



## **CABINET**

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**Monday 14 February 2022**

**10.00 a.m.**

**Council Chamber, Rotherham Town Hall,  
Moorgate Street, Rotherham. S60 2TH**

### **Cabinet Members:-**

Leader of the Council  
Deputy Leader of the Council,  
Neighbourhood Working Portfolio  
Adult Social Care and Health Portfolio  
Children and Young People Portfolio

Corporate Services, Community Safety and Finance  
Portfolio  
Housing Portfolio  
Jobs and the Local Economy Portfolio  
Social Inclusion Portfolio  
Transport and Environment Portfolio

Councillor Chris Read  
Councillor Sarah Allen

Councillor David Roche  
Councillor Victoria  
Cusworth  
Councillor Saghir Alam

Councillor Amy Brookes  
Councillor Denise Lelliott  
Councillor Dave Sheppard  
Councillor Dominic Beck

**Rotherham**  
Metropolitan  
Borough Council 

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- Date and Time:** Monday 14 February 2022 at 10.00 a.m.
- Agenda Contact** Governance Unit – [governance@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:governance@rotherham.gov.uk)

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## **A G E N D A**

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

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

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

To invite Councillors to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or personal interests they may have in any matter which is to be considered at this meeting, to confirm the nature of those interests and whether they intend to leave the meeting for the consideration of the item.

### **3. Questions from Members of the Public**

To receive questions from members of the public who wish to ask a general question in respect of matters within the Council's area of responsibility or influence.

Subject to the Chair's discretion, members of the public may ask one question and one supplementary question, which should relate to the original question and answered received.

Councillors may also ask questions under this agenda item.

### **4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 11 - 19)**

To receive the record of proceedings of the Cabinet meeting held on 24 January 2022.

## **5. Exclusion of the Press and Public**

There are no exempt agenda items.

## **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

### **6. Proposal to Increase Capacity at Brinsworth Academy (Pages 21 - 46)**

Report from the Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Services.

#### **Recommendations:**

1. That approval is granted to the proposal to allocate £1.7m capital funding to increase capacity by 150 places (30 places per statutory aged year group) at Brinsworth Academy, subject to a successful planning application.

## **LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

### **7. Improving Lives Select Commission - Post CSE Support Services (Pages 47 - 67)**

Report from the Assistant Chief Executive.

#### **Recommendations:**

1. That the report be noted, and that Cabinet agree to consider the following recommendations:
  - a) *That post-CSE services are transferred to the Adult Social Care, Housing and Public Health directorate to enable the greater integration and coordination of support pathways that are available to adult victims of trauma as children.*
  - b) *That further work is undertaken with relevant partners and survivors to improve the ways in which survivors' voices are captured to inform future reviews of post-abuse services (for example drawing on the research from Sheffield Hallam University, the development of voice and influence groups or other survivor's forums).*
  - c) *That consideration is given to appropriate governance arrangements to enable elected members to provide a steer on the activity that is taking place within the Borough to stop CSE/CCE and support survivors.*
  - d) *That the Improving Lives Select Commission continue to monitor the provision of post-abuse support to survivors of CSE.*
  - e) *In relation to recommendations c) and d), that consideration is given*

*how survivors' voices to inform these processes.*

- f) To emphasise the shared responsibility of all elected members, that an annual training event/workshop is delivered. This is to ensure that all elected members are kept up to date with the activity within the Borough to protect young people from being at risk of harm from CSE/CCE and support adult survivors to move forwards in their lives.*
- g) That the relevant Strategic Directors explore options for sharing best practice with other local authorities in the Yorkshire and Humber Region.*
- h) Drawing on the good practice from Durham County Council, that consideration is given to the language used in the provision of post-CSE support to ensure that it is positive and inclusive of the needs of those accessing services.*

2 That the response of Cabinet to the recommendations be reported to Council.

**8. The Year Ahead Plan (up to November 2021) - Final Progress Report (Pages 69 - 158)**

Report from the Assistant Chief Executive.

Recommendations:

- 1. To note the progress made with the Year Ahead activities.

**9. Budget and Council Tax 2022/23 and Medium Term Financial Strategy (Pages 159 - 397)**

Report from the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services.

**Recommendations:**

That Cabinet recommend to Council

- 1. Approval of the Budget and Financial Strategy for 2022/23 as set out in the report and appendices, including the proposed budget adjustments and investments, a basic Council Tax increase of 1.5% and an Adult Social Care precept of 3%.
- 2. Approval of the proposed Local Council Tax Support Top Up scheme, that will provide additional support to low income households most vulnerable to rising household costs, as described in section 2.5.11-14.
- 3. Approval of the updated Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) to 2025/26.
- 4. Approval of the Reserves Strategy as set out in Section 2.8 noting that the final determination of Reserves will be approved as part of reporting the

financial outturn for 2021/22.

5. To note and accept the comments and advice of the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services (Section 151 Officer), provided in compliance with Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003, as to the robustness of the estimates included in the Budget and the adequacy of reserves for which the Budget provides (Section 2.12).
6. To note the feedback from the public and partners following the public consultation on the Council's budget for 2022/23 which took place from 22 December 2021 to 23 January 2022, attached as Appendix 9).
7. Approval of the proposed increases in Adult Social Care provider contracts and Personal Assistants as set out in Section 2.4.
8. Approval of the revenue investment proposals set out in Section 2.7 and Appendix 2.
9. Approval of the Council Fees and Charges schedules for 2022/23 attached as Appendix 7.
10. Application of the Business Rates Reliefs as set out in Section 2.9, in line with Government guidance.
11. Approval of the proposed Capital Strategy and Capital Programme as presented in Section 2.10 and Appendices 3A to 3F.
12. Approval of the Treasury Management matters for 2022/23 as set out in Appendix 4 of this report including the Prudential Indicators, the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy, the Treasury Management Strategy and the Investment Strategy.
13. Approval of the Flexible use of Capital Receipts Strategy 2022/23 (Appendix 5).
14. Approval to transfer any 2021/22 revenue outturn underspend into the Council's reserves, to be held within the Budget and Financial Strategy Reserve.
15. Approval to transfer any remaining Covid funding balances into the Council's reserves to meet Covid related pressures and costs in 2022/23.
16. Approval that any changes resulting from the Final Local Government Finance Settlement 2022/23 be reflected in the Budget and Council Tax Report to Council on 2nd March.
17. Approval that the Capital Programme Budget continues to be managed in line with the following key principles:

- (i) Any underspends on the existing approved Capital Programme in respect of 2021/22 be rolled forward into future years, subject to an individual review of each carry forward to be set out within the Financial Outturn 2021/22 report to Cabinet.
- (ii) In line with Financial and Procurement Procedure Rules 7.7 to 7.1 and 8.12, any successful grant applications in respect of capital projects will be added to the Council's approved Capital Programme on an ongoing basis.
- (iii) Capitalisation opportunities and capital receipts flexibilities will be maximised, with capital receipts earmarked to minimise revenue costs.

## **CORPORATE SERVICES, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND FINANCE**

### **10. December Financial Monitoring 2021/22 (Pages 397 - 421)**

Report from the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services.

#### **Recommendations:**

That Cabinet

1. Note the current General Fund Revenue Budget forecast of a balanced budget.
2. Note that actions will continue to be taken to ensure that a balanced financial outturn is delivered.
3. Note the Capital Programme update.
4. Approve the extension of the Local Council Tax Support Top Up to include new claimants of Local Council Tax Support during 2021/22 who were not eligible on 4 December 2021, as per section 2.45.

### **11. Business Rates Discretionary Relief Renewals in 2022/23 (Pages 423 - 443)**

Report from the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services.

#### **Recommendations:**

1. That Cabinet approve the applications for Discretionary Business Rate Relief for the organisations listed in Appendix 1 of this report and in accordance with the details set out in Section 6 to this report, for the 2022/23 financial year.

**12. COVID-19 Additional Relief Fund (Pages 445 - 457)**

Report from the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services.

**Recommendations:**

1. Approve the Councils proposed use of the COVID-19 Additional Relief Fund (CARF).
2. That the authority to make any final further payments to ensure that the Fund is fully utilised is delegated to the Strategic Director – Finance and Customer Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Community Safety & Finance and the Leader of the Council.

**TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT**

**13. Improving Air Quality in Rotherham - Submission of Full Business Case (Pages 459 - 478)**

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

**Recommendations:**

1. That Cabinet delegate responsibility to the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy and the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, to jointly submit, with Sheffield City Council, the Rotherham and Sheffield Full Business Case to Government by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.
2. That Cabinet delegate responsibility to the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy and the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment to commence procurement for any necessary infrastructure, goods and services to implement the mitigating measures.
3. That Cabinet agree to receive a further report on Rotherham's clean air proposals should Government require significant changes once Government has assessed the proposals in the Full Business Case.

**14. Feasibility Study prior to an Application for Moving Traffic Enforcement Powers (Traffic Management Act part 6) (Pages 479 - 504)**

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

**Recommendations:**

That Cabinet agrees: -

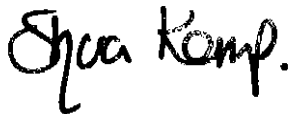
1. To commence the feasibility work detailed in sections 2 and 4 of this report to evaluate the introduction of Moving Traffic Enforcement under Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004.
2. That the Chief Constable of South Yorkshire Police be consulted on the principle of the Council taking on moving traffic offence enforcement.
3. That the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority be consulted regarding locations where bus lane enforcement would be beneficial to improve journey time reliability; and
4. That a report be brought back to Cabinet with the results from this feasibility work and recommendations on whether or not to progress to an application to the Department for Transport for Designation of these powers under the above regulations.

**15. Recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Management Board**

To receive a report detailing the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board in respect of the above items that were subject to pre-decision scrutiny on 9 February 2022.

**16. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Cabinet will be held on Monday 28 March 2022 commencing at 10.00 am in Rotherham Town Hall.



**SHARON KEMP,**  
Chief Executive.