TownCentreCarParks-Pay&DisMach	130,000	0	0	0	130,000
			Parking Services			384,000	0	0	0	384,000
		Network Management				12,467,302	11,195,350	9,614,550	9,614,550	42,891,752
		Safer Neighbourhoods	Safer Neighbourhoods	CN0100	Carhill Landfill Site	45,000	0	0	0	45,000

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				CN0105	Wath Landfill Site	7,400	0	0	0	7,400
				CN0106	CCTV Investment	50,000	0	0	0	50,000
			Safer Neighbourhoods			102,400	0	0	0	102,400
		Safer Neighbourhoods				102,400	0	0	0	102,400
		Street Scene Services	Waste Management	CGY004	Bins	254,506	150,775	150,775	150,775	706,831
				CGY013	Fleet Mgt System	18,631	0	0	0	18,631
				CGY014	Fleet Mgt Vehicle Purchase	2,626,756	5,866,000	730,000	100,000	9,322,756
				CLC011	Cap damaged litter bins	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	32,000
				CLC012	Equipment & Bins	395,562	0	0	0	395,562
				CLC017	Litter Bin Strategic Review	968,000	100,000	100,000	42,000	1,210,000
				CLC018	Street Scene Equip / Vehicles	395,000	0	0	0	395,000
				CLC019	Street Scene - Zonal Working	87,000	31,000	0	0	118,000
			Waste Management			4,753,455	6,155,775	988,775	300,775	12,198,780
		Street Scene Services				4,753,455	6,155,775	988,775	300,775	12,198,780
		Community Safety & Street Scene				17,323,157	17,351,125	10,603,325	9,915,325	55,192,932
				CLH004	Keppel's Column Preservation	177,500	0	0	0	177,500
			Heritage Services			177,500	0	0	0	177,500
		Culture, Sport & Touris	Cultural Heritage & Sports	CST Events	CLE001	Events Equipment	15,000	0	0	15,000
				CST Events		15,000	0	0	0	15,000
			Libraries	CLL001	Brinsworth Library	7,552	0	0	0	7,552
				CLL002	Strat Review of Libraries	34,753	298,000	2,682,000	0	3,014,753
				CLL008	Libraries & N'hood Hubs	470,000	422,000	0	0	892,000
			Libraries			512,305	720,000	2,682,000	0	3,914,305
			Cultural Heritage & Sports			704,805	720,000	2,682,000	0	4,106,805
		Leisure & Community Service	Green Spaces	CLA001	Allotments	100,000	0	0	0	100,000
				CLC014	Clifton Park Dalben Tower	53,000	0	0	0	53,000
				CLS004	Leisure PFI lifecycle	415,402	848,000	461,000	500,000	2,224,402
				CLU010	Alexandra Park Play Area	21	0	0	0	21
				CLU012	Sanctuary Fields s106	1,646	0	0	0	1,646
				CLU018	Barkers Park Changing Rooms Re	10,062	0	0	0	10,062
				CLU020	CCTV Investment	360,538	0	0	0	360,538
				CLU021	CliftonPark GardenBldg Bar-ITS	25,000	0	0	0	25,000
				CLU024	Manor Farm Rawsh Play Sec106	9,823	0	0	0	9,823
				CLC015	RVCP Automated Parking	91,000	0	0	0	91,000
				CLC016	RVCP Safety Boats	84,000	0	0	0	84,000
				CLC020	GreenSpaces CarParks/Signs	50,000	0	0	0	50,000
				CLC021	GreenSpaces CarPark Surfaces	210,000	0	0	0	210,000
			Green Spaces			1,410,492	848,000	461,000	500,000	3,219,492
		Leisure & Community Service				1,410,492	848,000	461,000	500,000	3,219,492
		Culture, Sport & Tourism				2,115,297	1,568,000	3,143,000	500,000	7,326,297
	Planning, Regen & Tra	Corp Property Unit	Corporate Property Cap Proj	CGY016	Wellgate Cpark Ret. Wall	40,200	0	0	0	40,200
				CGY017	Route Optimisation - ITS	31,500	11,700	11,700	11,700	66,600
				CLD001	Treeton St Helen Church Yard	450,000	0	0	0	450,000
				CLD002	Closed Church Yards	30,000	0	0	0	30,000

Directorate	Service Area	Service Area	Sub Service	Project Code	Project	Current Year	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Full Project Budget								
						Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)								
				CLD003	EastH'thorpe-Crem&Cem Lighting	12,000	0	0	0	12,000								
				CSB001	LA Energy Saving Measures-ITS	435,383	100,000	0	0	535,383								
				CSB002	Customer Digitalisation - AM	120,000	0	0	0	120,000								
				CSB003	PittHouseWest RothVal-Drainage	45,200	0	0	0	45,200								
				CSB004	REACH Relocation	250,000	250,000	0	0	500,000								
				CSR003	Bailey House Condition+	59,028	0	0	0	59,028								
				CSY001	Commercial Property Cap	393,839	75,000	75,000	75,000	618,839								
				CSY002	RiversideHseRefurbishmentWorks	400,000	0	0	0	400,000								
				CSR064	Grafton/Cranworth Contact Cent	102,933	0	0	0	102,933								
				CSR076	Rowan Centre Access Rd & CP	150,000	0	0	0	150,000								
				CLS005	Herringthorpe AthleticsStadium	254,000	0	0	0	254,000								
				CSR036	Markets Imps -O16	692	0	0	0	692								
				CSR041	Vic Park-Drainage	20,000	0	0	0	20,000								
				CSR057	All Saints Square Fountain	4,000	0	0	0	4,000								
				CSR058	Various Resurfacing Works	72,284	0	0	0	72,284								
				CSR059	Bailey Hse Extnl Works &Lights	119,619	0	0	0	119,619								
				CSR062	Market Stalls Project Work	4,963	0	0	0	4,963								
				CSR066	Oaks Lane Depot Refurb	8,420	0	0	0	8,420								
				CSR067	Riverside Hse Chiller	15,924	0	0	0	15,924								
				CSR068	Clifton Museum Toilets Refurb	598	0	0	0	598								
				CSR069	Cranworth Hse Structural Works	50,000	0	0	0	50,000								
				CSR071	Market Lift Repairs	17,400	0	0	0	17,400								
				CSR075	Addison DC Lighting	1,889	0	0	0	1,889								
				CSRBUN	Ops Buildings Cap Inv	2,398,992	2,010,000	2,010,000	2,010,000	8,428,992								
				Corporate Property Cap Proj						5,488,864	2,446,700	2,096,700	2,096,700	12,128,964				
				Corp Property Unit						5,488,864	2,446,700	2,096,700	2,096,700	12,128,964				
								RIDO	Business Growth	CSEBUN	RIDO-BusinessCentres BldgMaint	425,000	155,000	0	0	580,000		
										CSS001	Private-Twn Ctr Business Vit	45,679	0	0	0	45,679		
										CSS002	RMBC-Town Ctr Business Vit	12,768	0	0	0	12,768		
								Business Growth						483,447	155,000	0	0	638,447
								Inv & Economic Initiatives	CSA006	Acq. of Riverside Precinct	138,084	0	0	0	138,084			
									CSA011	Land Aqu Millfold Hse&Henley G	13,000	0	0	0	13,000			
									CSA012	Town Centre Masterplan Imp	125,638	0	0	0	125,638			
									CSA013	Forge Island Flood Defence	2,914,447	0	0	0	2,914,447			
									CSA014	Forge Island Fish Pass	250,000	0	0	0	250,000			
									CSA015	Public Realm Phase 1	2,294,894	0	0	0	2,294,894			
									CSABUN	Town Centre Investment	6,779,399	0	0	0	6,779,399			
									CSC006	Bassingthorpe Farm	334,381	0	0	0	334,381			
									CSC007	Pithouse West Investigations	11,117	0	0	0	11,117			
									CSC008	Beighton Link Proj Growth Fund	277,958	0	0	0	277,958			
									CSC009	Century Phase II	3,070,670	0	0	0	3,070,670			
									CSC010	Bassingthorpe Farm Land Acq	908,750	0	0	0	908,750			
									CSHBUN	Future High Streets Fund	1,780,000	18,807,715	26,482,440	27,028,336	74,098,491			
Inv & Economic Initiatives									18,898,338	18,807,715	26,482,440	27,028,336	91,216,829					

Directorate	Service Area	Service Area	Sub Service	Project Code	Project	Current Year	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Full Project Budget
						Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)
		RIDO				19,381,785	18,962,715	26,482,440	27,028,336	91,855,276
		Transportation & Highways	Bridges	CGBBUN	Bridges unallocated	677,091	329,450	329,450	329,450	1,665,441
			Bridges			677,091	329,450	329,450	329,450	1,665,441
			Connectivity	CGCBUN	Unallocated Connectivity	75,000	341,000	341,000	341,000	1,098,000
			Connectivity			75,000	341,000	341,000	341,000	1,098,000
			Local Safety Schemes	CGLBUN	Unallocated Local Safety S	678,000	375,000	375,000	375,000	1,803,000
				CGY015	Comm Aspects of Rd Sfty	300,000	150,000	0	0	450,000
				CGW062	Cont pedxings job3 A633 High S	120,000	0	0	0	120,000
			Local Safety Schemes			1,098,000	525,000	375,000	375,000	2,373,000
			LSTF & Smarter Choices	CGSBUN	Unallocated Smarter Choices	65,000	0	0	0	65,000
			LSTF & Smarter Choices			65,000	0	0	0	65,000
			Major Schemes	CGA012	A618 Growth Corridor Phase 2	376,892	0	0	0	376,892
				CGA013	Parkway Widening ph2	25,751,335	14,438,000	0	0	40,189,335
				CGA015	College Road NPIF	1,430,878	0	0	0	1,430,878
				CGB023	Crinoline Bridge Repairs	49,534	0	0	0	49,534
				CGC047	A630 Pool Green Roundabout	58,833	0	0	0	58,833
				CGF007	Holmes Tail Goit Pumping Stn	2,860,209	0	0	0	2,860,209
				CGF016	GOIT - Highway Bridge	934,000	0	0	0	934,000
				CGN055	A630 Sheffield Parkway widenin	167,351	0	0	0	167,351
				CGS006	Traff Signal renewal Prog	722,913	0	0	0	722,913
				CGY012	Clean Air Zones Elec Chrg Pts	20,482	0	0	0	20,482
			Major Schemes			32,372,427	14,438,000	0	0	46,810,427
			Network Management	CGN078	Bawtry Rd Bramley mor to ch ln	89	0	0	0	89
				CGNBUN	Unallocated Network Management	300,750	450,000	450,000	450,000	1,650,750
			Network Management			300,839	450,000	450,000	450,000	1,650,839
		Transportation & Highways				34,588,357	16,083,450	1,495,450	1,495,450	53,662,707
		Planning, Regen & Transport				59,459,006	37,492,865	30,074,590	30,620,486	157,646,947
		Regeneration & Environment				78,897,460	56,411,990	43,820,915	41,035,811	220,166,176
		Summary				113,129,175	76,770,741	64,286,960	63,470,952	317,657,828

Capital Programme General HRA 2020/21 to 2024/25

Directorate	Current Year	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Total Project
	Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)
HRA	58,080,316	55,924,605	44,177,848	43,197,848	201,380,617
Total	58,080,316	55,924,605	44,177,848	43,197,848	201,380,617

Funding:

Funding Stream	Current Year	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Total Project
	Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)
Grants And Contributions	10,213,678	1,957,821	0	0	12,171,499
Major Repairs Allowance	28,634,255	30,302,843	22,860,000	23,443,000	105,240,098
Revenue Contribution	13,916,864	8,045,419	4,839,240	6,077,000	32,878,523
Usable Capital Receipts	5,315,519	12,103,522	1,908,332	928,198	20,255,571
Unsupported Borrowing	0	3,515,000	14,570,276	12,749,650	30,834,926
Total	58,080,316	55,924,605	44,177,848	43,197,848	201,380,617

Capital Programme HRA 2020/21 to 2024/25

Directorate	Service Area	Service Area	Sub Service	Project Code	Project	Current Year	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Full Project Budget
						Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)
				CJF303	Adapts - OTHERS - Public Major	549,000	0	0	0	549,000
				CJF304	Adapts - LOT1 - Public Major	766,500	0	0	0	766,500
				CJF305	Adapts - LOT2 - Public Major	773,500	0	0	0	773,500
				CJF404	Adapts - LOT1 - Public Minor	150,000	0	0	0	150,000
				CJF405	Adapts - LOT2 - Public Minor	143,000	0	0	0	143,000
				CJFBUN	Public Adapts Bud Unall	0	2,632,000	2,632,000	2,632,000	7,896,000
			Aids and Adaptations (Public S			2,382,000	2,632,000	2,632,000	2,632,000	10,278,000
		Fair Access to All				2,382,000	2,632,000	2,632,000	2,632,000	10,278,000
		Improving Council Housing & Ho	Asbestos	CJQ101	Asbestos-Testing & Removal	400,000	400,000	400,000	0	1,200,000
			Asbestos			400,000	400,000	400,000	0	1,200,000
			District Heating	CJ0602	District Heating Conversions	50,000	0	0	0	50,000
				CJTBUN	District Heating Bud Unall	0	50,000	50,000	0	100,000
			District Heating			50,000	50,000	50,000	0	150,000
			Electrical Board & Bond	CJJ301	WDP - Board and Bond	50,000	0	0	0	50,000
			Electrical Board & Bond			50,000	0	0	0	50,000
				CJEBUN	Environmental Bud Unall	800,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	2,800,000
			Environmental Programme			800,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	2,800,000
			External Insulation	CJN401	Thermal Improvments	500,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	2,500,000
			External Insulation			500,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	2,500,000
			Garage Site Investment	CJ0806	Unsustainable Garage Sites	0	250,000	250,000	0	500,000
			Garage Site Investment			0	250,000	250,000	0	500,000
			General Structures	CJM301	Capital Structural Work	750,000	750,000	750,000	0	2,250,000
			General Structures			750,000	750,000	750,000	0	2,250,000
			IHMS (IT System)	CJ1003	HIMS Computer System	1,250,000	1,250,000	0	0	2,500,000
			IHMS (IT System)			1,250,000	1,250,000	0	0	2,500,000
			Improving Council Housing	CJZBUN	Improving Council Housing	0	3,250,000	4,500,000	21,566,848	29,316,848
			Improving Council Housing			0	3,250,000	4,500,000	21,566,848	29,316,848
			Major Voids Capital Prog	CJC101	Fortem - Major Voids	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	0	3,750,000
				CJC102	Mears - Major Voids	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	0	3,750,000
			Major Voids Capital Prog			2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	0	7,500,000
			Refurbishments	CJA102	Mears - Site Prelims	450,000	0	0	0	450,000
				CJA119	Aston/Org/Swall Extnals Ph 1	1,650,000	0	0	0	1,650,000
				CJA120	Thrybergh Externals Phase 1	550,000	0	0	0	550,000
				CJA122	Soil Stacks	229,331	0	0	0	229,331
				CJA123	Beeversleigh Concrete Repairs	200,000	0	0	0	200,000
				CJA124	Manor Farm Externals	620,000	0	0	0	620,000
				CJA125	Kilnhurst Externals	1,145,000	0	0	0	1,145,000
				CJA126	Broom Valley Externals	700,000	0	0	0	700,000
				CJA127	Bramley Externals	270,000	0	0	0	270,000
				CJA128	Wickersley Externals	830,000	0	0	0	830,000
				CJA129	Rotherwood Cres Externals	269,136	0	0	0	269,136
				CJA130	Hurley Croft Externals	297,167	0	0	0	297,167
				CJA730	Dinnington FSB/RWG	207,000	0	0	0	207,000
				CJA731	The Lanes Roofing	1,000,000	0	0	0	1,000,000
				CJA734	FRA & Bin stores	500,000	0	0	0	500,000

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						Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)	Budget (£)
				CJA401	Mears - Internal-Mears C5 1A	1,000,000	0	0	0	1,000,000
				CJB101	Replacement Windows	300,000	0	0	0	300,000
				CJB102	Fire Doors Replacement	2,100,000	0	0	0	2,100,000
				CJABUN	Refurb Bud Unall	406,328	9,716,848	9,716,848	0	19,840,024
				CJA725	Sprinkler Systems	500,000	0	0	0	500,000
				CJA726	Communals	1,626,000	0	0	0	1,626,000
				CJA732	Communal Walkways	200,000	0	0	0	200,000
				CJA733	Ridgeway maisonette/shops	150,000	0	0	0	150,000
				CJA801	Design & Appraisal	75,000	0	0	0	75,000
				Refurbishments		15,274,962	9,716,848	9,716,848	0	34,708,658
			Replacement of Central Heating	CJJ101	Fortem - Ad Hoc Boiler Repl'ts	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000	0	3,900,000
				CJJ105	Fortem-Boilers Scheme 1	800,000	0	0	0	800,000
			Replacement of Central Heating			2,100,000	1,300,000	1,300,000	0	4,700,000
			Sheltered Housing Communal Are	CJR101	Community Centre Improvements	100,000	100,000	100,000	0	300,000
			Sheltered Housing Communal Are			100,000	100,000	100,000	0	300,000
		Improving Council Housing & Ho				23,774,962	21,566,848	21,566,848	21,566,848	88,475,506
		New Housing Provision	Site Clusters	CJP001	Site Cluster Braithwell	688,918	0	0	0	688,918
				CJP002	Site Cluster Rotherview Road 1	759,574	0	0	0	759,574
				CJP003	Site Cluster Rotherview Road 2	1,169,327	0	0	0	1,169,327
			Site Clusters			2,617,819	0	0	0	2,617,819
			SOAHP delivery	CJP008	Bellows Road SOAHP	838,085	0	0	0	838,085
				CJP009	Rothwell Grange SOAHP units	2,981,262	0	0	0	2,981,262
				CJP010	Braithwell Rd SOAHP Bungalows	816,893	0	0	0	816,893
				CJP012	SOAHP Bungalows - 4 units	210,000	0	0	0	210,000
				CJG003	HRA Housing Growth Programme – Ph	0	2,290,000	2,290,000	0	4,580,000
				CJG004	HRA Housing Growth Programme – Ph	0	1,526,000	8,141,000	8,989,000	18,656,000
			SOAHP delivery			4,846,240	3,816,000	10,431,000	8,989,000	28,082,240
			Town Centre Development	CJP100	Millfold House	4,550,611	3,078,177	0	0	7,628,788
				CJP101	Sheffield road	9,498,451	6,615,650	0	0	16,114,101
				CJP102	Henleys Site	6,155,764	2,709,173	0	0	8,864,937
			SOAHP delivery			20,204,826	12,403,000	0	0	32,607,826
			MMC	CJP200	MMC Bungalows	1,952,014	0	0	0	1,952,014
			MMC			1,952,014	0	0	0	1,952,014
				CJ0124	Pennypiece Lane	440,212	0	0	0	440,212
				CJH001	Phase 2 acquisitions	1,643,000	4,928,000	0	0	6,571,000
				CJH002	Phase 3 Acquisitions	0	4,860,000	9,548,000	10,010,000	24,418,000
				CJG001	Phase 2 small sites	219,243	630,757	0	0	850,000
				CJG002	Phase 2 Netherfield Eastwood	0	5,088,000	0	0	5,088,000
			Strategic Acquisitions			2,302,455	15,506,757	9,548,000	10,010,000	37,367,212
		New Housing Provision				31,923,354	31,725,757	19,979,000	18,999,000	102,627,111
		Neighbourhood Capital Programm				58,080,316	55,924,605	44,177,848	43,197,848	201,380,617
HRA						58,080,316	55,924,605	44,177,848	43,197,848	201,380,617
Summary						58,080,316	55,924,605	44,177,848	43,197,848	201,380,617

Initial Equality Screening Assessment (Part A)

As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality and diversity.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provide a record of both the process and decision. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions.

Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality and diversity
- whether or not equality and diversity is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an equality analysis.

Directorate: Finance and Customer Services	Service area: Finance
Lead person: Rob Mahon	Contact number: 01709 254518

1. Title:

Is this a:

☐

Strategy / Policy

☒

Service / Function

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Other

If other, please specify

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening

The Council has a framework of budgetary monitoring and reporting that ensures budget management is exercised within annual cash limits.

Each month the Budget Manager receives timely information on income and expenditure to enable them to fulfil their budgetary responsibilities. Following the review of the budget information, each budget manager provides a forecast of their projected outturn position on each service. The Strategic Director subsequently provides a consolidated forecast for their directorate to the Chief Finance Officer and relevant Cabinet Member.

A budget monitoring report, which includes an up-to-date outturn forecast, information about significant variances from approved budgets and proposals for dealing with them, is submitted to Cabinet at least 6 times a year, culminating with

the Council's Financial Outturn report.

Whilst the framework described above relates to revenue budgets, the capital programme is also similarly monitored and reported alongside the Council's revenue position.

The financial monitoring position report summarises the key variances for each directorate and considers the key financial pressures and risks.

Given that the revenue and capital budgets have been approved by Council in February 2019, when equality assessments would have been considered at that time in respect of the budget proposals, there are no further issues in respect of equality and diversity.

3. Relevance to equality and diversity

All the Council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – borough wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality and diversity.

The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are.

When considering these questions think about age, carers, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation and any other relevant characteristics (for example socio-economic status, social class, income, unemployment, residential location or family background and education or skills levels).

Questions	Yes	No
Could the proposal have implications regarding the accessibility of services to the whole or wider community?		x
Could the proposal affect service users?		x
Has there been or is there likely to be an impact on an individual or group with protected characteristics?		x
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns regarding the proposal?		x
Could the proposal affect how the Council's services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?		x
Could the proposal affect the Council's workforce or employment practices?		x

If you have answered **no** to all the questions above please complete **sections 5 and 6**.

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above please complete **section 4**.

4. Considering the impact on equality and diversity

If you have not already done so, the impact on equality and diversity should be considered within your proposals prior to carrying out an **Equality Analysis**.

Considering equality and diversity will help to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and take active steps to create a discrimination free society by meeting a group or individual's needs and encouraging participation.

Please provide specific details for all three areas below and use the prompts for guidance.

- **How have you considered equality and diversity?**

n/a

- **Key findings**

n/a

- **Actions**

n/a

Date to scope and plan your Equality Analysis:

n/a

Date to complete your Equality Analysis:

n/a

Lead person for your Equality Analysis
(Include name and job title):

n/a

5. Governance, ownership and approval

Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening:

Name	Job title	Date
Judith Badger	Strategic Director – Finance and Customer Services	26 June 2020

6. Publishing

This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given.

If this screening relates to a **Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision** a copy of the completed document should be attached as an appendix and published alongside the relevant report.

A copy of **all** screenings should also be sent to equality@rotherham.gov.uk For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file and also published on the Council's Equality and Diversity Internet page.

Date screening completed	23-6-2020
If relates to a Key Delegated Decision, Executive Board, Council or a Significant Operational Decision – report date and date sent for publication	
Date screening sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement equality@rotherham.gov.uk	

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Council - 30 September 2020

Report Title

Community Governance Review - Ravenfield Parish Council
Final Outcome

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

Judith Badger, Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services

Report Author(s)

Bal Nahal, Head of Legal Services
01709 823361 - bal.nahal@rotherham.gov.uk

Ward(s) Affected

Wickersley
Silverwood
Hellaby

Report Summary

A report providing a summary of the final consultation responses received in respect of the Community Governance Review being undertaken by the Council following the receipt of a petition from Ravenfield Parish Council. The report recommends a final outcome to the Review.

Recommendations

1. That the final outcome of the Community Governance Review is that there be no change to the current arrangements in respect of the Parish boundary between Ravenfield and Bramley.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 First page of Petition
Appendix 2 Map of affected area

Background Papers

Report to Council 22nd July 2020
Report to Council 30th October 2019
Terms of Reference approved 30th October 2019

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

No

Council Approval Required

Yes

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

Community Governance Review - Ravenfield Parish Council

Final Outcome

1.	Background
1.1	As Members will recall, on 3 rd May, 2019, the Council received a petition from Ravenfield Parish Council requesting that a Community Governance Review (“CGR”) be undertaken in the Ravenfield Parish in respect of the Parish boundary. The first page of the petition is at Appendix 1. The petition is a valid petition under the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act, 2007 (“the Act”), which devolved the power to take decisions about matters such as this to the Council, as “Principal” Council in these circumstances.
1.2	The petition requested that a CGR be undertaken with a view to altering the existing boundary of the Parish of Ravenfield. A map of the existing Parish boundary and the amendment proposed by Ravenfield Parish Council is at Appendix 2.
1.3	<p>The reasons stated by Ravenfield Parish Council for the proposed amendment are as follows:</p> <p><i>“This is a petition addressed to Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council under section 88 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (as amended by the Legislative Reform ((Community Governance Reviews) Order 2015 (hereinafter referred to as “The Act”)</i></p> <p><i>We the undersigned, request that Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council change the boundary between Bramley and Ravenfield Parishes under Community Governance Powers granted to them under legislation. The boundary between Moor Lane South and Lidget Lane should be moved south to a line stretching from the southern border of site LDF0774 (Rotherham Local Plan) running from Moor Lane South eastward to Lidget Lane (identified as a red line on the map attached to the petition.</i></p> <p><i>The request is made due to the change of use on LDF0774 to residential and the inevitable increase in population. Residents of the new housing will live in the community of Ravenfield and use Ravenfield village facilities. The current boundary would create an anomalous situation and be harmful to community cohesion.”</i></p>
2.	Key Issues
2.1	Members will also recall that Terms of Reference for the CGR were agreed at the Council meeting on the 30 th October, 2019. As part of the CGR process set out in the Terms of Reference the outcome of the Consultation which was undertaken was reported to Council on 22 July 2020. As set out in that report the outcome of the consultation was broadly that the majority of consultees felt that the boundary should remain in the same place, and as such that there should be no change to the current arrangements in respect of the Parish boundary between Ravenfield and Bramley. As such the Council resolved that the proposed outcome of the Community Governance Review was that there be no change to the current arrangements in respect of the Parish boundary between Ravenfield and Bramley.

2.2	Following the report of the 22 nd July 2020, and the Council's resolution as to the proposed outcome of the CGR, a further period of consultation as set out in the Terms of Reference has been undertaken in respect of that proposed outcome. This further period of consultation is included in the timetable largely due to the possibility at the outset of the process of consultation on any proposed order. As set out in the Council report of the 22 nd July 2020, the proposed outcome of the CGR was published on the Council's website between 24 th July and 30 th August 2020.						
2.3	A total of 243 consultation responses have been received by means of website submissions.						
2.4	<p>The Consultation responses were as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Agree with the proposed outcome</th><th>Disagree with the proposed outcome</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>140</td><td>103</td></tr> <tr> <td>58%</td><td>42%</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Agree with the proposed outcome	Disagree with the proposed outcome	140	103	58%	42%
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58%	42%						
3.	Options considered and recommended proposal						
3.1	<p>As referred to above the options set out in the substantive consultation were as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No change to the existing arrangements 2. Reducing the existing parish of Bramley and extending the Parish of Ravenfield to include the land allocated for residential use adjacent to Moor Lane South, proposed by the petition from Ravenfield Parish Council. <p>Substantial consultation was undertaken in respect of the above options, and as stated above reported to the Council meeting of 22 July 2020.</p>						
3.2	The proposed outcome of the CGR has been consulted upon and the majority of responses are in agreement with the proposed outcome. The recommended final outcome of the CGR is therefore that there be no change to the current arrangements in respect of the Parish boundary between Ravenfield and Bramley.						
3.3.	If the recommendation is approved, then the Act states that there could not be a further CGR in respect of the same issue for two years. In those circumstances should a further CGR be undertaken, sometime after that two year period, it may be that some or all of the houses on the potential residential development at Moor Lane South will have been built and occupied and as such, consultation with those centrally effected future residents may take place. This would enable an evidenced based conclusion to be drawn as to the relative impact of the proposed development.						

4.	Consultation on proposal
4.1	As set out in the report of 22 July 2020, extensive consultation was undertaken in arriving at the proposed outcome of the CGR.
4.2	As set out above, further consultation has been undertaken in respect of the proposed outcome of the Community Governance Review.
5.	Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision
5.1	If the recommendation is approved, no further action will be required to implement the decision.
5.2	If amendments to the Parish boundaries were to be undertaken (not recommended) those changes would come into effect in April 2021.
6.	Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications
6.1	There are no direct financial implications to the Council from the recommendation that there will be no change to the current arrangements in respect of the Parish boundary between Ravenfield and Bramley. The recommendation will not impact the methodology for how Parish precepts are calculated and how Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payments are applied. A total of 15% of the CIL contribution from a housing development is paid across to the Parish Council where the development is located, this is increased further to 25% if the Parish Council has a neighbourhood plan. As it is proposed the boundaries will not be changed, the distribution of the CIL contribution will not change.
6.2	The cost of this consultation will be covered within the Councils existing budget. There are no direct procurement implications arising from the recommendations detailed in this report.
7.	Legal Advice and Implications
7.1	Under S.93(4) of the Act when considering the consultation responses, the Council is bound to have regard to the need to secure that community governance within the area under the review:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflects the identities and interests of the community in that area; and, • Is effective and convenient.
7.2	Further, Guidance on Community Governance Reviews (issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government and the Local Government Boundary Commission for England in March 2010) [the Guidance] required consideration to be given to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; • The size, population and boundaries of the local community or parish. •

8.	Human Resources Advice and Implications
8.1	None
9.	Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults
9.1	None
10.	Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications
10.1	None
11.	Implications for Ward Priorities
11.1	None
12.	Implications for Partners
12.1	If the recommendation is approved then the Parish Council boundaries between Ravenfield and Bramley will remain the same.
13.	Risks and Mitigation
13.1.	None
14.	Accountable Officers
	Bal Nahal, Head of Legal Services
	01709 823361 - bal.nahal@rotherham.gov.uk

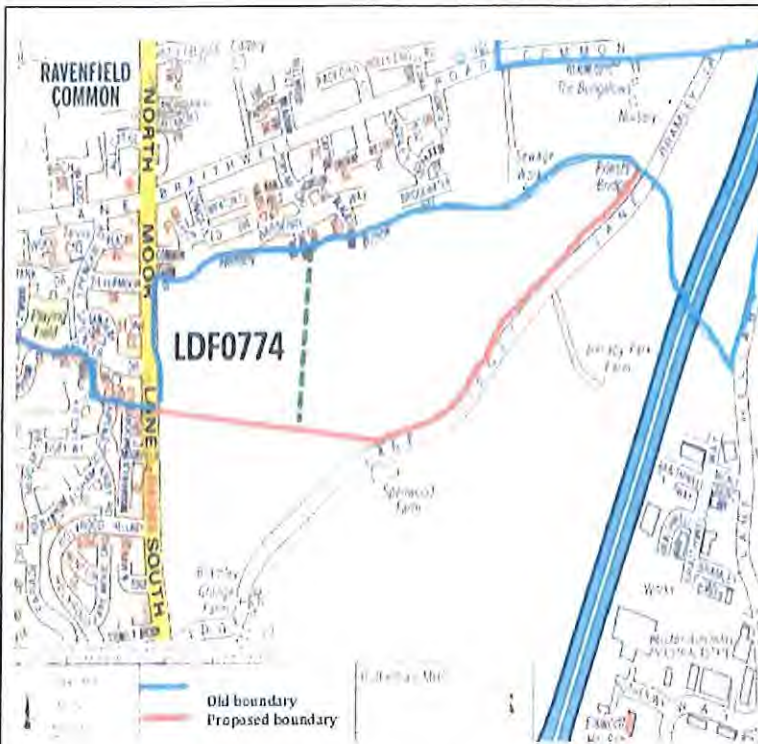
Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers:-

	Named Officer	Date
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	Click here to enter a date.
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	17/09/20
Head of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Bal Nahal	15/09/20

Report Author: Bal Nahal, Head of Legal Services
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This report is published on the Council's [website](#).

A Petition for the alteration of a parish boundary between the civil parishes of Ravenfield and Bramley, South Yorkshire

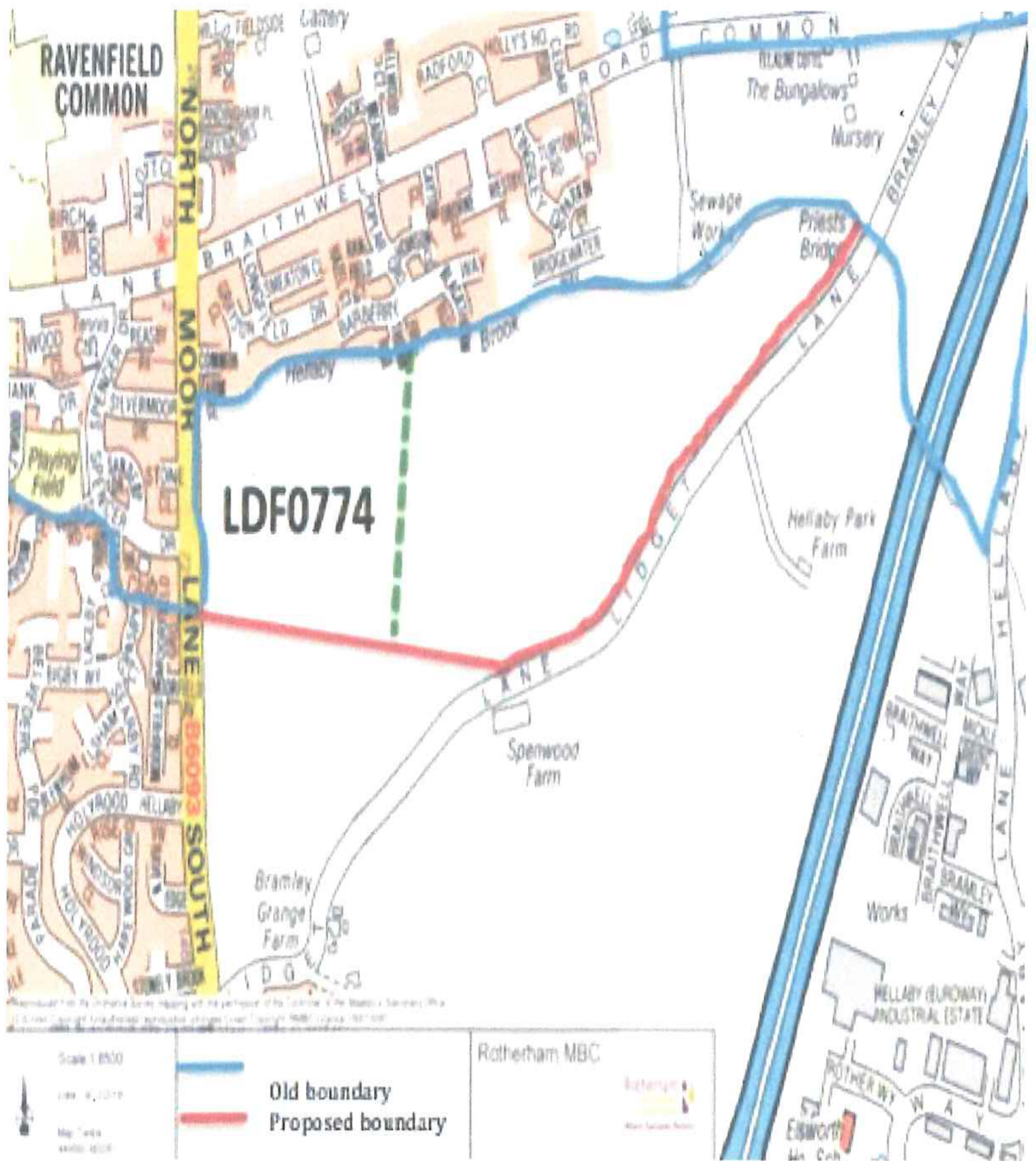


This is a petition addressed to Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council under section 88 of The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (as amended by the Legislative Reform ((Community Governance Reviews) Order 2015 (hereinafter referred to as 'The Act').

We, the undersigned, request that Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council change the boundary between Bramley and Ravenfield Parishes under Community Governance Powers granted to them under legislation. The boundary between Moor Lane South and Lidget Lane should be moved south to a line stretching from the southern border of site LDF0774 (Rotherham Local Plan) running from Moor Lane South eastward to Lidget Lane.(identified as a red line on the attached map).

The request is made due to the change of use on LDF0774 to residential and the inevitable increase in population. Residents of the new housing will live in the community of Ravenfield and use Ravenfield village facilities. The current boundary would create an anomalous situation and be harmful to community cohesion.

Name	Address	Signature



PART A - Initial Equality Screening Assessment

As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality and diversity.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provide a record of both the process and decision. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions.

Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality and diversity
- whether or not equality and diversity is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an Equality Analysis (Part B).

Further information is available in the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance – see page 9.

1. Title

Title: Ravenfield Community Governance Review - Final Outcome

Directorate: Finance and Customer Services

Service area: Legal Services

Lead person: Bal Nahal

Contact number: 01709 823661

Is this a:

☐

Strategy / Policy

☐

Service / Function

☒

Other

If other, please specify: See below

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening

A report to Council in respect of the outcome of the consultation undertaken in respect of the Ravenfield Community Governance Review.

3. Relevance to equality and diversity

All the Council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – borough wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality and diversity.

The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are.

When considering these questions think about age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, civil partnerships and marriage, pregnancy and maternity and other socio-economic groups e.g. parents, single parents and guardians, carers, looked after children, unemployed and people on low incomes, ex-offenders, victims of domestic violence, homeless people etc.

Questions	Yes	No
Could the proposal have implications regarding the accessibility of services to the whole or wider community? <i>(Be mindful that this is not just about numbers. A potential to affect a small number of people in a significant way is as important)</i>		X
Could the proposal affect service users? <i>(Be mindful that this is not just about numbers. A potential to affect a small number of people in a significant way is as important)</i>		X
Has there been or is there likely to be an impact on an individual or group with protected characteristics? <i>(Consider potential discrimination, harassment or victimisation of individuals with protected characteristics)</i>		X
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns regarding the proposal? <i>(It is important that the Council is transparent and consultation is carried out with members of the public to help mitigate future challenge)</i>		X
Could the proposal affect how the Council's services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom? <i>(If the answer is yes you may wish to seek advice from commissioning or procurement)</i>		X
Could the proposal affect the Council's workforce or employment practices? <i>(If the answer is yes you may wish to seek advice from your HR business partner)</i>		X

If you have answered no to all the questions above, please explain the reason

This decision relates to the outcome of a consultation relating to a Community Governance Review. The outcome of the consultation leads to a proposed outcome of the Community Governance Review. In the circumstances there are no Equalities implications of the decision.

If you have answered **no** to all the questions above please complete **sections 5 and 6**.

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above please complete **section 4**.

4. Considering the impact on equality and diversity

If you have not already done so, the impact on equality and diversity should be considered within your proposals before decisions are made.

Considering equality and diversity will help to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and take active steps to create a discrimination free society by meeting a group or individual's needs and encouraging participation.

Please provide specific details for all three areas below using the prompts for guidance and complete an Equality Analysis (Part B).

- **How have you considered equality and diversity?**

(think about the scope of the proposal, who is likely to be affected, equality related information, gaps in information and plans to address, consultation and engagement activities (taken place or planned) with those likely to be affected)

- **Key findings**

(think about any potential positive and negative impact on different equality characteristics, potential to promote strong and positive relationships between groups, potential to bring groups/communities into increased contact with each other, perception that the proposal could benefit one group at the expense of another)

- **Actions**

(think about how you will promote positive impact and remove/reduce negative impact)

Date to scope and plan your Equality Analysis:	
Date to complete your Equality Analysis:	
Lead person for your Equality Analysis (Include name and job title):	

5. Governance, ownership and approval

Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening:

Name	Job title	Date
S Fletcher	Service Manager (Commercial and Property)	14/7/20

6. Publishing

This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given.

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Date screening completed	14/7/20
Report title and date	Ravenfield Community Governance Review - Final Outcome
If relates to a Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision – report date and date sent for publication	Date of meeting - 30/9/20
Date screening sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement equality@rotherham.gov.uk	14/7/20

Council Report

Council – 30th September 2020.

Title

Audit Committee Annual Report 2019/20.

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No.

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

Judith Badger, Strategic Director, Finance and Customer Services.

Report Author(s)

David Webster, Head of Internal Audit

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Ward(s) Affected

All wards.

Report Summary

This report presents the final draft of the Audit Committee Annual Report for 2019-20 for Members' approval, having been endorsed by the Audit Committee on 18th August 2020.

The purpose of the Annual Report 2019/20 is to bring together in one document a summary of the work undertaken by the Audit Committee. The production of the report complies with current best practice for audit committees. It allows the Audit Committee to demonstrate it has fulfilled its terms of reference and share its achievements with the Council and is thought useful as a reminder to the organisation of the role of the committee in providing assurance about its governance, risk management and financial and business controls.

The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) has issued guidance to local authorities to help ensure that Audit Committees operate effectively. The guidance recommends that Audit Committees should report annually on how they have discharged their responsibilities. A copy of the draft annual report of this Audit Committee is attached. A copy of the Audit Committee's Terms of Reference is included for information.

Recommendations

That the Audit Committee Annual Report 2019/20 be approved.

List of Appendices Included

Audit Committee Annual Report for 2019/20.

Audit Committee Terms of Reference.

Background Papers

Relevant reports presented to the Audit Committee and minutes of the meetings of the Audit Committee.

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

No.

Council Approval Required

Yes.

Exempt from the Press and Public

No.

Audit Committee Annual Report 2019/20

1. Background

- 1.1 The Audit Committee is a key component of corporate governance and provides an important source of assurance about the organisation's arrangements for managing risk, maintaining an effective control environment, and reporting on financial and other performance. The Committee is also responsible for approving the Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement.
- 1.2 The Committee's specific powers and duties are set out in section 9 of the Constitution under the Terms of Reference of the Audit Committee. A copy of the Terms of Reference is attached for information.
- 1.3 The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) issued guidance to local authorities to help ensure that Audit Committees are operating effectively. The guidance recommends that Audit Committees should report annually on how they have discharged their responsibilities.

2. Work Undertaken during 2019/20

- 2.1 The Audit Committee met on five occasions in the year to 31 March 2019, in accordance with its programme of work. A sixth meeting was planned for 24th March 2020, but this had to be postponed until 26th May due to Covid-19. As the agenda was substantially unchanged the May meeting has been included in this report. The frequency of meetings ensures the Audit Committee can fulfil its responsibilities in an efficient and effective way.
- 2.2 During this period the Committee assessed the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's risk management arrangements, control environment and associated counter fraud arrangements through regular reports from officers, the internal auditors and the external auditors. The Committee sought assurance that action has been taken, or is otherwise planned, by management to address any risk related issues that have been identified during the period. The Committee also sought to ensure that effective relationships continue to be maintained between the internal and external auditors, and between the auditors and management.
- 2.3 The specific work undertaken by the Committee is set out in the report.

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 3.1 This report presents the final draft of the Audit Committee Annual Report for 2019-20 for Members' approval, having been endorsed by the Audit Committee on 18th August 2020.

4. Consultation on proposal

- 4.1 None.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 5.1 As Council is recommended to approve the Annual Report, there are no further stages in the decision-making process.

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

- 6.1 There are no direct financial or procurement implications arising from this report.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

- 7.1 Appendix 9, Paragraph 5 of the Council's Constitution, the Audit Committee's Terms of Reference, requires the Audit Committee to submit an annual report to the Council and this report is submitted to meet that requirement.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

- 8.1 There are no direct Human Resources implications arising from this report.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

- 9.1 There are no direct implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults arising from this report.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

- 10.1 There are no direct Equalities and Human Rights Implications arising from this report.

11. Implications for Partners

- 11.1 Partners can be reassured that the Audit Committee is fulfilling its role within RMBC.

12. Risks and Mitigation

- 12.1 None.

13. Accountable Officer(s)

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Tel 01709 823282 E mail david.webster@rotherham.gov.uk

**ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT
2019/20**

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FOREWORD

I am pleased to present this year's Audit Committee Annual Report.

The purpose of the report is to highlight to the Council the work the committee carries out & the contribution we make to the achievement of good governance.

Sections of the report make reference to the specific responsibilities of the Audit Committee, some notable achievements & our own personal development. The committee's full terms of reference are included for information.

I would like to thank members of the committee for their contribution over the past year, the team of RMBC officers who are accountable to us & our external auditors Grant Thornton for their ongoing support.

Cllr K Wyatt, AC Chair August 2020.

INTRODUCTION

While there is no statutory obligation to have such an arrangement, Audit Committees are widely recognised as a core component of effective governance and therefore reflect good practice. RMBC's Audit Committee is properly constituted and as such is given sufficient authority and resources by the Council. In effect, the Committee has the right to obtain all the information it considers necessary and to consult directly with senior managers. In line with best practice the Audit Committee can report its observations and concerns directly to the Council.

A local authority has a duty to ensure that it is fulfilling its responsibilities for adequate and effective internal control, risk management and governance, as well as the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of its activities. The Audit Committee has a key role in overseeing and assessing the internal control, risk management and corporate governance arrangements and advising the Council on the adequacy and effectiveness of those arrangements.

This role is reflected in the Committee's Terms of Reference which are given below for information.

The Audit Committee had six Members during 2019/20:

Councillor Ken Wyatt – Chair
Councillor Bob Walsh – Vice Chair
Councillor Allen Cowles
Councillor John Vjestica
Councillor Katherine Wilson
Bernard Coleman – independent person, until the February meeting.

Recruitment is underway to appoint an independent person to the committee.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

There have been many benefits from the work of the committee. The main outcomes and improvements include:

- An unqualified External Audit opinion on the Council's Statement of Accounts, confirming their accuracy and completeness
- The timely sign-off of the accounts
- An Annual Governance Statement that reflected the developments within the Council
- A positive opinion from the Head of Internal Audit in his Annual Report
- The continuing development of Internal Audit and the planned early external assessment of standards
- A Risk Management process that is embedded within the Council

SUMMARY OF WORK UNDERTAKEN IN 2019/20.

The Audit Committee completed the following during 2019/20

External Audit – Grant Thornton

- Received and considered the detailed results of the external auditor's work in relation to the audit of the 2018/19 financial statements of the Council. The Committee was pleased to note that the auditors had given an unqualified audit opinion with just one audit adjustment necessary, which did not affect the financial performance or financial position of the Council. There was an unqualified value for money conclusion stating that the Council has made proper arrangements to ensure it took properly informed decisions and deployed resources to achieve planned and sustainable outcomes for taxpayers and local people.
- Received and considered the external auditor's annual audit letter in respect of the 2018/19 audit year. The Committee was pleased to note that the external auditors had given an unqualified value for money audit opinion and an unqualified opinion on the financial statements. They also stated that the consolidation pack prepared to support the production of Whole of Government Accounts by HM Treasury was consistent with the audited financial statements and that the Annual Governance Statement was consistent with their understanding and compliant with the CIPFA/SOLACE framework on good governance in local authorities.
- Received and considered the external auditor's plan for the audit of the 2019/20 financial statements and the review of the Council's arrangements for securing value for money.
- Received and considered a report on the planned audit fee for 2019/20, to cover work on: the audit of the financial statements; reaching a conclusion on the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of the Council's use of resources; and the work on the Whole of Government Account Return.

Internal Audit

- Continued to oversee the internal audit arrangements for the Council. This included approving minor updates to the Internal Audit Charter.
- Received and approved the Internal Audit Plan for 2019/20. The plan ensures that internal audit resources are prioritised towards those systems and areas which are considered to be the most risky or which contribute most to the achievement of the Council's corporate objectives.
- Monitored the delivery of the Internal Audit Plan through regular update reports presented by the Head of Internal Audit. Reviewed variations to the audit plans which were considered necessary to reflect new or changed Council priorities.
- Received and considered the results of internal audit work performed in respect of each Directorate.
- Monitored the progress made by management during the period to address identified control weaknesses.
- Monitored the performance of the Internal Audit team through regular update reports.
- Received and considered the Annual Report of the Head of Internal Audit for 2018/19 which provided an overall opinion on the Council's control environment. The report included a summary of the resources and audit coverage, the work undertaken and the audit opinions and recommendations issued during the year. The Head of Internal Audit confirmed that the Council overall had an adequate and effective framework of governance, risk management and control.
- Because of the postponement of the March 2020 until May, the committee also received the Annual Report of the Head of Internal Audit for 2019/20, which had a similar content and the same opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the framework of governance, risk management and control.
- Received and endorsed a proposal for the external validation of the internal assessment against Public Sector Internal Audit Standards to be completed. This was planned for April 2020 but could not be completed because of Covid-19. Instead the Committee received and considered the internal assessment which showed General Conformance with the Standards
- Received and considered the implementation of the Quality Assurance and Improvement Plan and the revised plan for 2020.

Anti-fraud and Corruption

- Received and considered updates to the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy and Strategy.
- Received and considered updates on completed fraud investigations as part of the Internal Audit Progress Reports.

Risk Management

- Continued to oversee the Council's risk management arrangements and strategy, including reviewing the refreshed risk management policy and guide.
- Reviewed the progress made by the Council to identify and address corporate risks. This included consideration of the Strategic Risk Register twice during the year.
- Assessed the adequacy and effectiveness of each Directorate's risk management arrangements through consideration of the risks and mitigating actions identified in their Risk Registers. Presentations were received from Strategic Directors and Cabinet Members on their approach to risk management.

Corporate Governance

- Considered changes to the refreshed Code of Corporate Governance prior to approval. The Code reflects the core principles and requirements of the CIPFA/SOLACE 'Delivering Good Governance in Local Government Framework'.
- Considered the draft Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19.
- Considered and approved the Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19 of the Council. The Statement reflected the continued progress made by the Council during that year.
- Produced its own Annual Report for 2018/19 setting out the work undertaken by the committee.
- Received and considered at each meeting its own forward plan for the year ahead, ensuring that all relevant areas are covered during the year.

Finance

- Considered the unaudited draft Statement of Accounts.
- Considered and approved the Statement of Accounts for 2018/19 for the Council.
- Received and considered a report on the final accounts closedown and accounting policies updates for 2019/20. A second closedown report was received after the changes to the accounting timetable due to Covid-19.
- Continued to review the Council's Treasury Management arrangements. This included reviewing the Annual Treasury Management Report for 2018/19 which covered the actual Prudential Indicators, and the Mid-Year Monitoring Report which included the actual and proposed treasury management activity.
- Received a report detailing the position with regards to the Designated School Grant reserve and the plan to operate within the annual allocation and reduce the deficit over future years.

Other

- Received and considered two update reports on progress made to implement recommendations arising from external inspections.
- Received and considered reports on the Council's use of surveillance and acquisition of communication data powers under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA). There had been no usage of these powers by the Council during 2018/19.
- Received an annual report on Information Governance, including compliance with GDPR and the Data Protection Act.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Committee completed a self-assessment against CIPFA guidance during the year. It receives training or a briefing before most meetings based on the papers to be presented to the Committee and the results of the self-assessment.

During the year the Audit Chair attended Public Sector Audit Appointments events, the LGA Leadership Academy for audit chairs and training organised by Grant Thornton, the external auditors.

The audit chair and another committee member are members of the Sheffield City Region Audit and Standards committee, and the audit chair is also a member of the YPO Audit and Governance Committee.

TERMS OF REFERENCE 2019/20

Committee Size

To comprise:-

- Five Councillors, none of which are members of the Cabinet.
- One person who is not a councillor or officer of the Council (independent member).

Statement of purpose

- 1 The Audit Committee is a key component of RMBC's corporate governance. It provides an independent and high-level focus on the audit, assurance and reporting arrangements that underpin good governance and financial standards.
- 2 The purpose of the audit committee is to provide independent assurance to the Council of the adequacy of the risk management framework and the internal control environment. It provides independent review of RMBC's governance, risk management and control frameworks and oversees the financial reporting and annual governance processes. It oversees internal audit and external audit, helping to ensure efficient and effective assurance arrangements are in place.

Governance, risk and control

- 3 To review the council's corporate governance arrangements against the good governance framework, including the ethical framework and consider RMBC's code of governance.
- 4 To review the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) prior to approval and consider whether it properly reflects the risk environment and supporting assurances, taking into account internal audit's opinion on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the council's framework of governance, risk management and control.
- 5 To approve the final AGS for publication.
- 6 To consider the council's arrangements to secure value for money and review assurances and assessments on the effectiveness of these arrangements.
- 7 To consider the council's framework of assurance and ensure that it adequately addresses the risks and priorities of the council.
- 8 To monitor the effective development and operation of risk management in the council.
- 9 To monitor progress in addressing risk-related issues reported to the committee.
- 10 To consider reports on the effectiveness of internal controls and monitor the implementation of agreed actions.
- 11 To review the assessment of fraud risks and potential harm to the council from fraud and corruption.
- 12 To monitor the counter-fraud strategy, actions and resources.
- 13 To review the governance and assurance arrangements for significant partnerships or collaborations.

Internal audit

- 14 To approve the Internal Audit Charter.
- 15 To approve the risk-based Internal Audit Plan, including Internal Audit's resource requirements, the approach to using other sources of assurance and any work required to place reliance upon those other sources.

- 16 To approve significant interim changes to the risk-based Internal Audit Plan and resource requirements.
- 17 To make appropriate enquiries of both management and the Head of Internal Audit to determine if there are any inappropriate scope or resource limitations.
- 18 To consider any impairments to independence or objectivity arising from additional roles or responsibilities outside of internal auditing of the Head of Internal Audit. To approve and periodically review safeguards to limit such impairments.
- 19 To approve the internal or external assessments of Internal Audit against Public Sector Internal Audit Standards. This will include:-
 - regular reports on the results of the Quality Assurance and Improvement Programme (QAIP).
 - reports on instances where the internal audit function does not conform to the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS) and Local Government Application Note (LGAN), considering whether the non-conformance is so severe that it must be included in the AGS
- 20 To consider reports from the Head of Internal Audit on Internal Audit's performance during the year. These will include updates on the work of Internal Audit including:-
 - progress against the plan
 - key findings and issues of concern
 - action in hand as a result of internal audit work
 - performance indicators
- 21 To approve the Head of Internal Audit's annual report:-
 - The statement of the level of conformance with the PSIAS and LGAN and the results of the QAIP that support the statement.
 - The opinion on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the council's framework of governance, risk management and control together with the summary of the work supporting the opinion.
- 22 To consider summaries of specific Internal Audit reports.
- 23 To receive reports outlining the action taken where the Head of Internal Audit has concluded that management has accepted a level of risk that may be unacceptable to the authority or there are concerns about progress with the implementation of agreed actions.
- 24 To contribute to the QAIP and in particular, to the external quality assessment of internal audit that takes place at least once every five years.
- 25 To provide free and unfettered access to the Audit Committee Chair for the Head of Internal Audit, including the opportunity for him/her to meet privately with the committee.

External audit

- 26 To support the independence of external audit through consideration of the external auditor's annual assessment of its independence and review of any issues raised by Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA).
- 27 To approve the external auditor's annual plan
- 28 To approve any revisions to the external auditor's plan
- 29 To consider the external auditor's annual letter, relevant reports and the report to those charged with governance.
- 30 To consider specific reports as agreed with the external auditor.
- 31 To comment on the scope and depth of external audit work and to ensure it gives value for money.

- 32 To commission work from internal and external audit.
- 33 To advise and recommend on the effectiveness of relationships between external and internal audit and other inspection agencies or relevant bodies.

Financial reporting

- 34 To receive the draft annual statement of accounts following approval by the s151 Officer. Specifically, to consider whether appropriate accounting policies have been followed.
- 35 To approve the final audited annual statement of accounts for publication. Specifically to consider whether there are concerns arising from the financial statements or from the audit that need to be brought to the attention of the council.
- 36 To consider the external auditor's report to those charged with governance on issues arising from the audit of the accounts.
- 37 To deal with any matters referred to the Committee by the Strategic Director Finance and Customer services in relation to his/her responsibilities under section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Treasury Management

- 38 To review treasury management policy, strategy and procedures and to be satisfied that controls are satisfactory
- 39 To receive annual reports on treasury management, specifically the outturn report and the mid-year report
- 40 To review the treasury risk profile and adequacy of treasury risk management processes
- 41 To review assurances on treasury management, for example an internal audit report, external audit report or other review.

Accountability arrangements

- 42 To report to those charged with governance on the committee's findings, conclusions and recommendations concerning the adequacy and effectiveness of their governance, risk management and internal control frameworks, financial reporting arrangements, and internal and external audit functions.
- 43 To report to full council on a regular basis on the committee's performance in relation to the terms of reference and the effectiveness of the committee in meeting its purpose.
- 44 To submit a report on the work of the committee to the Council on an annual basis.

MyWales Ward

News from Harthill, Kiveton Park, Todwick and Wales

Wales Ward Priorities

To support and develop initiatives to improve the local environment.

To support and develop initiatives to improve road safety in the community.

To support and develop initiatives around combating social isolation, loneliness and improving well-being.

To continue to support local community and voluntary organisations, particularly those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic

The Friendly Bench

The Friendly Bench now has a pride of place in front of Kiveton Library. The project was first brought to us by Alana, a local school girl who is now well known and very active in the local community for her commitment to organising and promoting a variety of community initiatives. We funded the project through our devolved budget and worked with Alana and all Partners to make this happen.

The Friendly Bench is all about tackling loneliness, isolation and promoting community cohesion and togetherness. Hence the name! There were some delays owing to the Pandemic but we got there in the end and Cllr Dominic Beck attended the official (socially distanced) opening during August.



Community Skip at Kiveton Park

A community skip was held on the 7th Feb 2020 so that members of the community could get rid of any unwanted rubbish. The skip was placed on the Wales Village Hall car park for easy access. The skip was well received by the community as it was full within 2 hours. The caretakers were on hand to collect rubbish from council properties and were very supportive in helping the event go smoothly.

(Photo taken before Covid)



Defib at Viking Way Community Centre

The Viking Way TARA Group asked for help in getting a Defib fitted onto the external wall of the Neighbourhood Centre. They felt that it would be very beneficial to have access to one given that the area is predominantly made up of older people. It was agreed to fund this through the Capital budget. Start A Heart were also happy to get involved and they donated the cabinet that houses the Defib. The TARA group have worked hard to raise funds so that they can buy replacement pads and make sure there is enough money if it needs repairs in the future. The unit has already been used a number of times since it has been fitted. It is a great community asset that will hopefully keep on saving lives. (Photo taken before Covid)



Area Housing Panel Door Knocking

Councillors and partners, including Rotherfed, Neighbourhoods and Housing, held a door knocking session to speak to residents about the new Ward Housing Hubs. It was hoped that it would generate interest within the community for residents to get involved with spending the funding allocated to the area. The event was a great success as many residents gave us feed back on issues and also many were very willing to get involved in the future activity around the Hubs.

Harthill/Thorpe Salvin Covid 19 Group

The Harthill/Thorpe Salvin Covid 19 group did a fantastic job of keeping the vulnerable people of the neighbourhood fed and looked after. The group made use of the Peregrine Way Neighbourhood Centre to deliver food parcels to the people who really needed that extra help and support during the lock down period. During the first 3 months the group delivered 375 food parcels to 88 households and 125 people. Most of these were delivered locally however the group found themselves helping people across the Borough. The volunteers were amazing as they took on any task from food shopping to dog walking and collecting medicines for the people who were unable to collect themselves. The group are evaluating their success and considering what they would like to do in the future to further support local residents.

Wath Ward

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Councillor Simon Evans (01709 255723)



Councillor
Atkin



Councillor
Elliott



Councillor
Evans

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Ward Priorities for 2020 / 2021:

- Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour
- Improving the environment
- Improving community facilities and activities
- Enhancing children's play areas, parks and pitches
- Explore opportunities to enhance Wath Town Centre
- Support the Covid 19 Pandemic efforts

Sensory Garden for Community Connect

Following the closure of the Oaks Day Centre an amazing social enterprise to support local people with mild to moderate learning disabilities has been set up in Wath. Community Connect run by former Oaks Day Centre staff are developing an amazing facility for its users. The most recent development being the transformation of a disused piece of land owned by the Wath Rugby Club next to Community Connects building into a sensory garden.



With the Rugby clubs approval, the land has been cleared and grass seeded by Streetpride thanks to funding from the Wath Ward Budget. With service users having a very keen interest in gardening and woodwork Community Connect came to Wath Ward Councillors to see if a shed could be located to support them working outside in all weathers. Shortly after this request along came the opportunity to give the Town Centre Santa's Grotto a new home, Community Connect thought the grotto was perfect and were successful in their request to give it a new home. After amazing support from local businesses the Grotto was moved from Rotherham to its new home in Wath.

Facility Improvements at Manvers Lake

The facilities and activities at Manvers Lake are constantly developing as the usage of the site expands. The Wath Ward Budget has enabled financial support to be provided to help with developments. Match funding was provided to enable the purchase of the floating jetty facility on the lake. The lake also encounters issues with off road bikes so the ward budget enabled the purchase of metal 171 warning signs for installation at key entrances to the facility. These signs are helping the Police in their enforcement work.



Kings Bowls Club Improvements

Sadly the Kings Bowls Clubs facilities at Wath were severely damaged during the November 2019 flooding. Their club's kitchen facilities were left waist high in water so were totally ruined. The club turned to the Wath Ward Councillors and Neighbourhoods Team for help. Working with contractor Mears it was soon agreed that the club would be provided with new kitchen cabinets as part of Mears community work. As part of the renovations the club moved electrics to a height where if such flooding occurred again it wouldn't cause damage to them and the walls and floor coverings were to be changed to support an easier clean up in the future. The Wath Ward Budget was able to provide funding for the club to replace damaged kitchen electrical items and new crockery. A section of fencing was also funded by the Wath Ward Budget to make the site more secure and protect the club from any further incidents of anti-social behaviour.



First Aid Training for Community Volunteers

The Wath Ward Budget has been able to fund places on a First Aid at Work course for community volunteers. Wath does like to arrange fabulous community events and it is a requirement to have a number of First Aid at Work qualified First Aiders at events. This investment in our wards volunteers means community events should have no problem obtaining the necessary first aid cover for the next few years.



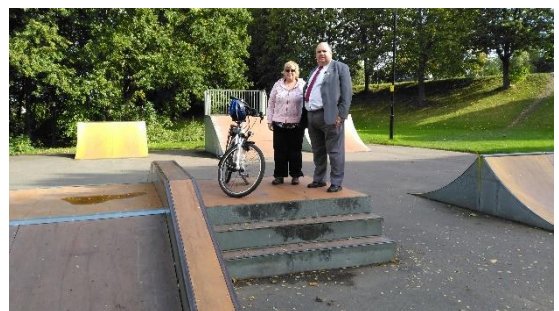
Street Signage Improvements

Residents in Wath are keen for their community to look at its best. Our street signage improvement project has enabled residents to get involved in nominating street signage that's ready for renewal to keep the area looking at its best.



Skate Park and Play Area Improvements

The provision of good quality play provision for young people of all ages has been a ward priority that a lot of work has been undertaken on. The Wath Ward Budget has allowed new surfacing to be provided on the ramps to the Skate Park. Improvements to existing equipment or provision of new equipment at Strathmore Park, Avenue Road and Biscay Way Play Areas.



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Wickersley Ward Report 2020

Our Focus for the Year

Covid-19 has changed life dramatically for everyone, including in our own ward. Whilst we maintain our priorities of working with residents to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour, and improving the environment, the last few months have seen us focus on working with volunteers and community groups to support each other during this difficult time.

We want to thank all the amazing business, volunteers, community groups and residents that have done their bit to help people, and we look forward to working with and supporting you through the year. We would also like to thank all those key workers in our ward, who have kept going during the pandemic.

Building Stronger Communities

Supporting each other through Covid-19

We have been working hard to support our residents through this difficult time. We've helped local people with shopping, collected prescriptions and kept in touch with those who have felt isolated. Sunnyside Supplies is a local food network that started during lockdown to assist with food parcels to those in need. So far over 600 parcels have been delivered and the group will currently run till the end of October. As local Councillors we have supported the group through organisation and a donation from our local funds. Cllr Ellis has also been organising a free book swap service for those missing the library.

This is on top of numerous casework queries from residents about services, care homes, schools. We have been available to help people navigate through these times.



Improving our Roads

We continue to respond to resident's concerns about speeding in our area. Though our normal community speed watches haven't been able to take place, the police have still been doing some targeted work on problematic areas. We have used our ward budget to pay for a new speed sign on Brook Lane and extra road markings. Consultation is also ongoing about reducing the speed limit there. We have also funded 4 Billy and Belinda bollards and 6 bollards around Sunnyside Junior and Infant School. Flanderwell school have received a set of Parking buddies with messages chosen by pupils such as 'Show you care and park elsewhere', to try and encourage responsible parking in the area.

Numerous roads that were put forward by us to the council's roads programme have been or are to be resurfaced this year, including Fleming Way and Markfield Drive.



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Tackling Crime and Anti-social behaviour

Cumulative Impact Zone for Wickersley

Rotherham's first "cumulative impact zone", which covers the Wickersley area, has come into place. As local ward representatives, we have been in consultation with residents for several months about the cumulative impact zone, responding to the concerns that people have raised with us.

The policy, which forms part of stricter Licensing rules across Rotherham for pubs, late night takeaways and other licensed premises, gives councillors on the Licensing Board additional powers when considering applications for new premises. During the consultation we heard from lots of residents who live in the immediate area of the pubs who wanted to see stricter conditions in order to reduce the impact on the community.

Tackling Off-Road Bikes

Silverwood Pit continues to be a source of complaints of noise and nuisance due to off-road bikes, quads and 4 x 4s using the site without permission. It is also causing damage to benches and wildlife on this site.

An audit with residents led to numerous gaps in the perimeter being repaired by the council, and we are urging the private land owners to do the same.

In the long-term we look forward to working with the Silverwood Heritage Group as they seek to preserve the history of the area, but encourage residents to be more involved in it's stewardship.



Improving the built and natural environment by empowering communities

Community Skip and Street clear up days

Loving where you live is important and to help residents several community skip days and street clean ups were organised. We hope to resume these once it is safe to do so.



School Eco Warriors

Earlier this we met Northfield Primary School Eco Warriors and were very impressed with the enthusiasm and commitment the children displayed to help the environment for now and the future. To support the group further Ward Councillors gave the Eco Warriors funding to purchase litter picks and bird feeders. This summer they have won Environmental Agency 'Climate Change Champions 2020'.

Helping keep well-being high and combating social isolation during the Covid-19 Pandemic

Yorkshire Day

Yorkshire day bunting was purchased to give neighbourhoods a splash of colour and promoted wellbeing activities. Bunting was placed in areas where due to age and vulnerability people may not have got out as much as they would have liked.



AUDIT COMMITTEE
18th August, 2020

Present:- Councillor Wyatt (in the Chair); The Mayor (Councillor Jenny Andrews) and Councillors Vjestica, Walsh and The Mayor (Councillor Jenny Andrews).

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Cowles.

86. NEW MEMBER

The Chair welcomed The Mayor, Councillor Jenny Andrews, to her first meeting of the Audit Committee.

87. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made at the meeting.

88. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OR THE PRESS

There were no members of the press or public present at the meeting.

89. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 26TH MAY, 2020

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting of the Audit Committee held on 26th May, 2020.

It was noted that the vacancy of Independent Person position on the Committee was out to advert until 31st August, 2020.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Audit Committee be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

90. PUBLICATION OF UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2019/20

Further to Minute No. 75 of 26th May, 2020, Rob Mahon, Head of Corporate Finance, presented the draft unaudited Statement of Accounts 2019/20 which had been published on the Council's website on 31st July, 2020, in accordance with the revised timelines as a result of Covid-19.

The publication of the unaudited accounts triggered a period of 30 working days (ending on 14th September, 2020) for local electors to exercise their rights to inspect the accounts and supporting records and to ask question of the external auditor.

The external audit of the unaudited accounts had commenced on 31st July, 2020, with Grant Thornton reporting their findings to the November meeting of the Committee.

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The deadline for publishing the audited accounts was 30th November, 2020.

The Narrative Report was attached at Appendix A to the report submitted together with the Highlights Report (Appendix B) which summarised the key financial disclosures reported in the 2019/20 draft Statement of Accounts and provided further detail on each of the key financial issues referred to above.

Resolved:- That the draft unaudited Statement of Accounts 2019/20 be received.

91. AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT - YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2020

Thilina De Zoysa, Engagement Manager, Grant Thornton UK LLP, gave the following verbal report:-

- Grant Thornton had received the draft accounts from the Council on 31st July, 2020
- The external audit work had commenced on 3rd August, 2020, as planned
- The aim was to give their opinion in the Audit Findings (ISA260) report and opinion on the Statement of Accounts in November, 2020
- In addition to the audit risks communicated previously, the planning and risk assessment had been updated in light of the Covid-19 pandemic and reconsider their audit and value for money approach to reflect the unprecedented global response
- The DwP had moved the Housing Benefit Return reporting deadline from 30th November, 2020 to 31st January, 2021; the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government had yet to confirm the guidance and timings for the certification of the 2019-20 Pooling of Housing Capital Receipts Return

It was noted that the NAO consultation on a new Code of Audit Practice had finished and the new Code had completed its approval process in Parliament. It, therefore, came into force on 1st April, 2020 for audit years 2020/21 and onwards the most significant change being the introduction of an Auditor's Annual report containing a commentary on arrangements to secure value for money and any associated recommendations. The NAO public consultation was now underway until 2nd September, 2020.

Discussion ensued on the delay in the implementation of IFRS16 (Leases) – 2021-2022. Authorities had been at different stages of preparation of IFRS16 which had been further impacted by the diversion of efforts due to the recent pandemic.

Resolved:- That the update be noted.

92. ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2019-20

In accordance with Minute No. 32 of the Cabinet Meeting on 20th July, 2020, consideration was given to a report presented by Rob Mahon, Head of Corporate Finance, which detailed how the Council approved the Treasury Management Strategy in February, 2019, and received a mid-year report in December, 2019, representing a mid-year review of treasury activity during 2019/20.

The Annual Treasury Management report was the final treasury report for 2019/20. Its purpose was to review the treasury activity for 2019/20 against the Strategy agreed at the start of the year.

The report also covered the actual Prudential Indicators for 2019/20 in accordance with the requirements of the Prudential Code.

Presentation of the report met the requirements of both the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management and the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities.

The Council was required to comply with both Codes through Regulations issued under the Local Government Act 2003.

Appendix A of the report submitted gave a summary of the Prudential Indicators and Appendix B a summary of the Prudential Indicators for the former South Yorkshire County Council.

Resolved:- That the Financial Outturn 2019/20 - Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators - be noted.

93. UPDATE REPORT ON THE USE OF SURVEILLANCE AND ACQUISITION OF COMMUNITY DATA POWERS

Bal Nahal, Head of Legal Services, presented an update on the use of covert surveillance and covert human intelligence sources (CHIS) carried out by Council officers under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA).

As previously with the Office of Surveillance Commissioners (OSC), the Council was required to notify IPCO of the number of directed surveillance/CHIS authorisations granted in each financial year. Since the last report, the Council had not used its powers under RIPA to use directed surveillance, covert human intelligence sources or to acquire communications data. A statistical return was completed and submitted to the Investigatory Powers Commissioners Office on 1st April, 2020.

On 2nd July, 2020, a desktop inspection by the Investigatory Powers Commissioners Office took place. This type of inspection took place where a local authority did not regularly use the powers available. The

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outcome of the inspection was positive (outcome letter attached to the report). It raised one area to be addressed of wider awareness for staff who did not necessarily encounter potential RIPA issues on a regular basis. It was an area that the RIPA Co-ordinator had agreed to focus on as online activity and the use of social networking sites had increased this risk in several organisations. Efforts would be focussed in this area with an explanation of the RIPA legislation being cascaded to all Directorates to reduce any potential risk from an unauthorised activity.

The Council's corporate policies made provision for the Audit Committee to oversee the operation of these policies by receiving reports on a 6 monthly basis to ensure that RIPA powers were being used in a manner consistent with the Policy. This was the latest update report, however, as the Council had not used the powers for the last 2 years, it was appropriate to reduce reporting to an annual basis.

The Council's Policies were considered by the Committee on 29th January, 2019, and re-adopted with minor amendments. The RIPA Policy had been reviewed and found that there were no major changes required. Minor amendments to contact details due to a change in personal and typographical changes had been made.

Resolved:- (1) That it be noted that the Council had not made use of surveillance or acquisition of communication data powers under RIPA since the previous report on 26th September, 2019.

(2) That the outcome of the desktop inspection conducted by the Investigatory Powers Commissioners Office on 2nd July, 2020, be noted.

(3) That the minor changes in the RIPA Policy 2020 be approved.

94. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2019/20

Consideration was given to the updated 2019-20 draft Annual Governance Statement (AGS) as presented by David Webster, Head of Internal Audit, which had been published alongside the Council's Statement of Accounts on 31st July, 2020.

Covid-19 had had a significant impact at the end of 2019/20 and into 2020/21 and was reflected within the AGS including actions taken in response to the pandemic and lockdown.

Discussion ensued with the following issues raised:-

- Due to the pandemic it had necessitated cancellation of some Council meetings, however, virtual meetings had been set up quickly to ensure continuation of the democratic process
- Internal Audit staff had been redeployed to support elements of the Council's financial response.

- Since March, risk management activity had focussed on the Covid-19 response with each workstream contributing to a Corporate Threat and Risk assessment which was updated at least weekly. This had meant that the normal Corporate risk management processes had been suspended, however, the risks on the Strategic Risk Register had continued to be managed by Directorates during the pandemic. It was intended that the process would gradually revert to normal as the Covid-19 response stepped down and moved into recovery phase
- The External Auditor, as part of their audit response, would review the Audit Governance Statement to check consistency and would report on it, together with the Narrative Report, in their audit opinion

Recommended practice required the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive to sign the final Annual Governance Statement prior to its publication.

Resolved:- (1) That the 2019-20 draft Annual Governance Statement be noted.

(2) That the requirement for the Leader and Chief Executive to sign the Statement prior to the publication of the Annual Governance Statement be noted.

95. EXTERNAL INSPECTIONS, REVIEWS AND AUDITS UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report, presented by Simon Dennis, Corporate Improvement and Risk Manager, providing details of recent and current external audits and inspections including the details of arrangements that were in place regarding the accountability and governance for implementing recommendations arising therefrom.

Since the last report to Committee in November, 2019, 7 external inspections, reviews and audits had taken place and 3 recommendations made which had all been implemented. In addition 7 of the ongoing recommendations in relation to external inspections, reviews and audits that took place prior to November, 2019, had now been implemented, 15 remained outstanding/ongoing and one did not require implementation.

The report included detail of progress being made in respect of the following specific areas and Directorates:-

- Children and Young People's Services
- Adult Care and Housing
- Regeneration and Environment Services
- Finance and Customer Services
- Assistant Chief Executive

Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.

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(2) That the governance arrangements that were currently in place for monitoring and managing the recommendations from external audits and inspections, as now reported, be noted.

(3) That the Audit Committee continue to receive regular reports in relation to external audit and inspections and the progress made in implementing recommendations.

(4) That the outcome of the Repairs and Maintenance Cost Collection Workbook Audit be referred to the Improving Places Select Commission for information.

(5) That an update be provided to the next meeting of the Committee on the outstanding recommendations relating to Children and Young People's Services.

96. INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL PLAN 2020-21

Consideration was given to a report, presented by David Webster, Head of Internal Audit, regarding the Internal Audit Annual Plan for 2020/2021.

The report explained the Internal Audit approach to the development of the Plan, as well as detailing the specific activities planned to be reviewed during the year. It was noted that the Plan reflected a comprehensive risk assessment process, which also included discussions with the Council's Strategic Directors and Assistant Directors to obtain their views of key risks and areas for audit coverage.

The Plan had been prepared after a full refresh of the 'audit universe' and a thorough review of the Council's risk registers. It had also taken into account:-

- Reports by management to the Audit Committee on the management of risk
- Cumulative audit knowledge and experience of previous work undertaken
- Discussions with Strategic Directors and Assistant Directors
- Knowledge of existing management and control environments
- Professional judgement on the risk of fraud or error
- Examination of Corporate Plans
- Review of external inspection reports

The report was originally prepared for presentation to the March meeting of the Audit Committee which was cancelled. It had since been revised to take into account the impact of Covid-19 and would need to remain flexible to respond to future developments.

It was noted that the Audit Plan was usually completed soon after the year end, however, that had not been possible for 2019/20 with the remaining audits considered in the 2020/21 planning process. In response to Covid-

19, the Gold and Tactical groups had authorised changes to various systems and processes. Those changes had been considered when producing the updated Plan to give assurance that an adequate level of control had been maintained. The majority of the team had also supported the Finance Department in the processing of Business Support Grant applications. The need for this support had steadily reduced with only one member of the team currently providing part-time support.

As well as identifying all of the proposed pieces of work to be carried out during the year, the Plan explained the statutory requirements for Internal Audit, described the approach and methodology adopted in producing the Plan, showed the level of resources available to deliver the Plan was 975 days and included a contingency for responsive work.

Outline scopes for each review were submitted. The following types of audit work would be completed:-

- Risk based work
- System based work
- Follow up audits
- Advisory work
- Value for money
- Grant claims
- Schools
- IT Audit
- Counter fraud work

It was noted that it was hoped to re-arrange the proposed Audit Needs Assessment of RMBC IT by Salford City Council Internal Audit Services who specialised in this area of work.

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Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.

(2) That the Internal Audit Plan for 2020/21 be approved.

97. AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20

David Webster, Head of Internal Audit, submitted the Audit Committee 2019/20 Annual Report which had been produced in compliance with current best practice for audit committees. The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) had issued guidance that Audit Committees should report annually on how they had discharged their responsibilities during the previous municipal year.

The draft annual report was attached to the report submitted together with the Committee's Terms of Reference. The report set out:-

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- A summary of the work undertaken
- External Audit
- Internal Audit
- Anti-Fraud and Corruption
- Risk Management
- Corporate Governance
- Finance
- Other
- Training
- Terms of Reference 2019/2020

Resolved:- That the Audit Committee Annual Report 2019/20 be noted and submitted to Council for approval.

98. AUDIT COMMITTEE FORWARD PLAN

Consideration was given to the proposed forward work plan for the Audit Committee covering the period September, 2020 to July, 2021.

Resolved:- That the Audit Committee forward plan, now submitted, be supported and any amendments arising actioned in due course.

99. ITEMS FOR REFERRAL FOR SCRUTINY

Improving Places Select Commission - Outcome of the Repairs and Maintenance Cost Collection Workbook Audit for information.

100. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- 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 (information relates to finance and business affairs).

101. RISK MANAGEMENT ANNUAL SUMMARY 2019-2020

Simon Dennis, Corporate Improvement and Risk Manager, presented an annual summary of risk management activity in accordance with the Risk Management Standard ISO31000.

The report summarised the principal risk management activity that had been carried out in the Council throughout the past financial year. It covered a wider range of topics than those reported on the Strategic Risk Register reports and aimed to cover not only the key movements in Strategic Risks that had occurred over the period, but also the key elements of the Council's activity throughout the year.

The report also provided an up-to-date position with regard to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on risk management activity. Each workstream had contributed to a Corporate Threat and Risk assessment which was updated at least weekly. Although the normal Corporate Risk Management processes had had to be suspended, the risks on the Strategic Risk Register continued to be managed by Directorates. It was intended that the process would gradually revert to normal as the Covid-19 response stepped down and moved into recovery phase.

The report set out:-

- Risk Management Responsibilities
- Training Summary
- Risk Management Process
- Risk Profile 2019/20
- Future Developments.

The total number of strategic risks included on the Risk Register had reduced from 13 to 12 over the period February, 2019 to January 2020. One risk had been removed from the Corporate Strategic Register with none being added. Of the risks that remained, 6 had a decreasing risk score and 5 had been constant. One risk had increased in risk level from January 2019 to January 2020.

Discussion ensued on the report with the following issues raised/clarified:-

- Review of Risk Management training delivery to be undertaken
- Refresh of the Corporate Risk Register and terminology used

Resolved:- (1) That the annual summary of Risk Management activity be noted.

(2) That the next Corporate Risk Register update include a Directorate breakdown of those who had undertaken Risk Management training.

102. CORPORATE RISK REGISTER AND RISK MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS DURING THE COVID-19 RESPONSE

Simon Dennis, Corporate Improvement and Risk Manager, presented the current Strategic Risk Register which summarised the current position of the Register in light of the Council's response to the Covid-19 pandemic as well as providing an overview of the current risk management arrangements in place and the plans for refreshing the Strategic Risk Register.

The report detailed the overall arrangements during the pandemic which had included:-

- A group of Directorate Co-ordinators appointed to work with the Business Continuity Team providing a link between each Directorate's response and the Corporate response. Update reports submitted to Gold Group providing a summary of each individual Directorate's position
- Business Impact Assessment undertaken to identify the most critical services and make recommendations to Gold Group regarding any resource/service delivery issue
- A number of cross-Directorate workstreams established focussing on specific aspects of the response to and subsequent recovery from Covid-19

Due to the significant level of activity across the Council, the "normal" Corporate Risk Management processes had been suspended. However, the risks on the Strategic Risk Register had continued to be managed by Directorates. The process would gradually revert to normal as the Covid-19 response stepped down and the Council moved into its recovery phase.

The Council was in the process of developing a Recovery Plan which would take the place of the Council Plan until May 2021. It would set out the new priorities of the Council as it recovered from the impact of the pandemic; the Corporate Risk Register would need to be re-aligned to ensure it sat alongside the Plan and correctly picked up the strategic risks that each Directorate was responsible for.

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

103. ADULT CARE, HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH (ACPH) DIRECTORATE RISK REGISTER

Consideration was given to a report, presented by AnneMarie Lubanski, Strategic Director, Adult Care, Housing and Public Health, and Councillor Roche, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health, providing details of the Risk Register and risk management activity within the Adult Care, Housing and Public Health Directorate.

The Committee sought reassurance on the Risk Register and risk management activity in particular highlighting:-

- How the Register was maintained/monitored and at what frequency
- Involvement of the Cabinet Member
- How risks were included on and removed from the Register
- Anti-fraud activity in the Directorate

A detailed breakdown was given of the 15 risks included within the Register

Discussion ensued with the following issues raised:-

- Covid-19 meetings that taken place 7 days a week to discuss the risks being presented were recorded and acted upon
- Care Home Care Plans produced – one for 65's and one for under 65's
- DLT workshop with front line staff as well as team managers to assess operational, strategic and corporate risks
- Rest centres
- Early retirement of the Director of Public Health and the interim arrangements whilst a permanent appointment was made
- Care home provision in the Borough
- Ongoing transition of Learning Disability Services
- Recent announcement of the dissolution of Public Health England
- Respite care

Resolved:- That the progress and current position in relation to risk management activity in the Adult Social Care, Housing and Public Health Directorate, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted.

104. INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1ST MAY TO 30TH JUNE 2020

Consideration was given to a report presented by David Webster, Head of Internal Audit, which provided a summary of Internal Audit work completed during 1st May to 30th June, 2020, and the key issues that had arisen therefrom.

Work on the 2020/21 plan had commenced. There would be a half-yearly review and the plan would need to remain flexible throughout the year to allow for any developments relating to Covid-19.

8 audits had been finalised since the last Committee meeting including one receiving Substantial Assurance, 5 Reasonable Assurance and 2 Partial Assurance. Audit opinions and a brief summary of all audit work concluded since the previous meeting were set out at Appendix B.

Internal Audit also carried out unplanned responsive work and investigation into any allegations of fraud, corruption or other irregularity. Target performance was not achieved for audits completed within planned time and productive time with several taking slightly longer than planned. This would be monitored. Productive time reflected the time spent on Business Support Grants i.e. more than 60 days in May and June (Appendix C).

Appendix D showed the number of outstanding recommendations that had passed their original due date, age rated. The number of aged outstanding actions had decreased from 49 to 38 and those more than 120 days overdue had reduced to 18. However, 14 of those had not reached their revised deferral date and a further 15 had been deferred because priority had had to be given to the Covid-19 response.

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Discussion ensued on various matters contained within the agreed actions section of the report which included:-

- Satisfaction surveys
- Chargeable time
- Home to School Transport e.g. sub-letting of contracts, schools aware of who the drivers were, mechanical state of vehicles

Resolved:- (1) That the Internal Audit work undertaken since meetings of the Audit Committee, 1st May to 30th June, 2020, and the key issues arising therefrom be noted.

(2) That the information submitted regarding the performance of Internal Audit and the actions being taken by management in respect of the outstanding actions be noted.

(3) That the audit of the revised Home to School Contracts take into account the issues raised at the meeting.

105. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business to consider.

106. DATE AND TIME OF 2020/21 MEETINGS

Resolved:- That meetings of the Audit Committee be held during 2020/21 as follows:-

Tuesday, 29th September, 2020
 24th November
 19th January, 2021
 23rd March

all commencing at 2.00 p.m.

PLANNING BOARD
23rd July, 2020

Present:- Councillor Sheppard (in the Chair); Councillors Bird, D. Cutts, McNeely, Sansome, Mallinder, John Turner, Walsh and Williams.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Atkin, M. Elliott, Short, Steele, Tweed and Whysall.

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98. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Sansome declared a personal interest in application RB2020/0570 (demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 1 No. dwellinghouse with detached double garage, 6 Fitzwilliam Street, Swinton for Golden Key Developments Ltd.) on the grounds that he was a Ward Councillor and an objector to the proposal. He spoke as a member of the public, then left the meeting and did not observe the vote.

99. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Planning Regulatory Board held on Thursday, 18th June, 2020, be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

100. DEFERMENTS/SITE VISITS

There were no site visits nor deferments recommended.

The Chair acknowledged the request for a potential site visit on application RB2020/0570 - Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 1 No. dwellinghouse with detached double garage, 6 Fitzwilliam Street, Swinton for Golden Key Developments Ltd., but had contacted all Planning Board Members advising them they could visit the site individually to view prior to today's meeting. This was due to the restrictions of group gatherings amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

101. DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

Resolved:- (1) That, on the development proposals now considered, the requisite notices be issued and be made available on the Council's website and that the time limits specified in Sections 91 and 92 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 apply.

In accordance with the right to speak procedure, the following people attended the meeting and spoke about the applications below:-

- Outline application for the erection of up to 70 No. dwellinghouses including details of access land East of Brecks Lane, rear of Belcourt Road, Brecks for Kilner Gray Trusts (RB2019/1891)

Ms. Janet Hodson - on behalf of the Applicant
Ms. Deborah Cox - Objector

- Change of use of stables to angler's accommodation, change of use of roofspace in two-storey building to manager's accommodation, single-storey extension, additional window/door openings and external roller shutters at Leger Lakes, East Field Lane, Laughton-en-le-Morthen, for Mr. Wheeler (R2020/0254)

Mr. Wheeler - Applicant
Mr. T. Stanway – Objector

- Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 1 No. dwellinghouse with detached double garage, 6 Fitzwilliam Street, Swinton. for Golden Key Developments Ltd. (RB2020/0570)

Councillor S. Sansome (spoke and then left the meeting)
Mr. Dean Mirfin - Applicant
Mr. Robin Carnegie - Objector
A statement was read out on behalf of Mr. G. Shaw - Objector

(2) That, with regard to application RB2019/1891:-

(a) subject to a legal agreement under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the purposes of securing the following:-

- A financial contribution of £500 per dwelling towards sustainable travel measures to support the development.
- A financial contribution will be calculated in line with the Section 106 Education Contributions Policy towards Education provision.
- A financial contribution of £8,920 (25%) towards improvement to bus stop 30875 controlled by South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive to support the development.
- Submission of details of a LEAP (Local Equipped Area for Play) on the onsite Public Open Space area.
- Establishment of a Management Company to manage and maintain the areas of Greenspace on site.
- Affordable Housing provision at 25% of the total site. Housing types and tenures to be agreed with the Council and in accordance with the affordable housing policy CS7.

(b) subject to the satisfactory securing of such an agreement, the Council resolves to grant planning permission for the proposed development subject to the reasons for grant and conditions listed in the submitted report.

(3) That, with regard to application RB2020/0254:-

(a) subject to a legal agreement under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the purposes of securing the following:-

- This permission shall revoke the permission for 10 of the anglers' pods beside the associated lakes that were approved under planning permission RB2015/1458.
- No replacement stables shall be applied for on any part of the land.
- The occupation of the flat which is to be created in the roofspace of the two-storey building on site as part of this application shall be limited to persons solely or mainly working at the site in association with the fishing ponds use. Should the fishing ponds close the accommodation shall cease use.

(b) subject to the satisfactory securing of such an agreement, the Council resolves to grant planning permission for the proposed development subject to the reasons for grant and conditions listed in the submitted report.

(4) That application RB2020/0570 be granted for the reasons adopted by Members at the meeting and subject to the relevant condition listed in the submitted report.

102. UPDATES

The following update information was provided:-

The Head of Planning and Building Control confirmed changes as per the Town and Country Planning (Permitted Development and Miscellaneous Amendments) (England) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020, which would come into force on 31st August 2020.

A brief summary was provided on how this affected future developments and how it now facilitated multi-floor extensions with prior notice approval. A full briefing note would be provided to all Members once the detail of the emergency legislation was clear.

It was also suggested that an all Member Seminar/training session be also arranged to highlight the changes for Members.

103. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:- That the next meeting of the Planning Board take place on Thursday, 13th August, 2020 at 9.00 a.m.

**PLANNING BOARD
13th August, 2020**

Present:- Councillor Sheppard (in the Chair); Councillors Atkin, Bird, D. Cutts, M. Elliott, McNeely, Sansome, Steele, John Turner, Walsh and Williams.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Whysall.

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104. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest to record.

105. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 23RD JULY, 2020

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Planning Regulatory Board held on Thursday, 23rd July, 2020, be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

106. DEFERMENTS/SITE VISITS

There were no site visits nor deferments recommended.

107. DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

Resolved:- (1) That, on the development proposals now considered, the requisite notices be issued and be made available on the Council's website and that the time limits specified in Sections 91 and 92 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 apply.

In accordance with the right to speak procedure, the following people attended the meeting and spoke about the applications below:-

- Outline application for the erection of up to 320 No. dwellinghouses including details of access at land east of Moor Lane South, Ravenfield for Mr. and Mrs Woolhouse (RB2019/0894)

Ms. J. Hodson - on behalf of the Applicant

- Construction and operation of a metal recovery centre (Shear Processing Plant) including associated access at land off Sheffield Road Templeborough for Celsa Manufacturing UK (R2019/1390)

Mr. G. Price - Applicant

(2) That, with regards to application RB2019/0894:-

(a) subject to a legal agreement under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the purposes of securing the following:-

- 25% on site affordable housing provision in accordance with the Council's adopted Policy.
- Commuted sum of £500 per dwelling towards sustainable transport measures.
- Financial contribution towards the enhancement of local bus services - £100k per annum for a period of three years.
- Improvement of four bus shelters on Moor Lane South and Braithwell Road amounting to £63,389.10
- Education contributions in accordance with the Council's adopted Policy.
- Formation of a Local Area of Play prior to occupation of the 100th dwelling.
- Formation of a Local Equipped Area of Play prior to the occupation of the 200th dwelling.
- Financial contribution towards the improvement of football pitches at Ravenfield Recreation Ground or Bill Hawes to provide playing surfaces - £15,000 prior to the occupation of the 250th dwelling.
- Establishment of a Management Company to manage and maintain the areas of Greenspace, including the proposed LAP and LEAP.

(b) subject to the satisfactory securing of such an agreement, the Council resolves to grant planning permission for the proposed development subject to the reasons for grant and conditions listed in the submitted report.

(3) That application RB2019/1390 be granted for the reasons adopted by Members at the meeting and subject to the relevant conditions listed in the submitted report.

108. UPDATES

The following update information was provided:-

Further to Minute No. 102 of the previous meeting held on 23rd July, 2020, the Chair confirmed that the training session that would outline the changes as per the Town and Country Planning (Permitted Development and Miscellaneous Amendments) (England) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020, which would come into force on 31st August 2020, would be delayed until after the next meeting. This would enable further legislation to be taken account of and for Members to be updated accordingly.

109. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:- That the next meeting of the Planning Board take place on Thursday, 3rd September, 2020 at 9.00 a.m.

PLANNING BOARD
3rd September, 2020

Present:- Councillor Sheppard (in the Chair); The Mayor (Councillor Jenny Andrews), Councillors Atkin, Bird, Clark, D. Cutts, M. Elliott, Ellis, Jepson, Mallinder, McNeely, Reeder, Sansome, Short, Steele, Vjestica, Walsh, Whysall, Williams and Yasseen.

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110. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PLANNING SYSTEM 2020 AND WHITE PAPER CONSULTATION

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained the purpose for inviting all Members and how this meeting would entirely focus on the proposed changes to the planning system and the White Paper Consultation. He, therefore, invited Emma Ottewell, Planning Manager, to give a presentation on the detail and would invite questions from Members immediately following.

The presentation drew attention to:-

- Proposed changes to the Planning System.
- Amendments to the Use Classes.
- General Permitted Development Order amendments.
- White Paper Consultation.
- White Paper – Local Plans.
- New Design Code Body.
- Digital Planning.
- Developer Contributions.
- Additional Consultation and the changes – open until 1st October, 2020.

A question and answer session ensued and the following issues were raised and subsequently clarified:-

- Future of the Community Infrastructure Levy and Section 106 Contributions.
- Potential to unbalance street scenes and character of communities.
- Effects on Parish Councils.
- Concerns for infrastructure development and progress.
- Increase in the use of brownfield land.
- Disadvantages to Parish Councils and the impact on Local Plan.
- Impact on Planning Services.
- Affect on affordability and potential avoidance of restrictions by developers.
- Timeline for implementation and timeframe for temporary changes.
- General Permitted Development Order changes to allow upward extensions.

- Prior notification process.
- Flexibility in the Use Classes.
- Planning for the future.
- Positive land value negotiations and affordable housing.
- Equalities and breadth of flexibility.

The Chair thanked all Members for their attendance and participation in this training/consultation meeting which would see a huge review of Planning policy. He urged Members to share information and respond to the consultation to exercise their democratic voice.

Resolved:- (1) That the Planning Manager be thanked for her informative presentation.

(2) That Members be urged to formally respond to the Consultation.

111. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:- That the next meeting of the Planning Board take place on Thursday, 24th September, 2020 at 9.00 a.m.

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**10th July, 2020**

Present:- Councillor Ellis (in the Chair); Councillors Beaumont and Vjestica.

9. APPLICATION (MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH S.17 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003) FOR THE GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE FOR THE PREMISES DESCRIBED AS A CONTAINER UNIT IN THE CAR PARK OF PIT STOP CAR WASH, 93 FITZWILLIAM ROAD, EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM

The Sub-Committee considered an application for the grant of a premises licence, in accordance with Section 17 of the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003, in respect of the premises described as a container unit in the car park of Pitstop Car Wash, 93 Fitzwilliam Road, Eastwood, Rotherham. The premises were located within the car park of an existing hand car wash and the applicant was seeking a licence to permit the provision of late night refreshment from the container unit on Friday and Saturday night between the hours of 2300 hrs and 0200 hrs the following morning. In addition, the applicant requested that where Eid, on the two occasions a year where it was not on a day that was a Friday or a Saturday, the premises be permitted to open until 0200 hours.

The Licensing Authority had received three representations from interested parties and from the Responsible Authority (four in total), which were not withdrawn, and the Sub-Committee considered in full those representations.

South Yorkshire Police outlined the basis of their representation and the concerns about the potential for anti-social behaviour and public nuisance and how the area was the subject to a Public Space Protection Order.

The written representation submitted by Rotherham MBC Children and Young People's Services cited concerns regarding anti-social activity and child sexual and/or criminal exploitation in this area and how the premises may contribute to further exploitation.

The Licensing Authority (in its role as Responsible Authority) outlined the basis of their representation and the concerns about sexual and/or criminal exploitation, crime and disorder and public nuisance.

Councillor Reeder outlined the basis of her representation and her concerns regarding anti-social behaviour and the area being subject to a Public Space Protection Order.

The Applicant had agreed to add three conditions to his licence that addressed many of the concerns raised by the Responsible Authorities, but this was superseded by a further representation from South Yorkshire

Police. The conditions related to the timing restrictions placed on persons under the age of eighteen, installation of CCTV and storage timeframes and mandatory safeguarding children training.

The Applicant confirmed his acceptance of these conditions, as well as the intention to promote the four Licensing objectives as defined by the Licensing Act 2003 as set out in his application.

The Applicant referred to his own background and experience, his business acumen and partnership, his wish to promote and develop his local community and his standing and respect in the area. It was his wish to create an experience enjoyed elsewhere in the country, the opportunities that could be created, the potential to enrich the lives of others and to become an asset to the area.

The Sub-Committee was also updated by the Applicant regarding his co-operation with Responsible Authorities, security measures and the challenges and restrictions he would enforce should the area become a hotspot for group congregation.

In conclusion, the Sub-Committee took due note of all the representations made and the concerns about the potential increase in anti-social behaviour, public nuisance, child sexual and/or criminal exploitation, crime and disorder and with the area being subject to a Public Space Protection Order.

The Sub-Committee considered the application for this premises licence and the representations made specifically in the light of the following Licensing objectives (as defined in the 2003 Act):-

- The prevention of crime and disorder.
- Public safety.
- The prevention of public nuisance.
- The protection of children from harm.

Resolved:- That the application for a Premises Licence, under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003, in respect of the premises described as a container unit in the car park of Pitstop Car Wash, 93 Fitzwilliam Road, Eastwood, Rotherham be refused.

**LICENSING BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE
20th July, 2020**

Present:- Councillor Ellis (in the Chair); Councillors Buckley, Clark, Reeder and Taylor.

60. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest to report.

61. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and 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 the Police Act 1997 and Paragraphs 3 and 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (business affairs and prevention of crime).

62. APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRANT/RENEWAL/REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS' LICENCES

The Sub-Committee of the Licensing Board considered a report of the Licensing Manager relating to applications for the review of the hackney carriage/private hire driver licences in respect of Mr. U.M. and Mr. M.A..

Mr. M.A. requested and provided reasons for an adjournment.

Resolved:- (1) That the hackney carriage licence in respect of Mr. U.M. be revoked.

(2) That consideration of the review application in respect of the hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence of Mr. M.A. be deferred and he be afforded the opportunity of attending a future meeting of the Licensing Board Sub-Committee.

LICENSING BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE
29th July, 2020

Present:- Councillor Ellis (in the Chair); Councillors Jones, McNeely and Sheppard.

63. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Jones declared a Personal Interest in Case A - Application for the Renewal of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver Licence - on the grounds that he had been approached by the complainant as to how to progress their complaint against the driver. He would not speak or vote on this matter.

64. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and 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 the Police Act 1997 and Paragraphs 3 and 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (business affairs and prevention of crime).

65. APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRANT/RENEWAL/REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS' LICENCES

The Sub-Committee of the Licensing Board considered a report of the Licensing Manager relating to applications for the review of the hackney carriage/private hire driver licences in respect of Mr. A.B. and Mr. M.A.

The representative of Mr. A.B. had requested an adjournment due to his own personal circumstances.

Resolved:- (1) That consideration of the review application in respect of the hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence of Mr. A.B. be deferred and he be afforded the opportunity of attending a future meeting of the Licensing Board Sub-Committee.

(2) (a) That the hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence in respect of Mr. M.A. be suspended immediately pending satisfactory completion of an appropriate advanced driving test approved by the Council's Licensing Service.

(b) That renewal of Mr. M.A.'s hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence be approved but not issued until successful completion of the appropriate advanced driving test as outlined in 2(a) above with the suspension remaining in place until such time.

LICENSING BOARD-SUB-COMMITTEE
Monday, 17th August, 2020

Present:- Councillor Ellis (in the Chair); Councillors Buckley, Reeder, Taylor and Wyatt.

66. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were made at the meeting.

67. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and 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 the Police Act 1997 and Paragraphs 3 and 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (business affairs and prevention of crime).

68. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT/RENEWAL/REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS' LICENCES

The Sub-Committee of the Licensing Board considered a report of the Licensing Manager, presented by the Assistant Director of Community Safety and Street Scene, relating to an application for the renewal of the hackney carriage/private hire driver licences in respect of Mr. M.A.

Mr. M.A. attended the meeting and was interviewed by the Sub-Committee

Resolved:- (1) That the renewal of the hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence of Mr. M.A. be approved.

(2) That a written warning be sent to Mr. M.A. emphasising the need to notify the Licensing Authority of any motoring/criminal convictions.

69. APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY - VEHICLE AGE LIMIT

Consideration was given to the request for an exemption from the Licensed Vehicle Age Policy (Appendix I to the Council's Taxi Licensing Policy) as the vehicle had first been registered more than 5 years ago for a private hire vehicle licence in respect of vehicle with registration number SY08.

Resolved:- That the matter be deferred pending further information as to the detailed service history of the vehicle.

70. APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY - VEHICLE AGE REQUIREMENT

Consideration was given to the request for an exemption from the Licensed Vehicle Age Policy (Appendix I to the Council's Taxi Licensing Policy) as the vehicle had first been registered more than 5 years ago for a private hire vehicle licence in respect of vehicle with registration number FN63.

Resolved:- That the matter be deferred pending further information as to the detailed service history of the vehicle.

LICENSING BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE
24th August, 2020

Present:- Councillor Ellis (in the Chair); Councillors Buckley, Marriott, McNeely and Steele.

71. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Declarations of Interest were made at the meeting:-

Minute No. 73

Councillor McNeely declared a Personal Interest in Case B (Mr. A.W.) as he lived in the Ward she represented but did not know him personally.

Minute No. 75

Councillor Ellis declared a Personal Interest as Mr. T.S. was a representative of the taxi licensing trade.

Minute No.75

Councillor McNeely declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest as Mr. T.S. was known to her. She left the meeting when this item was discussed.

72. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and 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 the Police Act 1997 and Paragraphs 3 and 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (business affairs and prevention of crime).

73. APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRANT/RENEWAL/REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS' LICENCE

The Sub-Committee of the Licensing Board considered a report of the Licensing Manager, presented by the Assistant Director of Community Safety and Street Scene, relating to applications for the review of the hackney carriage/private hire driver licences in respect of Mr. A.S. and Mr. L.W.

The Assistant Director explained that he had been contacted by the 2 drivers' representative and that both drivers had requested postponement of their cases. The Sub-Committee discussed the reasons presented for the requested postponements.

Resolved:- (1) That consideration of the review of a hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence in respect of Mr. A.S. be deferred and he be provided with the date of the Licensing Board Sub-Committee when his case would be considered and it made clear that his case would not be postponed again.

(2) That consideration of the review of a hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence in respect of Mr. L.W. be deferred and he be provided with the date of the Licensing Board Sub-Committee when his case would be considered and it made clear that his case would not be postponed again.

74. APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY - VEHICLE AGE LIMIT

Further to Minute No. 69 of the meeting held on 17th August, 2020, consideration was given to the request for an exemption from the Licensed Vehicle Age Policy (Appendix I to the Council's Taxi Licensing Policy) as the vehicle had first been registered more than 5 years ago for a private hire vehicle licence in respect of vehicle with registration number SY08 xxx.

Resolved:- That the request for an exemption from the Licensed Vehicle Age Policy in respect of vehicle with registration SY08 xxx be refused.

75. APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY - VEHICLE AGE REQUIREMENT

Further to Minute No. 70 of the meeting held on 17th August, 2020, consideration was given to the request for an exemption from the Licensed Vehicle Age Policy (Appendix I to the Council's Taxi Licensing Policy) as the vehicle had first been registered more than 5 years ago for a private hire vehicle licence in respect of vehicle with registration number FN63 xxx.

Resolved:- That the request for an exemption from the Licensed Vehicle Age Policy in respect of vehicle with registration FN63 xxx be approved for 8 months be approved for 8 months.

(Councillor McNeeley declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest as she knew the applicant and left the meeting when this item was discussed.)

(Councillor Ellis declared a Personal Interest as the applicant was a representative of the taxi licensing trade.)

LICENSING BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE
7th September, 2020

Present:- Councillor Ellis (in the Chair); Councillors Beaumont, Jones, Napper and Russell.

76. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made at the meeting.

77. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and 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 the Police Act 1997 and Paragraphs 3 and 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (business affairs and prevention of crime).

78. APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRANT/RENEWAL/REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS' LICENCES

The Sub-Committee of the Licensing Board considered a report of the Licensing Manager, presented by the Assistant Director of Community Safety and Street Scene, relating to applications for the review of the hackney carriage/private hire driver licences in respect of Mr. A.S. and Mr. L.W.

Messrs. A.S. and L.W. were in attendance at the meeting together with their representative.

Resolved:- (1) That the hackney carriage licence in respect of Mr. A.S. be revoked.

(2) That no action be taken in respect of Mr. L.W.

(Due to technical difficulties Councillors Beaumont and Russell did not take part in the decision making relating to Mr. A.S.)