



Council

Wednesday 30 November 2022
2.00 p.m.

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.

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COUNCIL

Wednesday 30 November 2022 at 2.00 p.m.

THE MAYOR (Councillor Tajamal Khan)
DEPUTY MAYOR (Councillor Robert Taylor)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE (Sharon Kemp)

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

ANSTON AND WOODSETTS

BAUM-DIXON, Timothy J.
WILSON, Tracey H
TARMEY, Drew Simon

ASTON AND TODWICK

BACON, Joshua
BARKER, Aaron

AUGHTON AND SWALLOWNEST

PITCHLEY, Lyndsay
TAYLOR, Robert Paul

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ALAM, Saghir
MCNEELY, Rose M.
YASSEEN, Taiba K.

BRAMLEY AND RAVENFIELD

MILLS, Lewis H.M.
REYNOLDS, Gregory

BRINSWORTH

CARTER, Adam J.
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WOODING, Charlie Andrew

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ELLIOTT, Robert W.

HELLABY AND MALTBY WEST

ANDREWS, Jenny
BALL, Simon A.

HOOBER

BARLEY, Emily J.
LELLIOTT, Denise
ROCHE, David J.

KEPPEL

BROWNE, Tony
CLARK, Maggi
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KILNHURST AND SWINTON (EAST)

CUSWORTH, Victoria
SANSOME, Stuart J.

MALTBY EAST

HUNTER, Lee J.
TINSLEY, Adam J.

RAWMARSH EAST

HUGHES, Rachel E.M.
SHEPPARD, David

RAWMARSH WEST

BIRD, Bob
THOMPSON, Jill

ROTHER VALE

BROOKES, Amy C.
MIRO, Firas

ROTHERHAM EAST

COOKSEY, Wendy
HALEEM, Rukhsana B.
KHAN, Tajamal

ROTHERHAM WEST

AVEYARD, Ben
JONES, Ian P.
KEENAN, Eve

SITWELL

BURNETT, Simon L.
FISHER, David F.
GRIFFIN, Tony

SWINTON ROCKINGHAM

MONK, Gina
WYATT, Ken

THURCROFT & WICKERSLEY

COLLINGHAM, Zachary A.
COLLINGHAM, Thomas R.

WALES

BECK, Dominic E.
HAVARD, Marnie A.

WATH

ATKIN, Alan
COWEN, Sheila A.

WICKERSLEY NORTH

ELLIS, Sue
HODDINOTT, Emma E.
READ, Chris

Council Meeting Agenda

Time and Date:-

Wednesday 30 November 2022 at 2.00 p.m.

Venue:-

Town Hall, The Crofts, Moorgate Street, Rotherham. S60 2TH

1. FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH

To bestow the honour of the Freedom of the Borough on Mr Gavin Walker MBE.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

4. 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.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING (Pages 15 - 50)

To receive the record of proceedings of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 5th October, 2022, and to approve the accuracy thereof.

6. PETITIONS (Pages 51 - 55)

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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S STATEMENT

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

11. MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETINGS (Pages 57 - 89)

To note the minutes of the Cabinet Meetings held on 20th September and 17th October, 2022.

12. AMENDMENTS TO APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND PANELS (Pages 91 - 94)

To inform Council of amendments to the nomination of Members to serve on Committees, Boards and Panels.

13. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY UPDATE (Pages 95 - 101)

To receive an update on the activities of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny bodies in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.

14. DRAFT CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR THE 2023-24 AND 2024-25 MUNICIPAL YEARS (Pages 103 - 123)

To receive a report from the Head of Democratic Services.

15. THRIVING NEIGHBOURHOODS - UPDATES FROM WARD COUNCILLORS FOR KILNHURST AND SWINTON EAST (Pages 125 - 126)

To receive updates from ward councillors from Kilnhurst and Swinton East on the activities supporting Thriving Neighbourhoods across the Borough.

16. THRIVING NEIGHBOURHOODS - UPDATES FROM WARD COUNCILLORS FOR SWINTON ROCKINGHAM (Pages 127 - 128)

To receive updates from ward councillors from Swinton Rockingham on the activities supporting Thriving Neighbourhoods across the Borough.

17. NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILS FOR FAIR TAX

To be moved by Councillor Read and seconded by Councillor Griffin:

That this Council notes that:-

1. The pressure on organisations to pay their fair share of tax has never been stronger.
2. Polling from the Institute for Business Ethics finds that “corporate tax avoidance” has, since 2013, been the clear number one concern of the British public when it comes to business conduct.
3. Two thirds of people (66%) believe the Government and local councils should at least consider a company’s ethics and how they pay their tax, as well as value for money and quality of service provided, when awarding contracts to companies.
4. Around 17.5% of public contracts in the UK have been won by companies with links to tax havens.
5. It has been conservatively estimated that losses from multinational profit-shifting (just one form of tax avoidance) could be costing the UK some £17bn per annum in lost corporation tax revenues.
6. The Fair Tax Mark offers a means for business to demonstrate good tax conduct, and has been secured by a wide range of businesses across the UK, including FTSE-listed PLCs, co-operatives, social enterprises and large private businesses.

That this Council believes that:

1. Paying tax is often presented as a burden, but it shouldn’t be.
2. Tax enables us to provide services from education, health and social

care, to flood defence, roads, policing and defence. It also helps to counter financial inequalities and rebalance distorted economies.

3. As recipients of significant public funding, local authorities should take the lead in the promotion of exemplary tax conduct; be that by ensuring contractors are paying their proper share of tax, or by refusing to go along with offshore tax dodging when buying land and property.
4. Where councils hold substantive stakes in private enterprises, influence should be wielded to ensure that such businesses are exemplars of tax transparency and tax avoidance is shunned.
5. More action is needed, however, as current and proposed new UK procurement law significantly restricts councils' ability to either penalise poor tax conduct (as exclusion grounds are rarely triggered) or reward good tax conduct, when buying goods or services.
6. UK cities, counties and towns can and should stand up for responsible tax conduct - doing what they can within existing frameworks and pledging to do more given the opportunity, as active supporters of international tax justice.

This Council therefore resolves to:

1. Approve the Councils for Fair Tax Declaration.
2. Lead by example and demonstrate good practice in our tax conduct, right across our activities.
3. Ensure IR35 is implemented robustly and contract workers pay a fair share of employment taxes.
4. Not use offshore vehicles for the purchase of land and property, especially where this leads to reduced payments of stamp duty.
5. As far as possible, to undertake due diligence to ensure that not-for-profit structures are not being used inappropriately by suppliers as an artificial device to reduce the payment of tax and business rates.
6. As far as possible, to demand clarity on the ultimate beneficial ownership of suppliers UK and overseas and their consolidated profit & loss position, given lack of clarity could be strong indicators of poor financial probity and weak financial standing.
7. Promote Fair Tax Mark certification especially for any business in which we have a significant stake and where corporation tax is due.
8. Support Fair Tax Week events in the area, and celebrate the tax contribution made by responsible businesses are proud to promote responsible tax conduct and pay their fair share of corporation tax.
9. Support calls for urgent reform of UK procurement law to enable local

authorities to better penalise poor tax conduct and reward good tax conduct through their procurement policies.

18. NOTICE OF MOTION - BAN FRACKING NOW

To be moved by Councillor A. Carter and seconded by Councillor Miro:

This Council notes that:

1. Exploration for fossil fuel reserves that can only be exploited by hydraulic fracturing, or other unconventional methods, undermines action on climate change and diverts resources away from investment in a safe, secure and sustainable low carbon energy future.
2. There are possible significant adverse impacts from both exploratory drilling and industrial scale production of fossil fuels by hydraulic fracturing, including:
 - a) immediate impacts on communities living near deposits.
 - b) serious long-term impacts, over a very wide area, including water shortage, water pollution and air pollution from the extraction process, in addition to the CO produced when the fuel extracted is used - as highlighted by the European Commission and the UN.
3. That council motions prior to the last elections to the borough council have expressed this council's opposition to fracking.
4. In recent months the moratorium that stopped fracking throughout the country – including planned fracking within the Borough at Harthill and Woodsetts – has been under threat as a result of changes proposed by the Conservatives.
5. When Ed Davey MP was Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, generation from renewable energy sources almost quadrupled. As Martin Pibworth, managing director at energy firm SSE said, “it is thanks to historic investments in renewable energy the United Kingdom has a more secure energy supply compared with our European neighbours.”
6. That Rother Valley MP, Alexander Stafford was quoted in the Yorkshire Post in July 2022 as saying that calls to resume fracking were “siren songs devoid of reality and practical knowledge” but has since worrying stated that he will now “consider all options when it comes to fracking” (Rotherham Advertiser, October 2022)

This Council believes that:

1. The Government should have legislated a permanent ban on fracking throughout the country.

2. Fracking should not happen in the borough, including but not limited to the sites in Harthill and Woodsetts.

This Council therefore resolves:

1. To reaffirm its belief that fracking is wrong.
2. That council group leaders write to the Secretary of State, the Prime Minister, and the Members of Parliament that represent the Borough of Rotherham asking them to bring forward legislation for a permanent ban on fracking.
3. That Council group leaders write to the MP for Rother Valley, asking him to clarify his views on Fracking within the borough.

19. NOTICE OF MOTION - COST OF LIVING AND ENERGY CRISIS

To be moved by Councillor Tarmey and seconded by Councillor C. Carter:

That this Council:

1. Recognises we are in the middle of the worst cost-of-living crisis in 50 years, with record breaking inflation (forecast to hit of 22.4 per cent next year) and spiralling energy costs leaving many people in Rotherham struggling to pay their household bills.
2. Recognises that high inflation, increased energy prices, and the cost-of-living crisis disproportionately affect residents with lower household incomes, as they spend a higher proportion of their disposable income on household bills and essentials like groceries.
3. Notes the decision taken in June 2022, by the then Chancellor, to impose a Windfall Tax on the profits of giant oil and gas companies for the purpose of providing limited financial support for energy bills.
4. Regrets that the Government recently decided to fund additional support for consumers in recent months through additional borrowing rather than from the record-breaking annual profits made by energy companies.
5. Notes that on 1st April 2022 and 1st October 2022, Ofgem increased the energy price cap by 54 per cent and 27 per cent respectively. This increased the average energy bill for a 'typical household' well beyond the support provided by Government (by £693 in April and £529 in October).
6. Notes that increases in the cost of energy for the residents and business of Rotherham are likely to occur in 2023 which will further compound the already disastrous impact of the cost-of-living crisis on our area; pushing thousands of local people deeper into poverty.

That this Council recognises the numerous ways in which both National and Local Government can provide support to local people to ease the burden of rising prices and fuel poverty.

Therefore, this Council resolves to:

1. Call on the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority to hold a Cost-of-Living Emergency Summit with stakeholders including Citizens Advice, Food Banks, Local Trade Unions, Chambers of Commerce, local councils, and local MPs to explore how more local help can be provided for those struggling with the cost of living – including extending the use of discretionary payments.
2. Ensure that free-to-access warm spaces are available within local communities over the winter months for vulnerable residents. Working with Parish Councils and the voluntary sector where required to encourage facilities such as ‘village halls’ to be open for this purpose.
3. Investigate the feasibility bringing forward some planned improvements in the energy efficiency of council owned housing stock and all other buildings operated by the council.
4. Require an assessment of all building management systems and user-controlled heating systems to be set to heat spaces to the minimum comfortable temperature commensurate with the use of the space (with necessary exceptions where required due to health of individuals or the nature of the service being provided).
5. Reduce the use of energy for lighting council owned buildings at times when spaces are unoccupied and implement dimming of street lighting where safe and considered appropriate by elected members in each ward.
6. Ask Group Leaders to write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, expressing the council’s desire for the Government to:
 - a. Immediately reduce the standard rate of VAT from 20 per cent to 17.5 per cent for one year, saving the average household in Rotherham a further £600 this year
 - b. Immediately restore the Universal Credit supplement of £20, which was cancelled by the Government in September 2021.
 - c. Extend Fuel Duty Relief to cover Rotherham and double it to save local people 10p per litre on petrol.

20. NOTICE OF MOTION - ROTHERHAM COUNCIL BYELAWS (Pages 129 - 142)

To be moved by Councillor Tinsley and seconded by Councillor Z. Collingham:

Byelaws are local laws that govern what can and cannot be done in a public

area, with a fine for contravening the byelaw. Byelaws can be displayed on notices and enforced by an officer of the local authority or by the police, through magistrates' court.

Byelaws do not create additional work for council enforcement officers and police, but instead give these another tool to use when they encounter problems or anti-social behaviour in our communities. It is expected that they would use their discretion when a byelaw is broken.

Rotherham Council has enacted byelaws covering Ulley Country Park, Thrybergh Country Park, Rother Valley Country Park and the Good Rule and Government of the Borough, but these byelaws are old and have limited scope (see example in Appendix A).

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) publishes a series of 'model byelaws' which local authorities can use to address issues not sanctioned by other legislation. It is intended that local authorities delete / add to the model byelaws to ensure they are locally relevant. Examples of model byelaws and some of the issues they can address are:

- **Pleasure grounds, public walks and open spaces:** This can be enacted in parks and other public spaces to protect plants and wildlife from harm; prohibit the damage or misuse of life saving equipment; prohibit fires; regulate horse riding, cycling, and vehicles; determine acceptable use of play equipment; and/or prohibit swimming.
- **Pleasure fairs:** This can be enacted to regulate the opening hours, cleanliness, provision of toilets, etc of fairgrounds.
- **Good rule and government:** This can be enacted across the borough to prohibit the damage or misuse of life saving equipment; prohibit dangerous games near roads; prohibit driving or parking on road margins/verges; and/or prohibit urination in public (Appendix B)
- **Markets:** This can be enacted to regulate markets, including market days and hours, prohibiting vehicle obstruction, and/or enforcing cleanliness.

Therefore, this Council resolves to:

1. Review existing byelaws with a view to revoking and replacing them as appropriate.
2. Bring forward a draft byelaw or byelaws to prohibit removing, displacing, damaging or otherwise interfering with lifesaving equipment across the borough.
3. Consider enacting new byelaws to prohibit other specific undesirable behaviour in public spaces.
4. Consult with police, councillors, parish and town councils, and other

partners to identify behaviours and public spaces where byelaws could be useful and complete this consultation process within four months.

5. Implement a regular system of review for local byelaws, to ensure byelaws are revoked and/or replaced when they are no longer useful.
6. Where it is thought that a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) would be a more effective tool than a byelaw, proceed with a PSPO.

21. AUDIT COMMITTEE (Pages 143 - 150)

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

22. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD (Pages 151 - 167)

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

23. LICENSING BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE AND LICENSING COMMITTEE (Pages 169 - 190)

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.

24. PLANNING BOARD (Pages 191 - 194)

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

25. 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).

26. 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).

27. URGENT ITEMS

Any other public items which the Mayor determines are urgent.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon Kemp." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

SHARON KEMP,
Chief Executive.

**The next meeting of the Council will be on
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COUNCIL MEETING
5th October, 2022

Present:- Councillor Khan (in the Chair); Councillors Alam, Allen, Atkin, Aveyard, Bacon, Baker-Rogers, Ball, Barker, Baum-Dixon, Beck, Bennett-Sylvester, Bird, Brookes, Browne, Burnett, A Carter, C Carter, Clark, T. Collingham, Z. Collingham, Cooksey, Cowen, Cusworth, Elliott, Fisher, Griffin, Hague, Haleem, Havard, Hoddinott, Hughes, Hunter, Jones, Keenan, Lelliott, McNeely, Mills, Miro, Monk, Pitchley, Read, Reynolds, Roche, Sansome, Sheppard, Tarmey, Taylor, Thompson, Tinsley, Whomersley, Wilson, Wooding, Wyatt and Yasseen.

The webcast of the Council Meeting can be viewed at:-
<https://rotherham.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>

Prior to the start of the agenda, all those present joined the Mayor in a Minute's Silence due to this being the first meeting since the death of her late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. The Mayor noted how the early months of his time in office were shaped greatly by Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. It was with great sadness that he reflected on how his last month as Mayor had been shaped by her death.

58. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting. He passed on his thanks and congratulation to all those involved in helping the Council win the LGC award for Most Improved Council at the ceremony in July 2022. The awards celebrated the achievements of officers and politicians in local government and the judges had unanimously agreed "that, from a rock bottom position it is possible to rebuild the trust of the community through understanding, courage and openness" and as such, recognised Rotherham as the Most Improved Council. The judges also recognised the humility shown in ensuring the journey was not yet complete.

The Mayor asked Members to join him in congratulating both the Military Community Veterans Centre and Rotherham Friends Indeed on being awarded the Queens Award for Voluntary Service. Vicky Hartley, Member and Civic Support Manager, had also received a High Sheriffs Award for service to Veterans. The Mayor offered his congratulations.

Full activity details from the Mayoral diary were contained in Appendix A of the Mayor's Letter and included:

- A 100th birthday celebration
- Attendance at the quarter finals of the Women's Euros
- A visit to the Lighthouse Homes Homeless Hostel
- Attendance at the Cutler's Feast in Sheffield
- Yorkshire Day celebrations in Keighley
- Attendance at the Rotherham Show
- A radio interview on the Pakistan Floods
- Attendance at the Apprentice of the Year Awards

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- Attendance at the installation of the New Curate at Thrybergh
- Attendance at Aston Local History Fair
- Attendance at Crossroads Care Masquerade Ball
- Magna Summer Reading Challenge
- Charity Badminton at Rotherham Leisure Complex.

Following the death of Her Majesty the Queen, the Mayor was proud to deliver the proclamation of His Majesty, King Charles III outside of Rotherham Town Hall. The Deputy Mayor represented the Borough at the County-wide proclamation in Sheffield. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor also attended memorial services for her late Majesty.

59. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barley, Castledine-Dack and Ellis.

60. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications received.

61. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

At the meeting a correction to the Minutes was requested. Minute 56, Question 24 should read, *“As Councillor Alam was not present at the meeting, a written response would be provided to Councillor Tarmey”*.

Resolved:- That the Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 20th July, 2022, as corrected, be approved for signature by the Mayor.

Mover:- Councillor Read

Seconder:- Councillor Allen

62. PETITIONS

The Mayor introduced the report and confirmed the receipt of 2 petitions received since the last Council meeting:

- Containing 27 signatures calling on the Council to revise the conditions for asking questions at public meetings.
- Containing 349 signatures calling on the Council to address the traffic congestion at Hellaby and Bramley on Bawtry Road approaching J1 of the M18.

The lead petitioner for the ‘questions at public meetings’ petition was not in attendance at the meeting.

The lead petitioner for the ‘traffic congestions on Bawtry Road’ petition, Mrs Ann Rowley, attending the meeting and presented her petition to Council and read out a statement.

Resolved:-

- 1) That the report be received.
- 2) That the relevant Strategic Director be required to respond to the lead petitioners, as set out in the Petition Scheme, by Wednesday, 19th October, 2022.

63. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

64. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

65. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items that required the exclusion of the press and public.

66. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S STATEMENT

The Leader provided an update on a number of subjects. Since the last meeting the Council had received a "Good" Ofsted rating across the board. Inspectors said that "Children's Services are a clear priority for the Council" and there was a "whole Council commitment to children and families in Rotherham, and a learning culture is set from the top". The Ofsted report praised the way that social workers supported vulnerable children and kept them safe. Keeping vulnerable children and families safe was the Council's top priority. The Leader recorded his personal thanks to Councillor Cusworth, Suzy Joyner and the whole team for their continuous great work.

The first scheme in the Council's £4m Towns and Villages Fund programme had been completed in Greasbrough, linking Greasbrough Park and the nearby Recreation Ground through the creation of a new green corridor. 23 separate schemes will be implemented over the next 2 years and 2 schemes were underway.

Work had also been completed at Keppel's Column and Herringthorpe Athletics track whilst the new SEMH School at Dinnington had taken its first pupils.

The Leader provided a Covid-19 update as cases were rising nationally. 35 people were in hospital in Rotherham with infections in the week prior to the Council meeting. The Leader urged everyone who was contacted by the NHS with regards to their booster jabs to get theirs as soon as possible. Whilst it was hoped that the darkest days of the pandemic were past, everyone still had a role to play to keep themselves and their families and friends safe.

67. MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETINGS

Councillor Bennett-Sylvester referenced Minute No. 19 on Page 87, Minute No. 26 on Page 96 and Minute No. 27 on Page 95 and asked the following questions:

1. As a Ward Councillor it was difficult to engage with developers, particularly in relation to Social Value, regarding the Chesterhill project. One scheme had been suggested for Rawmarsh which was not helpful to the residents of Thrybergh. What more could be done to increase member involvement and oversight on that?
2. There were plenty of neighbourhoods that were receiving hard cash in terms of the Community Infrastructure Levy which was not the same in deprived areas. Could such Social Value contributions be transferred to more deprived neighbourhoods to help them develop?
3. In terms of the Housing Development Strategy, the Chesterhill development should be 80% full according to the original development plan. However, no one was yet to move in. Other residents have been told that they would be moving to the Wise Living development in November, but this had been delayed to March. What more could be done to co-ordinate with Members so that they could advise communities accordingly, especially since this related to social housing?

Councillor Brookes confirmed she would provide a written response in relation to the delay with the Chesterhill development.

In relation to the first 2 questions and Social Value, Councillor Brookes confirmed that a recent housing workshop had focussed on this matter. However, Councillor Brookes would pick the matter up with officers as this particular issue had been identified, particularly around how local expertise from Ward Members should be used.

Resolved:- That the reports, recommendations and minutes of the meetings of Cabinet held on 16th May and 20th June be received.

Mover:- Councillor Read

Seconder:- Councillor Allen

68. AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2021/2022

Consideration was given to a report that sought approval for the Audit Committee Annual Report 2021/22 that had been endorsed by the Audit Committee at its meeting held on 28th June, 2022.

It was noted that the purpose of the Audit Annual Report 2021/22 was to bring together in one document a summary of the work that had been undertaken by the Council's Audit Committee. The production of the report complied with current best practice for audit committees and allowed the Audit Committee to demonstrate that it had fulfilled its terms

of reference and to share its achievements with the Council in providing assurance about its governance, risk management and financial and business controls.

Resolved:- That the Audit Committee Annual Report 2021/22 be approved.

Mover:- Councillor Baker-Rogers

Seconder:- Councillor Cowen

69. RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET - SAFER ROTHERHAM PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2022-2025

Consideration was given to the report which sought approval of the Safer Rotherham Partnership (SRP) Plan 2022-25. The Plan had been endorsed by Cabinet at its meeting on 20th September, 2022 after it had been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 14th September, 2022. OSMB had requested that officers ensure wider engagement takes place to inform future and refreshed plans, including rural communities, disabled people, minority ethnics communities and those with other protected characteristics.

Community Safety Partnerships have a statutory responsibility to prepare an annual strategic assessment to identify community safety priorities across the local area, develop a partnership plan and co-ordinate activities to address the priorities. There is also a requirement to consult and engage with communities, ensuring their views are taken into account when identifying local priorities.

A comprehensive and enhanced review process commenced from May 2021 to inform new priorities and a new SRP Plan from 2022 to 2025. The enhanced review process included the use of the Management of Risk in Law Enforcement (MoRiLE) thematic tool, which was used widely by Police and community safety partnerships. It enabled a range of strategic issues to be assessed in a structured and consistent way, using a quantitative evidence base and detailed information about current and emerging trends of crime and disorder affecting communities within the Borough. The information was derived from a range of sources including South Yorkshire Police data, data provided by Partners, open-source research, national publications and information from key stakeholders. There were 4 component parts of the MoRiLE assessment – Impact and Harm (physical/psychological/financial); Likelihood (scale/tends); Confidence (data reliability); and Organisational Position (resources and external factors such as public expectations).

The Safer Rotherham Partnership Plan and priorities for 2022-2025 were agreed by the SRP Board on 7th April, 2022, in accordance with the outcomes of the MoRiLE assessments described above and taking into account the outcomes of consultation.

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Councillor Hoddinott offered her support for the Plan having been a former Chair of the Partnership. She noted the need to continually update the Plan, specifically in relation to Domestic Abuse and protecting women and young girls.

Resolved:-

1. That the Safer Rotherham Partnership Plan 2022-25 be approved.
2. That the requirement for scrutiny of the Safer Rotherham Partnership Annual Report, which is discharged by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board be noted.

Mover:- Councillor Alam

Seconder:- Councillor Allen

70. RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET - JULY FINANCIAL MONITORING 2022/23

Consideration was given to the report which provided an update on the Council's financial monitoring position for 2022/23, based on July Financial Monitoring. The report was presented to Cabinet in September 2022 where it was agreed that, in order to give effect to the recommendations from Cabinet, consideration and approval by Council was required in relation to the recommendation relating to the Forge Island Development. This was set out in Appendix 2 to the report. Appendix 1 set out the July Financial Monitoring position to provide Members with sufficient knowledge to agree the proposals.

Council was asked to give Cabinet authority to approve amendments to the Council's Capital Programme in relation to the Forge Island leisure development, should it be necessary in order to secure best value for the taxpayer. The Council was progressing to deliver the redevelopment of Forge Island in line with the Town Centre Masterplan, with negotiations with private sector partners now reaching the final stages ahead of construction.

Development partners had been made aware, however, of issues relating to the funding of the Scheme due to the very recent volatility of the financial markets. This could pose challenges to private funders providing up-front capital within the requirements previously agreed by the Council. As such, the Council was in conversation with the Developer and the Council's Finance Team and Legal Team to ensure that the changes to the financial market did not negatively impact the delivery of the Project or unnecessarily increase the Council's liabilities.

A report was due to be presented to Cabinet on 17th October that would set out the options available to facilitate delivery. If Council approved the above-mentioned recommendation, it would allow Cabinet to choose from the full range of options for delivery, including further supplementing or

replacing what was expected to be privately raised capitals with the Council's own borrowing and capital resources. Such an option could only be agreed by Cabinet if doing so would ensure that the Council could fulfil its best value duty by financing the scheme through the most cost-effective mechanism. This was a highly time sensitive decision and there were likely to be significant additional cost pressures should Cabinet not be in a position to decide on 17th October 2022. The time pressures were due to external factors not within the control of the Council.

Members raised a number of questions on the report. These included questions on whether reassurance could be provided that the Council would get value for money; why there had been a 60 year delay; whether a cinema was still the right option; whether the decision could be delayed to allow for further scrutiny; the impact of the current financial market on the viability and future of the Scheme; how the Council could improve public confidence in the Scheme; the need for proper scrutiny; the £11.4m overspend currently forecast by the Council; the flexibility of the Scheme; the personal responsibility of the Leader for the delivery of the Scheme; the sharing of the financial information prior to the meeting.

Some Members also offered their support for the Scheme, stating that it was vital to the Town Centre for it to go ahead.

In response to the questions, the Leader confirmed that this Scheme saved money; the Council would continue assessing the value for money situation; there could not be a delay as that would cost money; there had been wide consultation on the Scheme before the last election; it was important to act now; the Council would work on building confidence; the fine detail was absent as this was an ever developing situation; the financial information is available to all Members; the budget had always been balanced under Councillor Read's leadership; the cinema would be one part of a huge leisure offer; the Scheme would be cost effective and would be going forward for scrutiny and the money could not be spent elsewhere. The Leader also stated that he would take personal responsibility for the delivery of the Scheme.

Resolved:- That the Cabinet have authority to approve amendments to the Council's Capital Programme in relation to the Forge Island leisure development, should this be necessary in order to secure best value for the taxpayer.

Mover:- Councillor Read

Seconder:- Councillor Lelliott

71. MEMBER LEAVE OF ABSENCE APPROVAL

This report had been withdrawn prior to the meeting.

72. **THRIVING NEIGHBOURHOODS - ROTHERHAM WEST - UPDATES FROM WARD COUNCILLORS**

Further to Minute No. 55 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 19th November, 2018, consideration was given to the annual Ward updates for Rotherham West as part of the Thriving Neighbourhood Strategy.

The Strategy signalled a new way of working for the Council both for Members and for staff and covered every Ward in the Borough delivered through Ward Plans developed with residents to address local issues and opportunities. Ward Members were supported by the Neighbourhood Team and worked with officers and residents from a range of organisations to respond to residents.

Update reports had been provided as part of the agenda. However, each ward Member was invited to speak.

Councillors Aveyard, Jones and Keenan provided an update on activities in Rotherham West ward:-

- There were 4 Ward Priorities:
 - Protect the local environment.
 - Improve the local environment (tree planting and the development of “friends of” groups to look after parks and green spaces.)
 - Support the development of projects and initiatives focussed on arts and culture.
 - Continue to support the community following COVID-19 with a particular focus on mental health and wellbeing.
- There had been a bin amnesty with the aim of educating residents around recycling and how to use their bins correctly.
- There had been a community skip day which was very well received.
- Improvements had been made to the Winterhill site such as clearance of the Engine Ponds.
- A memorial bench had been installed to celebrate the sacrifice of Ian McKay who was killed during the Falklands War.
- Jubilee Mugs were handed out to every primary school pupil in the Rotherham West area.
- A new football club had been established.
- A friends of Masbrough Cemetery group had also been set up.
- The Light Up the Night event on Ferham Park had been a major success for the community, celebrating the many artistic talents of residents.
- A further event named Spring Forward had also been successful.
- Other projects included the refurbishment of the BMX track; banner making and tree planting.
- Members placed on record their thanks to their neighbourhood officers.

Resolved:

- 1) That the report be noted.

Mover: Councillor Aveyard

Seconder: Councillor Jones

73. THRIVING NEIGHBOURHOODS - ROTHERHAM EAST - UPDATES FROM WARD COUNCILLORS

Further to Minute No. 55 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 19th November, 2018, consideration was given to the annual Ward updates for Rotherham East as part of the Thriving Neighbourhood Strategy.

The Strategy signalled a new way of working for the Council both for Members and for staff and covered every Ward in the Borough delivered through Ward Plans developed with residents to address local issues and opportunities. Ward Members were supported by the Neighbourhood Team and worked with officers and residents from a range of organisations to respond to residents.

Update reports had been provided as part of the agenda. However, each ward Member was invited to speak.

Councillors Cooksey, Haleem and Khan provided an update on activities in Rotherham East ward:-

- There were 5 Ward Priorities:
 - Support initiatives to help Rotherham East recover from the impacts of COVID-19.
 - Support and deliver initiatives involving local people.
 - Respond to crime and anti-social behaviour.
 - Work with local schools to support their aims and aspirations for their pupils.
 - Support initiatives which bring communities together and celebrate the diversity of Rotherham East.
- CLP's Social Supermarket had opened in March 2022 and was a valuable resource for local families.
- Badsley Moor Primary School Hub aimed to work with pupils and parents, helping them to be more involved in their children's learning.
- There had been a request for more street lighting repairs and the redeployment of CCTV to help with crime and anti-social behaviour across the Ward.
- The Park Road Cholera Burial Ground had been restored and was now a respectful and peaceful place to walk by.
- An Eastwood Village Action Plan had been established.
- An alleyway had been gated over concerns of fly-tipping, crime and anti-social behaviour.

Resolved:

- 1) That the report be noted.

Mover: Councillor Cooksey

Seconded: Councillor Haleem

74. NOTICE OF MOTION - GRANGE LANDFILL SITE

It was moved by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Elliot:

That this Council notes:-

Since 2016 there have been many complaints to the Environment Agency around the re-permitting of the Grange landfill site at Droppingwell. Despite the valiant efforts of the Droppingwell Action Group and numerous members of the public, the works carry on, without the proper level of scrutiny and regulation of the Environment agency. This has led to dozens of complaints that have been escalated to Stage 2 and several are now sitting with the Office of the Parliamentary Ombudsmen.

The Council believes that:-

Due to the ineffective nature of the Environment Agency's regulation, its inability to take any kind of enforcement action, the members of the public in Rotherham West and this Council no longer have any confidence in the Environment Agency.

This Council resolves that:-

- Mirroring the thoughts and wishes of the residents of Droppingwell, Blackburn and Kimberworth, this Council should pass a motion of No Confidence in the Environment Agency's handling of the site.
- That the Chief Executive be required to write to the head of the Environment Agency and the Government minister impressing on them the need for a full, open and transparent public enquiry into the re-permitting and ongoing lack of regulation of the site.

It was moved by Councillor Z. Collingham and seconded by Councillor T. Collingham that the motion be amended as follows:

That this Council notes:-

Since 2016 there have been many complaints to the Environment Agency around the re-permitting of the Grange landfill site at Droppingwell. Despite the valiant efforts of the Droppingwell Action Group and numerous members of the public, the works carry on, without the proper level of scrutiny and regulation of the Environment agency. This has led to dozens of complaints that have been escalated to Stage 2 and several are now sitting with the Office of the Parliamentary Ombudsmen.

The Council believes that:-

Due to the ineffective nature of the Environment Agency's regulation, its inability to take any kind of enforcement action, the members of the public in Rotherham West and this Council no longer have any confidence in the Environment Agency.

DELETE:-

This Council resolves that:-

- ***Mirroring the thoughts and wishes of the residents of Droppingwell, Blackburn and Kimberworth, this Council should pass a motion of No Confidence in the Environment Agency's handling of the site.***
- ***That the Chief Executive be required to write to the head of the Environment Agency and the Government minister impressing on them the need for a full, open and transparent public enquiry into the re-permitting and ongoing lack of regulation of the site.***

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This Council resolves to:-

- ***Ask the Group Leaders to jointly write to the Chief Executive of the Environment Agency (EA) to request an urgent review of all complaints made to the EA in relation to the permitting and regulation of Grange Landfill and convene a public meeting in the Borough to address these complaints and residents' ongoing concerns.***
- ***Ask the Group Leaders to jointly write to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to request that they urgently review the permitting and regulation of Grange Landfill by the EA, their handling of complaints and opportunities to intervene to discontinue landfill operations or improve the regulation of the same.***

On being put to the vote, the amendment to the motion was declared as lost.

The substantive motion (as moved by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Elliot) was now debated.

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

Mover: Councillor Jones

Seconder: Councillor Elliot

75. AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

Mover: Councillor Baker-Rogers

Seconded: Councillor Cowen

76. LICENSING BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE

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

Mover: Councillor Hughes

Seconded: Councillor Wyatt

77. PLANNING BOARD

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

Mover: Councillor Atkin

Seconded: Councillor Bird

78. STAFFING COMMITTEE

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

Mover: Councillor Alam

Seconded: Councillor Allen

79. 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

Seconded: Councillor Griffin

80. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO DESIGNATED SPOKESPERSONS

Councillor A. Carter: Can the spokesperson confirm that the South Yorkshire Pensions Authority has divested all funds from Russian or Belarussian-affiliated organisations and industries?

Councillor Havard: Thank you for your question Councillor Carter. As the last time you asked, trading any such assets is prevented either by sanctions or by the fact that proceeds of sale cannot be taken out of Russia. So they cannot legally be divested. If anything changed, Councillor Carter would be informed.

In his supplementary, Councillor A. Carter asked: Did the South Yorkshire Pensions Authority have assets prior to the sanctions that now cannot be divested because of the sanctions and was there a desire to divest once sanctions were lifted?

Councillor Havard explained that it was not for South Yorkshire Pensions Authority to make the decision to divest because they were part of a national pool and such decisions had to go through the Fund Manager. However the assets that South Yorkshire Pensions Authority did have were only a very small amount.

81. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

1. Councillor Jones: Can you please explain to me at what point does documentation held by RMBC become "legally privileged" when subject to an FOI request?

Councillor Alam: The rules about when a document is considered to be legally privileged are set out in Section 42 of the Freedom of Information Act.

When an FOI is requested, if the Information Governance Team believe it may be subject to Section 42, then a member of the Legal Team is always consulted to ensure the Act is applied correctly.

In his supplementary question, Councillor Jones stated that in January 2022, he had requested under on FOI for all documentation held by RMBC in relation to the access road to Grange Park. Councillor Jones was refused access to any documents after the year 2000 because they were now part of a legal bundle and, therefore, legally privileged. Councillor Jones asked for the decision to be reviewed by an independent officer. The officer stated in his reply that he had been told by Legal that the information was legally privileged. This was not an independent review as he never saw the information to make the judgement himself. Councillor Jones had since taken legal advice from a specialist solicitor who dealt with FOI's and had been told that he could not ask to see the bundle, instruction or advice, which he did not ask for in the first place; any information held by RMBC before the bundle was created cannot be classed as legally privileged and, therefore, should have been disclosed. The legal advice stated that either the solicitors at the Council were either inexperienced in dealing with FOI requests and had mistakenly applied the legal exemption or had deliberately tried to mislead a Member of the Council. Councillor Jones asked Councillor Alam which one it was?

Councillor Alam asked Councillor Jones to send through his requests for the documents and he would look into it for him and get a reply.

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2. Councillor Cooksey: Have the Council any plans to consider food waste recycling?

Councillor Beck: At the moment the Council have no plans to introduce kerbside collection of food waste, although national government may have to change what is required on that through legislation. That was being watched carefully. However, the Council did have processes in place for food waste currently. It went to the BDR plant which was an Anaerobic Digestion Plant whereby around 99% of waste was recycled, turned into compost or turned into energy pellets through onward movement into industry.

In her supplementary, Councillor Cooksey stated that it was her understanding the Government legislation could mean that kerbside food waste recycling could be required in the next few years. She asked that if that were to become a legal requirement, did the Council have any plans for a trial such as what was currently being done in Sheffield? This trial enabled the Council to look at how many people would recycle food and how much was likely to be collected over different areas to inform the service.

Councillor Beck explained that, if the Government did bring in the new legislation to introduce the recycling of food by Council's, Rotherham Council could, by virtue of already having the Anaerobic Digestion Plant, have an exemption. At the moment, the Council could not technically say that food waste was being recycled because of the strict rules around using the word "recycled" but they could say it was being reused. This did not stop the Council from potentially doing a trial but there was confidence already in the investment that had been made in the BDR plant and its operation.

3. Councillor Whomersley: A Resident told me that CRG Healthcare are constantly late and missing appointments. There should be 3 appointments a day, alarmingly CRG Healthcare say they are unable to commit to fixed appointments sometimes leaving people uncared for until the afternoon. What is being done to ensure this is not happening widely and often and what further steps can be taken?

Councillor Roche: Sorry to hear of the concerns raised by your constituent in relation to their package of care and support from CRG Healthcare. This is clearly of concern and officers will investigate the concerns you have raised and will be in touch for the details. Councillor Roche asked Councillor Whomersley to raise these issues directly with the Service or himself to ensure any issues are dealt with quickly. Councillor Roche provided reassurance that there were no other concerns of this nature being addressed with this provider.

All providers were registered with the Care Quality Commission and must meet regulatory requirements; the Council's Compliance Team undertook regular visits and quality assured the delivery of care; care

packages were also reviewed by the assessor with the individual to ensure needs were being met.

Concerns such as these remain rare amongst the 17,000 hours of care which are commissioned by the Council and delivered by providers each week in the person's home. However, the impact can be significant if the care plan is not delivered as commissioned. When services do not meet expected standards, the Council does act through compliance visits; imposing improvement plans; suspending the provider or in extreme situations terminating the contract.

4. Councillor Monk: What does the recent Ofsted judgement of Good mean for children and families of Rotherham?

Councillor Cusworth: The Leader mentioned earlier in the meeting about the Good Ofsted rating. There had been a very detailed inspection of all areas of the Children and Young People's Service within the Council. The Good Ofsted rating should give confidence that our children and families in Rotherham are receiving a consistent service from Children's Social Care and other key partners at all levels of the system. Where families need help or protection, this is provided by a range of experienced, permanent, and skilled practitioners across both Early Help and Children's Social Care. This meant that families were having to tell their stories fewer times which was a matter that was constantly fed back as the need to not have to repeat a family's story was very welcome. This helped keep children safe. The children's voice came through very clearly in the inspection.

The inspection confirmed that the Council engage with the wider family well, and children are supported to remain safely within their own families where this was appropriate. This was often what children wanted; to be able to remain with their families. Inspectors confirmed that where this is not achievable, the Council find good alternatives for our children and permanence is achieved quickly. This ensures that most children can grow up in their own local community and maintain their lifelong links and sense of identity. We support these arrangements with financial assistance and carers can access a range of other services such as therapy and parenting support to help children overcome any adverse childhood experiences. If adverse childhood experiences can be dealt with early enough and interventions put in place, it can prevent further trauma into adulthood.

The experience of our Looked After Children (LAC) and Care Leavers has improved. The report evidences that the Council know their children and families well and that it listens, records and acts on the voice of the child consistently well. The work of the LAC Council has helped the Council to shape these services, and this was recognized in the report. The LAC Council was very pleased to have been mentioned in the report saying that it was a meaningful Corporate Parenting Panel that listened to what they wanted and worked with

them to achieve the best outcomes. The Care Leavers were supported to find a good standard of accommodation and achieve independence and were helped to find employment and training. The fact that this was being consistently done was reassuring.

The good judgement would help the Council to retain and attract a good workforce, consistency of social workers and which was what families wanted.

The journey from “Inadequate” to “Good” over the past several years had been remarkable but everyone was ambitious and wanted to achieve the next step of being rated “Outstanding.”

5. Councillor McNeely: Could the Cabinet Member kindly confirm to me that the proposed new central markets and library development in my Ward will indeed go ahead, despite speculation to the contrary, and that the Council is able to fund the scheme without imposing additional costs onto the taxpayer?

Councillor Lelliott: It was confirmed that the Council were moving ahead with the markets and library scheme. It was one of the flagship transformation projects in the Council's adopted Town Centre Masterplan.

The planning application for the site had been prepared and submitted and was currently under consideration by the Council's Planning Service. The appointment of a contractor to build the scheme was underway with an announcement expected in November. Construction on site was currently scheduled to commence next summer.

6. Councillor Baker-Rogers: In recent weeks, articulated lorries have frequently been parking, for up to 4 days, in laybys on Herringthorpe Valley Road. The lorries present a hazard to pedestrians and other road users, make bin collections difficult, and most importantly reduce access for emergency vehicles. What can the Council do to stop this?

Councillor Beck: The Council had received reports of a vehicle parking overnight in this area, however, at the moment enforcement action could not be taken as the parking was taking place in an unrestricted area. There were no powers to enforce where that was the case. Councillor Beck had asked officers to work with Councillor Baker-Rogers to find the best solution which may involve introducing restrictions in that location.

7. Councillor Baker-Rogers: How is the Council planning to utilise Warm Hubs to support residents during the cost of living crisis?

Councillor Sheppard: What a dreadful state it is that in 2022, in the sixth richest country in the world, Members were sat with the knowledge that residents would go hungry, cold or both this winter. What an absolute disgrace.

Plans were being made for residents led by the Public Health Team and the Council was currently working with Directorates and partners to establish a programme of Warm Welcome sites across the Borough to reflect and respond to the needs of residents when the cold weather hits this winter.

The underlying principles were that residents:

- Get a warm welcome at a range of RMBC and community venues and are able to use the facilities.
- There is no stigma attached to staying at the sites for any period of time.
- Advice/ signposting will be available to residents with respect to the support and benefits both nationally and locally available to them.

Where feasible, sites will be promoting a Warm Welcome alongside a range of activities, existing and new, to ensure a welcome to all Rotherham residents, with support, advice and signposting for residents available (if this is requested). This would help with residents' mental health as well.

Council sites included in this are our libraries, Clifton Park Museum, theatre and leisure centre sites, this provides Borough-wide coverage and a range of opening hours 7 days per week. Discussions have taken place with some voluntary sector partners and interest has been expressed by Parish Councils which was greatly appreciated.

The Warm Welcome approach would continue to be developed up to and throughout the winter as the Council understands the impacts of both the cost of living rises and the national and local mitigations that were in place and the needs of residents.

In her supplementary question, Councillor Baker-Rogers asked if there would be Hubs in every Ward?

Councillor Sheppard explained that it was the intention to have Hubs in every Ward. Work would be done across the range of publicly owned Council buildings. No community would be left behind.

8. Councillor Baker-Rogers: How are students and staff settling in at the new Social Emotional and Mental Health school in Dinnington?

Councillor Cusworth: Was really pleased to say that feedback from colleagues at Elements Academy is that staff and students are settling in well. She had visited the site during the building phase and would be visiting the site again soon and she was looking forward to seeing it.

A significant amount of work to support transition into the Elements Academy has happened prior to the summer school break and once pupils returned in September; it was a phased transition. This included opportunities for parents, carers, and pupils to visit the school and home visits to support all pupils to develop strong transitional timetables to the new school. The school has also undertaken further recruitment to support additional staffing.

Where there has been any issues identified relating to attendance or a reluctance to attend the new school, staff have looked to offer alternative opportunities for pupils to attend or looked at outreach support to build up relationships between the school, parent, carers and pupil.

Due to the specific need of the cohort, pupils will have some adaption to provision over this first half-term to make sure that their needs are appropriately assessed, that the new building is fully owned by the school community, and for pupil groupings to be developed further to make sure that all pupils can access the core curriculum at the new school. But overall a pleasing start.

Councillor Cusworth was very pleased that there was a school in Rotherham that would meet the needs of children with SEMH needs. When speaking at the Westminster Education Forum, other authorities were very impressed with this specific provision which reaffirmed that, along with other areas within Children's Services, Rotherham was ahead of the curve.

9. Councillor Hoddinott: At the last meeting it was revealed that some Councillors had not undergone DBS checks. Have all Councillors now had these basic safeguarding checks?

Councillor Allen: Unfortunately, even with the earnest endeavours of the Democratic Services team, it had not been possible to complete this process for one Member.

In her supplementary, Councillor Hoddinott asked who that one Member was?

Councillor Allen confirmed that she had sought legal advice and there were no reasons as to why the Councillor could not be named in terms of data protection and the Councillor was Councillor Hague.

10. Councillor Hoddinott: In this year's budget the Labour group committed an extra £144,000 to support children and families potentially affected by child criminal exploitation. Can the Cabinet Member update Council on the use of that investment?

Councillor Cusworth: The additional investment has been used to increase the staffing in Evolve by one Advanced Practitioner, one Social Worker and 2 Family Support Workers.

Evolve currently work with on average 90 young people across all forms of Child Exploitation at any one time. The additional capacity has enabled EVOLVE to meet the demands to address Criminal Exploitation, ensuring there is one pathway for all children at risk of Exploitation, utilising the expertise developed for Sexual Exploitation and apply it to Criminal Exploitation. In so doing the Council cannot only help to protect more children from these terrible crimes but also ensure that the child themselves is less likely to be criminalised and in the Youth Offending Team pathway as this would not be the right thing to do. The additional resources can work in a more specific way to identify potential vulnerabilities to exploitation.

There had been a Member Seminar on the Monday prior to Council which demonstrated the close partnership working between the Council and external partners.

The additional staffing levels have also increased the capacity in the Evolve Service to provide additional consultation, awareness raising and delivery of training to the Council workforce, parents and carers and all key partners.

Following the inspection, Ofsted said that the co-location of partners within the Evolve Service enabled the effective sharing of information; that plans were comprehensive and child focussed; that relationship-based practice supported children to make progress in understanding exploitation; and that risks were subsequently reduced for children. This was all possible due to the additional investment.

In her supplementary, Councillor Hoddinott stated that it was very useful to know that it was embedded in the Evolve team. When looking at strategies, things tended to be put in boxes such as Child Criminal Exploitation and Child Sexual Exploitation but on the ground it was not that simple. There were not those lines and so the fact that it was embedded was very welcome.

Councillor Cusworth agreed that the matters did not exist in isolation and there was crossover. Recently, the PREVENT Champions Network, as well as looking at radicalisation and potential radicalisation, was also looking at Child Exploitation because they were all forms of grooming and safeguarding risks.

11. Councillor Bennett-Sylvester: Would you agree that should any licenses be applied for locally that the prevailing attitude locally is that Rotherham does not consent to fracking?

Councillor Read: The Leader certainly did agree with Councillor Bennett-Sylvester on that and stated that he could not believe the country was back at this situation again. Nor could he believe that the situation was again that the Government was using an energy crisis to make it more difficult to use certain forms of clean, renewable sources of energy but re-open the potential of fracking. The Leader thought that anywhere in the country there would be serious resistance to fracking, but he certainly did not believe that there was consensus in any of the places previously suggested in Rotherham.

In his supplementary, Councillor Bennett-Sylvester asked that, given it was a prominent part of Liz Truss MP's leadership campaign, would he also agree that anybody, whether they sit on Council benches or green benches or whatever their retail politics, if there was the dark day where fracking came to the Rotherham Borough, they would be a fracking enabler?

The Leader certainly agreed on the basis that it was quite clear what that change would mean and the implications for the communities. As such, individual people needed to take responsibilities for their actions.

12. Councillor Bennett-Sylvester: To give it its full name, the former arts centre was the Brian O'Malley Library and Arts Centre. Are there any intentions to rename any other future venues after the Musicians' Union MP?

Councillor Sheppard: In thanking Councillor Bennett-Sylvester for the question, Councillor Sheppard confirmed that his interest had been spiked and he had indeed been googling Brian O'Malley and learning as much as he could. It was obvious that Mr. O'Malley contributed an awful lot to the local area and nationally before sadly passing away very young. Currently, there were no plans to name any current or future venues after the Musicians Union MP. However, there was a naming protocol that Councillor Sheppard could go in to.

In his supplementary, Councillor Bennett-Sylvester explained that this could be a name for the new library. He also raised the issue of working-class history and its stories and that often there was a sense of impermanence. This could be seen with the library going and the names not being passed on. Going forward, when it comes to local heritage projects, when a building is changed or lost, could there be a continuity of names so that those names can continue to be known by whatever means throughout the Borough?

Councillor Sheppard agreed that working class history needed to be celebrated as much as the rich and supposedly good of the country in past times. There was a lot to be celebrated and to be proud of that had been achieved by local people. There was a naming protocol that would be shared. It was acknowledged that when a building goes it is difficult to get that name attached to a subsequent building or site but it was something that could be looked at in the future.

13. Councillor Bennett-Sylvester: When first briefed in June 2021 Ward Members were advised that the scheme to ease congestion on the Mushroom Roundabout by increasing the number of lanes on the A630 in Dalton should be completed by now. Can you please advise on what now is a reasonable eta for the scheme to progress?

Councillor Beck: The proposed scheme was in the process of being reviewed, particularly in light of significant additional costs that had been identified for the delivery of the scheme. This particularly related to required major utility diversions in the location. However, it was still a scheme that was being worked on with South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority, who were the principal funders, to try and find a way forward. Officers had been asked to provide an update to both Councillor Bennett-Sylvester and Councillor Baker-Rogers on the scheme moving forward.

In his supplementary, Councillor Bennett-Sylvester thanked Councillor Beck for his comments at the last Transport Advisory Board where this matter, in relation to bus services, had been raised. It was reiterated that this scheme was not just about cars but the reliability and threat to bus services. It was essential to show the bus companies could make a profit on this route.

Councillor Beck agreed. It all made sense, but it just came down to the funding opportunities which Ward Members would be kept up-to-date on.

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In his supplementary, Councillor Tinsley stated that there were many developments going on around Maltby including Grange Lane, potentially at Maltby Tip and one at Ravensfield which affects Maltby Academy. It would be interesting to see if that money had been spent and increased capacity?

Councillor Lelliott asked Councillor Tinsley to send her the details and she would look into it.

15. Councillor Tinsley: Is there currently staff shortages within Community Protection and Environmental Health (Enforcement Officers)?

Councillor Beck: No. In total there are 37 Enforcement Officers within the team and there are currently 4 vacancies included in that 37. This was in line with normal staff attrition/ staff turnover levels.

In his supplementary, Councillor Tinsley asked if the workloads for Enforcement Officers were monitoring? He gave the example of them being snowed under in Maltby and asked that any reinforcements be sent to Maltby.

Councillor Beck explained that managers within the team managed the workloads. Councillor Beck saw the Enforcement Officers being busy as a good thing because it meant they were doing their job and responding to Members and members of the public on issues that were important to all of the people of Rotherham, and specifically Maltby in this case. Councillor Beck asked Councillor Tinsley to directly raise any issues about work not being done with him outside of

the meeting. It was good to know that the Council's Enforcement Officers were doing their job.

16. Councillor Tinsley: Why was there not any notification or consultation by RMBC over the surrendering of the lease for the public field to the rear of Highfield Park Maltby?

Councillor Sheppard: The Council did not surrender the lease. The Council entered into a 10 year lease in year 2000 and had been 'holding over' since the expiry of the term. The owners terminated this arrangement some 12 years after the time it might have been expected to come to an end.

In his supplementary, Councillor Tinsley stated that he would have to check that as, following an FOI request, he had been told that the Council did surrender it. He also stated that a notification for Ward Members would have been good as it was also good to be kept informed.

Councillor Sheppard confirmed that as the lease had expired, there was not anything physical happening to notify Ward Members about.

17. Councillor Tinsley: Has any offer been previously made By DMBC to offer alternative building land as a substitute for building houses on the Green Space behind Highfield Park Maltby?

Councillor Lelliott: No, Doncaster Council have never offered to allocate land within their Borough for any housing need in Rotherham nor had it been sought.

In his supplementary, Councillor Tinsley asked whether there had been any discussions over the housing and the impacts that the development on Grange Lane could make?

Councillor Lelliott would provide a written response.

18. Councillor Tinsley: Is it possible to devolve parking enforcement to Parish/Town Councils so that they can deal with parking if they wish to do so?

Councillor Lelliott: Unfortunately, it was not possible to devolve parking enforcement to third parties such as parish councils.

19. Councillor Clark: Would the Leader of the Council congratulate the Museums Art and Heritage Team on their incredible work, in drawing down funding to renovate and restore Keppel's column and opening it to the public for the first time in over [50] years, and in working with the local community in a positive way to enhance the whole experience?

Councillor Read: Acknowledged the good work of the Museums, Arts and Heritage Team and the support from officers in Strategic Asset Management, Finance and Legal. The officers have been instrumental in securing the future of Keppel's Column through the recent restoration project. It was noted that both Councillor Read and Councillor Clark had attended Keppel's Column a few weeks ago and had gone to the top of the tower for the first time. The engagement with the community was particularly welcomed as some were initially concerned about the project and the impact it may have to a place where residents were now much more positive about the project. That was testament to the great work that had been done.

20. Councillor Tarmey: Regional airport infrastructure is important to local economic development and business continuity at a time when there are significant delays at seaports. Neighbouring authorities have commissioned assessments of the impact of the announced closure of Doncaster-Sheffield airport. Has the administration commissioned work to evaluate the impact of reduced passenger and cargo volumes on transport infrastructure, businesses, and residents?

Councillor Lelliott: It was agreed that the airport was very important to the region's economy. However, Rotherham Council has not commissioned any work to evaluate the impact of the closure of Doncaster-Sheffield airport. This was due to the SYMCA having jointly commissioned an economic impact assessment alongside private sector partners (e.g. Doncaster Chamber of Commerce) and this work is due to be released soon. Councillor Lelliott confirmed that this would be shared when received.

In his supplementary, Councillor Tarmey asked if the Cabinet Member was aware that Peel Group had a track record of doing this elsewhere, in terms of deliberately making airports unprofitable at other sites in the UK, including Sheffield and the high-profile case at Teesside where the Conservative Mayor and the Local Authority (a Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrat Coalition) actually managed to buy Peel out with the cash that they had available?

Councillor Lelliott explained that she did know this but noted that Peel had invested quite a lot of money and had managed to get Wizz Air to relocate to Doncaster Sheffield Airport.

21. Councillor Bacon: Concerns over the A57 were not new, and with recent data from a speed survey and anti-social behaviour becoming a regular occurrence, was it not time Rotherham Council back a speed camera on this road for 24/7 enforcement?

Councillor Beck: A speed survey was undertaken on the A57 in February 2022, midway between the M1 and Red Lion roundabout, and this indicated a good overall degree of compliance with the speed limit, coupled with a good safety record, so the site does not meet the criteria for permanent speed camera installation.

However, Councillor Beck had been working with Police to ensure that the A57 is on the list of sites for mobile enforcement, and an arrangement between the Council and South Yorkshire Safety Camera Partnership will see the site routinely enforced by the Safety Camera van. The maintenance layby at the end of Goosecarr Lane had been selected as the location for the van.

In his supplementary, Councillor Bacon stated that a 24/7 speed camera was needed as some vehicles had been reported as doing 100 miles per hour on that road.

Councillor Beck explained surveys and assessments were done for a reason and if the question did not give the desired answer, that sometimes had to be accepted. The survey did show that the road did not meet the criteria for a permanent speed camera. In fact, it was nowhere near meeting the criteria. However, action had been taken over the concerns with the Speed Camera Partnership. This was the Police and the Police monitored had agreed to make it a mobile enforcement site.

22. Councillor A. Carter: Would Councillor Read agree that the recently announced closure of Doncaster Sheffield Airport is a travesty and that both the Government and the South Yorkshire Mayor have failed our residents in not stopping this from happening?

Councillor Read: It was agreed that the closure would have a huge impact on the local economy and it was certainly bad news for the long term future of South Yorkshire's economy to lose a major strategic asset. It was also a tragedy for the 180 people who were employed there directly and more in the wider supply chain.

In relation to the South Yorkshire Mayor, Councillor Read was of the understanding that the Mayor had put together a package worth millions of pounds on the table to effectively underwrite Peel's expected losses on the site for the coming year which would have put them in a position where they could operate without risk to their operation. Peel turned this down.

In relation to Peel's operation elsewhere, Councillor Read understood that the purchase price of Teesside Airport was around £30/£40 million to buy out the whole thing. However, this relied on having a seller who was willing to sell. The fact that they had said no to the Mayor's offer showed how they had approached the negotiations.

What the Government had done was an altogether different matter. The new Prime Minister had made a commitment to do everything she could to keep the airport open. Councillor Read was still waiting to see what that amounted to.

In his supplementary, Councillor A. Carter shared Councillor Read's concerns that they needed to see more Government action on this. He asked whether there was any feasibility work being done by Rotherham Council on a Combined Authority level to see whether the Combined Authority and Local Councils could buy Peel out in a similar way to Teesside Airport?

Councillor Read explained that Rotherham Council was not in the position to be able to do that. However, there was work going on between the Mayoral Combined Authority and Doncaster Council which would examine all options including compulsory purchase. If that was an option and a proposal was brought forward, Rotherham Council would consider that proposal as a member of the Combined Authority.

23. Councillor Bacon: After much campaigning, Councillor Bacon was happy pavements and roads are finally being repaired in Aston and Todwick. Residents in Todwick have repeatedly raised concerns with him over the quality of works carried out on their pavements. What assurances could the Cabinet Member give the residents of Todwick that works carried out on their pavements and roads will be of the highest standard?

Councillor Beck: It was pleasing to see Councillor Bacon acknowledge that Aston and Todwick had been served well by the Labour groups budget for 2022/23. Todwick in particular had fared really well when it came to resurfacing pavements.

The recent footway repairs in Todwick Village were delivered through the Council's Footway Micro Asphalt repair programme which was recognised across the industry as a safe and good way of resurfacing pavements. The methods used were effective in doing that. If there were any specific issues that needed to be dealt with, officers would of course deal with those.

In his supplementary, Councillor Bacon asked why it took so long in the first place to get the pavements resurfaced?

Councillor Beck explained that the residents he had spoken to in Todwick were very happy with the quality of the pavements. There was some short-term disruption that residents had had to deal with but the pavements on the Meadows Estate in Todwick were much improved. The works would be expanded to other areas in the Borough.

In direct response to the question, Councillor Beck explained that there had been challenges in investing in pavement resurfacing over the recent years due to the sizeable cuts that the Council had felt. It was expected that this was over, but Austerity looked set to continue following a recent announcement over the past couple of weeks. Councillor Beck stated that it was okay for Members of the Opposition to be smiling and laughing now but they would have to be part of the decision that the Council would have to make on this and it was about time they realised the impact of the decisions made nationally by their Conservative Government on the people of Rotherham and the Rotherham Council budget.

24. Councillor A. Carter: With regards to enforcement of fly-tipping and ensuring that council-owned alley gates (such as those in Duncan and Ellis Street in Brinsworth) are kept accessible to residents, does the Cabinet Member agree with residents that the Council's performance in tackling this has worsened recently?

Councillor Beck: Councillor Beck did not agree. The Council had been investing in Cleaner, Greener activities across the Borough. It was a Council ambition, and they were doing well on delivering on that to increase enforcement activity. Enforcement activity was up significantly on last year and it was part of the Council plan that this was done.

The Council had received reports of fly tipping relating to the area mentioned and officers had investigated each incident but had not been able to identify any evidence to support further action. If evidence was found, officers would take appropriate action and so Councillor Beck would encourage reports to be made. In relation to any specific issues around access to alley gates, officers would be keen to support resolving these issues if the Member can provide me with specific details.

In his supplementary, Councillor A. Carter stated that any information from Ward Members was passed on to the relevant team. It had been agreed a number of years ago that there would be some dedicated time to clear up alleyways but Covid-19 interfered with this and had not been rescheduled. Councillor A. Carter asked if this dedicated time could again be established to help areas such as Duncan and Ellis Street in Brinsworth? He also asked what the Cabinet Member's opinion was of moving the Service to longer hours and the impact this had had on staff, particularly in relation to more evening and weekend working?

Councillor Beck explained that issues around alleyways were dealt with by the Streets and Ground Maintenance Teams who had received investments of £500,000 this year to ensure the permanence of the workforce all year round. As the colder winter months approached, the Council would no longer be cutting the grass which would free up

some capacity. A seminar had been held to discuss this and all Members were encouraged to get in touch to propose areas for targeted activity through the winter period. The additional resource would hopefully lead to further improvements across the Borough.

In relation to the changes in operating hours, Councillor Beck was of the belief that this had been a positive change. It had led to the creation of a more flexible and agile service when it came enforcement. However, the officers were only as good as the information they received from Ward Members and members of the public. Councillor Beck therefore encouraged Members to work as effectively as they could with officers and if there were any issues to let him know.

25. Councillor C. Carter: Given the Council has rightly declared a climate emergency and nature crisis, does the Cabinet Member agree with me that the Council needs to expand the Trees and Woodland Team to meet our obligations, and give residents the comprehensive Tree Service that they deserve?

Councillor Sheppard: The Council's Tree Service and the service it provides has already benefitted from £350,000 of capital investment for tree planting to cover 2021/22 and 2022/23. In addition the Council provided an extra £50,000 in the budget for the provision of an additional Tree Engagement Officer. A third investment of £100,000 per year for 2022/23 and 23/24 was made to allow the Service to respond more positively to Member's casework for trees. This was already being effective. Those investments did not just happen by themselves. They happened by careful programming and discussions and also by the voting on the budget which Labour Members voted for which provided that additional investment.

In her supplementary, Councillor C. Carter stated that Members in Brinsworth had enjoyed working with the Trees and Woodlands team over the past months, but it was quite clear that the team seemed very stretched and struggled to meet demand. It was asked whether the additional officer was already in post?

Councillor Sheppard confirmed that the officer was in post and working with Members already. There had been some gaps through retirement and ill health but these had now been filled.

26. Councillor A. Carter: Residents in Brinsworth are rightly frustrated by the bus service changes that mean many people feel cut off by the withdrawal of early morning and evening buses, as well as the total withdrawal of Sunday services. What progress has happened since July in reinstating these vital bus services?

Councillor Beck: At the last meeting, the Leader suggested Councillor A. Carter support Labour's bus campaign – and it was stated that if he had done, Councillor A. Carter would have known by now about the extra investment the Council and the SYMCA made in keeping buses on streets across the whole of Rotherham.

Following the campaign, SYMCA received confirmation from Government of an extension to the Bus Recovery Grant until March 2023, and the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority has committed an additional £7m of reserves to keep buses going. In effect, the SYMCA were now subsidizing as many bus services as the operators are prepared to run.

This did not stretch to the services referred to, and SYMCA are currently seeking to identify arrangements to mitigate for changes in the Brinsworth area. Councillor Beck did state that the Government were withdrawing from the commitment they had made on public transport. However Leaders across South Yorkshire and Rotherham were working hard to lobby Government and do everything they could to keep those buses running.

In his supplementary, Councillor A. Carter asked whether the Cabinet Member agreed that it was wrong to expect buses to run purely for profit when this was not expected of the road network? He also stated that it was all well and good some bus services being retained throughout the Borough, but it did not go far enough. Some residents in Brinsworth could not get to work before 9.00 a.m., they could not get out anywhere on a Sunday. It was, therefore, asked whether the Cabinet Member thought more money should be invested and specifically whether more bus services could be brought back to Brinsworth to make sure residents could get to work and use services elsewhere in the Borough?

Councillor Beck agreed that a publicly funded bus service was needed across South Yorkshire. Privatisation of bus services had not worked, and it probably had not worked for over a decade. This put pressure on those locally to try and keep buses going for as long as possible, to ensure they are viable and to make sure as many parts of Rotherham are served as best as possible.

Councillor Beck could not promise Councillor Carter any form of commitments specifically on Brinsworth, nor could he make commitments on any other area of the Borough. However, all parties continued to do their best.

27. Councillor C. Carter: With the cost-of-living crisis affecting families throughout the Borough (and indeed the country), will the Council commit to extending the Rothercard scheme to more services and increasing the discounts for those who currently qualify?

Councillor Sheppard: A review of the Rothercard scheme is currently underway as set out in The Year Ahead Delivery Plan 2022.

The review is considering who is eligible for a card, which services are included in the scheme and how much discount is offered. Once the new scheme is in place it will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure it is still offering discounts for the most appropriate services and to those who need them most. Until that review is complete, Councillor Sheppard was not going to pre-judge its recommendations.

There had been an open invitation to join the working group on this matter but no one from the Conservative Group, Liberal Democrat Group or Rotherham Democratic Party Group had joined. Councillor Sheppard stated that this was a shame as all views were welcome.

In her supplementary, Councillor C. Carter stated that in the Liberal Democrat budget amendment it had been proposed that the Rothercard scheme be extended to include discounts for Garden Waste Collection. As people were really feeling the squeeze, could this be reconsidered as part of the review?

Councillor Sheppard confirmed that all services were being reviewed as part of the review to ensure that the Scheme was right and offered what was needed to the residents of Rotherham.

28. Councillor Monk: Can the Cabinet Member provide information on how many Rotherham children are in receipt of Free School Meals and how that number has changed over time?

The number of Rotherham children in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) can vary from week to week according to personal circumstances but the core numbers can be measured based on school census submissions from each autumn term.

Between October 2018 and October 2021 the number has risen by almost 4,000 from just under 7,000 to almost 11,000. Poverty and child poverty was increasing. After 13 years of Austerity this had gone from bad to worse.

During the Covid-19 pandemic the Government provided funding through a variety of schemes to enable the provision of FSMs during the school holidays. The number of children and young people receiving these FSM vouchers during the school holidays has risen from 10,159 in December 2020 to 11,986 in the 2022 summer holidays. These FSM holiday vouchers also included eligible sixth form and college students, as such the numbers of vouchers provided is higher than normal.

Whilst the numbers of children in receipt of Free School Meals was high, Councillor Cusworth explained that the truth was that the threshold to be able to receive FSM was incredibly low and the annual income needed to be lower than £7,400. This meant there were many more additional families that were struggling to provide their children with a school meal. There had been an article in the Guardian newspaper that reported some children had resorted to eating rubbers, hiding in the playground and pretending to eat from empty lunch boxes to hide the fact they had no lunch.

Councillor Cusworth was so proud of the work done in Rotherham to provide a further £900,000 from the Household Support Fund to provide FSM's through to 2023. However, she noted that she was also heartbroken at the amount of poverty that was being seen. The Local Government Association has been urging the Government to review the threshold that had not been changed since 2019 and to also consider automatic enrolment.

82. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items to consider.

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Councillor Bennett-Sylvester

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Via email: Michael.sylvester@rotherham.gov.uk

Dear Councillor Bennett-Sylvester

Supplementary question at Council – 5th October 2022

Thank you for your supplementary question at Council on 5th October 2022 which related to the renaming of any other future venues after the Musicians' Union MP.

As promised, I've attached the Renaming of Land Protocol which can be used for public open spaces, play areas, buildings or nature reserves.

I hope you find this helpful.

Yours sincerely,



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Cllr Adam Tinsley

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Dear Cllr Tinsley

Question at Council – 5th October 2022

Thank you for your question at Council on Wednesday 5th October 2022. As promised, I said I would provide the answer in writing, and I have included the question and answer below:

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I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Councillor Denise Lelliott
Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Council – 30 November 2022

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 5 October 2022 and details which petitions will be presented by members of the public at this 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 petition listed at paragraph 2.1 of the report and the lead petitioner 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 Director be required to respond to the lead petitioner, as set out in the Petition Scheme, by Wednesday 14 December 2022.

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 5 October 2022 and the route that these petitions will take through the Council's decision-making processes.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 The following petition has been received which meets 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 Petitioners	Directorate
Hold a public debate about the progress the Council has made in tackling Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) since the Jay Report in 2014	23 signatures (plus 3 queries)	Liam Harron	Children and Young People's Services

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 petition 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 petition received by the Council since the previous Council meeting held on 5 October 2022. 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.
- 5.2 The deadline for responding to the petition is Wednesday 14 December 2022.

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 is a petition listed for presentation that has 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 petition referred to earlier in this report.

12. Implications for Partners

- 12.1 There are no known implications for partners arising from the petition 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 September, 2022

Present:- Councillor Read (in the Chair); Councillors Alam, Allen, Beck, Brookes, Cusworth and Roche.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lelliott and Sheppard.

35. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

36. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A question was received from Mr Smith who referred Cabinet to the minutes of 11th July, 2022, in particular the section on questions from members of the public. He indicated that Councillor Bennett-Sylvester raised a question in relation to the Council's Housing Strategy regarding the loss of green space and section 6, in particular and what would be done in his area which had very little with regard to community facilities. That area had very much the same problems as his own, Dinnington; what was the intention of strategic housing and development to help address the imbalance in the loss of facilities and green space from house building in Dinnington.

The Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment explained that in terms of the adopted local plan, there were sites that were available for development, a number of which were on former greenfield sites, including in Dinnington, which then come forward into planning applications. In terms of mitigations, there were lots of policies both nationally and locally in terms of looking at protecting and mitigating against development. One of the new ones coming through was the biodiversity nett gain that was national; the Council was bringing that forward in terms of Rotherham. It looked at developments, protecting biodiversity and if that could not be done within the site, consideration was given to how it could be offset elsewhere.

Mr. Smith asked a supplementary question indicating Dinnington was one of the most deprived areas in the country with major health problems with both adults and children, with no sports and leisure facilities readily available to those who need them the most. In light of this, would the Council support Dinnington, St Johns Town Council's bid for S106 funding?

The Leader explained that the Council was not able to comment regarding bids for S106 funding, but the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment explained that there were mitigations in place within the planning rules, however, these challenges were faced everywhere. The Council could not comment on the S106 other than it would meet its legal responsibilities and its planning requirements.

A question was received from Councillor Tinsley who said earlier in the year the Council unanimously agreed to back a motion regarding lifesaving equipment and to write to the Secretary of State to make it an offence for any to tamper with that equipment; could an update be provided.

The Assistant Director, Community Safety and Street Scene explained that no response had yet been received, however, the Council continued to work with various partners to improve open water safety across the Borough. The Leader asked that a response be chased up from the Secretary of State regarding the original letter.

A question was received from Councillor Ball who mentioned that around 600 new houses were being built in Maltby, however, a decision on the traffic lights on Cumwell Lane regarding the planning application was still outstanding. It was queried if the extra traffic as a result of the additional housing had been factored into the decision on Cumwell Lane.

The Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment explained that any planning application submitted for consideration had to take account of traffic implications as part of its approval process.

For his supplementary question, Councillor Ball noted that the building work had now begun, however, the waste was unable to be removed because there were no traffic lights in place. He queried how long it would be before planning was considered and there was concern that the additional housing would not be included in the consideration.

The Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment offered to hold a meeting with Councillor Ball to discuss the specifics regarding Cumwell Lane.

37. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was noted that the minutes of the previous meeting should have included apologies from Councillor Clark rather than confirmation of attendance.

Resolved:-

That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Cabinet held on 11th July, 2022, as amended, be approved as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

38. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chair advised that Appendix 1 and 2 to Minute No. 46 contained exempt information, however, the meeting remained open to the public and press throughout.

39. MY OWN PLACE: SUPPORTED LIVING FOR AUTISTIC PEOPLE AND PEOPLE WITH A LEARNING DISABILITY

Consideration was given to the report which proposed that Rotherham developed a Flexible Purchasing System (FPS) for supported living. The aim of the FPS was to achieve high quality supported living provision across the Borough; flexibility for suppliers to be added to the FPS at any stage of its lifetime; cost saving through increased competition; opportunity to stimulate development in the Supported Living Market; and potential to increase access for Rotherham's small to medium enterprises and support the delivery of Rotherham Council's social value ambition.

There were currently 206 people living in supported living funded by the Council with most (198) living in within Rotherham and 8 outside. The Council currently commissioned supported living for people with learning disabilities and autistic people, most of which was shared accommodation.

Section 2.10 of the report set out observations on Rotherham's current Supported Living Market. It was noted that most development had been ad-hoc due to a market-led approach, but it was felt that market management and engagement were required to better shape the future of supported living in Rotherham. Choice could have been being restricted by a dominance of national providers in Rotherham's externally commissioned providers. In accordance with the Social Value Policy, there were aspirations to develop locally sourced solutions. There was also a dominance on the shared model of supported living. There was a risk that this form of model could lead to housing being allocated based on availability rather than need. A lack of core and cluster accommodation in Rotherham was also reported along with no dedicated supported living units in the area for autistic people. There was a concentration of supported living in Maltby and Wath-upon-Deane. Learning disability providers had raised that there was a difficulty in meeting the demand for supported living services, particularly the challenge of identifying suitable accommodation.

When consulted, people with a learning disability, autistic people and their families stated that they wanted supported living which was flexible, offered a choice and would enable them to support them to further develop their independence.

The options available were set out in section 3 of the report submitted. The option of a market led approach was not recommended as developments were led and determined by the market and not the needs of residents. It would also create a mixed and uneven supply. The second option was to bring the future provision of supported living 'in-house.' This was not recommended as it would involve the procurement of suitable parcels of land and would require the Council to provide capital and staffing investment for developing 12 units for the next 10 years. This was not currently factored into the Medium-Term Financial Strategy. Further, the Council could not be both a landlord or care provider. The traditional framework of commissioning supported living services through a framework agreement was not recommended as this was seen as a closed system that did not allow new suppliers to join until the next agreement was awarded.

The recommended option was the Flexible Purchasing System as set out in section 3.4 of the report.

Resolved:-

1. That Cabinet approve the creation of a Flexible Purchasing System (FPS) to ensure that for the development of future Supported Living contracts, providers are aligned to Rotherham's vision of providing housing for people with learning disabilities and autistic people. This will be based on the principles contained in 'Building the Right Home'.

40. SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, MENTAL HEALTH FREE SCHOOL (ELEMENTS ACADEMY - DINNINGTON) PROGRESS REPORT

Consideration was given to the report which provided an update on progress towards the opening of a specialist Social, Emotional, Mental Health (SEMH) Free School in Rotherham. In November 2020, Cabinet had approved the proposal to develop the school and re-build Newman Upper School. In 2021, the Regional School Commissioner made the decision to award the Free School to a preferred Multi-Academy Trust. However, following the due diligence process, the decision was taken not to proceed. Following work between the Council and Department for Education, the decision was made in February 2022 to award the Free School to Ethos Academy Trust with a view to opening in September 2022.

In June 2022, a pre-opening inspection was held at the Dinnington site and assessed the site suitability against the statutory school building requirements, health and safety and Ofsted assessed that all statutory policies and key curriculum requirement were in place. All requirements were successfully met. The new school is to be named Elements Academy.

There had been a number of refurbishments to the site and costs identified have created a budget pressure and increase of capital investment to £3.043m from the original identified budget of £2.2m. This was due to increase in the costs of materials and labour due to external market conditions; increase in adaptation works needed to the building due to Ethos Academy Trust requests to deliver their specific SEMH educational model; building issues; and increase in programme costs caused by moving to an alternative academy provider.

The Assistant Director, Education and Inclusion explained the first group of students had begun to access the school.

Resolved:

1. That Cabinet note the progress and additional capital funding provided to support the opening of the specialist Social, Emotional, Mental Health (SEMH) Free School in the Borough.

41. JULY FINANCIAL MONITORING 22/23

Consideration was given to the report which set out the financial position as at the end of July 2022 and was based on the actual costs and income for the first 4 months of 2022/23 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 second in a series of monitoring reports for the 2022/23 financial year which would continue to be brought forward to Cabinet on a regular basis.

As at July 2022, the Council currently estimated an overspend of £11.4m for the financial year 2022/23. Whilst the core directorates services have a forecast year-end overspend of £7.4m on the General Fund, there was £4.0m of estimated unbudgeted costs resulting from the wider financial impact of the war in Ukraine, inflation, energy price increases excluding the estimated impact of the 2022/23 pay award. This additional financial challenge had been factored into the current forecast following a review of the impact of the pressures on the current year and Medium Term Financial Planning.

Whilst the energy price rises and inflation would impact the Council's costs in the provision of services, there would be some mitigation in future years by increased core funding as business rates income was indexed to the rate of inflation. It was currently expected that the period of high inflation would last for around 2 years before returning to a more normal level but the cost increase being experienced would raise the base cost of services on which future inflation was applied meaning a compounding impact.

As such, the Council faced significant financial pressures that would need to be managed and mitigated through the Medium Term Financial Strategy and through significant use of the Council's reserves. There was no indication as to whether additional funding would be provided to local authorities as part of the financial settlement for 2023/24.

Along with most Council's across the United Kingdom, the Council had assumed a 2% pay award for staff for 2022/23. However, the current estimated pay potentially provided staff at the bottom of the pay scale with a 10.4% pay award, reduced to 1.1% for the top salary point. The financial impact of the pay award would be £6.5m greater than the budget assumed. Additional pressures included placement pressures within Children and Young People's Services, Home to School Transport pressures within Regeneration and Environment and pressures relating to longer term recovery from Covid-19 on income generation within Regeneration and Environment.

The Homes for Ukraine Funding Scheme had been launched in March 2022. The Government was providing funding at a rate of £10,500 per person to councils to enable them to provide support to families to rebuild their lives and fully integrate into communities. Initially, the Council had to incur costs in advance of funding being provided but Government had now begun to make the required funding allocations. If all applications were approved (140 potential), the total grant would be £1,470,000. Numbers were being monitored closely, and for prudence, the grant was currently estimated at £1,249,500, being the value of the 119 approved guests. An officer decision would be taken by the Assistant Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to set out how the fund had been used to date, to meet specific emergency requirements as well as setting out how the Council would provide ongoing wrap around support moving forwards.

The HRA was currently forecast to overspend by £1.8m. The budget had included a contribution to the HRA reserve of £2.037m. The transfer was now forecast at £0.277m to reflect the forecast overspend which would bring the HRA back to a balanced position.

The Capital Programme 2022/23 totalled £188.138m split between the General Fund (£135.310m) and HRA (£52.828m.) This was a decrease of £97.145m to the position as at the end of May reported to Cabinet on 11th July, 2022. The majority of this related to the reprofiling of schemes due to delays caused mainly from Covid-19, inflationary pressures on the programme and the high volume of capital activity taking place nationally that was straining resources from an internal and external delivery point. The movement was based on the latest profiles of expenditure against schemes, both new and revised grant allocations (£1.777m) and slippage and re-profiles (£98.922m).

The Council was progressing to deliver the redevelopment of Forge Island in line with the Town Centre Masterplan, with negotiations with private sector partners now reaching the final stages ahead of construction.

The Council's development partners have become aware of issues relating to the funding of the Scheme given the very recent volatility of the financial markets and the challenges this may now pose to private funders providing up-front capital within the requirements previously agreed by the Council. As a consequence, before finalising the funding arrangements, the Council was in conversation with the Developer, the Council's Finance and Legal Teams to ensure that the changes to the financial market did not negatively impact on the delivery of the Project or unnecessarily increase the Council's liabilities.

A report would be presented to Cabinet on 17th October, 2022, that would present the options available to facilitate delivery. The proposed additional recommendation discussed during the meeting empowered Cabinet to choose from the full range of options for delivery including further supplementing or replacing what was expected to be privately raised capital with the Council's own borrowing and capital resources.

Such changes could only be agreed by Cabinet if doing so would ensure that the Council could fulfil its best value duty by financing the scheme through the most cost-effective mechanism.

The Cabinet decision was highly time sensitive due to external factors not within the control of the Council, and there were likely to be significant additional cost pressures should Cabinet not be in a position to decide on 17th October.

This report had been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board as part of the pre-decision scrutiny process. The Board fully supported the recommendations but asked that Scrutiny be provided with a further update on the fleet management vehicle purchase project.

Resolved:-

That Cabinet:

1. Note the current General Fund Revenue Budget forecast overspend of £11.4m.
2. Note that actions will continue to be taken to reduce the overspend position but that it was expected that the Council would need to draw on its reserves to balance the 2022/23 financial position.
3. Note the Council's approach to use of the Homes for Ukraine funding, as detailed in section 2.42.

4. That the Cabinet recommends to Council that: Cabinet have authority to approve amendments to the Council's Capital Programme in relation to the Forge Island leisure development, should this be necessary in order to secure best value for the taxpayer.
5. Note the updated Capital Programme.
6. That a further update be provided to scrutiny on the fleet management vehicle purchase project.

42. NEW APPLICATION FOR BUSINESS RATES DISCRETIONARY RELIEF FOR ROTHERHAM ABUSE COUNSELLING SERVICE

The Council had received an application for the award of Business Rates Discretionary Relief for Rotherham Abuse Counselling Service. In line with the Council's Business Rates Discretionary Relief Policy, having regard to the financial cost of the proposed relief, the charitable use of premise and the contribution that the organisation makes to the local community, it was recommended that the award of discretionary relief be granted to Rotherham Abuse Counselling Service.

Rotherham Abuse Counselling Service was a registered charity which provided free counselling for women, men and young people who had experienced any form of sexual violence, sexual abuse, domestic abuse or harassment including survivors of child sexual exploitation. The organisation benefitted from an award of discretionary relief at their existing premises which had been awarded continuously from 2019 to date. The property for which the application had been made was used to deliver the Independent Sexual Violence Advocacy (ISVA) service supporting the people of Rotherham who had experienced sexual violence and were pursuing a criminal justice process and included victims identified by Operation Stovewood. The organisation already benefitted from several grants including from the Council to deliver their service and the continuation of the modest additional assistance was considered in line with the criteria within the Council's policy.

The total cost of granting the relief for the financial year 2022/23 was set out in section 6.3 of the report submitted. The total cost was £496.64 with the cost to RMBC being £243.35

Resolved:-

1. That Cabinet approve the application for Discretionary Business Rate Relief for Rotherham Abuse Counselling Service in accordance with the details set out in Section 6 to the report submitted for the 2022/23 financial year.

43. SAFER ROTHERHAM PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2022-25

Consideration was given to the report which sought Cabinet endorsement of the Safer Rotherham Partnership Plan. The Safer Rotherham Partnership (SRP) had agreed the plan, setting out priorities and commitments for the period 1st April, 2022, to 31st March, 2025. The Council was a key statutory partner of the SRP.

The previous Safer Rotherham Partnership Plan 2018-21 was extended for an additional year to 31st March, 2022, due to Covid-19 pandemic pressures and impacts on crime and community safety. The plan guided the Partnership in delivering significant work to protect vulnerable children and adults, build safer and more cohesive communities and tackle domestic abuse and serious and organised crime. An evidence-based approach had been used to agree new priorities along with a comprehensive consultation to capture the views of key stakeholders, including people who live, visit or work in Rotherham.

The Safer Rotherham Partnership Plan and priorities for 2022-2025 were agreed by the SRP Board in April 2022 in accordance with the outcomes of the Use of the Management of Risk in Law Enforcement (MoRiLE) thematic tool and the Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment (JSIA.) The priorities, objective area and commitments agreed were:

1. **Protecting Vulnerable Children** (Child Abuse, Child Crime Exploitation and Child Sexual Exploitation)
2. **Protecting Vulnerable Adults** (Substance Misuse, Mental Health and Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking)
3. **Safer and Stronger Communities** (Tackling Community Safety Priority Locations, Preventing Hate Crime and Online Crime)
4. **Protecting People from Violence and Organised Crime** (Domestic Abuse, Sexual Abuse and Male Violence Against Women and Girls, Serious Violence, Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism)

Quarterly performance reports would be monitored by the SRP Board with annual reports being provided to wider stakeholders. The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, when formally sitting as the Crime and Disorder Committee, would review the annual report of the Partnership in accordance with the legislation.

Following Cabinet endorsement, the Safer Rotherham Partnership Plan 2022-25 (attached as Appendix 1 to the report) would be presented to Council for approval in October 2022.

This report had been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board as part of the pre-decision scrutiny process. The Board fully supported the recommendations but requested that wider engagement takes place to inform future and refreshed plans, including

rural communities, disabled people, minority ethnic communities and those with other protected characteristics.

Resolved:-

1. That Cabinet endorse the Safer Rotherham Partnership Plan and recommend it to Council for approval.
2. That Cabinet notes the requirement for scrutiny of the Safer Rotherham Partnership Annual Report, which was discharged by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.
3. That wider engagement takes place to inform future and refreshed plans, including rural communities, disabled people, minority ethnic communities and those with other protected characteristics.

44. HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

Consideration was given to the report which sought approval for the revised Health and Safety Policy. The report also summarised the statutory requirement placed on the Council to ensure a Health and Safety Policy was in place that articulated the Council's approach to managing health and safety.

The aims of the Policy were to keep staff and services users safe; document compliance with legal requirements; offer clarity of expectations across the Council; provide a framework for setting and reviewing Health and Safety objectives; ensure employees understand their obligations; ensure all in a managerial or supervisory role understand their obligation; enable participation, consultation and communication with officers and stakeholders; and to set the framework for continual improvement of health and safety across the Council.

The revised Policy (attached as Appendix 1 to the report) contained a number of changes as a result of the review and consultation. These were set out in the report at section 2.2. If agreed, the revised Policy would be communicated to the workforce and all employees would be made aware of the Policy and its intentions. Section 4 of the report set out how the objectives within the Health and Safety Policy would be delivered.

If approved, the Health and Safety Policy would be reviewed at intervals not exceeding 2 years. Any revisions would be subject to consultation with officers, Trade Union representatives and Elected Members.

As the production of a Council-wide Health and Safety Policy was a statutory requirement under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and the Management of Health and Safety Regulation 1999, there were no alternative options. The revised Policy had been widely consulted on by a number of services and groups. The Council's Health and Safety Policy approach was also the subject of an internal audit. A draft report from the

audit showed substantial compliance in the area considered with no recommendations for improvement. Quarterly statistics and the performance dashboard would be presented to the Health, Welfare and Safety Board and the Resilience, Health, Safety and Welfare Governance Group.

Resolved:-

1. That Cabinet approve the revised Health and Safety Policy (attached as Appendix 1).

45. STRATEGIC ACQUISITIONS

Consideration was given to the report which set out the proposed use of £1 million Strategic Acquisitions Fund that had been approved by Council in March 2021 for the Capital Programme and spend within the Towns Fund. This was reported to Cabinet in March 2022.

The report addressed the need for public sector intervention to acquire land and property owned by the private sector which was required for the regeneration of Rotherham by delegating powers where necessary to negotiate and acquire key strategic sites. In March 2022, a report was presented to Cabinet seeking approval to acquire a number of properties to facilitate Rotherham's ongoing regeneration programme. A further 2 properties were now required for the implementation of the Town Deal programme. Those properties were identified as 1a and 1b in exempt Appendix 1.

The March report sought approval to negotiate acquisition of sites 3 and 4 in exempt Appendix 1 but did not specify a funding source. Since March, successful negotiations on surrounding land had led to the proposal to allocate the Council's £1m Strategic Acquisition Fund to the acquisition of these properties. A further property, identified as 2, in exempt Appendix 1 was also proposed for acquisition with the Strategic Acquisition Fund. Should negotiation on properties 2,3 or 4 prove to be unsuccessful, alternative sites for acquisition were identified in exempt Appendix 1 and would be considered for the Strategic Acquisition Fund in consultation with the Strategic Director for Regeneration & Environment, the Council's Section 151 Officer and the Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy.

The properties identified as Site 1a and 1b in Appendix 1 were required for the continued development of an improved leisure offer in the town centre. Site 2 was a building which had lacked a secure future for many years. Sites 3 and 4 had previously been identified for acquisition and would continue development at the Riverside Residential Quarter and Leisure & Culture Quarter. Doing nothing was not a recommended option considering the Council's ambitious plans for economic growth and regeneration in the borough.

Resolved:-

1. That the Assistant Director for Planning, Regeneration and Transport be authorised to negotiate the acquisition by agreement of the property interests at sites 1a, 1b and 2 at exempt Appendix 1 (principally through Government grants and the Council's Strategic Acquisitions Fund), in consultation with the Council's Section 151 Officer and the Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy, and the Assistant Director of Legal Services be authorised to complete the necessary transactions.
2. Should negotiation on any site in exempt Appendix 1 prove to be unsuccessful, the purchase of the alternative sites as identified in Appendix 1 be progressed as approved by Cabinet in March 2022. That the Assistant Director for Planning, Regeneration and Transport be authorised to negotiate the acquisition by agreement of the property interests at sites in Appendix 1, in consultation with the Council's Section 151 Officer and the Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy, and the Assistant Director of Legal Services be authorised to complete the necessary transactions.

46. SECOND COUNCIL PLAN 2022-2025 AND YEAR AHEAD DELIVERY PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

Consideration was given to the report which was the second progress report on the Council Plan 2022-25 and the Year Ahead Delivery Plan. As of 25th August, 2022, the activities within the Year Ahead Delivery Plan were rated as follows:

- 32% (29) complete
- 51% (47) were on track to be delivered by original target date
- 11% (10) were delayed by less than 3 months
- 5% (5) would not be met within 3 months of original target date
- 1% (1) was not yet due to start.

In agreement with South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority, there had been an extension to the bus, tram and cycle improvement schemes which formed part of the Transforming Cities Fund Programme until March 2024 (Year Ahead Delivery Plan Tracker 5.5). This action was currently marked as 'known delays', however, it was recommended that the dates in the Year Ahead Delivery Plan were amended to reflect the revised dates.

The in-depth progress report on the Council Plan and Year Ahead Delivery Plan was attached as Appendix 1 to the report. The next update was due to be provided to Cabinet in December 2022.

This report had been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board as part of the pre-decision scrutiny process. The Board fully supported the recommendations but made a number of recommendations that were accepted by Cabinet and included in the resolution.

Resolved:-

That Cabinet note:

1. The overall position in relation to the Year Ahead Delivery Plan activities.
2. The data for the Council Plan performance measures for the first quarter of 2022-2023.
3. The agreed extended competition dates, as outlined in paragraph 2.13, for the bus, tram and cycle improvement schemes which form part of the Transforming Cities Fund Programme until March 2024.
4. The performance reporting timetable for the remainder of the 2022-2023.

That Cabinet approve the following recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board:

5. That consideration be given to the format of future reports to provide an infographic overview of progress and challenges as part of an executive summary.
6. That the Improving Lives Select Commission consider the measures relating to domestic abuse referrals.
7. That a briefing be circulated to Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board and Improving Lives Select Commission on unaccompanied asylum-seeking children placed in Rotherham.
8. That further work be undertaken to address the issues raised by members in relation to improving call-handling.

47. HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND OCTOBER 2022 - MARCH 2023

Consideration was given to the report which provided an update on the Household Support Fund which had been extended again to the end of March 2023 following a Government announcement. Draft grant guidance had been provided but no details of the grant amount were yet available. However, based on the method for calculation of the grant by population weighted by a function of the English Index of Multiple Deprivation, a best

estimate suggested that Rotherham would be allocated £2.489m, being the same as provided for the first half of the year.

The report provided an overview of the eligible uses, together with recommendations for a proposed allocation of the estimated grant. Any variations arising from details of the final grant guidance or final grant allocation were proposed to be managed through adjusting the allocation made towards the Energy Crisis Support Scheme.

The Household Support Fund was made available by the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) to County Councils and Unitary Authorities in England to support those most in need. This funding initially covered the period October 2021 to the end of March 2022 and was then extended to the end of September 2022. Local Authorities were given discretion about exactly how this funding was used within the scope set out in guidance. The expectation was that it should primarily be used to support households in the most need with food, energy and water bills. It could also be used to support households with essential costs related to those items and with wider essential costs. In exceptional cases of genuine emergency, it could additionally be used to support housing costs where existing housing support schemes do not meet this exceptional need.

For the period October 2022 to March 2023, the ringfencing of allocation to benefit specific age groups had been removed. New criteria for the grant set out in particular that authorities could target the most vulnerable households; that authorities must operate an application-based service for support; and that authorities can proactively identify households who would benefit from support.

Resolved:-

1. That subject to the receipt of final grant guidance and allocation of grant, that provisional allocations of the Household Support Fund Grant of £2.489m be made as follows:
 - a. £899k for food vouchers to children eligible for free school meals for school holidays up to and including Easter 2023.
 - b. £1.4m to support applications from households for assistance with cost-of living increases through the Council's Energy Crisis Support Scheme.
 - c. £45k allocation to support care leavers, being young people leaving foster or local authority care and living independently in their own accommodation who are responsible for paying their own utility bills, providing additional financial support through the cost-of-living increases.

- d. £30k to support local VCS organisations to support vulnerable households over Christmas / New year through a supplement to the Crisis Support service level agreement.
 - e. £90k to provide additional tinned food to supplement that available for crisis food parcels provided by local food banks and Community Food Members alongside assisting with supplies to social supermarkets, a supplement to the Crisis Support service level agreement.
 - f. £25k to provide additional non-food products for inclusion in crisis food parcels covering personal hygiene, sanitary and household products.
2. Unless the final grant was substantially different from the estimate, to delegate authority to the Assistant Chief Executive in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion, to determine revised and final allocations for the Household Support Grant to include provision for other eligible actions within the use of Household Support Fund should it not be possible to achieve full spend of the grant through the approved options.

48. 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.

49. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:-

That the next meeting of the Cabinet be held on Monday, 17th October, 2022, commencing at 10.00 a.m. in Rotherham Town Hall.

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**THE CABINET
17th October, 2022**

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

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

50. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

51. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

(1) Mr. Dickson explained that he was the Chair of the Dinnington Community Land Trust and that Dinnington had been the first area in the Borough to develop a Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan had been agreed by referendum and incorporated in Rotherham's Local Development Plan. The main thrust of the Neighbourhood Plan was focussed on the health and wellbeing of the community, and it identified interventions that were necessary to reverse the downwards trend in that particular area. The Land Trust was a community interest company that was formed 2 years ago to ensure the Neighbourhood Plan was delivered in a timely manner. The data and analysis from the Trust had been provided to the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Head of Public Health to update the Strategy that was currently being refreshed. There had been several productive meetings to that effect. What Cabinet may not have been aware of was the progress that was being made in relation to social and affordable housing and sports and community facilities for the local community as an enabler to the health and wellbeing improvement sorely needed in Dinnington. Locally owned land was being utilised alongside the development of alliances with local sports groups to develop those facilities.

In his question to Councillor Roche, Mr. Dickson asked if he agreed that the work of the community in Dinnington to create affordable houses plus the creation of local sports and community facilities for its residents was a proactive way for the local community to try and improve its own health and wellbeing?

Councillor Roche stated that he had met with Mr. Dickson and the Director of Public Health several times. The best way forward was to continue those discussions and Councillor Roche confirmed that the Trust would be invited to the Health and Wellbeing Board to look at the information in more detail. Councillor Roche fully agreed that housing conditions were a key factor in Public Health as evidenced by cholera in the Victorian times. Housing was a key factor in peoples' mental and physical health and as such, it was an aim of the Health and Wellbeing Board to work with the Housing Directorate to make sure houses were

fit for purpose. In terms of health inequalities, Councillor Roche confirmed that this, alongside promoting physical activity, was one of the key aims of the Health and Wellbeing Board. Councillor Roche stated that he supported the Trust with their activities in that area but could not comment on specific schemes unless they were brought directly to him.

The Director of Public Health stated that housing and physical activity were all key parts of determinants of health. The Public Health Team were currently working with communities to support and build opportunities within those communities, so they were very supportive of the work being done in Dinnington. He was, therefore, keen to keep those conversations going and hear about the work being done by the Trust.

In his supplementary, Mr. Dickson asked all Cabinet Members if they agreed that every Directorate should be asked to support, wherever practicable, the initiative of Dinnington in their efforts to improve the health and wellbeing of the residents?

The Leader responded on behalf of Cabinet and stated that wherever it was possible and practicable to do so, the Council would aim to offer its support as suggested by Mr. Dickson.

- (2) Councillor Ball stated that he had a question about the fires at Kiveton. He had written to the Chief Executive, the Assistant Director of Community Safety and Street Scene and had copied the Leader in. The email was an open invitation to the Cabinet Members to go and visit Kiveton fire site. This had come directly from the Chief of the Fire Service. Councillor Ball stated that “we” had to get in there due to the fire being in its current state for 6 months. The Council could supply some plant which would help the health of the residents of Kiveton and the surrounding area because of the smoke. It needed a concerted effort between the Environment Agency, the Council and the Fire Service along with anyone else. Could this be done?

The Leader explained that he had visited the Kiveton area, not the site, very recently and had experienced the acrid smell that residents were having to put up with for a prolonged period of time. The Council wanted to do everything it could along with its partners in order to tackle that.

The Chief Executive explained that the Local Resilience Forum, which was chaired by the Council and attended by the Environment Agency and Fire Service, were working on the matter. The Fire Service was on site and had primacy to control the fire. The Environment Agency had primacy over the site in terms of working with the Fire Service and looking at the activity that was needed to bring the fire under control and to prevent it from happening again. The Council was in constant contact with the Environment Agency and Fire Service to both support

and appropriately challenge. A further meeting was scheduled for the week of Cabinet to discuss the further actions that were taking place. The Environment Agency was looking at what further actions in terms of plant and equipment were needed.

Councillor Beck explained that progress had been made this far, with the measures that were in place and being undertaken by the Fire Service and Environmental Agency because of the Council's intervention. The fire, in its current form, had been smouldering for about 6 weeks and before that as well in a separate event. If it was not for those Local Resilience Forums meetings which the Council had chaired and got the relevant people around the table for, there would not be the actions that were currently being undertaken by the Environment Agency. It must be remembered that it was the Environment Agency who had the statutory responsibility to take the principal lead in resolving the massive issue that was ongoing down there. The Council would use their powers as much as possible to ensure that the fire was put out as soon as possible because of the implications on public health for the people in Kiveton and surrounding areas. Once the fire was out, which hopefully would be as soon as possible, there needed to be a long-term solution from the Environment Agency to get rid of the waste. The waste was historic, and the Council would work with the Environment Agency to ensure they acted upon their statutory duties in this regard.

In his supplementary, Councillor Ball explained the scale of the fire and stated that there were 200,000 tonnes of rubbish that needed moving. The problem was that the Environment Agency had put plant in there, but it was not enough. The Council needed to help the residents now by supplying plant. There was no space on site to move the rubbish, douse it and dispose of it. The current process of taking out small bits to try and break the fire was not working. This was about the health of the residents of Kiveton, and the surrounding areas and it needed an intervention now. There was also concern potential strike action that could exacerbate the issue. Councillor Ball asked for Cabinet Members to have a site visit to see what could be done to help for the health of the residents.

The Leader stated that he understood the point been made and would take it away to assess what further work could be done by the Council and its partners.

- (3) Councillor Ball stated that some years ago there was a working party related to modular housing. Was there an update on this? Was it still active? Was the Council still looking at it?

Councillor Brookes explained that the working party on modular housing had not continued. A lot of information on modular housing had been requested during the development of the Housing Strategy and this information gave an unclear picture on the cost/benefit

analysis of modular homes to achieve the type of eco-efficiencies that were wanted. It was currently thought that design interventions were more appropriate for what the Council was trying to achieve.

52. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved:-

That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Cabinet held on 20th September, 2022, be approved as a true and correct of the proceedings.

53. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chair advised that appendices to Minute Nos. 58, 60 and 62 contained exempt information, however, the meeting remained open to the public and press throughout.

54. PROPOSALS REGARDING DAY OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH HIGH SUPPORT NEEDS

Consideration was given to the report which sought to update on the outcome of the 90-day consultation exercise which established the views and needs of users of the current Learning Disability Day Service, their families and carers regarding the future service offer for people with high support needs. The report also sought approval for the proposals regarding a new service offer which included building at Warden Street in Canklow, complemented by community outreach.

A consultation exercise had been carried out in 2017 regarding the Transformation of Services and Support for People with a Learning Disability. Included within the transformation programme was the replacement of the existing High Support Day Service provision with a new service offering modern accessible day opportunities with multi-functional fit for purpose facilities, promoting independence, wellbeing and social inclusion. The current Service comprised 2 buildings: Maple Avenue at Maltby which was Council-owned and the Elliott Centre at Herringthorpe which was located on a large NHS-owned site and was leased.

There were issues with both current sites. Maple Avenue was a previous Children's Residential Home property over 2 floors that did not meet accessibility requirements. The building also limited the service that could be offered. The Elliott Centre lease was high risk for the Council and service users due to a lack of security of tenure. This was due to the 3 years term and "no-fault" 9 months break for both parties which could mean notice being served and alternative temporary accommodation needing to be found. The NHS was selling land on the same site for re-development which left the site at risk of being a building site along with concerns over access and safety. There were also concerns over equipment, such as the heating system, coming to the end of its life.

It was intended that the current services based at Maltby and Herringthorpe would continue until the new Service was open and people could be moved across. The new Service would be available to all current day services customers, with the expectation of becoming operational on a phased approach by Winter 2024/25.

Details on the consultation process were set out in section 1.2 and 1.3 of the report with full consultee responses being included as Appendix 1. The Service Options Appraisal was attached as Appendix 2 and outlined the options for delivery of a new service. The Site Options Appraisal, attached as Appendix 3, detailed the outcome of findings and site visits by the Council's Asset Management Team. Following the consultation there had been a 50/50 split on whether users wanted one large building centrally located or 2 smaller buildings in different areas. The Site Options Appraisal, therefore, looked at the comments and opinions from the consultation; the availability, location and suitability of sites; best value and investment of the £2.1m to secure the highest quality facilities and service; and delivery of the best possible outcomes. A total of 29 potential sites had been identified. The proposal also took account of the service offer that was to be in place at the new facility.

The preferred option as set out in section 3.3 of the report was that the Service would operate from one large new build centrally located building, complimenting the community outreach support across the Borough to support local communities. The current Elliot Centre and Maple Avenue would be decommissioned and a new site developed at Warden Street, Canklow.

The Service Offer was specifically discussed during the meeting. It was confirmed, as per section 1.10 of the report, that any Service Offers currently delivered would continue under the new model. The new Service would be multi-functional within the heart of the community and welcome support and involvement from local businesses, community groups and voluntary sector organisations. The offer would focus on community connectivity and would support people with complex support needs delivered in a person-centred manner. This would be alongside a hub for wider community activity, learning and skill development.

This report had been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board as part of the pre-decision scrutiny process. The Board fully supported the recommendations but asked that consideration be given to ensuring that any consultation undertaken on Service design was inclusive and took account of the differing needs of current and prospective service users/groups across the range of protected characteristics. They also requested that further consideration be given to mitigating the potential carbon impact of disposal/demolition of Council assets related to the scheme.

Resolved:-

1. That Cabinet acknowledge the outcome of the 90 day consultation exercise which established the views and needs of users of the current Learning Disability Day Service, their families, and carers and younger people preparing for adulthood, regarding the future Service offer for people with high support needs.
2. That Cabinet agree the recommended proposals for a new Service offer, as detailed in sections 1 and 3 of the report, including a new building at Warden Street in Canklow, complemented by community outreach.

55. COMMISSIONING MENTAL HEALTH RECOVERY FOCUSED COMMUNITY SERVICES

Consideration was given to the report which outlined proposals for a Flexible Purchasing System for a new care and support model for Mental Health recovery focussed Community Services. Mental Health Care and Support Services were necessary to meet the Council's statutory requirements. A review of current care and support provision indicated the need to improve the Community Service model to one which offered mental health recovery support, personalised social care with increased choice and control for people living with mental ill-health.

The new model had been co-produced in partnership with people accessing Services and their supporting professionals to inform service design. The aim of the Service was to support people to achieve independent living skills and move towards and sustain independent living in the communities in which they live. This was in line with the guiding principles of the mental health recovery framework for people who were deemed eligible for support under the Care Act 2014. This model promoted the identification of the strengths of individuals and offered them support to build the resilience necessary to enable them to regain control over their lives after experiencing a serious mental illness.

A Flexible Purchasing System would increase choice and improve outcomes for people in Rotherham. It would comprise a number of separate lots and each lot would specify a community service with the principle of mental health recovery at its core. This included supported living, day opportunities and preventative services.

The recommendations in the report were likely to complement Government's proposal to reform the Mental Health Act 1983 and modernise mental health care to ensure that patients were involved more closely in decisions about their care and treatment. The types of services required were set out in section 1.7 of the report.

The options considered were set out in section 3 of the report. The options of a market-led approach and the development of in-house

provisions were not recommended. The Flexible Purchasing System model had been recommended for approval because it would allow the Council to procure a range of Community Services which reflect the principles of the Mental Health Recovery Framework to develop specialist provision in the Rotherham market. The range of services would be high quality and would have the required capacity and capability at competitive market prices. It was proposed that the Flexible Procurement System was advertised with an indicative 5 year duration, and the model would continue beyond this period if it remained fit for purpose. Organisations would be able to apply to join the FPS for as long as the model remained advertised.

Resolved:

1. That Cabinet approve a procurement process to establish a Flexible Purchasing System (FPS) and procure a range of Community Services which reflect the principles of mental health recovery model and at its conclusion successful bidders are appointed by the Strategic Director Adult Care, Housing and Public Health for a period of 5 years.

56. HOUSING RELATED SUPPORT PATHWAY - PROPOSAL FOR FUTURE COMMISSIONING

Consideration was given to the report which set out the recommendations for the future of Housing Related Support Services. These were non-statutory services that supported people experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless to live independently in the community. It was designed to complement the Council's offer to alleviate and prevent homelessness.

The proposals were a change to the current model, moving away from a set number of services for people with defined needs to one where resources could be more quickly accessed to meet needs, especially around complexity and where Service capacity could be better utilised.

There would be an agreed overarching Service specification, co-designed with the market. The premise of this would be that all commissioned services would have the ability to support anyone at risk of homelessness irrespective of compounding or complex issues, in a person-centred way. This would be used to procure a group of experienced and skilled service providers that were able to provide support and accommodation either on a block basis of multiple units or as individual packages of support. The system would allow for changes in need and demand, allowing the Council to access quality places. It will also allow quick access to the market, in the form of good quality and contractually compliant providers to maximise future short-term grant funding opportunities.

Details of the preferred option were set out in paragraph 3.1 to 3.10 of the report. A Flexible Purchasing System would be used to procure a group of providers and would give the Council the greatest chance of maximising

opportunities through additional and unforeseen funding. It would also allow for providers to opt in for different levels and types of support in relation to short-term emergency accommodation-based support; accommodation-based support; and floating support (resettlement or prevention.)

Resolved:

1. That Cabinet approve the remodelling of existing Adult Housing Related Support Services to create one single pathway which will support a 'no wrong door' approach into Services.
2. That Cabinet approve the procurement of the pathway using a 5 year Flexible Purchasing System which will be reviewed to ensure it remains fits for purpose and a progress report prepared for Cabinet.

57. LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN AND CARE LEAVERS SUFFICIENCY STRATEGY 2023 - 2028

Consideration was given to the report which explained that the current Looked After Children's (LAC) Strategy had been agreed in June 2019 and was due to end in December 2022. As such, a new Strategy needed to be in place for January 2023. The Duty of 'sufficiency' required Local Authorities (LA) to ensure that there was a range of sufficient and appropriate placements that met the needs of children and young people that were looked after by the LA. There was also a responsibility to take steps to develop and shape service provision to meet the needs of all children and young people in care at a local level, as far as was reasonably possible. The Looked After Children and Care Leavers Sufficiency Strategy 2023-2028 had been developed in line with the duty to provide or procure placements for Looked After Children by the Local Authority.

The Strategy identified the principles that were applied when commissioning the provision of secure, safe and appropriate accommodation and support to children in care and care leavers over the next 3 years. It provided the needs analysis that informed market management work, seeking to ensure that there was the right mix of provision available to meet the needs of children and young people and that this provision mix provided positive outcomes and value for money. Whilst the Strategy was not primarily a financial one, it was expected that the commissioning and strategic intentions set out would provide significant cost avoidance and savings opportunities and which were essential to the sustainability of improved outcomes and the LA budget.

The 2023-2028 Strategy was attached to the report as Appendix 1. It was confirmed that monitoring and oversight of progress against the delivery plan and an annual review of the aspirations would be undertaken by the Corporate Parenting Board.

Resolved:

1. That Cabinet approve the new Strategy.
2. That Cabinet approve that the monitoring and oversight of progress against the delivery plan, and annual review of the aspirations, be undertaken by the Corporate Parenting Board.

58. OPERATIONAL DELIVERY OF LAC SUFFICIENCY STRATEGY - NEW RESIDENTIAL PROVISION PROGRESS REPORT

Consideration was given the report which provided an update on the in-house children's residential development that had been agreed by Cabinet on 17th February, 2020. A number of updates had previously been reported to Cabinet. The children's residential development responded directly to Rotherham Children and Young People's Services (CYPS) strategic intention to reduce the number of external residential placements for children and ensure more Rotherham Looked After Children (LAC) and young people were placed within the Borough, close to their family and community networks.

Updates on Phase one to three were provided in the report. Three new children's homes and one emergency home had been purchased or acquired; 4 managers and 44 staff members had been recruited; 3 homes had been rated as "Good" by Ofsted and 8 beds had been utilised by 9 children since the settings opened. A further 2 children and young people had been supported to "step down" from residential care into foster care settings.

There were also proposals to change the children's residential development plan across those phases to address demand and feedback from Ofsted. A one bed emergency accommodation children's home with flexible Statement of Purpose would be provided. It was proposed that instead of 2 x 4-bed homes, 4 x 2 bed-homes would be purchased. It was also proposed that a further report be brought back to Cabinet detailing a potential 2 x 2-bed home purchase (subject to Department for Education funding.) A decision on that funding was due in mid-October 2022.

The new provision, along with foster care, third party placements, semi-independent provisions, and other family-based placements, would provide a mixed economy of arrangements which would seek to effectively meet Rotherham's statutory duties, outlined in the Sufficiency Strategy 2019-2022.

Resolved:

That Cabinet:

1. Approve the following changes to the children's residential development plan across phases one to three:

- a) Register one bed emergency accommodation children's home with flexible Statement of Purpose (SOP) to meet a variety of current and future sufficiency need.
 - b) Change phase three from 2 x 4-bed homes to 4 x 2-bed homes to better meet current demand, improve occupancy rate and cost efficiency
2. Agree to receive a further report regarding a potential fourth phase of the children's residential development which incorporates:
- c) A potential further 2 x 2-bed homes (Subject to Open Children's Homes DfE funding bid – Decision due Mid-October 22)
3. Approve that the Assistant Director for Planning, Regeneration and Transport be authorised to negotiate the remaining acquisitions required and complete necessary transactions, in consultation with the Council's Section 151 Officer, Strategic Director Children's and Young Peoples Services, the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services, and the Assistant Director of Legal Services.

59. ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS AND DISABILITY SUFFICIENCY (SEND) PHASE 4

Consideration was given to the report which sought approval to move forward with Phase 4 of the Rotherham Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND) programme of activity. From 2018 onwards, Cabinet had approved 3 previous phases of SEND Sufficiency, each targeted at addressing incremental rises in SEND cohorts and creating or improving specialist education provision. This was in order to make Rotherham best placed to have education provision within the Borough that met the needs of all children, young people and young adults with identified SEND needs.

Phase one had concentrated on increasing special school places; phase two focussed on the need for more targeted provision for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and phase 3 created specialist provision for children and young people with Social Emotional and Mental Health needs through the Elements Academy which opened in September 2022. Rotherham had also entered into a Safety Valve Agreement with the Department for Education.

The focus of phase 4 was to work closely with schools within the Borough and the DfE to create 10 additional SEND resource bases within mainstream education settings which would create a minimum of 100 additional SEND places over the next 3 academic years. The proposed breakdown of these places was set out in paragraph 1.7 of the report.

The second proposed aspect of Phase 4 was to support School Access

Issues (both in mainstream schools and Special Schools) by creating 2 funding streams which would be accessible through application and assessment for schools to request capital investment to support the schools to meet a higher threshold of SEND need. This would be through adaptation to existing buildings and would allow a wider level of complexity of need to be met within individual settings. The total fund would be £3 million across 4 years. The rollout of the schemes was expected from Easter 2023 onwards.

Resolved:

1. That approval be granted for the proposal to create 10 additional SEND resource bases in mainstream education and thus create a minimum of 100 additional SEND places across this phase of SEND sufficiency.
2. That approval be granted for the proposal to enhance both mainstream and specialist SEND accessibility, through targeted investment in schools to enhance their ability to meet a wider level of SEND needs within their individual education settings.
3. That the 2022/23 High Needs Capital Allocation be used to fund these proposals in line with Safety Valve Capital Application submitted to the DfE.

60. FOSTERING FEES AND ALLOWANCES 2022

Consideration was given to the report which sought to improve the care experience for children in Rotherham by ensuring that, wherever possible, they were looked after in a foster family environment. This meant children could be cared for and stay connected closer to their families, schools, communities, and services that know them best. In the spirit of this ambition, to retain existing foster carers and recruit new ones, the Council's Children and Young People's Services (CYPS) was seeking approval to revise and increase its 'offer' for foster carers regarding the fees and allowances that they received.

In order to make the Council more competitive in the foster carer market and encourage foster carers to join, stay and offer more children a family home, benchmarking activity had been completed. The Council's digital marketing was provided by an independent marketing agency who regularly analysed the market. This benchmarking activity, described in full in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2, highlighted that when compared to an Independent Fostering Agency or other local authorities, the Rotherham's offer was less competitive in relation to payments linked to mileage, third and subsequent placements and enhanced fees when supporting complex young people.

Currently, the Council's skills payment was paid at 100% for the first and second placement then at 50% for third and subsequent payments.

Benchmarking identified a range between £50 and £102.10 for skill level 1 and 2, between £86.71 and £277.76 for skill level 3 and between £112.21 and £468.48 for skill level 4. The feedback from foster carers identified 3 existing fostering families who would consider extending their approval if the full skills payment was offered for a third child. Appendix 5 detailed analysis of foster carer allowances and explained how the skills payments were allocated and included regional benchmarking associated with skills payments and feedback from foster carers.

The proposed uplift position was to pay 100% of the skills payment for the third plus child. This would be £100.00 at level 1, £125.00 at level 2, £175.00 at level 3 and £360.00 at level 4. Currently 8 children were placed as a third or fourth in-house fostering placement. Implementing this proposal would increase the cost of these placements by circa £87.50 per week per child. For the 8 children this equated to £36.4k per annum.

3 additional carers had been identified to date, who would be willing to take an additional child subject to the new payment offer. Against a standard IFA placement this would save £81k per annum for 3 placements.

It was also proposed that the foster carers' mileage rate be increased from 40p per mile to 45p per mile. This was in line with the rate received by Council employees. The rate for day care would also increase with the rate depending on the age of the child as per paragraph 2.5 of the report. A Complex Care Payment and Enhanced Payment would also be introduced.

This report had been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board as part of the pre-decision scrutiny process. The Board fully supported the recommendations but asked that an annual review of the achievements of the Fostering Service be undertaken, including a report on the impact and outcomes of the changes to fostering fees and allowances.

Resolved:

That approval be given to make the following changes to improve the financial offer for Foster Carers to support retention and recruitment of Foster Carers:

1. To change the service model to provide a financial package for foster carers based on the needs of the child/young person as well as the skills of the foster carer.
2. To make the following changes to the fees and allowances that foster carers receive:
 - a) 100% of skills payment to be paid for all children placed

- b) Increase to foster carer mileage rate from 40p per mile to align to employee rates, currently 45 pence per mile
 - c) Agreement to the revised Day Care payment
 - d) Uplift of the skills payments aligned to the annual inflationary uplift in the national fostering maintenance allowance
 - e) Agreement to the complex care payment allowance e.g., for Step down to Foster Care and Emergency Foster Care for Teenagers in crisis
 - f) Agreement to the Enhanced payment allowance e.g., Children with complex behaviour and/ or health needs
3. That an annual review of the achievements of the Fostering Service be undertaken, including a report on the impact and outcomes of the changes to fostering fees and allowances.

61. ROTHERHAM LOCAL HERITAGE LIST

Consideration was given to the report which set out the proposed process for local heritage listing. Local heritage lists identified locally valued heritage assets, nominated mainly by members of the public and local interest groups. Such a list included heritage assets that were not nationally designated (for example, not listed buildings or scheduled monuments) but had local value and/or heritage interest. The Council did not currently have a process in place for establishing and maintaining a local heritage list. As such, local heritage listing was recommended to help identify heritage assets that would warrant consideration in the planning process.

South Yorkshire Archaeology Service (SYAS), as a joint service for the whole of South Yorkshire, had been awarded Government funding to lead on the establishment of a local heritage list for Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield. In discussion with officers from the 4 authorities, and using guidance produced by Historic England, SYAS had proposed a local heritage listing process to be followed by each Authority. The process would ensure that nominations received were appropriately assessed prior to inclusion onto the local heritage list. The outcome would give greater weight to the protection of locally valued heritage assets when making planning decisions. The process would include delegation to the Head of Planning and Building Control to allow for efficient and timely changes to the list.

The suggested process was set out in paragraph 2.2 of the report and the assessment criteria was contained in Appendix 1.

Resolved:

1. That Cabinet note the production of a local heritage list for the whole of South Yorkshire in general and Rotherham in particular.
2. That, in order to compile the full Rotherham Local Heritage List, Cabinet approve the proposed process for local listing as set out in the report.
3. That Cabinet approve delegation to the Head of Planning and Building Control, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy, to include, amend or delete heritage assets on the Rotherham Local Heritage List.

62. FORGE ISLAND FINAL DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS

Consideration was given to the report which set out a recommended delivery approach to allow the Forge Island Scheme to progress to the construction phase. The approach involved the Council acting as funder for the scheme and contracting with Muse Development Limited to facilitate delivery.

Very recent volatility of the financial markets and the challenge this posed to private funders providing up-front capital within the requirements previously agreed by the Council, had resulted in Muse (in line with the Development Agreement for Lease) re-assessing delivery arrangements and proposing options for the Council to consider, including the Council acting as funder of the whole or part of the development. Consideration of this option was urgent as a result of ongoing and rapidly changing upheaval in the financial markets which was reducing both the availability and the attractiveness of private funding as a route to deliver the scheme. This was combined with time pressures that were created through the commercial agreements with prospective tenants and contract prices.

The matter had been considered by Council on 5th October, 2022, and Council had agreed to give Cabinet the option to act as funder of the whole development and approve the necessary increase in the Council's Capital Programme to allow for this.

It was noted that, irrespective of the source of upfront Capital funding, it was expected that the cost of repayment of the Capital costs would be met wholly or largely over the long term by revenue generated from commercial activity in the Forge Island development. It was recognised that changing the delivery arrangements for the Scheme to a position where the Council acted as funder would change the nature of the arrangement with Muse. To do so would require the Council and Muse to enter into a Forward Funding Agreement (otherwise known as a "development funding agreement") which would create a Public Works Contract. For reasons of transparency, a Voluntary Ex-ante Transparency Notice (VEAT) Notice was issued on 26th September, 2022, putting into

the public domain the fact that the Council was considering this option.

Full details of the analysis and financial modelling of all options had been presented to Cabinet in Exempt Appendix 1.

This report had been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board as part of the pre-decision scrutiny process. The Board fully supported the recommendations.

Resolved:

That Cabinet:

1. Approves an increase in the Council's Capital Programme to allow the upfront capital costs of the Forge Island development to be funded by the Council rather than a private investor, in order to provide best value to the taxpayer.
2. Approves the award of the contract for the delivery of the Forge Island Development to Muse Developments Limited.
3. Delegates authority to the Strategic Director of Regeneration of Environment, in consultation with the S151 Officer and the Cabinet Member for Jobs and Local Economy, to enter into the agreements necessary to give effect to the Forge Island Scheme.

63. CLIMATE EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN 2022/23

Consideration was given to the report which presented the updated Climate Emergency Action Plan 2022/23 which was attached at Appendix 1. The report also noted the progress towards the Council's NZ30 and NZ40 targets and noted the progress against the action outlined within the updated Climate Emergency Action Plan. Also included in the report was a summary of the key updates and risk along with an outline of the next steps to be taken. This included the development of a longer term Climate Emergency Action Plan for 2023/24.

A progress summary was included at paragraph 2.13 of the report and included the following:

- Successful recruitment of the Climate Change Delivery Team.
- Improved utilisation of climate related data – this will further the understanding of carbon emission reductions and inform future actions taken to reach the NZ30 and NZ40 targets.
- Successful negotiation of a change to the BDR contract that incentivises the contractor to divert more from landfill. As a result, the percentage of residual waste sent to landfill has decreased to 0.6%, meaning that 99.4% of waste is now diverted from landfill.
- Initial pilot of Carbon Literacy Training complete, with a view to rolling this out to staff and Elected Members from the end of 2022 and into

2023.

- Additional funding opportunities have been awarded. E.g., £1.5 million from Wave 1 of the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund.
- Established the housing stock emission baselines of Council-owned homes.

The next steps included the development of a new Climate Emergency Action Plan which would form part of the annual update that would be presented to Cabinet in March 2023. The Climate Change Project Board continued to meet monthly and continued to review and update that Action Plan.

Resolved:

That Cabinet approve the Climate Emergency Action Plan in Appendix 1.

64. OUTCOMES FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD RELATING TO THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER'S TAKEOVER CHALLENGE - CLIMATE CHANGE

On 16th March, 2022, the Children's Commissioner's Takeover was held in Rotherham with climate change as the theme for this year's challenge. Rotherham Youth Cabinet had climate change as one of their key priorities in their manifesto.

Appendix 1 to the report set out the recommendations following the Children's Commissioner's Takeover Challenge and the proposed response for Cabinet to consider. The recommendations developed by the Youth Cabinet focussed on:

- Enhanced action to reduce pollution and single-use plastics.
- Strengthening inclusive engagement with young people on the climate and environment agenda for Rotherham including through the development of an Environmental Awards Scheme for Rotherham Schools.
- Increased provision of carbon literacy training/awareness raising.

The recommendations had been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board in July 2022 who recommended that they be considered by Cabinet.

Resolved:

That the Cabinet response to the Children's Commissioners Takeover Challenge on Climate Change be approved.

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65. 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.

66. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:-

That the next meeting of the Cabinet be held on Monday, 21st November 2022, commencing at 10.00 a.m. in Rotherham Town Hall.

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Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Council – 30 November 2022

Report Title

Amendments to appointment of Members to Committees, Boards and Panels.

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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Borough-Wide

Report Summary

This report informs Council of amendments to the nomination of Members to serve on Committees, Boards and Panels.

Recommendations

Council agrees the amendments to the nominations of Members to serve on the Committees, Boards and Panels as listed in the Mayor's Letter for the November Council Meeting.

List of Appendices Included

None

Background Papers

Membership of Political Groups on the Council, Political Balance and Entitlement to Seats to Full Council on 25 May 2022.

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

None

Council Approval Required

Yes

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

Amendments to appointment of Members to Committees, Boards and Panels.

1. Background

- 1.1 At its meeting on 25 May 2022, Council agreed the appointment of Members to committees, boards and panels, as set out on the schedule which was tabled at the meeting in the Mayor's Letter.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 Members are reminded that Section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 states that where the Council has determined the allocation to different Groups of the seats to which the Act applies, it shall be the duty of the authority to give effect to a Group's wishes about who is to be appointed to the seats that they have been allocated.
- 2.2 Democratic Services have received notification that it has become necessary to make amendments to appointment of Members to serve on the committees, boards, and panels, that will be detailed in the Mayor's Letter when issued.

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 2.3 No alternative options were considered.
- 2.4 It is recommended that the appointments to the Committees, Boards and Panels be amended and noted as detailed in the Mayor's Letter for the November Council meeting.

3. Consultation on proposal

- 3.1 Consultation has taken place within the political groups themselves and with the members concerned.

4. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 4.1 The amendments to the appointment of Members to the Committees, Boards and Panels listed in the Mayor's Letter will take affect from 30 November 2022, once approved.
- 4.2 Officers from within the Governance Unit will contact the members being appointed to those committees, boards, and panels to discuss their appointment and arrange any required committee specific training prior to the next schedule meeting.

5. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial and procurement implications directly arising from this report.

6. Legal Advice and Implications

- 6.1 The composition and allocation of membership of the above bodies has been based on the relevant legislative requirements in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

7. Human Resources Advice and Implications

- 7.1 There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

8. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

- 8.1 The appointment of members to serve on committees and other bodies of the council will indirectly impact on children and young people and vulnerable adults through the activities and decisions of those bodies. There are no apparent direct implications at the time of writing this report.

9. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

- 9.1 There are no equalities implications arising from the report. Political groups are required to have regard to the provisions of the Equality Act 2010 when nominating Member appointments to committees and other offices.

10. Implications for CO₂ Emissions and Climate Change

- 10.1 There are no implications for CO₂ Emissions and Climate Change arising from this report.

11. Implications for Partners

- 11.1 The appointment of councillors to serve on external bodies and partnerships is designed to have a positive impact on the council's relationship with those organisations and enhance the relationship through the presence of accountable and elected representatives.

12. Risks and Mitigation

- 12.1 By having regard to the detail of the report above in respect of meeting statutory requirements, any risk implications will have been mitigated. Consequently, there are no risks to be borne in mind in respect of the recommendations.

13. Accountable Officer(s)

Emma Hill, Head of Democratic Services

Approvals obtained on behalf of:

	Named Officer	Date
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	16/11/22

Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	22/11/22
Assistant Director of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Phillip Horsfield	15/11/22
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Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Council – 30 November 2022

Report Title

Overview and Scrutiny Update – Improving Lives Select Commission

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

No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

Jo Brown, Assistant Chief Executive

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Ward(s) Affected

Borough-Wide

Report Summary

The purpose of Overview and Scrutiny updates to Council is to highlight and summarise recent work carried out by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) and the Select Commissions - Health (HSC), Improving Lives (ILSC) and Improving Places (IPSC). This report focuses on the recent scrutiny work of Improving Lives Select Commission and includes a summary of its Work Programme for 2022-23.

Recommendations

1. That the report be received and noted.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 Improving Lives Select Commission Work Programme

Background Papers

Constitution of the Council, Appendix 9 – Responsibility for Functions, Section 5 – Terms of Reference for Committees, Boards and Panels

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

None

Council Approval Required

Yes

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

Overview and Scrutiny Update – Improving Lives Select Commission

1. Background

- 1.1 The remit of Improving Lives Select Commission is to carry out in-depth overview and scrutiny reviews as directed by OSMB, including scrutiny of:-
- the ‘Every Child Matters’ agenda (note Health Select Commission responsibilities);
 - the “Think Family” and early intervention/ prevention agendas;
 - other cross-cutting services provided specifically for children and young people;
 - the implementation of Rotherham’s plans to tackle Child Sexual Exploitation.
- 1.2 The primary Council Performance Priorities (Council Plan 2022-25) associated with the remit of Improving Lives Select Commission are:-

Theme 1 – Every neighbourhood thriving

Theme 2: People are safe, healthy and live well

Theme 3: Every child able to fulfil their potential

Furthermore, Scrutiny Select Commissions of the Council contribute to the overarching theme of “One Council”, supporting the governance function of scrutiny and strengthening the Council’s effectiveness by listening and responding to the voice of Rotherham residents.

2. Scrutiny Activity - improving Lives Select Commission

- 2.1 A summary of the Work Programme is attached as Appendix 1. Since the beginning of the current municipal year, the Commission’s work has focussed on child exploitation, Children and Young People’s Service performance outturn, adult safeguarding performance and special educational needs and disability provision. Both adult and children’s safeguarding activity will feature on future agendas, with relevant partners being invited to give account of performance in these areas.
- 2.2 The next meeting of ILSC will focus on the outcomes of the OFSTED inspection and the draft action plan. An update of the progress in the implementation of the recommendations arising from the scrutiny review of Post-Abuse Support will be presented to a meeting early in the new year.

Pre-decision scrutiny activity

- 2.3 The Commission was invited by the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People to review two major strategies prior to decision being taken at Cabinet. The Chair of OSMB supported these requests, attending both meetings.
- 2.4 The draft Looked After Children and Care Leavers Sufficiency Strategy (2023-2028) was considered at Improving Lives Select Commission on 6 September 2022. The Commission’s discussions focussed on alignment of performance measures with the aspirations articulated in the strategy,

improving outcomes for looked after children and care leavers and sharing the foster carer 'offer' widely across all communities in Rotherham to encourage greater take-up. The recommendations made have been incorporated into the development of the strategy and associated governance arrangements.

- 2.5 A workshop session was held to discuss the draft Early Help Strategy in mid-September. The purpose of the meeting was to comment and influence the priorities, strategic direction and the delivery of the Early Help 'offer', identifying challenges and potential solutions.
- 2.6 The cross-party working group made wide-ranging recommendations which focussed on the broad principles underpinning the early help offer; measuring impact; links to neighbourhood working; communication and learning and development.

Joint working

- 2.7 Members of ILSC were invited to attend a special meeting of OSMB held on 27 May to discuss the outcomes of the independent report into Child Sexual Exploitation undertaken by a team commissioned by the Rotherham Safeguarding Children's Partnership and received by the Council on 13 May 2022.
- 2.8 Members were able to question the report authors' findings in-depth to establish how they had arrived at their conclusions and what evidence had been considered. The Review Team provided assurance that there are robust partnership processes in place to address concerns when they came in. Evidence had been provided to support that conclusion
- 2.9 A series of recommendations emerged from the meeting which included the following areas:
 - Training and awareness raising for elected members;
 - Maintaining partnership engagement with scrutiny activity
 - Communications
 - Clarity about how concerns are escalated
 - Ensuring that the voice of survivor is heard
 - Performance monitoring.

Review of progress will be considered by ILSC in due course.

- 2.10 Recently a joint spotlight review of the Cultural Strategy was presented to Overview and Scrutiny Management Board. The review sought assurances that isolation during the pandemic and financial limitations would not prevent young people across the Borough from having fun things to do and safe places to go.
- 2.11 This recommendation will be submitted to Cabinet on 19 December 2022.

- 2.12 Work is planned with Health Select Commission to review Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services. This has been a critical concern for both Commissions.
- 2.13 Members of ILSC have been invited to join other Health Select Commission meetings focussing of Adult Mental Health and Intermediate Care and Enablement.

Local Government Association “Effective Scrutiny of Children’s Services”

- 2.14 ILSC was asked to be considered as part of a LGA learning and development programme. The LGA sessions were part of a wider national pilot to strengthen scrutiny of children’s services (Rotherham is one of a few authorities participating) and the LGA has received funding from the Department for Education to support this work.
- 2.15 The first workshop took place on 4 October. It was an interactive session and focussed on different approaches to scrutiny of children services and how to make it more effective. The second session took place on 25 October using practical examples to plan and scope scrutiny activity. The outcomes of the workshops are being built into the scrutiny work programme.

Reviews

- 2.16 Using the tools and techniques introduced in the LGA workshop, a spotlight review is planned to take place in the new year focussing on the evaluation of the learning from the “Young Producers programme”.
- 2.17 The programme, funded by the Community Renewal Fund, was an innovative project to give young people skills training and opportunities in the creative/cultural sectors. The purpose of the review would be to see what lessons can be used to inform the ongoing work of the Children’s Capital of Culture programme.

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 3.1 Members are asked to note the report and continue to participate in the development of scrutiny work programmes for 2022-23. As an information report, there are no alternative options or proposals to consider.

4. Consultation on proposal

- 4.1 Whilst this report is submitted to fulfil the constitutional requirement to share updates on scrutiny activity, it is submitted for information and therefore no consultation has been undertaken directly on this report. The work programme of the Council’s scrutiny bodies is developed by Members in consultation with officers, partners and stakeholders.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 5.1 There is no decision for the Council to make beyond noting the information detailed within this report.
- 5.2 The Head of Democratic Services is accountable for the effectiveness of the scrutiny function as the Statutory Scrutiny Officer, but the Cabinet are also accountable for the implementation of any agreed recommendations arising from scrutiny activity.

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

- 6.1 There are no financial or procurement implications directly associated with this report. In the event that there are implications arising directly from scrutiny activity or recommendations on specific subjects these will be reported to the Cabinet and Council when considering the proposed and agreed response of the Cabinet to those recommendations.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

- 7.1 There are no legal implications directly associated with this report. In considering this report, the Council is meeting the requirement set out in the Council's Procedure Rules to consider a regular update in respect of the outcomes of the scrutiny function.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

- 8.1 There are no human resources implications directly arising from this report.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

- 9.1 Any recommendations emerging from this item which have implications for children and young people and vulnerable adults will be forwarded to the relevant agency for consideration and response.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

- 10.1 Whilst there are no equalities or human rights implications directly arising from this report, it should be noted that scrutiny activity focuses on the equalities duty on the Council and its partners in considering proposals or service impacts that reported to Overview and Scrutiny Management Board and the Select Commissions.

11. Implications for CO₂ Emissions and Climate Change

- 11.1 There are no implications for CO₂ Emissions and Climate Change directly arising from this report.

12. Implications for Partners

- 12.1 There are no implications for partners directly arising from this report.

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 There are no risks associated with this report.

Accountable Officer(s)

Emma Hill, Head of Democratic Services and Statutory Scrutiny Officer

Approvals obtained on behalf of:-

	Named Officer	Date
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	14/11/22
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	10/11/22
Assistant Director of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Phil Horsfield	10/11/22

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Appendix 1

Improving Lives Select Commission – Summary Work Programme 2022/23

Meeting Date	Agenda Item
14 June 2022	End of year performance report on Child Exploitation
26 July 2022	Adult Safeguarding
	CYPS Performance
28 July 2022	Carers Strategy/Support for Carers
Health Select Commission	
6 September 2022	Looked After Children's Care Leavers Sufficiency Strategy
	Special Educational Needs and Disability inspection Written Statement of Action
21 September 2022	Draft Early Help Strategy
25 October 2022	– LGA Workshop 2 in lieu of formal meeting
24 November 2022	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)
6 December 2022	Rotherham Youth Justice Service Progress Report
	OFSTED – Draft Action Plan
26 January 2023	Place Partners - Adult Mental Health Services
31 January 2023	Legislation Update
	One Adoption SY
	Review Scoping: Pandemic Related Risks to Children's Development
	Update – Post Abuse Support
7 March 2023	TBC
9 March 2023	Intermediate Care and Reablement
Health Select Commission	
25 April 2023	TBC

To schedule:

Rotherham Safeguarding Children's Partnership

Adult Safeguarding

Special Educational Needs and Disability Sufficiency (Phase 4)

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Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Council – 30 November 2022

Report Title

Draft Calendar of Meetings for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 Municipal Years

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

No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

Jo Brown, Assistant Chief Executive

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Ward(s) Affected

Borough-Wide

Report Summary

The Council amended the Procedure Rules in the Constitution in September 2017 to require the Calendar of Meetings to be presented for approval at the Budget Council meeting. Following feedback from Members, it was agreed that a report be presented in advance of the Budget Council meeting, setting out the draft Calendars for the next two Municipal Years. This is to enable Members to have advanced notice of when meetings will take place.

Recommendations

1. That Council note the Draft Calendar of Meetings for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 Municipal Years.
2. That, in accordance with the Council Procedure Rules (Part 1 – Council Meetings; Section 4 – Budget Council Meeting,) a report be brought back to Council at the Budget Council Meeting in March 2023 to formally approve the Calendar of Meetings for the 2023-24 Municipal Year and the indicative Calendar of Meetings for the 2024-25 Municipal Year.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 Draft Calendar of Meetings 2023-24

Appendix 2 Draft Indicative Calendar of Meetings 2024-25

Background Papers

[Rotherham MBC Constitution](#)

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

No

Council Approval Required

Yes

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

Draft Calendar of Meetings for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 Municipal Years

1. Background

- 1.1 The Council's Procedure Rules within the Council's Constitution requires that the Calendar of Meetings be presented at the Budget Council meeting and specifies the type and number of Council meetings to be held within the municipal year.
- 1.2 Following feedback from Members, it was agreed that a report be presented in advance of the Budget Council meeting, setting out the draft Calendars for the next two Municipal Years. This is to enable Members to have advanced notice of when meetings will take place.
- 1.3 It is good practice to set meeting dates in advance for the forthcoming year and to provide an indicative schedule for the following year.
- 1.4 This approach enables the Council to have robust governance arrangements in place to facilitate informed decision-making.
- 1.5 It also ensures that standard items can be presented to the various Committee, Boards and Panels at the most appropriate times during the year.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 The Council's Procedure Rules in the Constitution require that the Calendar of Meetings be presented for approval at the Budget Council meeting. As such, this report is presented for Members to note in advance of that meeting.
- 2.2 At the Budget Council meeting in March 2023, the 2023-24 Calendar will be presented for approval. Members will also be asked to note the indicative 2024-25 Calendar.
- 2.3 The 2024-25 Calendar is titled 'indicative', since the bank holidays and school holidays for this time period are yet to be confirmed and as such, changes could be required.
- 2.4 It is anticipated that this process will continue and a report will be brought to Council in November 2023 asking Members to note the draft 2024-25 and 2025-26 Municipal Calendars. Both will then be presented to Council in March 2024 with Members being asked to approve the 2024-25 Calendar and note the indicative 2025-26 Calendar.
- 2.5 The Council's Constitution states that there should be an Annual meeting, a Budget Council meeting, and a minimum of six ordinary Council meetings per year. The proposed schedule of meetings meets that requirement.

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 3.1 No alternative options were considered because it is best practice that the Council sets its meeting dates in advance.
- 3.2 It is recommended that Council note the Draft Calendar of Meetings for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 Municipal Years. It is also recommended that, in accordance with the Council Procedure Rules (Part 1 – Council Meetings; Section 4 – Budget Council Meeting,) a report be brought back to Council at the Budget Council Meeting in March 2023 to formally approve the Calendar of Meetings for the 2023-24 Municipal Year and the indicative Calendar of Meetings for the 2024-25 Municipal Year.

4. Consultation on proposal

- 4.1 When setting the draft meeting dates, Democratic Services have been mindful to take account of the meeting dates of some of the Council's partner organisations to avoid conflicts where possible.
- 4.2 Consultation has also taken place with officers to ensure that where needed, meeting dates coincide with the Council's statutory reporting requirements.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 5.1 The determination of the Calendar of Council and Committee meetings for the ensuing municipal year is a matter for the Council.
- 5.2 The Head of Democratic Services supported by the Governance Manager will be responsible for the implementation of the meetings calendar for 2023-24 and 2024-25.

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

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

7. Legal Advice and Implications

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

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

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

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

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

11. Implications for CO₂ Emissions and Climate Change

- 11.1 There are no direct implications for CO₂ Emissions and Climate Change associated with this report.

12. Implications for Partners

- 12.1 There are no direct implications for partners arising from this report.

13. Risks and Mitigation

- 13.1 There are no risks directly associated with this report.

Accountable Officer(s)

Emma Hill, Head of Democratic Services
Barbel Gale, Governance Manager

Approvals obtained on behalf of:

	Named Officer	Date
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	22/02/22
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	22/02/22
Head of Legal Services (Deputy Monitoring Officer)	Bal Nahal	22/02/22
Assistant Director of Human Resources (if appropriate)	n/a	
Head of Human Resources (if appropriate)	n/a	

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Appendix 1 - May 2023 - May 2024

May-23				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Bank Holiday	2	3	4	5
8 Bank Holiday	9 1.30 - Improving Places Select Commission	10 10.00 - OSMB	11 10.00 Licensing Bd Sub	12
15 10.00 - Cabinet	16	17	18 9.00 - Planning Board	19 2.00 - Ceremonial Annual Council
22	23	24 2.00 - Council Meeting - Business	25	26
29 Bank Holiday	30	31		

Jun-23				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
5 10.00 Licensing Bd Sub	6 1.30 - Improving Places Select Commission	7 2.00 - Audit Committee	8 9.00 - Planning Board	9
12	13 10.00 - Improving Lives Select Commission 4.30 - CPP	14 10.00 - OSMB	15 10.00 - Local Admission Forum 2.00 - Standards and Ethics Committee	16
19 10.00 - Cabinet	20	21	22 2.00 - Education Consultative Committee	23 8.30 - Rotherham Schools Forum
26 9.00 - SY Waste Board 9.30 - BDR Waste Board	27	28 9.00 - HWBB	29 9.00 - Planning Board 4.00 - SACRE 5.00 - Health Select Commission	30

Jul-23				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5 10.00 - OSMB	6	7
10 10.00 - Cabinet	11 1.30 - Improving Places Select Commission	12 1.30 - RMBC/Trade Union JCC	13 2.00 - Health, Welfare and Safety Panel	14
17	18	19 2.00 - Council	20 9.00 - Planning Board	21
24 10.00 Licensing Board Sub	25 10.00 - Improving Lives Select Commission	26 10.00 - Transportation Advisory Group	27 2.00 - Audit Committee 5.00 - Health Select Commission	28
31				

Aug-23				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10 9.00 - Planning Board	11
14 10.00 Licensing Board Sub	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28 BANK HOLIDAY	29	30	31 9.00 - Planning Board	

Sep-23				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1
4 9.00 - SYWB 9.30 - BDR WB 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub	5	6	7	8
11	12 10.00 Improving Lives Select Commission 3.30 - CPP	13 10.00 - OSMB	14 2.00 - Standards and Ethic Committee	15
18 10.00 - Cabinet	19 1.30 - Improving Places Select Commission	20	21 9.00 - Planning Board 4.00 - SACRE	22 8.30 - Rotherham Schools Forum
25 10.00 Licensing Board Sub	26 2.00 - Audit Committee	27 9.00 - HWBB	28 5.00 - Health Select Commission	29

Oct-23				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4 2.00 - Council	5	6
9 10.00 - Licensing Board	10	11 10.00 - OSMB	12 9.00 - Planning Board 2.00 - Education Consultative Committee	13
16 10.00 - Cabinet	17	18 1.30 - RMBC/Trade Union JCC	19 2.00 - Health, Welfare and Safety Panel	20
23 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub	24 1.30 - Improving Places Select Commission	25 10.00 - Transportation Advisory Group	26	27
30	31 10.00 - Improving Lives Select Commission			

Nov-23				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2 9.00 - Planning Board	3
6	7	8	9 2.00 - Standards and Ethics Committee	10
13 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub	14	15 10.00 - OSMB	16 10.00 - Local Admissions Forum	17 8.30 - Rotherham Schools Forum
20 10.00 - Cabinet	21	22 9.00 - HWBB	23 9.00 - Planning Board 5.00 - Health Select Commission	24
27	28 2.00 - Audit Committee	29 2.00 - Council	30	

Dec-23				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1
4 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub	5 10.00 - Improving Lives Select Commission	6	7 4.00 - SACRE	8
11 9.00 - SYWB 9.30 - BDR WB	12 1.30 - Improving Places Select Commission 4.30 - CPP	13 10.00 - OSMB	14 9.00 - Planning Board	15
18 10.00 - Cabinet	19	20	21	22
25 BANK HOLIDAY	26 BANK HOLIDAY	27	28	29

Jan-24				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 BANK HOLIDAY	2	3	4	5
8	9 2.00 - Audit Committee	10	11	12 8.30 - Rotherham Schools Forum
15 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub	16 2.00 - OSMB	17 2.00 - Council	18 9.00 - Planning Board 2.00 - Standards and Ethics Committee	19
22 10.00 - Cabinet	23	24 9.00 - HWBB 1.30 - RMBC/Trade Union JCC	25 2.00 - Health, Welfare and Safety Panel 5.00 - Health Select Commission	26
29 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub	30 10.00 - Improving Lives Select Commission	31		

Feb-24				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 10.00 - Local Admissions Forum	2
5	6 1.30 - Improving Places Select Commission	7 10.00 - OSMB	8 9.00 - Planning Board 2.00 - Education Consultative Committee	9
12 10.00 - Cabinet	13	14 10.00 - Staffing Committee	15	16
19 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub	20	21 10.00 - OSMB	22	23
26	27	28 2.00 - Council	29 9.00 - Planning Board	

Mar-24				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1
4 9.00 - SYWB 9.30 - BDR WB	5 10.00 - Improving Lives Select Commission	6 10.00 - Transportation Advisory Group	7 2.00 - Standards and Ethics Committee 5.00 - Health Select Commission	8
11 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub	12 2.00 - Audit Committee	13 10.00 - OSMB	14	15
18 10.00 - Cabinet	19 1.30 - Improving Places Select Commission 4.30 - Corporate Parenting Panel	20	21 9.00 - Planning Board 4.00 SACRE	22
25	26	27 9.00 - HWBB	28	29 GOOD FRIDAY

Apr-24				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 EASTER MONDAY	2	3	4	5
8 10.00 Licensing Board Sub	9	10 10.00 - OSMB	11 9.00 - Planning Board	12
15 10.00 - Cabinet	16	17	18 2.00 - Health, Welfare and Safety Panel	19
22	23	24 1.30 - RMBC/Trade Union JCC	25	26 8.30 - Rotherham Schools Forum
29	30			

May-24				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2 ELECTIONS	3
6 BANK HOLIDAY	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16 9.00 - Planning Board	17 2.00 - Annual Council Meeting - Ceremonial
20	21	22 2.00 - Annual Council Meeting - Business	23	24
27 BANK HOLIDAY	28	29	30	31

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Appendix 2 - May 2024 - May 2025

May-24				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2 ELECTIONS	3
6 BANK HOLIDAY	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16 9.00 Planning Board	17 2.00 - Annual Council Meeting - Ceremonial
20	21	22 2.00 - Annual Council Meeting - Business	23	24
27 BANK HOLIDAY	28	29	30	31

Jun-24				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4 1.30 - Improving Places Select Commission	5 10.00 Transportation Advisory Group	6 9.00 - Planning Board	7
10 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub 10.00 - Cabinet	11 10.00 - Improving Lives Select Commission 4.30 - CPP	12 10.00 - OSMB	13 10.00 - Local Admissions Forum 2.00 - Standards and Ethics Committee	14
17	18	19	20 2.00 - Education Consultative Committee	21 8.30 - Rotherham Schools Forum
24 9.00 - SY Waste Board 9.30 - BDR Waste Board	25 2.00 - Audit Committee	26 9.00 - Health and Wellbeing Board	27 9.00 - Planning Board 4.00 - SACRE 5.00 - Health Select Commission	28

Jul-24				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub	2	3 10.00 - OSMB	4	5
8 10.00 - Cabinet	9 1.30 - Improving Places Select Commission	10 1.30 - RMBC/Trade Union JCC	11 2.00 - Health, Welfare and Safety Panel	12
15	16	17 2.00 - Council	18 9.00 - Planning Board	19
22 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub	23 10.00 - Improving Lives Select Commission	24 10.00 - Transportation Advisory Group	25 5.00 - Health Select Commission	26
29	30 2.00 - Audit Committee	31		

Aug-24				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
5	6	7	8 9.00 - Planning Board	9
12 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26 BANK HOLIDAY	27	28	29 9.00 - Planning Board	30

Sep-24				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 9.00 - SYWB 9.30 - BDR JWB 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub	3	4	5	6
9	10 10.00 - Improving Lives Select Commission 4.30 - CPP	11 10.00 - OSMB	12 2.00 - Standards and Ethics Committee	13 8.30 - Rotherham Schools Forum
16 10.00 - Cabinet	17 1.30 - Improving Places Select Commission	18	19 9.00 Planning Board 4.00 - SACRE	20
23	24	25 HWBB	26 2.00 - Audit Committee 5.00 - Health Select	27
30 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub				

Oct-24				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2 2.00 - Council	3	4
7	8	9 10.00 - OSMB	10 9.00 - Planning Board 2.00 - Education Consultative Committee	11
14 10.00 - Cabinet	15	16 1.30 - RMBC/Trade Union JCC	17 2.00 - Health, Welfare and Safety Panel	18
21 9.30 - Licensing Board Sub	22 1.30 - Improving Places Select Commission	23 10.00 - Transportation Advisory Group	24	25
28	29 10.00 - Improving Lives Select Commission	30	31 9.00 - Planning Board	

Nov-24				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1
4 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub	5	6	7	8
11	12	13 10.00 - OSMB	14 10.00 - Local Admissions Forum 2.00 - Standards and Ethics Committee	15 8.30 - Rotherham Schools Forum
18 10.00 - Cabinet	19	20	21 9.00 - Planning Board 5.00 - Health Select Commission	22
25 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub	26 2.00 - Audit Committee	27 9.00 - HWBB 2.00 - Council	28	29

Dec-24				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3 10.00 - Improving Lives Select Commission	4	5 4.00 - SACRE	6
9 9.00 - SY WB 9.30 - BDR JWB	10 1.30 - Improving Places Select Commission 4.30 - CPP	11 10.00 - OSMB	12 9.00 - Planning Board	13
16 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub 10.00 - Cabinet	17	18	19	20
23	24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 BOXING DAY	27
30	31			

Jan-25				
<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
		1 NEW YEARS DAY	2	3
6	7 2.00 - Audit Committee	8	9	10
13 10.00 Licensing Board Sub	14 2.00 - OSMB	15 2.00 - Council	16 9.00 - Planning Board 2.00 - Standards and Ethics Committee	17 8.30 - Rotherham Schools Forum
20 10.00 - Cabinet	21	22 9.00 - HWBB 1.30 - RMBC/Trade Union JCC	23 2.00 - Health, Welfare and Safety Panel 5.00 - Health Select Commission	24
27	28 10.00 - Improving Lives Select Commission	29	30	31

Feb-25				
<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
3 10.00 Licensing Board Sub	4 1.30 - Improving Places Select Commission	5 10.00 - OSMB	6 9.00 - Planning Board 2.00 - Education Consultative Committee	7
10 10.00 - Cabinet	11	12 10.00 - Staffing Committee	13 10.00 - Local Admissions Forum	14
17	18	19 10.00 - OSMB	20	21
24 10.00 Licensing Board Sub	25	26	27 9.00 - Planning Board	28

Mar-25				
<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
3 9.00 - SY WB 9.30 BDR JWB	4 10.00 - Improvuing Lives Select Commission	5 2.00 - Council	6 5.00 - Health Select Commission	7
10	11 2.00 - Audit Committee	12 10.00 - OSMB	13 2.00 - Standards and Ethics Committee	14
17 10.00 - Cabinet	18 1.30 - Improving Places Select Commission	19 10.00 Transportation	20 9.00 - Planning Board	21
24 10.00 Licensing Board Sub	25 4.30 - Corporate Parenting Panel	26 9.00 HWBB	27 4.00 - SACRE	28
31				

Apr-25				
<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
	1	2	3 2.00 - Health, Welfare and Safety Panel	4
7 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub	8 10.00 - OSMB	9 2.00 - Council Meeting	10 9.00 - Planning Board	11 8.30 - Rotherham Schools Forum
14 10.00 - Cabinet	15	16 1.30 - RMBC/Trade Union JCC	17 5.00 - Health Select Commission	18 GOOD FRIDAY
21 EASTER MONDAY	22 10.00 - Improving Lives Select Commission	23	24	25
28 10.00 Licensing Board Sub	29	30		

May-25				
<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
			1 9.00 - Planning Board	2
5 BANK HOLIDAY	6	7	8	9
12 10.00 - Cabinet	13	14	15	16 2.00 - Annual Council Meeting - Ceremonial
19 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub	20	21 2.00 - Annual Council Meeting - Business	22 9.00 - Planning Board	23
26 BANK HOLIDAY	27	28	29	30

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KILNHURST AND SWINTON EAST WARD



Councillor
Victoria Cusworth



Councillor
Stuart Sansome

Report to Full Council

November 2022

Ward priorities

- Every child making the best start in life
- Every adult secure, responsible and empowered
- A strong community in a clean, safe environment
- Extending opportunity, prosperity and planning for the future
- Support for the cost-of-living crisis

How these ward priorities were agreed

We used a range of information to inform our Ward Plan priorities for the Kilnhurst and Swinton East Ward: -

- The new Ward boundaries and Ward profile.
- Feedback from residents and stakeholders
- Speaking to local organisations and individuals, and partners working and/or living within the Ward
- Existing local knowledge

How these ward priorities support the Thriving Neighbourhoods strategy

Our approach to ward working has been centred on the Thriving Neighbourhoods Strategy by putting our community at the heart of everything we do by: -

- Working with communities on the things that matter to them
- Listening and working together to make a difference

Working in partnership

We have worked with colleagues within the Council and also: -

- South Yorkshire Police
- South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service
- Kilnhurst Church
- Kilnhurst Resource Centre
- Schools throughout the ward

Progress so far

Every child making the best start in life – Our ward has two areas with higher levels of deprivation than the rest of our ward, so we have concentrated our efforts and resources to provide free activities for children. This started in 2021 with a Santa's Grotto for the children of the Fitzwilliam Estate. It was a great success and enabled the Council's Early Help Team the opportunity to promote their service to families as they waited to see Santa. Following the success of the event we are looking to repeat it on the Fitzwilliam Estate and roll out to Kilnhurst Village too.

Every adult secure, responsible and empowered – We have just one Council Neighbourhood Centre in our ward. We have been working with tenants to empower them to come together, enjoy one another's company and make best use of the community facility that they have on their road. This started with a free monthly coffee morning then included a trip to the Tenants Conference together. Next, we are looking at supporting them to run a lunch club and take trips out to other locations as a group.

A strong community in a clean, safe environment – To support our ward being a clean and safe environment for residents to live we fully support the provision of community skips working in partnership with the Council's Housing Team and contractors Mears. Where appropriate we have provided match funding for the skips to enable residents to attend as well as Council tenants. We continue to support the work of the Kilnhurst Grafters a group of volunteers who tirelessly litter pick regularly throughout the ward.

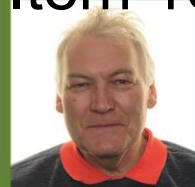
Extending opportunity, prosperity and planning for the future - An information roadshow was arranged giving residents of Kilnhurst the opportunity to call in and receive information and advice from the Environment Agency about flood defence works, energy efficiency and money matters advice from Rotherfed, employment advice and training opportunities from the Councils Inspire project, safety advice from partners such as South Yorkshire Police and South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service. Information on what the Council's Early Help Team have to offer local families.

Support for the cost-of-living crisis – We are keen to help any projects supporting the cost of living crisis for local families. We are also inviting agencies to join us to give out useful information to residents attending Christmas events in 2022





Councillor
Gina Monk



Councillor
Ken Wyatt

Report to Full Council

November 2022

Ward priorities

- Environment improvements
- Enhancing facilities and activities for children and young people
- Community facility / activities including celebrating local heritage
- Addressing crime and anti-social behaviour
- Support for the cost-of-living crisis

How these ward priorities were agreed

We used a range of information to inform our Ward Plan priorities for the Swinton Rockingham Ward:-

- The new Ward boundaries and Ward profile.
- Feedback from residents and stakeholders
- Speaking to local organisations and individuals, and partners working and/or living within the Ward
- Existing local knowledge

How these ward priorities support the Thriving Neighbourhoods strategy

Our approach to ward working has been centred on the Thriving Neighbourhoods Strategy by putting our community at the heart of everything we do by:-

- Working with communities on the things that matter to them
- Listening and working together to make a difference

Working in partnership

We have worked with colleagues within the Council and also: -

Swinton Community Focus Group, South Yorkshire Police, Highfield Court, Swinton Community Sports Ground Trust, St Margaret's Church, St Johns Church, Friends of Swinton Station, Local businesses and Schools throughout the ward

Progress so far

Environmental improvements – We are very passionate about the cleanliness of our streets and green spaces and support the dedicated work of the Swinton Community Focus Group who are out regularly in our ward litter picking. We also work closely with the Council's Housing Department to enable as many community skips to be provided as possible with two new skip locations having been piloted this year to allow more residents in our ward the opportunity to get involved. We have recently provided funding to the Swinton Community Focus Group to plant new trees in the ward to remember those lost or who suffered hardship in the ward during the Covid 19 pandemic, for the Queens Jubilee and in memory of Her Majesty the Queen.

Enhancing facilities and activities for children and young people – We have identified a park in our ward that has a lot of underused space and potential for more facilities to be provided for the community to enjoy. As part of a number of projects being investigated, we have rolled up our sleeves and taken charge of the paint brushes to give a new lease of life to Thomas Streets goal posts, swing frame and entrance gate.

Community facility / activities including celebrating local heritage – We have been actively encouraging residents to discover and use the wonderful historic site of Pottery Ponds. We arranged a free Teddy Bears Picnic in the summer of 2022 which was a fantastic success. We funded the hire of some fun games for children to enjoy and Rotherham United came along to undertake some football skills sessions with young people. The Council's Museum Service opened the Waterloo Kiln for residents to see inside and learn more about the Rockingham Pottery history at the site. Partners such as the Police, the Council's Early Help Team and Rotherfed came along with stalls to offer residents information on the work they do.

Addressing crime, ASB and improving community safety – Swinton was fortunate to receive funding from the South Yorkshire Crime Commissioner to tackle crime across the Dearne Valley. The funding has allowed the purchase of a number of CCTV cameras for use on lamp posts, automatic number plate recognition cameras have been purchased, free smart water property marking kits were offered to residents along with a large amount of crime prevention advice and public events were run where residents could speak to the Police and collect free crime prevention goods. Vehicle speeding is also an important issue for our ward, so we are working closely with the Local Police Team and support them on Community Speed Watch sessions. We are undertaking several high-visibility estate walkabouts with partners which have been an excellent opportunity for residents to speak to officers about their concerns too.

Support for the cost-of-living crisis – We have continued to support local food banks and promoted a fabulous community led initiative to enable parents to donate school uniforms that their children have grown out of but are still in good condition and allow parents the opportunity to get the school uniform items their children need for free.



NOTICE OF MOTION - ROTHERHAM BYELAWS - APPENDIX 1

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19th March, 1987.

The Chief Superintendent,
South Yorkshire Police,
Main Street,
ROTHERHAM.

For the attention of Inspector Cooke

Dear Sir,

Byelaws - Good Rule and Government

Further to my letter of 26th January, 1987 I have now had the opportunity to have the above-mentioned Byelaws printed in booklet form and I enclose herewith one copy duly certified together with half a dozen other uncertified copies for general use.

Yours faithfully,

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

**BYELAWS FOR THE GOOD RULE
AND GOVERNMENT OF THE BOROUGH**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972
SECTION 235**

**Director of Legal and Administrative Services
Rotherham**

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

**BYELAWS FOR THE GOOD RULE
AND GOVERNMENT OF THE BOROUGH**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972
SECTION 235**

**Director of Legal and Administrative Services
Rotherham**

BYELAWS FOR THE GOOD RULE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE BOROUGH

BYELAWS for the good rule and government of the Borough of Rotherham (hereinafter called "The Borough") and for the prevention of nuisances, made by the Council of the Borough in pursuance of Section 235 of the Local Government Act 1972 at a meeting of the Council held on the Fifth day of November 1986.

USE OF MOTOR CYCLES AND OTHER VEHICLES

1. No person shall ride, drive or operate any motor bicycle or other mechanically propelled vehicle not intended or adapted for use on roads other than a vehicle constructed or adapted for the conveyance of an invalid on any open land within the Borough from which the public is not excluded, including footpaths and bridleways, not being land forming part of a road or public pleasure grounds or housing amenity green.

Provided that this byelaw shall not apply to any person taking part in a rally, trial, race or any other event held on any open land in pursuance of an agreement with the Council or landowner.
2. In this byelaw "public pleasure ground" includes any pleasure ground or open space to which the Borough's Pleasure Ground Byelaws may apply, as indicated in the schedule to such byelaws.
3. "Open land" means any land, whether enclosed or not, which is used as an amenity or for purposes of recreation or lies waste or unoccupied.
4. Every person contravening this byelaw shall be guilty of an offence and shall for every such offence be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £100.

C.S.

(THE COMMON SEAL of the Rotherham Borough
(Council was hereunto affixed this Fifth day of
(November 1986 in the presence of

D. BUCKLEY
Director of Legal and Administrative Services

The foregoing byelaw(s) are hereby confirmed by the Secretary of State and shall come into operation on the 28th day of January 1987.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

Q. J. THOMAS'
An Assistant Under-Secretary of State

14th January 1987
Home Office

The foregoing is a true copy of the byelaws as confirmed.

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DATED

5th November

1986

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

BYELAWS FOR THE GOOD RULE
AND GOVERNMENT OF THE BOROUGH

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

SECTION 235

DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
ROTHERHAM



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An Assistant Under-Secretary of State

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NOTICE OF MOTION – ROTHERHAM BYELAWS – APPENDIX 2

***COUNCILS SHOULD DOWNLOAD THIS MODEL BYELAW SET AND
ADAPT IT AS REQUIRED***

*The guidance notes for Model Byelaws Set 8 should be consulted when using these
Model Byelaws*

M O D E L B Y E L A W S – S E T 8

[Name of Council]

BYELAWS FOR GOOD RULE AND GOVERNMENT

ARRANGEMENT OF BYELAWS

1. General interpretation
2. [Application]
3. [Application]
4. [Application]
5. Riding on road margins and verges
6. Vehicles on road margins and verges
7. Skateboarding etc [- to prohibit skateboarding in designated areas]
8. Skateboarding etc [- to prohibit dangerous or nuisance skateboarding on
footpaths and roads]
9. Fairground attractions causing obstruction to traffic
10. Dangerous games near highways
11. Touting
12. Urinating, etc
13. Interference with life saving equipment
14. Climbing upon and hanging from bridges
15. Penalty
16. Revocation

SCHEDULE [1]

SCHEDULE [2]

Byelaws made under section 235 of the Local Government Act 1972 by *insert name of Council* for the good rule and government of the [Borough/District] of *insert name* and for the prevention and suppression of nuisances.

GENERAL INTERPRETATION

1. In these byelaws:

Select from the following list only terms to be used in the model byelaws which the Council proposes to adopt:

“carriageway” means a way constituting or comprised in a highway, being a way (other than a cycle track) over which the public have a right of way for the passage of vehicles;

“the Council” means *insert name of Council*;

“designated areas” means those areas designated in [byelaw 3/byelaw 4(3)] to these byelaws;

“footway” means a way comprised in a highway which also comprises a carriageway, being a way over which the public have a right of way on foot only;

“highway” means the whole or a part of a highway other than a ferry or waterway;

“road margin or verge” means land which is—

(a) adjacent to the carriageway of a highway [or between two carriageways of a highway], other than the carriageway of a trunk road vested in the Secretary of State, and

(b) laid or sown with grass or planted with trees, shrubs or plants, and mown or otherwise maintained in an ornamental condition by the Council;

“self-propelled vehicle” means a vehicle other than a cycle, wheelchair or pram which is propelled by the weight or force of one or more persons skating, sliding or riding on the vehicle or by one or more other persons pulling or pushing the vehicle;

“trunk road” means a highway, or a proposed highway, which is a trunk road by virtue of section 10(1) or section 19 of the Highways Act 1980 or by virtue of an order or direction under section 10 of that Act.

APPLICATION

Councils should adopt ONE of model byelaws 2, 3 and 4

2. These byelaws apply throughout the [Borough/District] of *insert name*.

3. These byelaws apply to the areas of *insert name of local authority area* designated in [the Schedule] [Schedule 1] [and delineated by black hatching on the plan attached to these byelaws].
4.
 - (1) These byelaws shall apply throughout the [Borough/District] of *insert name* except as set out in byelaws [4(2) to 4(4)].
 - (2) Byelaws 5 and 6 apply to any road margin or verge which is indicated to be a road margin or verge to which these byelaws apply by means of a notice conspicuously displayed on or near the said road margin or verge.
 - (3) Byelaw 7 applies to the areas of *insert name of local authority area* designated in [the Schedule] [Schedule 1] [and shown hatched in black on the plan attached to these byelaws].
 - (4) Byelaw 14 applies to the bridges listed in Schedule [2].

RIDING ON ROAD MARGINS AND VERGES

5. No person shall without lawful authority ride or lead any horse, or cause any horse to be ridden or led upon any road margin or verge to which this byelaw applies.

VEHICLES ON ROAD MARGINS AND VERGES

6.
 - (1) No person shall without lawful authority drive, park or leave a vehicle or cause such a vehicle to be driven or placed upon any road margin or verge to which this byelaw applies.
 - (2) This byelaw does not apply to a heavy commercial vehicle as defined by section 20 of the Road Traffic Act 1988.

SKATEBOARDING ETC

To prohibit skateboarding in designated areas [with savings for rights of private landowners]

7. No person shall skate, slid or ride on rollers, skateboards or other self-propelled vehicles in the designated areas [except where authorised to do so by the owner of the land].

To prohibit dangerous or nuisance skateboarding on footways and carriageways [insert words in square brackets if also adopting model byelaw 7]

8. [Outside the designated areas,] no person shall skate, slide or ride on rollers, skateboards or other self-propelled vehicles on any footway or carriageway in such a manner as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to other persons using the footway or carriageway.

FAIRGROUND ATTRACTIONS CAUSING OBSTRUCTION TO TRAFFIC

9. (1) No person shall operate a fairground attraction—
- (a) in any public place; or
 - (b) on any land adjoining a street or public place,
- so as to cause obstruction or danger to the traffic in that street or public place.
- (2) “Fairground attraction” means a shooting gallery, swing-board, roundabout, or other structure which is installed, erected or operated for the entertainment of the public.

DANGEROUS GAMES NEAR HIGHWAYS

10. No person shall play football or any other game on land adjacent to a highway in a manner likely:
- (a) to cause obstruction to traffic; or
 - (b) to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any person on the highway.

TOUTING

11. No person shall in any street or public place—
- (a) advertise or solicit custom for any service; or
 - (b) seek to gather information for use in the supply of goods or services,
- in such a manner as to cause obstruction or give reasonable grounds for annoyance to any person in that street or public place.

URINATING ETC

12. No person shall urinate or defecate in any street or public place.

INTERFERENCE WITH LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT

13. Except in case of emergency, no person shall remove, displace or otherwise interfere with any life saving equipment placed by the Council or any other competent authority in any street or public place.

CLIMBING UPON AND HANGING FROM BRIDGES

14. (1) No person shall without reasonable excuse—
- (a) climb upon or hang from any bridge to which this byelaw applies; or
 - (b) aid, abet, counsel or procure such an act by another.
- (2) “Bridge” includes any abutment, embankment, retaining wall or other work supporting or protecting the bridge.

PENALTY

15. Any person offending against these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

REVOCATION

16. The byelaws made by *insert name* on *insert date* and confirmed/approved by *insert name of confirming authority* on *insert date of confirmation* are hereby revoked.

SCHEDULE [1]

The designated areas are:

SCHEDULE 2

The bridges referred to in byelaw 16 are as follows:

AUDIT COMMITTEE
27th September, 2022

Present:- Councillor Baker-Rogers (in the Chair); Councillors Cowen together with John Barber (Independent Person).

Thilina de Zoysa (Gareth Thornton) was also in attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mills and Wyatt.

30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

31. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OR THE PRESS

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

32. 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 Minute No. 35 (Assistant Chief Executive's Directorate Risk Register – Appendix 1) as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

33. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON 28TH JUNE AND 28TH JULY, 2022

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meetings of the Audit Committee held on 28th June and 28th July, 2022.

It was noted that Minute No. 6 of the meeting held on 28th June, 2022, should read "Audit Committee Annual Report 2021-22" and not Internal Audit Annual Report and that Minute No. 8 should read "Internal Audit Annual Report 2021-22" not Audit Committee Annual Report.

Discussion also ensued on recommendations contained within reports to the Committee and the requirements for them to be clear as to what action the Committee was being requested to take.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Audit Committee, with the clerical corrections as reported, be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

34. ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE RISK REGISTER

Consideration was given to a report presented by Jo Brown, Assistant Chief Executive, supported by Fiona Boden, Head of Policy, Performance and Intelligence, Lee Mann, Assistant Director of Human Resources and Organisation Development and Tanya Lound, Corporate Improvement and Risk Officer, providing details of the Risk Register and risk management activity within the Assistant Chief Executive's Directorate.

Due to the nature of the work of the Assistant Chief Executives Directorate, 4 of the 16 risks also featured on the Council's Strategic Risk Register. These were:-

- Building stronger communities and thriving neighbourhoods
- Delivery of the Council's corporate priorities in the context of the cost of living crisis
- Hope and confidence in Rotherham
- Effective partnership working within and beyond Rotherham to maximise benefits to residents, service users and businesses

Risks were regularly discussed and reviewed at the Directorate Leadership Team by individual members of DLT and where necessary escalated to the next strategic level for inclusion on the risk register. The Assistant Director of Human Resources and Organisation Development also managed a service level risk register.

As part of the programme to embed risk management into the culture of the Council, all managers from the Assistant Chief Executive Directorate were required to attend the mandatory "Risk Management Training for Managers" workshops. New managers were invited to attend workshops as soon as possible after commencement in role.

The revised risk register (Appendix 1) aligned to the new Council Plan and Year Ahead Delivery Plan. Since the last report to the Committee in September, 2021, 3 risks had been amended, 4 risks added and 3 risks removed. There was only one risk currently assessed as being high risk and marked Red on the register.

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

- The Local Authority had a duty for the safeguarding and safety of individuals within the Borough, however, currently the management and delivery of the vulnerable people resettlement scheme was out of local authorities' control and local councils were only consultees to the process
- A new Strategy or Plan often led to consideration as to what would happen if it was not delivered hence the new risks added e.g. delivery of the Workforce Plan
- The risk register was reviewed on a monthly basis at DLT with new risks captured as they arose

- The 3 risks removed from the register were linked to the new risks that had been added to ensure they were up-to-date and reflected the current position

Resolved:- That the progress and current position in relation to risk management activity in the Assistant Chief Executive's Directorate, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted.

35. FINAL UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2021/22

Further to Minute No. 19 of the Audit Committee held on 28th July, 2022, Rob Mahon, Assistant Director Financial Services, presented the revised version of the Council's final accounts. The Council intended to publish the revised final accounts on the Council's website following approval from the Committee and the Council's Section 151 Officer.

As previously reported, it was not possible to submit an audited set of accounts nor a final/draft ISA260 report at the current time. The Council's external auditor, Grant Thornton, had indicated that they would be able to meet the revised audit deadline of 30th November, 2022.

The External Audit was progressing well with no significant pressures to note at this point in time. The revised statement of accounts would be published on the Council's website with the audited statement of accounts and ISO260 report submitted to the 29th November meeting of the Audit Committee.

An material adjustment had been identified by Grant Thornton with regard to the carrying value of plant, vehicles and equipment (PVE) assets held by the Council. A number of items had been identified which were still on the Council's balance sheet but had been disposed of in prior years. These were largely lower value assets that had been fully depreciated so held a net book value of £0 but had a gross book value remaining on the asset register that needed to be cleared. The total value of the adjustment was in the process of being identified but would be greater than £13M. The accounts would be updated when the figure was confirmed, however, it did not impact the Council's budget position of outturn position for 2021/22.

Thilina de Zoysa confirmed that the audit was progressing well and that there were weekly meetings to discuss progress. There were no significant issues at present that would impact on the completion of the audit.

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

- They were incredibly uncertain times the country was facing at present. Benchmarking of best practice with regard to the valuation of high value assets had been undertaken. During the pandemic and through working with Grant Thornton, the Council had started to change its practice to high value assets and look to get a valuation every year to try and get on top of asset valuations but it was difficult to resource. Equally it was still felt that the 5 year rolling process of valuations was a very robust process
- Valuation of buildings was a key risk as a fluctuation in rates etc. had a massive change in the valuation
- The 5 years rolling programme was CIPFA's agreed code of practice approach and was compliant with standards

It was noted that the changes with regard to PVE would be included in the final audited statement of accounts.

Resolved:- (1) That, having taken due regard of the current position of the external audit, the 2020/21 Statement of Accounts attached as Appendix 1 be approved for publication as final together with the 2020/21 Narrative Report attached as Appendix 2.

(2) That it be noted that the ISA260 will be submitted to a future Audit Committee for review once Grant Thornton have completed their audit work.

36. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2021/22

Further to Minute No. 20 of the meeting held on 28th July, 2022, David Webster, Head of Internal Audit, submitted the final Audit Governance Statement (AGS).

There had been no changes to the AGS since the draft was produced.

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

Resolved:- (1) That the Annual Governance Statement be approved.

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

37. INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER

Further to Minute No. 41 of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 30th September, 2021, David Webster, Head of Internal Audit, presented the revised Internal Audit Charter.

The Charter, which in effect was the Terms of Reference of the Internal Audit Department, was aligned to the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS) and Local Government Application Note (LGAN) which was mandatory for all Local Government audit departments. It also took account of the contents of the CIPFA Statement on the Role of the Head of Internal Audit. The Charter must be reviewed periodically and presented to the Audit Committee for approval.

Although none of the requirements had changed in the last year, there were minor changes to the Charter including the completion of follow-up reviews after a Partial or No Assurance audit opinion.

The Charter outlined the regulatory requirements for Internal Audit and detailed:

- The Mission, Definition, Core Principles and Code of Ethics of Internal Audit.
- The Independence, Role, Scope of Work, Responsibilities, Reporting arrangements, Relationships, Resources and Performance Reporting of Internal Audit.
- The role of Internal Audit in reducing and investigating fraud, and in consulting services.

Resolved:- That the Internal Audit Charter, as now submitted, be approved.

38. INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JUNE 2022 TO 31ST AUGUST 2022

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 June to 31st August, 2022, and the key issues that had arisen therefrom. The current position of the plan was outlined in Appendix A to the report.

12 audits had been finalised since the last Committee meeting 2 of which had received Partial Assurance, 2 had received Reasonable Assurance and 8 had received Substantial Assurance as set out in Appendix B to the report.

Internal Audit's performance against a number of indicators was summarised in Appendix C. Targets were met apart from the issuing of reports in the planned time which had been affected by annual leave.

It was noted that one of the Principal Auditors was taking flexible retirement as from 1st October, 2022. Recruitment had commenced for an additional full-time Senior Auditor which would enhance capacity in the medium term and aid business continuity and succession planning.

The Department was currently purchasing Data Analytics software that could be applied to databases to identify unusual or anomalous transactions for examination. This would increase the efficiency and effectiveness of audit work in the future.

Discussion ensued with the following issues raised/clarified:-

- Interviews were to take place on 30th September for the Senior Auditor position
- The lack of investigations this period could be reflecting the fact that there was now better governance within the Council as a whole, therefore, less opportunity for attempts of fraud
- 12 actions had resulted from the Enforcement (Food and Feed) audit of which 11 had been completed with the remaining action scheduled for completion by the end of the year
- Any audit that received partial assurance would be followed-up after 6 months
- The new data analytic software would facilitate the ability to look at all transactions and identify any that stood out in order to carry out further investigation. It was hoped to upload the software to laptops within the next few weeks which would be followed by a training session

Resolved:- (1) That the Internal Audit work undertaken since the last Audit Committee, 1st June, 2022 to 31st August, 2022, and the key issues that have arisen from it be noted.

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

39. ANTI-FRAUD AND CORRUPTION POLICY AND STRATEGY REVIEW AND UPDATE

Further to Minute No. 41 of the Audit Committee meeting held on 30th September, 2021, consideration was given to a report presented by David Webster, Head of Internal Audit. It detailed the proposed update to the Council's Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy and Strategy following an annual review process designed to ensure that the Policy and Strategy were up-to-date with current best practice and to take into account any changes to the Council's organisational structure.

The CIPFA Code of Practice on Managing the Risk of Fraud and Corruption required an annual report on performance against the Strategy.

The Council's updated Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy was attached at Appendix A of the report submitted together with the updated Strategy at Appendix B. Appendix C of the report contained an update to the self-assessment against the CIPFA's Code of Practice on Managing the Risk of Fraud and Corruption. This led to the action plan for maintaining/developing the Council's arrangements.

The contents had been re-arranged so that the Policy showed the Council's aims and responsibilities whilst the Strategy showed how those aims were achieved.

The revised Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy would be submitted to Cabinet for approval.

The main changes to the documents were:-

- Reference to anti-fraud work relating to Covid grants
- Reference to annual exercises examining the electoral roll and single person's discounts
- The HM Government Anti-Corruption Strategy had updated the definition of corruption i.e. "there is no universally accepted definition of corruption but it is generally understood to involve the abuse of office and position to benefit a third party (an individual, business or other organisation) in return for payment or other reward. These figures were captured in Transparency International's definition "The misuse of entrusted power for personal gain"
- Once approved by Cabinet, the Policy will be published on the intranet and issued to senior management for consideration at SLT

Resolved:- (1) That the revised Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy be supported and submitted for approval by the Cabinet.

(2) That the revised Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy be approved.

(3) That the actions taken to strengthen the Council's fraud and anti-corruption arrangements be noted.

40. AUDIT COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PLAN

Consideration was given to the proposed forward work plan for the Audit Committee covering the period November 2022 to September, 2023.

Resolved: That the Audit Committee forward work plan, as now submitted, be approved.

41. ITEMS FOR REFERRAL FOR SCRUTINY

There were no items for referral.

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42. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business to be considered.

43. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:- That a further meeting be held on Tuesday, 29th November, commencing at 2.00 p.m. in Rotherham Town Hall.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
21st September, 2022

Present:-

Councillor Roche	Cabinet Member,
Ben Anderson	Director of Public Health
Chris Edwards	NHS South Yorkshire Rotherham Place
Shafiq Hussain	Voluntary Action Rotherham
Suzy Joyner	Strategic Director, Children and Young People's Services
Jason Page	Medical Director, NHS South Yorkshire Rotherham Place
Natalie Palmer	Healthwatch Rotherham
Chris Siddall	Head of Service, Culture Leisure and Tourism (representing Paul Woodcock)
Michael Wright	The Rotherham Foundation Trust

Also Present:-**Report Presenters:-**

Norsheen Akhtar	Yorkshire Sports Foundation
Gilly Brenner	Public Health Specialist
Kelly Crompton	Strategic Lead, Inclusion
Kate Grey	Specialist Public Health
Alex Hawley	Consultant in Public Health
Nathan Heath	Assistant Director, Education and Inclusion
Martin Hughes	Head of Neighbourhoods
Garry Parvin	Service Manager, Commissioning

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor Cusworth, Sharon Kemp, Laura Kosciwicz, Kathryn Singh, Ian Spicer and Paul Woodcock.

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

18. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS

The member of the press present at the meeting did not wish to ask any questions.

19. COMMUNICATIONS

The Chair congratulated Dr. Jason Page who had been appointed Medical Director for NHS South Yorkshire Rotherham Place and would now become Vice-Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

20. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board were considered.

Further to Minute Nos. 57 of 16th March and 4 of 22nd June, (B:Friend), it was noted things had moved on since and a number of Social Prescribing initiatives included children. It was felt worthwhile to submit an update to the Board on Social Prescribing.

Further to Minute No. 6 (Joint Strategic Needs Assessment), it was noted that several training sessions had been arranged for Council staff, Elected Members and a wider audience.

Resolved:- (1) That the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd June, 2022, be noted.

(2) That an update be provided to the next meeting on Social Prescribing.

21. THE BEST START AND BEYOND FRAMEWORK

Alex Hawley, Consultant in Public Health, presented a report on the Best Start and Beyond Framework.

Since Spring 2021, Public Health had led a partnership approach to developing the specification for a re-commissioned 0-19s Public Health Nursing Service, a process which was now approaching its conclusion, with mobilisation of the newly awarded contract due to commence in the Autumn, working towards and a go-live date of April 2023.

The Board then received the following powerpoint presentation:-

Purposes of Framework

System Overview

- Services for children, young people and families
- Activities affecting wider determinants

Toolkit

- Mapping against wider determinants, principles, priority lenses, life stages, enabling outcomes

Vision

- All children and young people get the best start in life and go on to achieve their potential
- A best start to life means having the best possible health and wellbeing

Principles

- Proportionate universalism
- A whole pathway approach
- Evidence-based
- Involving local people
- A compassionate approach
- Making every contact count

- Prevention – to tackle the ‘causes of the causes’
- Challenging clinical variation
- Acting at the earliest possible stage
- Reducing the slope of inequality

Priority Lenses

- Poverty
- Compassionate approach
- Parental health
- Transitions
- Mental health

Life Stages

- 1001 days (conception to 2nd birthday) - Every child has the best start to life
 - Pregnancies are planned and well prepared for
 - A compassionate approach to weight in pregnancy
 - Harms of substances in pregnancy are reduced
 - Perinatal mental health is robust
 - Infant feeding – informed and supported choice
 - Breastfeeding initiation is supported and length of exclusive breastfeeding is supported
 - Continuity of care from midwifery to health visits is optimised
- Early years (2-5) - All children are ready to start school at age 5
 - A compassionate approach to weight is adopted that influences the home environment and within Early Years settings
 - We take shared responsibility for building a culture where Early Years education is valued across all communities
 - All eligible children are enabled to take up their early education entitlement
 - Parents are seen as educators
 - Children achieve a good level of development at age 5
- School age (including children not attending school) - All children and young people can reach their potential
 - Education settings adopt a whole school approach to child health
 - The health of children not attending school has parity of esteem
 - Good sleep habits are promoted
 - Good child emotional and mental wellbeing is promoted and supported
 - All children and young people have access to and good attendance at the most appropriate educational setting
 - Resilience and agency is built by ensuring young people can benefit from having places to go and things to do
- Transition to adulthood - Every child ready to live as independently as is within their capacity
 - All young people have agency and resilience for a successful transition to adulthood and support is available when needed

- Young people benefit from a person-centred understanding of need and choice of support/opportunity

It was noted that the steering group included representatives of Public Health, Children and Young People's Services, Joint Commissioning, Early Help, Early Years Education, Foundation Trust, ICB and RDaSH.

Discussion ensued with the following issues raised/clarified:-

- The need for clarity as to what work was taking place in the various groups/steering group to avoid duplication
- Should the health written statement include SEND
- The concept of family hubs was still being explored

Resolved:- That the development and implementation of a Best Start and Beyond framework be supported.

22. PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Kate Grey, Specialist Public Health, gave the following powerpoint presentation on Mapping the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment:-

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) Requirements

- Statutory requirements
- Required every 3 years
- Must describe the current need for pharmaceutical services, the current provision of pharmaceutical services locally, whether current need was met by existing service provision, potential future need and potential need for new services

How are PNAs used

- Pharmacies were private businesses but had to apply to NHS England and Improvement (NHSE/I)
- PNAs guided NHSE/I decisions on applications
- They signalled to market where an application was likely to be successful
- They could affect the conditions of approval e.g. hours of operation, services required
- They did not determine whether applications were made
- They could not influence where new pharmacy applications were located

Process Overview

- Responsibility of the Health and Wellbeing Board
 - Prepared by Public Health Team with oversight from Steering Committee
- Data collection from NHSE/I, NHS BASA, pharmacies, JSNA
Analysis using SHAPE Maps, deprivation analysis throughout

- Internal review
- External consultation – 60 days (24th May-26th July, 2022)
- Review by Health and Wellbeing Board September 2022
- Publication by 1st October 2022

Coverage

- 60 pharmacies
- 1 dispensing appliance contractor
- 4 dispensing GPs
- 24.5 community pharmacies per 100,000 population (>national average of 21.3 as at 2017)

Access

- 86% of population live within 15 minute walk
- 97% live within one mile walk
- 100% live within 10 minute drive (during rush hour)
- Inclusion of cross-border pharmacies did not affect figures

Services

- Essential Services
 - Dispensing of prescriptions
 - Dispensing of repeat prescriptions
 - Discharge medicines service
 - Promotion of healthy lifestyles
 - Signposting
 - Support self-care
 - Disposal of unwanted medicines
- Advanced Services
 - Appliance use review (no providers but service needs met through Rotherham-wide service led by specialist nurses)
 - Community pharmacist consultation service (good coverage 97%)
 - Flu vaccine (good coverage 81% of pharmacies plus GPs)
 - Hep C testing (low coverage (4 providers) and poor geographical spread but reflected national picture, low demand, services provided elsewhere)
 - Hypertension case finding (new service)
 - New Medicine Service (good coverage 91%)
 - Smoking cessation (new service)
 - Stoma appliance customisation
- Locally Commissioned Services
 - Over the counter labelling service
 - Palliative care
 - Champix (community smoking cessation)
 - NRT pregnancy
 - Emergency hormonal contraception
 - Supervised consumption
 - Needle exchange

60 Day Consultation

- Published on Council website
- 6 questions based on guidance from NHSE/I sent to all local pharmacies and dispensing doctors, Rotherham HWBB members, all neighbouring HWBBs, TRFT and RDaSH, NHSE/I, Healthwatch, Local Pharmaceutical Committee, Local Medical Committee and CCG
- 7 responses in total. 2 ‘tests’ so removed from analysis

Consultation – Takeaways

Findings

- One respondent consistently expressed some dissatisfaction with PNA, however, no indication from comments that PNA had not fulfilled its function
- No indication that local pharmacy offer was not in alignment with national requirements
- Some frustration that pharmacies do not cater to occasional emergency requirements beyond scope of existing contractual requirements

Implications

- No substantial changes to content of report or recommendations
- Include note report regarding emergency requirement for consideration by NHSE/I

Conclusions/Statements

- There was sufficient choice with regard to obtaining pharmaceutical services in Rotherham
- Pharmaceutical services that were necessary to meet the health needs of the population were all essential services and select advanced services (NHS Community Pharmacist Consultation Services, Flu vaccination, New Medicines Review Service)
- Pharmaceutical services that had secured improvements or better access – all other advanced services plus all locally commissioned services
- There were no identified future needs for pharmaceutical services. Monitoring of the Waverley site development should be conducted within the lifetime of the PNA to assess whether a future need emerges
- There were no other NHS services that affected pharmaceutical service needs

Responding to emerging needs – proposed process

- NHSE/I continue to send notification of any pharmacy closures to the Council's Public Health Team
- Steering Committee to meet annually or as needed in response to changes to review any emerging needs or changes to provision and make recommendations to the HWBB

Discussion ensued with the following issues raised/clarified:-

- It was noted that the Government was considering removal of the obesity measures that had been brought in last year
- There was a national workforce shortage at pharmacies
- Cross-border pharmacies were taken into account in the mapping analysis, however, they did not affect any of the key statistics

Resolved:- (1) That the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) be approved for publication.

(2) That the proposed process for the ongoing review of pharmaceutical needs be approved.

23. CARERS STRATEGY

Further to Minute No. 47 of 26th January, 2022, Garry Parvin, Adult Care Housing and Public Health, presented an update on the Carers Strategy and detailed the steps taken to develop the attached final Carers Strategy document through extensive co-production with carers and carers organisations.

“The Borough That Carers – Strategic Framework 2022-2025 Creating a carer friendly Rotherham” was designed to provide a focal point for the delivery of the priorities relating to unpaid carers under the Health and Wellbeing Board Aim 3 (All Rotherham people live well for longer). The specific milestones contained within Aim 3 (3.1 - 3.7) had a focus on ensuring support was in place for carers from April 2022 onwards.

In order to deliver the tangible improvements to demonstrate full milestone attainment within the specified delivery dates, it was recommended that there be a detailed action plan with agreed owners and performance measures to sit underneath the Strategy document. In the spirit of the development of the Carers Strategy, further co-production was required with carers, carers organisations and other key stakeholders making up the Borough That Cares – Strategic Group to detail the agreed and fully endorsed action plan. This activity must be concluded within the 2022/23 financial year to meet the requirements of Aim 3.

Discussion ensued with the following issues raised/clarified:-

- Welcome the inclusion of young carers in the Strategy and on the task group
- Opportunity to discuss with CYPS as to how to get the issue/improve the understanding of young carers into schools/education and how they could be supported
- Through the co-production work that had taken place it was essential that feedback from carers was received on the cost of living issues facing them and those entering the caring role

Resolved:- (1) That the progress made be noted.

(2) That the proposed co-production exercise for the development of an action plan to sit under the Carers Strategy that would deliver Aim 3 milestones be approved.

(3) That a further report be submitted in due course detailing the outcome of the co-production exercise with recommendations aligned to the completed action plan prior to April 2023.

24. WARD PLANS

Martin Hughes, Head of Neighbourhoods, gave the following powerpoint presentation on Ward Plans:-

Thriving Neighbourhoods

'Our vision for Rotherham is for every neighbourhood to be a thriving neighbourhood, where people are able to work together to achieve a good quality of life. We want to work with local people to find solutions to local issues and to build on our heritage and assets. We will help create vibrant communities in which people feel happy, safe and proud. To do this, we will make it easier to get involved in the local community, work closely with our partners and local voluntary and community groups, enhance our town and village centres, green spaces and libraries and effectively tackle community issues'

To achieve

- Neighbourhoods that are safe and welcoming with good community spirit
- Residents who are happy, healthy and loving where they live
- Residents are able to use their strengths, knowledge and skills to contribute to the outcomes that matter to them

Principles

- Expanding opportunities for all – target the most help at those who need it so no-one is left behind
- Recognising and building on our strengths to make positive change – making the best use of local assets, including buildings, parks and public spaces, as well as harnessing the knowledge and skills of community groups and local residents
- Working with our communities – ensuring residents are at the heart of everything we do. Involving local residents in the things that matter to them and making sure we design our services based on input from those who use them
- Focussing on prevention – reduce the risk of problems arising in the first place and when they do, we will intervene to prevent them from worsening

Strengths-based Approach

- Recognising and building on the existing skills, resources, knowledge, experience and heritage within our communities
- Empowering Councillors, partners and residents to work together to find creative solutions to the local issues that matter most to them
- Council commitments:-
 - Place communities at the heart of everything we do
 - Always ask and listen to ensure we are addressing the things that matter to residents
 - Be innovative in how we involve residents so that it maximises their skills and knowledge
 - Problem solve collaboratively with communities ‘work with’ and not ‘do to’
 - Identify and support the motivation to act within communities
 - Nurture relationships within neighbourhoods
 - Build the capacity and resilience of the community and local community organisations

Place-based Approach

- Ward Councillors as community leaders – bringing people together to tackle locally identified Ward priorities
- Neighbourhoods Team – facilitate community involvement and co-ordinate local networks and partnerships tackling those local priorities
- Working collaboratively – with Council services, other service deliverers (e.g. Police, NHS), Parish Councils, voluntary community and faith organisations, residents and other stakeholders

Ward Priorities

- Refreshed and published annually (June) – Ward Plans – Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
- Informed by local data, input and advice from Council services and partners and local community intelligence
- Include priorities around themes such as:-
 - Environment – including street scene, parks and green spaces
 - Community safety and anti-social behaviour
 - Community resilience and infrastructure including cost of living
 - Children and young people
 - Transport and road safety
 - Physical and mental health and wellbeing
- 13 Wards specifically reference health and wellbeing

All children get the best start in life and go on to achieve their potential

- 17 Wards reference children, young people and families

All Rotherham people enjoy the best possible mental health and wellbeing and have a good quality of life

- 9 Wards reference mental health

All Rotherham people live well for longer

- 2 Wards reference supporting older people

All Rotherham people live in healthy, safe and resilient communities

- All 25 Wards include priorities that impact on the wider determinants of health
- Employment and the economy – 3 Wards
- Crime and community safety – 21 Wards
- Environment – 24 Wards
- Housing and tenancies – 3 Wards
- Planning – 2 Wards
- Culture, Leisure, Sport and Green Spaces – 13 Wards
- Supporting local community groups – 16 Wards
- Cost of living – 13 Wards
- Covid recovery – 7 Wards
- Loneliness and isolation – 8 Wards

Going forward – supporting delivery of the Board's aims and priorities within neighbourhoods

- Strengthen the link between the Strategy and Ward priorities/plans
- Regular reporting on activity taking place in neighbourhoods to the Board and providing evidence of impact
- Use the Strategy to inform future Ward priorities
- Use community intelligence to inform future strategic aims and priorities
- Raise the profile of the Strategy with Ward Members and residents
- Promotion of place-based and strengths-based working
- Promotion of early intervention and prevention
- Strengthen partnership working within neighbourhoods
- Shared learning and development

Discussion ensued with the following issues raised/clarified:-

- There were 25 Wards in the Borough but neighbourhoods were a lot smaller than a Ward
- Neighbourhoods worked to a Ward-based model primarily; Primary Care geographically did not align neatly but did not mean there could not be conversations with GP practices
- Baseline data from Public Health would be sought for any project such as oral health to assess where there had been a particular impact although a lot of the information was from case studies/anecdotal
- The projects highlighted in the presentation were to illustrate how neighbourhoods were working to translate the Strategy into work. Officers and Members could share good practice and thereby cascade across the Borough

Resolved:- That the presentation be noted.

25. STRATEGIC POSITIONING OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Gilly Brenner, Public Health Specialist, and Norsheen Akhtar, Yorkshire Sports Foundation, gave the following powerpoint presentation:-

Why physical activity matters

- Inactivity in Rotherham >national average
- Almost 1 in 30 inactive (<30 minutes per week)
- Higher rates in some groups including long term conditions with most to gain in terms of reducing risk
- It is everyone's business
- It is fun

Background

- Local Authority Healthy Weight Declaration January, 2020 – food and physical activity
- Strategic review of physical activity July, 2021 – submitted to Board November 2021
- Lots of ambitions then prioritised into 4 key themes

4 Priorities

- Normalising physical activity/building a social movement
- Employers supporting the workforce to be active
- Frontline workers confident to talk about and signpost to physical activity
- Strengthening social prescribing including embedding physical activity

Big Conversation Event

- 4th July at the Town Hall
- >70 people, wide range of partners including VCS and Health
- Started to flesh out conditions to make the ambitions realised
- Individuals signed up to the priority they will work on

What Next

- 12th and 13th October workshops each theme
- 3rd Big Active Conversation in November
- Moving Rotherham governance re-launched
- Final Big Active Conversation – plans agreed and adopted with delivery responsibilities
- Moving Rotherham wider partners continue Big Active Conversations once a year

Resolved:- That the initiative be supported and a further update submitted in 6 months.

26. HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN REFRESH - 2022-2025

In accordance with Minute No. 13 of 22nd June, 2022, Ben Anderson, Director of Public Health, and Leonie Wieser, Policy Officer, submitted a revised Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Action Plan for 2022-2025 with the aid of the following powerpoint presentation:-

Refresh of Priorities May-September 2021

- The Strategy content has been refreshed based on the priorities that were agreed by the Board in September 2021
- This refresh of priorities was the result of discussions and consultation with Board members
- Board meeting discussion in May 2021:-
Agreement that the 4 existing aims of the Strategy remained relevant and should still be the overarching outcomes that the Board was working towards
Strategic priorities underpinning aims should be refreshed
- Draft version of refreshed priorities produced with input from Board sponsors and other relevant leads
- Consultation with Board members July 2021
- New priorities agreed at September 2021 Board meeting
- Strategy content refreshed to align with agreed priorities
- New action plan developed 2022-25

4 Aims

- Aim 1: All children get the best start in life and go on to achieve their full potential
- Aim 2: All Rotherham people enjoy the best possible mental health and wellbeing and have a good quality of life
- Aim 3: All Rotherham people live well for longer
- Aims 4: All Rotherham people live in healthy, safe and resilient communities

Strategic Priorities

- Points and comments raised as part of consultation with Board members and wider stakeholders included that:
 - Maintaining alignment with the Place Plan remained a priority. This had particularly informed the development of the priorities for Aims 1 and 2
 - Activity to reduce the health burden from tobacco, drugs and alcohol should feature with the Plan. This is now one of the priorities within Aim 3
 - There was some discussion regarding the overlap between Aims 3 and 4 and where activity should sit. It was emphasised that lifestyle interventions should sit within Aim 3 and developing a Borough that supports healthy lifestyles should sit within Aim 4. This has informed some changes to the Aims 3 and 4 priorities:-

Aim 1: All children get the best start in life and go on to achieve their full potential:

Develop our approach to give every child the best start in life

Support children and young people to develop well

Aim 2: All Rotherham people enjoy the best possible mental health and wellbeing and have a good quality of life:

Promote better mental health and wellbeing for all Rotherham people

Take action to prevent suicide and self-harm

Promote positive workplace wellbeing for staff across the partnership

Enhance access to Mental Health Services

Aim 3: All Rotherham people live well for longer:

Ensure support is in place for carers

Support local people to lead healthy lifestyles, including reducing the health burden from tobacco, obesity and drugs and alcohol

Aim 4: All Rotherham people live in healthy, safe and resilient communities:

Deliver a loneliness plan for Rotherham

Promote health and wellbeing through arts and cultural initiatives

Ensure Rotherham people are kept safe from harm

Develop a Borough that supports a healthy lifestyle

Crosscutting priorities:

Work in partnership to maximise the positive impact of anchor institutions

Strategic Priority 2 Support safe and equitable recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic

Develop the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

Work in partnership to further develop the Rotherham Data Hub and assess population health

Resolved:- That the report be approved.

27. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD - TERMS OF REFERENCE AND UPDATES ON MEMBERSHIP

It was noted that there had been a number of changes due to the new Integrated Care System of which Rotherham was known as “NHS South Yorkshire”.

The Integrated Care Partnership was a wider group of partners that was responsible for setting the strategic direction of the plan for South Yorkshire.

The ICP had agreed that each of the 4 South Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Boards would nominate 5 members each to the core membership. Rotherham's nominations were:-

Sharon Kemp, Chief Executive, RMBC
Councillor David Roche, Chair of HWBB
Richard Jenkins, Chief Executive, The Rotherham Foundation Trust
Kate Davis, Chief Executive, Crossroads
Suzanne Joyner, Strategic Director, Children and Young People's Services, RMBC

Resolved:- (1) That consideration be given at the next meeting to the sponsors of each of the 4 Strategy Aims.

(2) That the nominations to the ICP Board be endorsed.

28. VENUES OF FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

It was noted that discussions were taking place with a view to reinstating Oak House, Bramley, as a meeting venue and it was hoped the January meeting would be held at Wentworth Woodhouse.

Resolved:- That the next meeting of the Board be held in the Town Hall, Rotherham.

29. VACCINATIONS

At the last meeting of the Place Board it had been announced that Rotherham had the highest rate of vaccinations in the whole of South Yorkshire and well above the English average.

A difficult flu season was anticipated this year and it was planned to co-administer the flu jab and Covid booster wherever possible so as not to delay.

The Phase 5 patient cohort would be called for their Covid boosters of which there were approximately 140,000 eligible in Rotherham. Each Primary Care network was to undertake their own immunisations with each one setting up their own site but venues would include the Foundation Trust, RDaSH, and the New York Stadium.

It was very important that Rotherham again achieve high coverage for the winter particular as public perception of the pandemic had vastly changed over the past 12-18 months.

It was stressed that flu was just as important as Covid this season.

Resolved:- That the update be noted.

30. **SHARE LEARNING FROM THE TEAM AROUND THE SCHOOL PROJECT**

Nathan Heath, Assistant Director CYPS, and Kelly Crompton, Strategic Lead, Inclusion, gave the following powerpoint presentation on the Rotherham Team Around a School (TAS):-

Background

- Public Health England (now Office for Health Improvements and Disparities)
- Funding for improving mental health and wellbeing for pupils especially through times of transition
- Multi-professional; Specialist Inclusion, Education Psychology and Early Help
- TAS offer established September 2021 to support pupils, families and schools this academic year whilst also providing a sustainable legacy

TAS Parameters

- Desktop exercise to target schools based on Free School Meals/GRT/BAME suspension and exclusions to reduce inequalities
- 6 original schools identified in partnership (4 primary and 2 secondary)
- Professionals must work in unique manner tailored to setting and individuals
- Bespoke provision not utilised previously to emphasis impact

TAS Offer – October 2021 – 6 original schools

- Remote workshops for school staff to access support from EPS
- Access to NHS and Ofsted endorsed wellbeing and healthy relationships programme for Year 6 pupils, with parent app, with bespoke to Rotherham transition resource provided for all Year 7 pupils also including a parent app
- Weekly support from Specialist Inclusion Team to promote awareness of mental health, wellbeing and relationships with pupils, staff and families

TAS Extension

- TAS extension February 2022 (51 primary schools 2,072 pupils)
- Wellbeing curriculum, staff training and wellbeing and parent app (some onsite offer)
- National pilot of Deep Dive Restorative Approach programme for targeted schools (8)

TAS Reporting and Impact

- Initially developed and overseen by a TAS Governance Group, TAS Operational Group was quickly formed to oversee the day-to-day implementation

- Progress on the implementation of the project was reported regularly to CYPS Directorate Leadership Team and the Covid Education Recovery Cell
- Warwick Wellbeing Scale (Year 6 and 7 pupils)
- School and RMBC colleague survey
- Case studies
- 2,493 young people were reached through the Team Around the School project
- 57 schools were targeted
- 49% of the young people live in most deprived 30% LSOA of England

Impact and Learning (Schools)

- 100% of teachers reported that they are integrating the SEMH resources and language in their teaching
- 88% of teachers have reported that most of their classes have benefited from Happy Breathing which can be used as a tool to self-regulate
- 95% of teachers reported that their classes are now able to talk about their character strengths
- 75% of teachers have seen the self-esteem of pupils improving over the course of the project
- 93% of teachers have found that pupils now have a better understanding of the importance of relationships
- 97% of teachers reported that they have seen an improvement in pupil awareness of how to build positive relationships
- 67% of teachers have found that pupils now better understand the link between how they are feeling and what they can achieve
- 100% of teachers reported that they have been able to use the 'goal setting' language through regular teaching
- The restorative practice reached and had an impact with families as much as it did children
- Both schools and Educational Psychology Service benefitted from unique way of working
- SEMH structured progressive curriculum including lessons, plans, journals and assessment tools all supported approach
- School leaders report that Specialist Inclusion professionals co-delivering the sessions enabled pupils to open up more due to it not being a member of school staff. This also led to 'booster' sessions for targeted pupils
- Specialist Inclusion developed bespoke transition programmes with KS3 and KS2 pupils and this led to pupils being able to better problem solve when faced with issues as they have a further range of strategies to use to overcome situations and positive manage their feelings and wellbeing
- National Restorative Approach pilot developed whole school approach with pupils and families
- Early Help colleagues working with Specialist Inclusion to provide additional support to identified families on school site

Discussion ensued with the following issues raised/clarified:-

- Sleep Right Wake Bright launched in May 2022
- Early Help and Specialist Inclusion working together to provide support to families on site
- The learning from the project would be taken to colleagues in different areas around the country
- TAS model was influencing the direction of travel long term for the Inclusion Service
- There had been very limited funding but had had significant impact which was influencing the way forward

Resolved:- That the report be noted.

31. ISSUES ESCALATED FROM THE PLACE BOARD

There were no issues to report.

32. BETTER CARE FUND PLAN

The Board received, for information, an overview of the Better Care Fund Plan for 2022-23. The BCF planning template was in line with the 2022-23 Better Care Fund Policy Framework and the Better Care Fund Planning Requirements 2022-23.

The BCF planning template (Appendix 1) showed that the planning requirements, as set out in the BCF Policy Framework 2022-23 were fully met.

Resolved:- (1) That the documentation be approved for submission to NHS England on 26th September, 2022.

(2) That the plan for reinvestment of BCF funding to support carers be supported.

33. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROTHERHAM PUBLIC ICP PLACE BOARD HELD ON 4TH MAY 2022

The minutes of the Rotherham ICP Place Board held on 4th May, 2022, were noted.

34. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:- That a further meeting be held on Wednesday, 23rd November, 2022, commencing at 9.00 a.m. in Rotherham Town Hall.

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LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
Wednesday 28 September 2022

Present:- Councillor Hughes (in the Chair); Councillors Barker and Clark.

11. LICENSING ACT 2003 - CONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION (MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH S.34 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003) FOR THE VARIATION OF THE PREMISES LICENCE ISSUED TO SEASONS (WICKERSLEY) LTD IN RESPECT OF THE PREMISES KNOWN AS SEASONS RESTAURANT SITUATED AT NOS. 151-152 BAWTRY ROAD, WICKERSLEY, ROTHERHAM, S66 2BW

At the commencement of the meeting, it was clarified that Councillor Ellis, although Chair of the Licensing Committee, was in attendance and objecting to the application in the capacity of Ward Councillor.

Mr. M. Green (applicant), Mr. C. Grunert (applicant's legal representative) and the Area Manager of Seasons were in attendance.

The Sub-Committee considered an application to vary the terms, conditions and restrictions of the Premises Licence currently in force in respect of Seasons Restaurant, 151-152 Bawtry Road, Wickersley, Rotherham S66 2BW.

The applicant sought to:-

1. Remove the following condition from the licences:-
 - a. The licence holder shall ensure that alcohol will be served to customers seated or to those waiting to be seated
 - b. The licence holder shall ensure that the use of door staff will be risk assessed on an ongoing basis by the licence holder or premises supervisor. A minimum of 3 SIA door supervisors will be employed to manage customers from Seasons and adjacent premises from 22:00 hours on Friday and Saturday evenings when the Courtyard is open and trading
 - c. The licence holder shall ensure that the premises shall operate solely as a restaurant, save for alcohol being served to those waiting to be seated or ancillary to a restaurant meal
2. Add the following conditions to the licence:
 - a. Save for occasions when the area is being utilised for a private pre-booked function, customers in the restaurant areas and any external area of the premises (non-hatched on the deposited plan) shall remain seated when consuming alcohol
 - b. Customers in the area hatched on the deposited plan shall be permitted to stand while consuming beverages. The number of customers permitted to stand in this area shall not exceed 20 persons (excluding dining guests)

3. Update the approved layout plan to add hatching as per the above proposed condition
4. Reduce to the terminal hour for the retail sale of alcohol on each of the days Monday to Thursday from 24:00 hours (midnight) to 23:00 hours. However, the applicant seeks to retain the midnight terminal on each of the days Monday to Thursday for private events (these could be unlimited), on New Year's Eve and on Bank Holiday Mondays.

The premises were located within an area designated by the Council as being subject to the cumulative impact of a concentration of licensed premises. A copy of the Council's Cumulative Impact Policy was attached as Appendix 4 to the report submitted.

The Sub-Committee had visited the site prior to the start of the formal meeting.

The Licensing Authority had received 3 representations to the application from the local Ward Councillors, Wickersley Parish Council and the Licensing Service (in the role of Responsible Authority under the Licensing Act 2003).

No objections had been received from the Authority's Environmental Health Officer or South Yorkshire Police.

The Sub-Committee heard representations from Mrs. K. Ladlow (Principal Licensing Officer of the Local Authority Licensing Enforcement Unit), citing the following concerns:-

- Removal of the condition restricting the sale of alcohol to those seated or waiting to be seated would result in the premises having the ability and permission to close the premises to the public and admit those attending a pre-booked function. Attendees would be able to stand and consume alcohol without the requirement to be seated or have a meal and the premises would be more akin to a pub
- If agreed, the hatched area would be able to operate as a bar serving drinks to standing guests without the requirement to have a meal or be seated
- The door supervisors assisted in the management of customers and the reduction of crime and disorder; the removal of these would only contribute to crime and disorder from the premises and within the immediate locality
- Should food service end at 22:00 hours and the current licence allowing until midnight, there would be the likelihood of the premises becoming a bar with no door supervision
- Should there be a pre-booked function, this would result in vertical drinking only until midnight with no door supervision or restriction

- The removal of the condition requiring the premises to operate solely as a restaurant except for alcohol being served to those waiting to be seated or ancillary to a meal, would result in the premises operating as a bar on occasions and would adversely affect the licensing objectives and local residents

A member of Wickersley Parish Council and Councillor Ellis presented their objections to the proposals. The objections were as follows:-

- As well as the Wickersley Cumulative Impact Zone there had been a referendum and a Wickersley Neighbourhood Plan adopted by the Council. Consultation on the Plan had shown an overwhelming public view of too many bars and licensed premises in Wickersley
- The proposed removal of some of the conditions, 1a and 1c in particular, would enable an extensive area to become a bar area, only being used for the serving of alcohol
- Proposed 20 additional people in the premises when the areas directly in front of the entrance and in front of the building were already very busy
- A decked area with additional seating had been added since the granting of the licence which had created a pinchpoint and exacerbated the problems of people on the highway at night time
- The recently adopted Wickersley Cumulative Impact Zone and the consultation that had taken place leading to the adoption of the Zone
- The proposal to use the premises for private pre-booked functions without customers needing to remain seated could result in large numbers attending largely for the purpose of drinking
- Other licences recently granted in the area had strict conditions to ensure all of them operated solely as a restaurant/café without any ancillary bar facility
- Concern with regard to the proposed removal of condition No. 25 requiring a minimum of door staff on Friday and Saturday evenings to manage customers from Seasons and the adjacent Courtyard bar
- Noise and disturbance
- Crime and anti-social behaviour and public safety

The applicant's representative and the applicant addressed the issues raised by the objectors.

Based on the discussions that had taken place, Mr. Grunert advised that Mr. Green wished to amend the proposed conditions as follows:-

Condition No. 11 (Annex 2) ~~Save for occasions when the area is being utilised for a private pre-booked function~~, customers in the restaurant areas and any external area of the premises (non-hatched on the deposited plan) shall remain seated when consuming alcohol.

Condition No. 2 (Annex 2) The licence holder shall ensure the premises shall operated ~~primarily~~ solely as a restaurant. The sale of alcohol without food will always remain as an ancillary part of the main use of the premises as a restaurant. The premises will not operate exclusively as a bar.

Proposed Conditions

15.5.ii Customers in the area hatched on the deposited plan shall be permitted to stand while consuming beverages. The number of customers permitted to ~~stand~~ in this area shall not exceed 20 persons (including dining guests).

Condition No. 19(a) ~~The premises shall limit private pre-booked functions at the premises to no more than 24 functions per calendar year.~~

In conclusion, the Sub-Committee took due note of the written and oral representations made and the fact that there was no representations from Environmental Health or South Yorkshire Police. Cognisance was also taken of the amendments to the proposed variation put forward by the applicant and his legal representative at the meeting

The Sub-Committee considered the application for the variation of the Premises Licence, and the subsequent amendments, 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 licensing objectives.
- The prevention of public nuisance.

Resolved:- (1) That the variation of the Premises Licence in respect of Seasons Restaurant, 151-152 Bawtry Road, Wickersley, Rotherham, be approved as follows:-

(a) That customers in the restaurant areas and any external area of the premises (non-hatched on the deposited plan) shall remain seated when consuming alcohol.

(b) That customers in the area hatched on the deposited plan shall be permitted to stand while consuming beverages. The number of customers permitted in this area shall not exceed 20 persons (including dining guests waiting to be seated).

(c) That the approved layout plan to add hatching as per (b) above.

(d) That the standard terminal hour for the retail sale of alcohol be reduced to 23:00 hours Monday-Thursday.

(e) That the midnight terminal hour for Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, for private events, New Year's Eve and Bank Holiday Monday evenings be retained.

(f) That the licence holder shall ensure the premises shall operate solely as a restaurant.

(2) That the withdrawal by the licence holder of the proposed condition regarding the number of private functions be noted.

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**LICENSING BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE
10th October, 2022**

Present:- Councillor Ellis (in the Chair); Councillors Bennett-Sylvester, Browne, Hughes and Jones.

14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made at the meeting.

15. 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 items of business on the grounds that they involve 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).

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

The Sub-Committee, considered a report of the Licensing Manager relating to applications for the grant/renewal/review of the hackney carriage/private hire driver licences in respect of Messrs. S.A., A.A., M.F. and N.S.

Messrs. S.A., together with his wife, A.A., together with an interpreter, and N.S. together with his trade representative, were in attendance.

Due to illness, Mr. M.F. was not in attendance.

Resolved:- (1) That the grant of hackney carriage/private hire driver licences in respect of Mr. S.A. and Mr A.A. be approved.

(2) That the application for the renewal of the hackney carriage/private hire driver licence for Mr. M.F. be refused.

(3) That the renewal of the hackney carriage/private hire driver licence in respect of Mr. N.S. be deferred until a future meeting.

17. DETERMINATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR A HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION PERMITS

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Licensing Manager concerning the following applications for the grant of promoters' permits to carry out house-to-house collections:-

Organisation	Area	Date
Clothing Collection Limited	Whole of the Borough	11 th October-23 rd December, 2022
Bramley and Wickersley Lions Club	Whole of the Borough	December, 2022

Resolved:- That, in accordance with the provisions of the House to House Collections Act 1939, the above applications submitted by Clothing Collection Limited (on behalf of City and Sport (Ukraine Fund) and Bramley and Wickersley Lions Clubs be approved.

**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
14th October, 2022**

Present:- Councillor Ellis (in the Chair); Councillors Hughes and McNeely.

12. CONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION (MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH S.51 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003) TO REVIEW THE PREMISES LICENCE IN PLACE AT ROTHERHAM'S BEST, 88 CAMBRIDGE ST, CLIFTON, ROTHERHAM, S65 2ST

Consideration was given to an application (made in accordance with Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003) to review the Premises Licence in place at Rotherham's Best, 88 Cambridge St, Clifton, Rotherham, S65 2ST.

The Council's Licensing Service (acting in its role as a Responsible Authority under the Licensing Act 2003) had made an application on 3rd August, 2022, to review the Premises Licence in place at Rotherham's Best. The review application was submitted following the involvement of Licensing Enforcement Officers with the premises which had resulted in a number of visits being carried out over recent months. During these visits it had become clear that there was a general failure of the Premises Licence Holder to ensure that the licence was being used in accordance with the conditions that were attached to it. Despite a number of warnings being issued to the licence holder, Licensing Officers had been unable to secure compliance with the conditions attached to the licence and were now of the view that a review of the licence was required in order to ensure that the licensing objectives were upheld.

The premises was an off licence/grocer and was licenced for the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises only.

No additional representations had been received.

The Sub-Committee heard representations from Mrs. D. Krauss (Principal Licensing Officer) on behalf of Mrs. K. Ladlow (Principal Licensing Officer). In addition, Mr. Ilyas Nishat (Premises Licence Holder) and Mr. Redwan Nishat (family member) were in attendance.

The application for a full review of the premises sought a revocation of the premises licence on the grounds that the Premises Licence Holder was failing to properly promote 3 of the licensing objectives i.e. the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety and the prevention of public nuisance due to:-

- Mr. I. Nishat had been the Premises Licence Holder since 1st October, 2020, transferred to him by Mr. Nishat Burhan
- Information received from South Yorkshire Police on 15th December, 2021, regarding sale of a bottle of vodka to a 16 year old. The alcohol was then consumed by the 16 year old and 12 year old
- Compliance visit undertaken on 9th February, 2022, which had revealed no training records were kept and that staff were not trained to the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 contravening Condition 2 of Annex 2 of the premises licence and no display of the premises licence summary (an offence under Section 57(3) of the Licensing Act 2003)
- Due to Mr. Burham Nishat having no involvement at the premises, advice given regarding a change of Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS)
- Email sent to Mr. Ilyas Nishat on 10th February, 2022, detailing the changes required in order to comply with the conditions set out within Annex 2 of the premises licence together with best practice guidance e.g. registration to Rotherham Licence Watch, Challenge 25 Policy and posts, authorisation list of who was permitted to sell alcohol at the premises on the Designated Premises Supervisor's behalf, incident record book, refusal record book and the training for all staff
- Visit made on 16th February, 2022, revealing that no progress had been made. A warning was issued and a further visit scheduled for the following week. Mr. Nishat informed by email that he was now at risk of enforcement action against the premises licence and that improvement was required immediately
- Meeting arranged for 15th March, 2022, at the Council offices to assist Mr. Nishat with the transfer of DPS status
- A visit to the premises on 2nd March, 2022, at which Mr. Nishat was not present. An employee was unable to locate any of the documentation previously requested and could not recall any training provided nor familiar with the Challenge 25 scheme
- A meeting at the Council offices took place on 15th March, 2022, where officers had explained the process of changing the DPS to Messrs. Ilyas Nishat and Burhan Nishat. Both stated they fully understood and that the DPS would be changed
- The premises licence summary and Challenge 25 posters were on display at a premises visit on 24th March, 2022, however, training records, refusal records, incident records and DPS authorisation to sell alcohol were still not in place as well as non-completion of the DPS transfer documentation. Mr. Nishat was again warned that further action may follow due to the lack of compliance with the premises licence conditions set out in Annex 2
- During the visit Licensing Officers witnessed Mr. Ilyas Nishat serving 2 customers a single cigarette each out of a packet selling them for 50p each
- Warning letter sent on 31st March, 2022, stating that Mr. Ilyas Nishat was not compliant with Condition 2 under Annex 2 of the premises licence

- Telephone call on 6th April, 2022 when Mr. Ilyas Nishat confirmed that no progress had been made. Advice was given on what changes needed to be implemented which accorded with best practice
- Visit on 18th May, 2022, established that the DPS transfer documentation had still not been completed. Despite a promise to email the training records and proof of the Challenge 25 training and policy these were never received. No evidence could be produced to support the claim that Mr. Ilyas Nishat had applied and was now a member of Licence Watch
- Warning letter sent on 25th May, 2022, and provided one final opportunity to become compliant with the conditions of the premises licence, however, a visit on 10th June, 2022, revealed that still no training records or any other records were kept at the premises. There appeared to be no attempt to comply with Annex 2 conditions or best practice recommendations
- Confirmation from South Yorkshire Police that no application had been made to join the Licence Watch Scheme

Mr. Ilyas Nishat addressed the concerns raised by the Licensing Service.

The Sub-Committee considered the application for the review of the premises licence and the representations made specifically in 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, after due consideration of the application for review and to the representations the Premises Licence be revoked with immediate effect.

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**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
2nd November, 2022**

Present:- Councillor Ellis (in the Chair); Councillors Hughes and McNeely.

13. CONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION (MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH S.51 OF THE LICENSING ACT) TO REVIEW THE PREMISES LICENCE IN PLACE AT AVE FERHAM SUPERMARKET, 192 FERHAM ROAD, ROTHERHAM, S61 1DZ

Mr. Jawad, Premises Licence Holder, was unwell on arrival for the hearing. Ms. Forrest, Mr. Jawad's solicitor, requested that the hearing be adjourned and a further date arranged.

Resolved:- That, due to the illness of Mr. Jawad, the hearing be adjourned and reconvened on 7th December, 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

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**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
2nd November, 2022**

Present:- Councillor Ellis (in the Chair); Councillors Hughes and McNeely.

14. CONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION (MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH S.51 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003) FOR THE REVIEW OF THE CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE ISSUED TO ANSTON CLUB LIMITED IN RESPECT OF ANSTON CLUB, 1 MAIN STREET, NORTH ANSTON, SHEFFIELD S25 4BD

The Licensing Manager reported that, since the issuing of the Sub-Committee papers, there had been some developments in relation to the application to review the Club Premises Certificate to Anston Club Limited.

The concerns relating to the premises had included the admittance of non-members, sale of alcohol after hours, smoking in the premises, failing to maintain the requirements of an action plan by South Yorkshire Police in 2021 and disorder, noise and drug abuse which had led to the action plan being agreed. These serious issues had given rise to concerns by the Licensing Service acting as Responsible Authority.

The Licensing Service had initially been seeking a revocation of the Club Premises Certificate as it had been felt to be the only action in order to successfully and appropriately uphold the licensing objectives. However, having had the opportunity to discuss the application with the Club's legal representative, the position of the Licensing Service had now changed in relation to this matter.

Whilst not minimising the concerns the Council had in relation to the premises, the Local Authority felt that the revocation of the licence may no longer be appropriate. A number of conditions were proposed which it was felt would successfully uphold the licensing objectives at the premises. The conditions had been submitted to Anston Club's legal representative and all 23 conditions had been agreed as follows:-

1. The Club shall install a CCTV system at the premises which has 30 days recording and retrieval and be capable of downloading onto a portable storage device such as DVD or memory stick.
2. The CCTV cameras shall cover the entirety of the premises including the till area where payment is made for alcohol and all areas in which members of the public have access including all external areas and the customer park.

The location of the monitor to allow playback and retrieval of data shall be located in an area which is easily and safely accessible to Police Officers and Local Authority officers.

3. At least one current staff member shall be trained in the use of the system to ensure rapid data retrieval and download was retrieved should it be required by a Police Officer or Council Officer.
4. The Police and authorised Local Authority officers will be given unhindered access to the CCTV system as soon as is reasonably practicable in order for them to take copies of the images in connection with the prevention and detection of crime and disorder.
5. New staff shall receive induction training prior to the commencement of their employment at the Club including drug awareness, underage sales training and serving to persons who are drunk.
6. Staff refresher training shall take place on an annual basis and shall be recorded.
7. Staff training records in respect of age verification, underage sales, serving alcohol to persons under the influence of alcohol and drug awareness, shall be kept in respect of new and existing staff.

The record shall be signed by the Present or Secretary and the member of staff, dated and kept on site for inspection by Police or authorised Local Authority Licensing Officer on request.

8. An age verification scheme, incorporating Challenge 25, must be in operation at the premises and adhered to. Customers suspected to be under the age of 25 must be asked for photographic ID upon entry to the premises and when at the bar. The ID should be in the form of a photographic driving licence, passport or identification with "PASS" emblem on.
9. Monitoring to be put in place for customers who do not present themselves at the bar to ensure they are also ID checked.
10. An incident register containing details of any incident of crime, disorder, or public nuisance during times the Club is open shall be in place at the premises. The register shall consist of consecutively numbered pages in a bound format and be located at the Club at all times.

The register shall be checked weekly and signed by the Club President or Secretary.

The register shall be made available for inspection by South Yorkshire Police or a Local Authority Enforcement Officer on request.

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11. A refusals log containing details of any refusals at the bar or door must be recorded. The register shall consist of consecutively numbered pages in a bound format and be located at the Club at all times.

The register shall be checked weekly and signed by the Club President or Secretary.

The register shall be made available for inspection by South Yorkshire Police or a Local Authority Enforcement Officer on request.

12. The Club shall ensure that an admissions policy is in place at the Club and all staff are aware of the content.

The door must be monitored by a Committee member at all times the Club is open. Checks must be in place to ensure all persons attending the Club are members or the guest of a member.

A signing-in book must be in place at the premises and completed by the member and guest upon entry.

Regular checks on the quality of the Club Signing-in Book must be made and signed off by the President on a weekly basis.

No person who is, or appears to be, intoxicated shall be permitted to enter the Club and/or to be served alcohol or other refreshments. Persons under the influence of drugs will also not be allowed entry.

13. The Committee shall ensure that regular toilet checks are undertaken to deter any drug activity. Staff members must document on the incident log any drug activity found.

Toilet checks must be recorded on a toilet check monitoring sheet.

14. The Committee shall undertake a risk assessment of the premises to determine whether door supervisors shall be required.

15. Whenever there are anticipated changes to the normal operating framework of the Club, where it is reasonable to assume there will be an increase in customers, for example a home football game or the advertising and promoting of a sporting event, a risk assessment shall be carried out by the President to determine whether door supervisors shall be required.

The risk assessment shall be documented in a register, kept at the Club and available for inspection by the Police or Council Licensing Enforcement Officer upon request.

The risk assessment shall comply with any advice given by South Yorkshire Police or Council Licensing Officers in respect of door supervisors.

16. Clear notices shall be placed at all exits advising customers that they leave the premises in a respectful manner and keep noise to a minimum.
17. Customers shall not be permitted to take vessels containing alcoholic products into the Club and no open vessels containing alcoholic products shall be allowed to be taken from the premises save for consumption in an external area provided for that purpose whilst the premises are conducting licensable activities.
18. Committee members shall ensure that regular checks are carried out outside of the Club to ensure that the area is free from litter and nuisance behaviour associated with the operation of the business.
19. The Committee shall ensure attendance at the local Pub Watch Scheme meeting on a regular basis by nominated representative.
20. The Committee shall ensure a financial statement for the previous financial year is completed and made available for Club members to view.
21. The Committee shall ensure an Annual General Meeting is undertaken and minutes taken.
22. The Committee shall ensure regular Committee meetings are held. Minutes shall be taken of these meetings and produced to the Licensing Authority or Police on request.
23. The Committee must ensure that a minimum period of 48 hours has elapsed between becoming a member and being permitted entry to the Club to participate in Club activities. The Committee must ensure that same day membership is not permitted.

Ms. J. Heggie, legal representative for Anston Club, confirmed that the Club had no objection to any of the proposed conditions. However, the current CCTV system had a recording facility for 14 days and had 16 HD cameras covering all of the premises. Increasing the capacity of the system to 30 days would increase the costs to the Club significantly. If the Sub-Committee insisted on 30 days, the Club would request a lead-in time for the installation to take place.

The Sub-Committee questioned Mr. M. Kavanagh, President, and Mr. R. Fisher, Secretary, and 2 other Club members who were present at the meeting.

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Resolved:- (1) That the 23 proposed conditions submitted be approved for inclusion on the Club Premises Certificate of Anston Club, 1 Main Street, North Anston, Sheffield S25 4BD.

(2) That the requirement for the CCTV system to be upgraded to 30 days recording be implemented by 7th December, 2022.

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**LICENSING BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE
7th November, 2022**

Present:- Councillor Ellis (in the Chair); Councillors Castledine-Dack, Hughes, Monk and Sansome.

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made at the meeting.

19. 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 items of business on the grounds that they involve 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).

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

The Sub-Committee, considered a report of the Licensing Manager relating to applications for the grant/renewal/review of the hackney carriage/private hire driver licences in respect of Messrs. N.S., Z.H.A. and A-D.O.

Due to personal issues, Mr. N.S. did not feel able to attend the meeting but agreed to the review of his hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence being heard in his absence if the Sub-Committee so wished. The Sub-Committee agreed to proceed in his absence.

Mr. Z.H.A., together with his representative, and Mr. A-D.O. were in attendance.

Resolved:- (1) That the hackney carriage/private hire driver licence in respect of Mr. N.S. be suspended for a period of 3 months.

(2) That the application for a hackney carriage/private hire driver licence in respect of Mr. Z.H.A. be refused.

(3) That the application for a hackney carriage/private hire driver licence in respect of Mr. A-D.O. be approved.

21. REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM ROTHERHAM MBC HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY REQUIREMENT

The Sub-Committee of the Licensing Board considered a report, presented by the Licensing Manager, relating to an application from Mr. A. for an exemption from the requirements of the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy in respect of the licence plate and door signs being affixed to licensed vehicle XXXXFLX. This request was made on the basis that the vehicle would be used for executive hire and airport runs.

A similar request had been considered on 9th May, 2022 (Minute No. 44 refers).

Resolved:- That the request from Mr. A. for an exemption from the Council's Licensing Policy in relation to the requirements to affix a licence plate and door signs to his licensed vehicle XXXXFLX be refused.

22. DETERMINATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR A HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION PERMITS

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Licensing Manager concerning the following applications for the grant of promoters' permits to carry out house-to-house collections:-

Organisation	Area	Date
Recycle Proline Ltd.	Whole of the Borough	17 th November, 2022-16 th November, 2023
Recycle Proline Ltd.	Whole of the Borough	17 th November, 2022-16 th November, 2023
Smile Fundraising Ltd.	Whole of the Borough	6 th October, 2022-6 th October, 2023
Child and Teenage Cancer and Leukaemia Foundation	Whole of the Borough	1 st January-31 st December, 2023

Resolved:- That, in accordance with the provisions of the House to House Collections Act 1939, the above applications submitted by Recycle Proline Ltd. (on behalf of Cancer Research and Genetics UK and Children's Hope Foundation), Smile Fundraising Ltd. (on behalf of the National Deaf Children's Society) and Child and Teenage Cancer and Leukaemia Foundation be approved.

PLANNING BOARD
13th October, 2022

Present:- Councillor Atkin (in the Chair); Councillors Andrews, Bacon, Cowen, Elliott, Fisher, Havard, Keenan, Tarmey and Taylor.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bird and Burnett.

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129. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items on the agenda to warrant exclusion of the press and public.

130. MATTERS OF URGENCY

There were no matters of urgency for consideration.

131. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest to report.

132. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 22ND SEPTEMBER, 2022

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Planning Regulatory Board held on Thursday, 22nd September, 2022, be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

133. DEFERMENTS/SITE VISITS

There were no deferments or site visits recommended.

134. DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL - ERECTION OF 151 NO. DWELLINGHOUSES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AT LAND SOUTH OF LODGE LANE DINNINGTON FOR BARRATT AND DAVID WILSON HOMES YORKSHIRE WEST (RB2020/2048)

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, a number of people attended the meeting and spoke about the application:-

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Mr. M. Sheppard (Agent – on behalf of the Applicant)

Councillor S. Castledine-Dack (Objector)

Mrs. M. P. Smith (Objector)

A statement was read out on behalf of Alexander Stafford M.P. (Objector)

(2) That, with regards to application RB2020/2048:-

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

- 30 Affordable Housing Units on site (20% of total).
- A commuted sum of £313,242.50 towards SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) / SEMH (Social, Emotional and Mental Health) provision in Dinnington.
- A commuted sum of £76,000 towards sustainable travel encouragement.
- A commuted sum of £30,000 towards a Rotherham wide Playing Pitch Strategy.
- A commuted sum of £663,000 towards improvements to sport facilities for the local community in the Dinnington area, at Dinnington High School and/or Dinnington Rugby Club and / or in accordance with the outcomes of a Planning Pitch Strategy.
- Establishment of a Management Company to manage and maintain the areas of Greenspace on site.

(b) Consequent upon the satisfactory signing of such an agreement the Council resolves to grant permission for the proposed development subject to the reasons for grant and conditions listed in the submitted report and the decision of the Planning Casework Unit.

135. UPDATES

There were no updates to report.

136. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:- That the next meeting of the Planning Board take place on Thursday, 3rd November, 2022 at 9.00 a.m. at Rotherham Town Hall.

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Present:- Councillor Atkin (in the Chair); Councillors Andrews, Bacon, Bird, Burnett, Elliott, Fisher, Havard, Keenan, Tarmey and Taylor.

An apology was received from Councillor Cowen.

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137. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items on the agenda to warrant exclusion of the press and public.

138. MATTERS OF URGENCY

There were no matters of urgency for consideration.

139. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest to report.

140. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 13TH OCTOBER, 2022

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Planning Regulatory Board held on Thursday, 13th October, 2022, be approved as a correct record of the meeting.

141. DEFERMENTS/SITE VISITS

There were no deferments or site visits recommended.

142. 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, a number of people attended the meeting and spoke about the application:-

Ms. R. Martin (on behalf of the Applicant)

A statement was read out on behalf of Councillor D. Lelliott (Objector)

A statement was read out on behalf of Councillor D. Roche (Objector)

(2) That, with regards to application RB2022/0295:-

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

- 25% on site affordable housing provision.
- Commuted sum of £500 per dwelling towards sustainable transport measures - £155,500.
- Contribution to maintenance of existing Off Site Play Area within 400m of the site - £45,000.
- Contribution to footpath links to Regency Road to include signage to the TPT - £45,000.
- Contribution to meet the increased demand of sport in the locality - £145,659.
- Contribution towards two bus shelters with real time digital displays near the site - £54,947.
- Contribution to Education - £609,451.75.
- Establishment of a Management Company to manage and maintain the areas of Greenspace, including the LEAP and Ball Strike Net.

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

143. UPDATES

There were no updates to report.

144. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:- That the next meeting of the Planning Board take place on Thursday, 24th November, 2022 at 9.00 a.m. at Rotherham Town Hall.