

Cabinet Decisions
20th March 2023

A record of decisions made at the Cabinet Meeting, which took place on Monday 20 March 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 20 March 2023

Report Title	Portfolio	Directorate	Contact Officer	Decision / Recommendations agreed	Alternative Options Considered	Conflict of Interest Recorded	Dispensations Granted	Action Date
Learning Disability Services	Adult Social Care and Health	Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	Ian Spicer, Strategic Director for Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted 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. Approved 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. Agreed to receive a further report in late Autumn 2023 proposing a refreshed strategy for people with a learning 	Report- Learning Disability Services	N/A	N/A	

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				disability in Rotherham.				
Cabinet Response to Covid-19 Care Home Safety	Adult Social Care and Health	Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	Ian Spicer, Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	1. That Cabinet endorsed this response to the Health Select Commission's spotlight review and accepted the recommendations.	Report- Cabinet Response to Covid-19 Care Home Safety	N/A	N/A	
Modern Slavery Annual Transparency Statement	Corporate Services, Community Safety and Finance	Regeneration and Environment	Paul Woodcock, Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment	1. Cabinet noted the progress made to date. 2. Cabinet agreed for the current Transparency Statement 2022/23 to remain in place in 2023/24.	Report- Modern Slavery Annual Transparency Statement	N/A	N/A	
Homelessness Prevention and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2023 - 2026	Housing and Social Inclusion	Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	Ian Spicer, Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	1. That Cabinet approved the Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2023 - 2026.	Report- Homelessness Prevention and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2023-2026	N/A	N/A	
Climate Change Action Plan and Annual Report	Jobs and the Local Economy	Regeneration and Environment	Paul Woodcock, Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment	That Cabinet: 1. Approved the Climate Change Action Plan in Appendix 2 including nature crisis and adaptation actions, noting the key achievements and	Report- Climate Change Action Plan and Annual Report	N/A	N/A	

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				<p>opportunities summarised in Appendix 1 and sections 2 and 5 of this report.</p> <p>2. Approved the Single Use Plastic Action Plan in Appendix 4.</p>				
Household Support Fund 2023/24	Leader of the Council	Assistant Chief Executive	Jo Brown, Assistant Chief Executive	<p>That Cabinet agreed:</p> <p>1. That provisional allocations of the Household Support Fund Grant of £4.978m be made as follows:</p> <p>a. £2.5m for food vouchers to children eligible for free school meals for school holidays up to and including Easter 2024.</p> <p>b. £1.2m to cover the estimated costs of the Council's Local Council Tax Support Top Up Scheme.</p> <p>c. £0.4m additional funding to top up the Council's Discretionary Housing</p>	Report-Household Support Fund 2023/24	N/A	N/A	

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				<p>Payments fund.</p> <p>d. £0.563m to support applications from households for assistance with cost-of-living increases, through the Council's Energy Crisis Support Scheme.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>				

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				<p>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.</p> <p>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</p>				

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				<p>approved provisional allocations.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>4. Approved 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.</p>				
Social Value Annual Report	Leader of the Council	Assistant Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp, Chief Executive	<p>1. That the annual report is received noting the increased social value commitments along with outcomes achieved.</p> <p>2. That Cabinet agreed the following key priorities for</p>	Report- Social Value Annual Report	N/A	N/A	

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				<p>2023 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 				

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				others. d. Formally launch Rotherham Social Value Anchor Networks to raise awareness and engagement of more partners.				
Financial Inclusion Strategy	Social Inclusion	Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	Ian Spicer, Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	1. That Cabinet approved the Corporate Financial Inclusion Plan 2023-24	Report- Financial Inclusion Strategy	N/A	N/A	
Fleet Replacement Plan	Transport and Environment	Director for Regeneration and Environment	Paul Woodcock, Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment	That Cabinet: 1. Approved 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. Noted the intention to strengthen centralised fleet management, including Council-wide requests for additional vehicles, acquisition, disposal, maintenance,	Report- Fleet Replacement Plan	N/A	N/A	

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				<p>and redeployment of assets to ensure best utilisation and value.</p> <p>3. Delegated 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.</p>				