



CABINET

Monday 20 March 2023

10.00 a.m.

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

Cabinet Members:-

Leader of the Council

Councillor Chris Read

Deputy Leader of the Council,

Councillor Sarah Allen

Neighbourhood Working Portfolio

Councillor David Roche

Adult Social Care and Health Portfolio

Councillor Victoria Cusworth

Children and Young People Portfolio

Councillor Saghir Alam

Corporate Services, Community Safety and Finance Portfolio

Councillor Amy Brookes

Housing Portfolio

Councillor Denise Lelliott

Jobs and the Local Economy Portfolio

Councillor Dave Sheppard

Social Inclusion Portfolio

Councillor Dominic Beck

Transport and Environment Portfolio

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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 – goverance@rotherham.gov.uk**

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A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence

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

2. Declarations of Interest

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

3. Questions from Members of the Public

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

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

Councillors may also ask questions under this agenda item.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 9 - 23)

To receive the record of proceedings of the Cabinet meeting held on 13 February 2023.

5. Exclusion of the Press and Public

There are no exempt items.

ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

6. Learning Disability Services (Pages 25 - 48)

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

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Notes the achievements and ongoing progress of the Learning Disability Transformation Programme as set out in the Cabinet Report "*The transformation of services and support for people with a learning disability – May 2018*".
2. Approve a minimum 90-day period of co-production to establish the views and needs of people with a learning disability, their families, and carers and younger people preparing for adulthood, regarding the future vision and strategy for people with a learning disability.
3. Agrees to receive a further report in late Autumn 2023 proposing a refreshed strategy for people with a learning disability in Rotherham.

7. Cabinet Response to Covid-19 Care Home Safety (Pages 49 - 65)

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

Recommendations:

1. That Cabinet endorses this response to the Health Select Commission's spotlight review and accepts the recommendations.

CORPORATE SERVICES, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND FINANCE

8. Modern Slavery Annual Transparency Statement (Pages 67 - 93)

Report from the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations:

1. Cabinet notes the progress made to date.
2. Cabinet agrees for the current Transparency Statement 2022/23 to remain in place in 2023/24.

HOUSING AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

9. Homelessness Prevention and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2023 - 2026 (Pages 95 - 154)

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

Recommendations:

1. That Cabinet approve the Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2023 - 2026.

JOBS AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY

10. Climate Change Action Plan and Annual Report (Pages 155 - 202)

Report from the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that Cabinet:

1. Approve the Climate Change Action Plan in Appendix 2 including nature crisis and adaptation actions, noting the key achievements and opportunities summarised in Appendix 1 and sections 2 and 5 of this report.
2. Approve the Single Use Plastic Action Plan in Appendix 4.

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

11. Household Support Fund 2023/24 (Pages 203 - 220)

Report from the Assistant Chief Executive.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet agree:

1. That provisional allocations of the Household Support Fund Grant of £4.978m be made as follows:
 - a. £2.5m for food vouchers to children eligible for free school meals for school holidays up to and including Easter 2024.
 - b. £1.2m to cover the estimated costs of the Council's Local Council Tax Support Top Up Scheme.
 - c. £0.4m additional funding to top up the Council's Discretionary Housing Payments fund.
 - d. £0.563m to support applications from households for assistance

with cost-of-living increases, through the Council's Energy Crisis Support Scheme.

- e. £180k to provide additional tinned food to supplement the supplies available for crisis food parcels provided by local food banks and Community Food Members. This sum would also assist with supplies to social supermarkets, which is a supplement to the Crisis Support service level agreement.
- f. £90k 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.
- g. £45k to support local VCS organisations to support vulnerable households over Christmas / New year through a supplement to the Crisis Support service level agreement.

2. 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 provisional allocations.
3. £150,000 cost of living crisis grant funding from the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority is used to top up the allocation to Discretionary Housing Payments; of which, £50,000 will be utilised in the current financial year and the remaining £100,000 in 23/24.
4. To approve use of the Council's Business Rates Levy surplus distribution allocation of £538,415 to be used to support Energy Crisis Support Payments in 2022/23.

12. Social Value Annual Report (Pages 221 - 256)

Report from the Assistant Chief Executive.

Recommendations:

1. That the annual report is received noting the increased social value commitments along with outcomes achieved.
2. That Cabinet agree the following key priorities for 2023 include:
 - a. Continue to embed the foundations of strong social value delivery through contract manager and supplier learning and development, tools and evaluation.
 - b. Support new and existing businesses to enter into new markets, from which the Council buys goods and services through the work of Rotherham Investment and Development Office and meet the buyer events.
 - c. Hold a Social Value celebration event for suppliers to showcase

- impact and inspire others.
- d. Formally launch Rotherham Social Value Anchor Networks to raise awareness and engagement of more partners.

SOCIAL INCLUSION

13. Financial Inclusion Strategy (Pages 257 - 288)

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

Recommendations:

1. That Cabinet approves the Corporate Financial Inclusion Plan 2023-24

TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT

14. Fleet Replacement Plan (Pages 289 - 310)

Report from the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Approves the approach to fleet replacement, which refreshes 35% of the current fleet by 2025/26 that works towards the Council's strategic objective of achieving 'Net Zero' status by 2030, and Borough wide by 2040.
2. Notes the intention to strengthen centralised fleet management, including Council-wide requests for additional vehicles, acquisition, disposal, maintenance and redeployment of assets to ensure best utilisation and value.
3. Delegates authority to the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment, in consultation with the S.151 Officer, and Cabinet Member for Transport and the Environment to enter into the necessary procurement agreements to effect the delivery of the report objectives.

15. 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 Wednesday 15 March 2023.

16. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cabinet will be held on Monday 24 April 2023 commencing at 10.00am in Rotherham Town Hall.

Sharon Kemp.

SHARON KEMP,
Chief Executive.