

Cabinet Decisions 13 February 2023

A record of decisions made at the Cabinet Meeting, which took place on Monday 13 February 2023.

Cabinet Decision Making

The membership of the Cabinet is:

Leader of the Council	Councillor Chris Read
Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member Neighbourhood Working	Councillor Sarah Allen
Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care and Health	Councillor David Roche
Cabinet Member – Children and Young People	Councillor Victoria Cusworth
Cabinet Member – Corporate Services, Community Safety and Finance	Councillor Saghir Alam
Cabinet Member – Housing	Councillor Amy Brookes
Cabinet Member – Jobs and the Local Economy	Councillor Denise Lelliott
Cabinet Member – Social Inclusion	Councillor David Sheppard
Cabinet Member – Transport and Environment	Councillor Dominic Beck

All Cabinet decisions are taken collectively at Cabinet Meetings. There are no decisions taken by individual Cabinet Members.

Decisions taken by Cabinet are detailed below and are subject to the Call-In Procedure set out at Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 13. This rule provides for a period of seven working days from the date of the publication of the decision notice before any decision taken by the Cabinet can be implemented.

CABINET DECISIONS TAKEN ON 13 February 2023

Report Title	Portfolio	Directorate	Contact Officer	Decision / Recommendations agreed	Alternative Options Considered	Conflict of Interest Recorded	Dispensations Granted	Action Date
Mental Health Service Review	Adult Social Care and Health	Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	Ian Spicer, Strategic Director for Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	That Cabinet: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approves 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. Approves 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. 	Report - Mental Health Service Review	N/A	N/A	
Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme	Children and Young People	Children and Young People's Services	Suzy Joyner, Strategic Director for Children and Young People's Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Cabinet accepts the grant funding and approves the approach to the governance and management of the grant. 	Report - Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme	N/A	N/A	
Proposal to close Rowan Centre Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) - following the	Children and Young People	Children and Young People's Services	Suzy Joyner, Strategic Director for Children and Young People's	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That there were no representations in relation to pre statutory 	Report - Proposal to close Rowan Centre Pupil	N/A	N/A	

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transfer of pupils to Elements Academy			Services	<p>consultation to be noted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	Referral Unit (PRU) - following the transfer of pupils to Elements Academy			
Budget and Council Tax Report 2023/24	Leader of the Council	Finance and Customer Services	Judith Badger, Strategic Director for Finance and Customer Services	<p>That Cabinet recommended to Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	Report - Budget and Council Tax Report 2023/24	N/A	N/A	

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				<p>precept of 2%.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1055 400 1411 767">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. <li data-bbox="1055 799 1411 951">3. Approval of the updated Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) to 2025/26, as described within section 2.6. <li data-bbox="1055 983 1411 1230">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. <li data-bbox="1055 1262 1411 1319">5. To note and accept the comments and advice of 				

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				<p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>7. Approval of the proposed increases in Adult Social Care provider contracts and for Personal Assistants as set out in Section 2.4.</p> <p>8. Approval of the revenue</p>				

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				<p>investment proposals set out in Section 2.7 and Appendix 2.</p> <p>9. Approval of the Council Fees and Charges for 2023/24 attached as Appendix 7.</p> <p>10. Approval of the revenue savings proposals set out in Section 2.8 and Appendix 4.</p> <p>11. Application of the Business Rates Reliefs as set out in Section 2.10, in line with Government guidance.</p> <p>12. Approval of the proposed Capital Strategy and Capital Programme as presented in Section 2.12 and Appendices 3A to 3F.</p> <p>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</p>				

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				<p>Revenue Provision Policy, the Treasury Management Strategy and the Investment Strategy.</p> <p>14. Approval of the Flexible use of Capital Receipts Strategy 2023/24 (Appendix 5).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>17. It is recommended to continue with the principles and measures adopted since April 2020</p>				

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				<p>to make faster payments to suppliers on receipt of goods, works and services following a fully reconciled invoice as described in section 2.11.</p> <p>18. Approval that the Capital Programme Budget continues to be managed in line with the following key principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 				

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				<p>of capital projects will be added to the Council's approved Capital Programme on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>(iii) Capitalisation opportunities and capital receipts flexibilities will be maximised, with capital receipts earmarked to minimise revenue costs.</p>				
Update on the Towns and Villages Fund	Neighbourhood Working	Regeneration and Environment	Paul Woodcock, Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	Report - Update on the Towns and Villages Fund	N/A	N/A	
December Financial Monitoring Report 2022/23	Corporate Services, Community Safety and Finance	Finance and Customer Services	Judith Badger, Strategic Director for Finance and Customer Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the current General Fund Revenue Budget forecast overspend of £8.4m. 2. Note that actions will continue to be taken to 	Report - December Financial Monitoring Report 2022/23	N/A	N/A	

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				<p>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.</p> <p>3. Note the receipt and planned use of the Adult Social Care Discharge Grant (£1.121m).</p> <p>4. Note the updated Capital Programme.</p>				
Business Rates Discretionary Relief Renewals in 2023/24	Corporate Services, Community Safety and Finance	Finance and Customer Services	Judith Badger, Strategic Director for Finance and Customer Services	<p>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.</p>	Report - Business Rates Discretionary Relief Renewals in 2023/24	N/A	N/A	
Housing Revenue Account Rents and Service Charges	Housing	Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	Ian Spicer, Strategic Director for Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	<p>That the Cabinet note the content of the report and recommends to Council:</p> <p>1. That dwelling rents are increased by 7% in 2023/24 (Option 1) in line</p>	Report - Housing Revenue Account Rents and Service Charges	N/A	N/A	

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				<p>with the latest Government policy on rents for social housing which caps rent increases to 7% for 2023/24.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 				

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				<p>amounts to offset some of the deficit incurred in cushioning tenants from energy price rises.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>7. Approve the draft Housing Revenue Account budget for 2023/24 as shown in Appendix 2.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>9. That consideration be given to whether additional measures, such</p>				

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				<p>as tenancy advice and support, could be introduced to mitigate the impact of rent increases for residents who are particularly vulnerable to changes in rent levels (for example recipients of Personal Independence Payments and Disability Living Allowance for children).</p> <p>10. That consideration is given to developing a communication strategy, including drop-in sessions, to raise awareness of changes to the district heating charges and support available to households.</p>				
HRA Business Plan	Housing	Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	Ian Spicer, Strategic Director for Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	<p>That Cabinet recommends to Council to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the proposed 2023-24 Base Case Option 1 for the HRA Business Plan. 2. Review the Plan annually 	Report - HRA Business Plan	N/A	N/A	

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				to provide an updated financial position.				
Place Based Investment Strategy	Jobs and the Local Economy	Regeneration and Environment	Paul Woodcock, Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment	1. That Cabinet approves the Rotherham Place Based Investment Strategy.	Report - Place Based Investment Strategy	N/A	N/A	
Rotherham Construction Procurement Framework	Jobs and the Local Economy	Regeneration and Environment	Paul Woodcock, Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment	That Cabinet: 1. 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. 2. 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	Report - Rotherham Construction Procurement Framework	N/A	N/A	

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				Framework Agreements with the successful contractors.				
Waverley Medical Centre (Olive Lane) Funding and Development Agreement	Jobs and the Local Economy	Regeneration and Environment	Paul Woodcock, Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment	That Cabinet: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	Report - Waverley Medical Centre (Olive Lane) Funding and Development Agreement	N/A	N/A	

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				<p>its subsequent distribution.</p> <p>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.</p>				
Cabinet Response to Scrutiny Review - Markets: Engagement and Recovery	Jobs and the Local Economy	Regeneration and Environment	Paul Woodcock, Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment	1. That the Cabinet response to the Scrutiny Review Recommendations – Markets: Engagement and Recovery be approved.	Report - Cabinet Response to Scrutiny Review - Markets: Engagement and Recovery	N/A	N/A	
Cabinet Response to Scrutiny Review - Cultural Strategy	Social Inclusion	Regeneration and Environment	Paul Woodcock, Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment	1. That the Cabinet response to the Scrutiny Review Recommendations (as set out in Appendix 1) for the Cultural Strategy be approved.	Report - Cabinet Response to Scrutiny Review - Cultural Strategy	N/A	N/A	

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REQUEST FOR CALL-IN			
Report Title:			
Cabinet Portfolio:			
Decision being called in for Scrutiny:			
Reason for call in:			
Alternative proposal for Scrutiny to consider			
Members requesting the decision be called-in:		PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE
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To be completed by Statutory Scrutiny Officer:

Date & Time received:

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Valid call in:

YES/NO

OSMB meeting referred to:

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