



CABINET

Monday 13 February 2023

10.00 a.m.

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

Cabinet Members:-

Leader of the Council
Deputy Leader of the Council,
Neighbourhood Working Portfolio
Adult Social Care and Health Portfolio
Children and Young People Portfolio
Corporate Services, Community Safety and Finance Portfolio
Housing Portfolio
Jobs and the Local Economy Portfolio
Social Inclusion Portfolio
Transport and Environment Portfolio

Councillor Chris Read
Councillor Sarah Allen

Councillor David Roche
Councillor Victoria Cusworth
Councillor Saghir Alam
Councillor Amy Brookes
Councillor Denise Lelliott
Councillor Dave Sheppard
Councillor Dominic Beck

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Venue: Council Chamber - Rotherham Town Hall, Moorgate Street, Rotherham, South Yorkshire S60 2TH

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

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A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence

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

2. Declarations of Interest

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

3. Questions from Members of the Public

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

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

Councillors may also ask questions under this agenda item.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 11 - 22)

To receive the record of proceedings of the Cabinet meeting held on 23 January 2023.

5. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Agenda Items 6 and 17 have exempt appendices. Therefore, if necessary when considering those items, the Chair will move the following resolution:-

That under Section 100(A) 4 of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it/they involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of such Act indicated, as now amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

6. Mental Health Service Review (Pages 23 - 60)

Report from the Strategic Director for Adult Care, Housing and Public Health.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Approve the development of the Mental Health revised service offer and model with agreement for this to come back to Cabinet in December 2023 prior to implementation.
2. Approve a programme of work to co-produce a new mental health reablement and day opportunities offer with people with lived experience, their families and carers.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

7. Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme (Pages 61 - 92)

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

Recommendations:

1. That Cabinet accepts the grant funding and approves the approach to the governance and management of the grant.

8. Proposal to close Rowan Centre Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) - following the transfer of pupils to Elements Academy (Pages 93 - 117)

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

Recommendations:

1. That the representations in relation to pre statutory consultation be noted.

2. That approval be granted to commence a period of statutory consultation on proposals to close the Rowan Centre PRU by public notice.
3. That the Department for Education be formally notified of the proposal.
4. That a further report be brought to Cabinet following statutory consultation, outlining representations to the formal consultation, and seeking determination of the proposals.

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

9. Budget and Council Tax Report 2023/24 (Pages 119 - 415)

Report from the Strategic Director for Finance and Customer Services.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet recommend to Council

1. Approval of the Budget and Financial Strategy for 2023/24 as set out in the report and appendices, including a basic Council Tax increase of 2% and an Adult Social Care precept of 2%.
2. Approval of the proposed extension to the Local Council Tax Support Top Up scheme, that will provide up to £117.60 of additional support to low income households most vulnerable to rising household costs, through reduced Council Tax bills as described in section 2.5.11-14.
3. Approval of the updated Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) to 2025/26, as described within section 2.6.
4. Approval of the Reserves Strategy as set out in Section 2.9 noting that the final determination of Reserves will be approved as part of reporting the financial outturn for 2022/23.
5. To note and accept the comments and advice of the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services (Section 151 Officer), provided in compliance with Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003, as to the robustness of the estimates included in the Budget and the adequacy of reserves for which the Budget provides (Section 2.14).
6. To note the feedback from the public and partners following the public consultation on the Council's budget for 2023/24 which took place from 19 December 2022 to 22 January 2023, attached as Appendix 10.
7. Approval of the proposed increases in Adult Social Care provider contracts and for Personal Assistants as set out in Section 2.4.

8. Approval of the revenue investment proposals set out in Section 2.7 and Appendix 2.
9. Approval of the Council Fees and Charges for 2023/24 attached as Appendix 7.
10. Approval of the revenue savings proposals set out in Section 2.8 and Appendix 4.
11. Application of the Business Rates Reliefs as set out in Section 2.10, in line with Government guidance.
12. Approval of the proposed Capital Strategy and Capital Programme as presented in Section 2.12 and Appendices 3A to 3F.
13. Approval of the Treasury Management matters for 2023/24 as set out in Appendix 9 of this report including the Prudential Indicators, the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy, the Treasury Management Strategy and the Investment Strategy.
14. Approval of the Flexible use of Capital Receipts Strategy 2023/24 (Appendix 5).
15. Approval that the projected 2022/23 revenue outturn overspend will be funded from the Council's corporate reserves as indicated within section 2.9.
16. Approval that any changes resulting from the Final Local Government Finance Settlement 2023/24 be reflected in the Budget and Council Tax Report to Council on 1 March.
17. It is recommended to continue with the principles and measures adopted since April 2020 to make faster payments to suppliers on receipt of goods, works and services following a fully reconciled invoice as described in section 2.11.
18. Approval that the Capital Programme Budget continues to be managed in line with the following key principles:
 - (i) Any underspends on the existing approved Capital Programme in respect of 2022/23 be rolled forward into future years, subject to an individual review of each carry forward to be set out within the Financial Outturn 2022/23 report to Cabinet.
 - (ii) In line with Financial and Procurement Procedure Rules 7.7 to 7.11 and 8.12, any successful grant applications in respect of capital projects will be added to the Council's approved Capital Programme on an ongoing basis.
 - (iii) Capitalisation opportunities and capital receipts flexibilities will be

maximised, with capital receipts earmarked to minimise revenue costs.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING

10. Update on the Towns and Villages Fund (Pages 417 - 439)

Report from the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations:

1. That Cabinet note the progress made on the first phase of the Towns and Villages Fund.
2. That Cabinet endorse the approach to the future phases of the programme, as detailed in this report.

CORPORATE SERVICES, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND FINANCE

11. December Financial Monitoring Report 2022/23 (Pages 441 - 466)

Report from the Strategic Director for Finance and Customer Services.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Note the current General Fund Revenue Budget forecast overspend of £8.4m.
2. Note that actions will continue to be taken to reduce the overspend position but that it is expected that the Council will need to draw on its reserves to balance the 2022/23 financial position.
3. Note the receipt and planned use of the Adult Social Care Discharge Grant (£1.121m).
4. Note the updated Capital Programme.

12. Business Rates Discretionary Relief Renewals in 2023/24 (Pages 467 - 482)

Report from the Strategic Director for Finance and Customer Services.

Recommendations:

1. That Cabinet approve the applications for Discretionary Business Rate Relief for the organisations listed in Appendix 1 of this report and in accordance with the details set out in Section 6 to this report, for the 2023/24 financial year.

HOUSING

13. Housing Revenue Account Rents and Service Charges (Pages 483 - 523)

Report from the Strategic Director for Adult Care, Housing and Public Health.

Recommendations:

That the Cabinet note the content of the report and recommends to Council:

1. That dwelling rents are increased by 7% in 2023/24 (Option 1) in line with the latest Government policy on rents for social housing which caps rent increases to 7% for 2023/24.
2. That shared ownership rents are increased by 7% in 2023/24 (Option 1) as per the increase on Council dwelling rents.
3. That there is a 6% increase in charges for garages and parking spaces, communal facilities, cooking gas and use of laundry facilities.
4. That Cabinet note the £1.65m 'cushioning' effect that the Council has put in place through the District Heating Scheme in 2022/2023 rising to £2.593m for 2023/2024 subject to Recommendation 6 below.
5. That the Council retain the Energy Bill Relief Scheme amounts to offset some of the deficit incurred in cushioning tenants from energy price rises.
6. The unit charge per Kwh is increased by 186.43% and weekly prepayment charges are increased by 44% to 150%, depending on property size, for District Heating Schemes in 2023/24 (Option 1) to enable the Scheme to break even in the long term.
7. Approve the draft Housing Revenue Account budget for 2023/24 as shown in Appendix 2.
8. That the Council retain the policy of realigning rents on properties at below formula rent, to the formula rent level when the property is re-let.

14. HRA Business Plan (Pages 525 - 569)

Report from the Strategic Director for Adult Care, Housing and Public Health.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet recommends to Council to:

1. Approve the proposed 2023-24 Base Case Option 1 for the HRA Business Plan.
2. Review the Plan annually to provide an updated financial position.

JOBS AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY

15. Place Based Investment Strategy (Pages 571 - 624)

Report from the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations:

1. That Cabinet approves the Rotherham Place Based Investment Strategy.

16. Rotherham Construction Procurement Framework (Pages 625 - 639)

Report from the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

2. Approves the re-procurement of a framework of suitably qualified contractors to deliver a variety of building works projects as and when required for Rotherham and other Local Authorities and Public Sector Organisations.
3. Delegates authority to the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy and the S151 Officer, to enter into the resulting Framework Agreements with the successful contractors.

17. Waverley Medical Centre (Olive Lane) Funding and Development Agreement (Pages 641 - 670)

Report from the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Approves the Council entering into the proposed Section 2 Funding Agreement and Development Agreement and the subsequent property lease agreements in order to facilitate the development of the proposed Medical Centre.
2. Authorises the Assistant Director for Planning, Regeneration and Transport in consultation with the Assistant Director for Legal Services

to negotiate the terms and conditions of the Section 2 Funding Agreement, subject to final approval by the Section 151 Officer to facilitate the acceptance of funding and its subsequent distribution.

3. Authorises the Assistant Director for Planning, Regeneration and Transport in consultation with the Assistant Director for Legal Services to negotiate the terms and conditions of the proposed property leases, both as Landlord and Tenant, in order to comply with the Section 2 Funding Agreement.

18. Cabinet Response to Scrutiny Review - Markets: Engagement and Recovery (Pages 671 - 692)

Report from the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations:

1. That the Cabinet response to the Scrutiny Review Recommendations – Markets: Engagement and Recovery be approved.

SOCIAL INCLUSION

19. Cabinet Response to Scrutiny Review - Cultural Strategy (Pages 693 - 739)

Report from the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations:

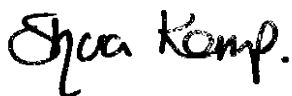
4. That the Cabinet response to the Scrutiny Review Recommendations (as set out in Appendix 1) for the Cultural Strategy be approved.

20. Recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (To Follow)

To receive a report detailing the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board in respect of the above items that were subject to pre-decision scrutiny on 8 February 2023.

21. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cabinet will be held on Monday 20 March 2023 commencing at 10.00am in Rotherham Town Hall.



SHARON KEMP,
Chief Executive.