

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

- Date and Time :-** Wednesday 6 July 2022 at 10.00 a.m.
- Venue:-** Rotherham Town Hall, Moorgate Street, Rotherham.
- Membership:-** Councillors Clark (Chair), T Collingham (Vice-Chair), Baker-Rogers, Baum-Dixon, , A Carter, Cooksey, Cowen, Elliott, Pitchley, Tinsley, Wyatt and Yasseen.

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

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

2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 May 2022 and 27 May 2022 (Pages 5 - 26)

To consider the minutes of the previous meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board held on 11 May 2022 and 27 May 2022 and to approve them as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

3. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of interest from Members in respect of items listed on the agenda.

4. Questions from Members of the Public and the Press

To receive questions relating to items of business on the agenda from members of the public or press who are present at the meeting.

5. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Agenda Item 6 has an exempt appendix. Therefore, if necessary when considering that item, 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 involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of such Act indicated, as now

amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

Items for Pre-Decision Scrutiny

In accordance with the outcome of the Governance Review in 2016, the following items are submitted for pre-scrutiny ahead of the Cabinet meeting on 11 July 2022. Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board are invited to comment and make recommendations on the proposals contained within the report.

6. Annual Housing Development Report - 2022/23 (Pages 27 - 72)

Cabinet Portfolio: Housing

Strategic Directorate: Adult Care, Housing and Public Health

For Discussion/Decision:-

7. Children's Commissioners Takeover Challenge - Climate Change (Pages 73 - 79)

To consider the report and recommendations from the Children's Commissioner's Takeover Challenge – Climate Change held on 16 March 2022.

Recommendations:

That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board:

1. Receive the report and recommendations outlined in Appendix 1.
2. Agree that the report and recommendations be forwarded to Cabinet for response.

For Information/Monitoring:-

8. Work Programme 2022-23 (Pages 81 - 91)

To consider the Board's Work Programme.

9. Work in Progress - Select Commissions

To receive updates from the Chairs of the Select Commission on work undertaken and planned for the future.

10. Forward Plan of Key Decisions - 1 June 2022 to 31 August 2022 (Pages 93 - 101)

To review and identify items for pre-decision scrutiny from the Forward Plan of Key Decisions covering the period from 1 June 2022 – 31 August 2022.

11. Call-in Issues

To consider any issues referred for call-in from recent Cabinet meetings.

12. Urgent Business

To determine any item which the Chair is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.

13. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board will be held on 14 September 2022 at 10am at Rotherham Town Hall.

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**SHARON KEMP,
Chief Executive.**

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**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD
Wednesday 11 May 2022**

Present:- Councillor Clark (in the Chair); Councillors T. Collingham, Baker-Rogers, Cowen, A Carter, Elliott and Pitchley.

Apologies for absence:- Apologies were received from Councillors Baum-Dixon, Burnett, Cooksey, Wyatt and Yasseen.

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27. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr T Collingham declared a personal interest as co-signatory of the petition to improve road safety on Cumwell Lane/Kingsfirth Lane. He remained present for the debate on the call for action but did not take part in the Board's consideration of the issue and its resolution.

28. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS

There were no questions from members of the public or press.

29. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

30. PETITION - IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY ON CUMWELL LANE/KINGSFORTH LANE

At the Council meeting on 13 April 2022, it was noted that a petition had been received in respect of a request to the Council to improve road safety on Cumwell Lane/Kingsworth Lane. As the petition had 622 valid signatures under the Council's petition scheme, it was referred to Overview and Scrutiny Management Board for review.

The Chair welcomed Cllr Ball to the meeting as Lead Petitioner. Cllr Collingham joined Cllr Ball as a signatory to the petition, having declared an interest in this item. The Cabinet Member for Transport and the Environment and officers were also welcomed.

The Chair opened by offering the Board's condolences to those affected by the recent fatal accidents. Following this, she outlined the process for consideration of petitions in accordance with the Council's petition scheme.

The Chair invited to Cllr Ball to present the call for action. He noted with regret the need to submit the petition. Referring to previous serious accidents including some fatalities, he stated that the lanes were used as

a shortcut between villages. Residents and professionals had approached him to raise concerns about road safety. He noted that the actions taken by the Council to date were welcome however, it was the view of the petitioner that the installation of an average speed camera would act as a greater deterrent and lead to reduced speeds on this stretch of road. Cllr Collingham speaking in support of the petition, cited widespread public backing to the concerns raised.

Board Members were invited to ask questions of Cllr Ball, as the Lead Petitioner. Clarification was sought if there were actions other than the installation of an average speed camera that could be taken by the Council to improve road safety. In response, the Lead Petitioner noted that proposals including the installation of barriers, road resurfacing, and introduction of speed limits had been made. Whilst these would offer additional safety measures, it was his view that average speed restrictions would be an effective deterrent. He further clarified that Council officers had been responsive to requests to meet to discuss proposals. While this was welcome, the petitioners asked that the proposals be translated into clear measures to improve road safety in the local area.

The Chair invited the Cabinet Member for Transport and the Environment to outline his response. In opening, the Cabinet Member also offered his condolences to the families and friends in respect of the two recent fatalities. He stated that the Council was committed to taking this matter seriously and this could be demonstrated by what the Council has done, was doing and what future action the Council had planned to address concerns.

He noted that a meeting had been organised with ward members and officer to discuss action taken and forthcoming plans. An offer was made to organise another meeting to keep members abreast of developments and inform future working. The Cabinet Member reminded the Board and ward members that the Council was obliged to follow statutory processes in respect of changes speed limits, including consultation with the public and statutory undertakers, which necessarily would take time to conduct.

The Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment outlined that swift action was taken following the accident, including an immediate road closure, changes to signage, regular inspection and engagement with site owners. Steps had been taken to enact Traffic Regulation Orders which involved following a legal process. Other actions included improving and replacing road studs, improving verges, installation of speed activated signs and warnings including 'cross hatching' outside key sites on the road.

The Interim Head of Transport Infrastructure outlined that the Road Safety Investigations Team and Road Safety Measure Team were looking proactively at incidents to identify safety mitigations across the road network. In respect of the matters under consideration at this meeting, action was in train prior to the petition being submitted. The officers were

working closely with South Yorkshire Police, ward councillors and local communities to identify solutions. It was noted that informal enquires had been made to ascertain the feasibility of installing average speed cameras. However, in doing so it was outlined that wider consideration was needed to locating cameras in places where safe maintenance could be undertaken.

The Chair invited Cllr Ball to put questions to the Cabinet Member for Transport and the Environment and officers following the contributions. Cllr Ball thanked the Cabinet Member and officers for providing details of its proposals and looked forward to their implementation. Cllr Ball referred to previous concerns raised by ward members regarding road safety and asked if the issue had been taken seriously by the Council at the time. The Cabinet Member stated that the authority had acted prior to the petition's submission following the first fatal accident but as outlined, some measures had taken time to implement because of legal process. He welcomed the petition as adding greater weight and focus to this important issue.

Cllr Collingham asked that a progress report be submitted to scrutiny on the implementation of the proposals outlined. He expressed some concerns about the amount of time taken to respond to the incidents. In response, the Strategic Director asked that assumptions are not made about the circumstances of the fatal accidents until the coroner had concluded their enquiries. He stated that the authority gave regards to specific incident information spanning a number of months to establish if there are clusters or patterns and had taken action accordingly. He reiterated that officers had met with ward councillors to seek intelligence and share information and committed to keep them updated.

The Chair opened the discussions to other Board Members. Clarification was sought as to why a speed limit of 50mph was proposed rather than a lower limit (e.g. 40mph) and if measures such as the removal of road marking to reduce speeds had been considered. It was outlined that the management of road markings and speed limits followed Department for Transport (DfT) regulations. The removal of white lines would not be recommended on the road in question because of its classification and the risk of increased hazards. Speed limits were also determined on based the road's classification. A speed limit survey was conducted in February which demonstrated that average speed was between 45- 55 mph for most drivers (85th percentile) which would justify a speed limit of 50mph. This measurement was in line with DfT and Police guidance. The Chair queried if the survey had been undertaken at different times of the year when lighting and other conditions may be different. The Cabinet Member gave a commitment that this would be undertaken.

Assurance was given that a priority was given to the implementation of the proposals outlined within tight timescales. A commitment was given to providing further updates.

Further details of what assessments had taken place to establish the feasibility of average speed cameras were requested. It was outlined that the Speed Camera Partnership operated across South Yorkshire and early assessments had been shared with them. The authority was pressing for this road to be prioritised, however, the decision to install average speed cameras were made ultimately by the Speed Camera Partnership. Extensive work needed to be undertaken prior to installation, including site surveys, maintenance access, and levels of investment. It was expected that the process for installing average speed cameras could take up to two years to come into operation. It was noted that the Borough did not have any average speed cameras currently. A further question was asked to clarify if any benchmarking had been undertaken with comparative authorities which have average speed cameras in operation.

Clarification was sought if there were any plans to improve street lighting. Whilst there were no plans to install additional lighting, road studs along the centre of the road were being replaced to improve road marking visibility at night.

It was noted that there had been previous fatal accidents on the road. Further details were sought on lessons learnt from these accidents.

Prior to opening the debate on the merits of the call for action, the Chair requested that a seminar takes place to inform members of current road safety issues and how concerns can be raised. It was stated that one was planned to take place in the near future.

Members were invited to debate the issues raised in the discussions. The petition was given unanimous support with the following recommendations endorsed by the Board.

Resolved:

1. That the call for action as outlined in the petition be supported.
2. That the following proposed actions outlined by the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment be supported:

Proposed measure	Programming information	Anticipated implementation date
Reduce the existing speed limit along Kingsforth Lane, and Cumwell Lane (including sections of Sandy Lane and Newhall Lane to 50mph	Subject to TRO process. On Officer Decision Forward Plan. Consultation to start in May 2022	August 2022
Reduce existing speed limit through Newhall to either 20mph or 30mph (subject to consultation and legal advice)	Subject to TRO process On Officer Decision Forward Plan. Consultation to start in May 2022	August 2022

Resurface Kingsforth Lane (Thurcroft side)	To be programmed and implemented by RMBC managed by Network Management	Start of June 2022
Remove existing central road studs and replace with bi-directional solar powered intelligent white units throughout	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	June 2022
Replace damaged, or missing highway signage	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	June 2022
Cut back vegetation to maintain forward visibility of the signs	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	June 2022
Provide edge of carriageway road markings and refresh existing	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	June 2022
Refresh existing centre line markings including Sandy Lane and Newhall Lane give way junctions.	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	June 2022
Provide red surfaced hatched markings at the dedicated right turn lane to the Landfill site entrance.	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	June 2022
Replace any missing verge marker posts	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	June 2022
Provide new verge markers (approx. 30 No.) at 5m centres opposite the fishing pond.	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	June 2022
Provide 10m red surfaced patches at each existing SLOW marking and any additional specified SLOW markings	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	June 2022
Arrange for the cut back and/or removal of any self-seeded vegetation/ shrubs/ trees from the verges that may interfere with visibility	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	June 2022
Installation of two Solar Powered Vehicle Activated Signs either side of the	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	July 2022

Fishing Ponds bend to alert drivers travelling over a pre-set speed limit to slow down		
Assess the route for appropriateness of a Vehicle Restraint System using current standards	Route assessment to take place during road closure	July 2022
Install Vehicle Restraint System	Subject to outcome of assessment	Late 2022

3. That an evaluation is undertaken by the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment and the Speed Camera Partnership to assess the feasibility of installing average speed cameras on Cumwell Lane/Kingsforth Lane.
4. That this evaluation includes benchmarking of comparable local authorities with average speed cameras in their areas, any learning from the installation and their impact on road safety.
5. That Cabinet and the Speed Camera Partnership be asked to support the resourcing of the infrastructure required for the installation and maintenance of average speed cameras on Cumwell Lane/Kingsforth Lane should their feasibility be established.
6. That the Council's response to and lesson learnt from the fatal traffic incidents in 2018 and 2019 on Cumwell Lane/Kingsforth Lane be circulated to Board Members and the Lead Petitioner by the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment.
7. That an update on progress in respect of the recommendations outlined, is provided to this Board in 6 months with a further report to be provided to Improving Places Select Commission in 12 months.

31. **TOWN DEAL AND LEVELLING UP FUND: UPDATE AND IMPLEMENTATION**

Consideration was given to a report that was submitted for pre-decision scrutiny ahead of the Cabinet Meeting to be held on 16 May 2022. It provided an update on progress and sought approval to implement the Regeneration Programme projects which have been awarded funding via the Levelling Up Fund and Towns Fund. A full list and summary of the projects was appended to the report.

The Town Deal was a £3.6bn programme seeking to 'unleash the economic potential of 100 places across the country. In January 2021 Rotherham submitted a Town Investment Plan seeking £35m for projects across Templeborough, Eastwood and the Town Centre. In June 2021, Heads of Terms were received offering £31.6m. Stage 2 of the Town Deal process required a local assurance process for each project culminating

in the submission of 'Project Summary' documentation to Department for Levelling-Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC) by 27 June 2022.

The opportunity to bid to Round 1 of the Levelling Up Fund (LUF) was announced in March 2021. In June 2021 the Council submitted three bids seeking investment to support projects in the Leisure Economy, Principal Areas for Growth and Rotherham Town Centre. An announcement was made in October 2021 that Rotherham had successfully secured funding for two of the three submitted bids for the Leisure Economy (£19.5m) and Rotherham Town Centre (£20m) totalling £39.5m. In February 2022, Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) were signed between the Council and DLUHC for each of the two successful Round 1 bids, setting out the terms, principles and practices that will apply regarding the administration and delivery of the

A second round of funding was announced on 23 March 2022. The Council intended to re-submit a bid proposal for Wath and Dinnington Town Centres to this fund with a deadline of 6 July 2022.

Given the significant amount of funding involved it was requested that progress of the Town Deal and Levelling Up fund be added to the Risk Register to be considered by the Audit Committee.

Confirmation was received that the projects listed were on track for their anticipated completion dates.

The consultation regarding the 'Transforming Cities Infrastructure' relates to the transforming cities fund which is not directly linked to the report although the long-term strategic plan in and around the town centre looks at the wider strategy and objectives for the town centre and how those work. The consultation results associated with this were being assessed and would be responded to in due course.

The funding was welcomed but were the changes proposed for the town centre right for the current climate and environment or should they have been made previously. It was confirmed that the changes were part of the masterplan created in conjunction with the business sector and community. The Strategic Director Regeneration and Environment explained the Council received one of the largest Town Deals in the country along with two of the three bids for the Levelling Up Fund. In terms of the ambitions, a substantial amount was for other areas across the borough.

It was felt that the borough lacked single occupancy accessible flats/houses within the town centre therefore it was queried if the housing planned for the town centre was correct, with the right mix of properties for the community. It was confirmed that the residential element of the town centre had been considered including how to encourage a diverse range of young and old and those with different needs.

It was queried what communication had been carried out with the wider stakeholders to inform them of what bids had been submitted. The Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment explained that they had been liaising with local ward Members which would then be developed into proposals however a lot of work had been carried out previously to maximise the opportunity.

It was asked if external feedback had been sought regarding why some of the bids were not successful in round 1 and had officers reflected upon why those bids had not succeeded. It was confirmed that feedback was received from officials within government for the 1 bid that hadn't been successful and it was due to be considered by Cabinet in June.

Clarification was sought on what democratic oversight there was of the Town Deal Board who retain oversight of this project, who do they provide updates to. The Town Deal Board was put in place as part of the government's requirements for this fund. The Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy sits on the Board along with the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment with the minutes of meetings being available to members of the public. It was clarified that the Council delivered the projects through its structures and assurance framework.

Resolved that:

1. That Cabinet be advised that the recommendations be supported.
2. That progress of the Town Deal and Levelling Up fund be added to the Risk Register.

32. HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

Consideration was given to a report that was submitted for pre-decision scrutiny ahead of the Cabinet Meeting to be held on 16 May 2022.

The Leader introduced the report indicated that the Household Support Fund was discretionary funding that the Governance allocated to support cost of living issues. The first round was used to pay for free school meal vouchers during school holidays, with around 11,000 children benefiting. It was also used to provide some additional support to voluntary partners Christmas meal appeal along with providing additional Council Tax support within the last year.

The Government announced a further 6-month allocation in its Spring statement of around £2.5 million pounds for Rotherham with slight changes to how it could be administered. It indicated that at least 30% of the funding had to be used for families with children and at least 30% of the funding to be used for people of a pensionable age. The funding needed to have been allocated by September 2022.

The proposal was to continue the free school meal voucher offer through

to October 2022. Some additional funding would be set aside to the discretionary payments fund for energy bills which could be expanded to give some flexibility in terms of support to pensioner households. this would provide grants of up to £150 for pension households to be used in a flexible way.

The remaining balance of the allocation would need to go towards households of a pensionable age however the application process for the energy bills fund would need to be in operation prior to decisions being made on the remaining funding.

Clarification was sought as to how the Council would ensure this funding reached all areas of the borough. The Leader confirmed that the funding was allocated to individual households rather than being geographically based. Discussions were being undertaken as to how be able to reach all communities.

It was queried how the Council would ensure the funding was being allocated to those most in need. In response it was explained that the priority was to make the decisions that could be taken easily to enable funding to be accessed in those areas immediately and then ascertain how vulnerable pensioners can supported to access the funding.

It was noted that other support is also required for households, such as support with prescriptions, dental treatment, eye tests, period poverty however the challenge would be how to identify those in need and what support could be provided to them via this funding in such a short space of time.

In response the Leader explained that the Council did offer a large amount of support either through its own services or those of its partners however he acknowledge it could be hard for a member of the public to navigate to the relevant services for them. This could be resolved by the information being pulled together on the Council's website.

In response it was confirmed that the vouchers provided for the free school meals scheme were general supermarket vouchers.

Resolved that:

1. That Cabinet be advised that the recommendations be supported.

33. WORK PROGRAMME

The Chair explained that a session would be arranged to select topics to be considered and added to the work programme. This session would be face to face. Information regarding when this session would be held will be circulated with members in due course.

34. WORK IN PROGRESS - SELECT COMMISSIONS

This item was deferred to the meeting scheduled for June 15, 2022.

35. FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS - 1 MAY 2022 - 31 JULY 2022

The Board considered the Forward Plan of Key Decisions 1 May 2022 to 31 July 2022.

The Senior Governance Advisor noted that a suggestion had been raised at a previous meeting that the Board considered the Equalities Strategy at its June 2022 meeting.

Resolved: - That the Forward Plan be noted.

36. CALL-IN ISSUES

There were no call-in issues.

37. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no urgent items.

38. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved: -

- 1) That a special meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board will be held at 10.00am on Friday 27 May 2022 at Rotherham Town Hall to consider the Rotherham Safeguarding Children's Partnership's CSE Review Report.
- 2) That following this, the next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board will be held at 10.00am on Wednesday 15 June 2022 at Rotherham Town Hall.

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Friday 27 May 2022

Present:- Councillor Clark (in the Chair); Councillors T. Collingham, Baker-Rogers, Baum-Dixon, Cooksey, Wyatt and Yasseen.

Apologies for absence:- Apologies were received from Councillors Cowen, A Carter, Elliott and Pitchley.

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There were no declarations of interest.

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41. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

42. ROTHERHAM SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP - CSE REVIEW FINAL REPORT

At the meeting held on 10 November 2021, Council considered a motion regarding *Ongoing Child Sexual Exploitation in Rotherham*. It resolved to ask that the Rotherham Safeguarding Children Partnership (RSCP) consider the issues detailed in the motion and report back to Councillors on any changes or amendments to its strategy to tackle and prevent Child Exploitation or additional activities that may be appropriate.

Chief Officers from RMBC, South Yorkshire Police and Rotherham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) commissioned the RSCP to undertake an independent review to examine the concerns raised in an objective and transparent way. The RSCP's Review Team appointed to conduct the review were selected based on their extensive experience in child safeguarding across the voluntary and statutory sectors, public protection and social work practice.

The Review Team were:

Jenny Myers – Independent Chair of RSCP. Ms Myers is a lead reviewer for the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel and has held the role of independent chair for RSCP since October 2019. She is a former independent chair of other safeguarding partnerships and led high-profile case reviews including around CSE.

Matt Thompson – Police and Justice Lead. Mr Thompson is a former Head of Public Protection for Derbyshire Police. He is currently Head of Direct Delivery of a UK charitable network who disseminate information, best practice and learning across voluntary and statutory services to inform, educate and prevent child exploitation and abuse.

Jenny Coles – Independent Consultant. Ms Coles is a registered social worker and is a former Strategic Director of Children. She was president of the Association of Directors of Children Services. She is currently chair of the board of Trustees for What Works for Children's Social Care and a member of the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel.

The Chair welcomed the three Review Team members who were present at the meeting to speak to their report. The Chair also thanked the Review Team for taking the time to come to the meeting in person.

The report, titled CSE Review Final Report, had been published and circulated prior to the meeting and was attached to the covering report as Appendix 1.

Jenny Myers introduced the report and confirmed that she had been the independent chair of RSCP since 2019 and that the Review Team took their responsibilities regarding Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) in Rotherham very seriously. Ms Myers thanked Mr Thompson and Ms Coles for their work on the review and reiterated that they are all independent and approached the review with open minds.

The openness and transparency of all members of the Council was acknowledged ranging from chief officers and staff to all those that had supported the Review Team in undertaking the review. At no stage had the team felt blocked or felt that information was being hidden which was important to acknowledge given the history of Rotherham. Ms Myers wanted to thank all those involved for making the review as easy as possible bearing in mind the complexities of the subject.

Having worked in child protection for just under 40 years, Ms Myers fundamentally believed that every child had the right to be protected from abuse and exploitation and that the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child is the key document along with government guidance. Safeguarding partnerships have a responsibility, including a statutory duty, to support prevention, awareness raising, recognition and provide an effective response to those that have been affected. There should be independent scrutiny of those processes. Ms Myers stated that Survivors should be at the heart of all services and involved in planning and developing those services. It was acknowledged that Survivors voices were not all one and sometimes that needed to be taken into account. As a final point, Ms Myers stated that whilst it was dreamt that there would be a world in which CSE did not exist, however it does and Rotherham must continue to accept that and provide services and develop services from feedback

from both survivors and those that work in those services.

In highlighting key points of the report, Ms Myers set out that the review was undertaken as the Conservative Group had published a briefing paper in November 2021 which raised several significant concerns which suggested that CSE was a continuing problem in Rotherham and that neither the Police nor the Council were responding to CSE effectively enough. The report set out very clearly that the concerns were taken seriously. The Review Team were acutely aware that there were new opposition Councillors coming into Rotherham and it was appropriate for them to want to understand more about the current situation around CSE in Rotherham. It was noted that the Conservative group had shared with South Yorkshire Police (SYP) a number of concerning bits of information and it was not unreasonable for them to expect some reassurance about how that information had been acted upon. Ms Myers informed OSMB that one of the recommendations, as stated on page 25 of the report) related to the induction and training of Councillors. This included helping all new Councillors to understand what to do if they had concerns; how those should be managed; and what to do if they did not feel that those concerns had been addressed.

The review was split into two stages:

- Stage 1 - addressing the specific concerns raised by Rotherham Council's Conservative Group in their briefing paper; and
- Stage 2- ensuring that the individual points raised by the Council motion are addressed, namely:
 - the multi-disciplinary approach to CSE in Rotherham, including a clear Child Exploitation (CE) strategy and senior management oversight and accountability;
 - the police and local authority's mechanisms for preventing and protecting children from exploitation;
 - the strategy for multi-agency training for front line staff;
 - RMBC's and SYP's work on CSE to ensure that it is properly scrutinised through the appropriate committees of elected members, and that the scrutiny was robust.

Ms Myers stated that it was important to note that during Stage 1 of the review, the team but in particular Mr Thompson, examined and tracked every one of the 37 reports of information and found that they had been acted upon and dealt with appropriately. There was evidence in the material that had been reviewed that there was a really robust partnership response to the concerns and that they had been dealt with effectively and that the original concerns in the briefing paper were, in the opinion of the Review Team, unfounded.

The second stage of the review looked more at the Strategy, the processes, leadership and management accountability. The Review Team also looked at and then addressed, as far as they were able, the 13 points raised within the motion.

The Review Team found no evidence that CSE was occurring on the same scale as it had in the past. Of course, CSE was occurring, but in the brief that the Review Team were given, they felt reassured that there were effective and robust partnership processes in place to address concerns when they came in. Evidence had been provided to support that conclusion.

Ms Myers highlighted areas that the Review Team though were working well such as the governance and ownership across the three key partners (CCG, RMBC and SYP) which had evolved and strengthened over the last couple of years. It was felt that there was a clear, multi-agency approach to CSE, and the Child Exploitation Strategy did address the changing nature of CSE to online abuse. There were also delivery groups and steering groups that supported effective implementation. Additionally, there was close working with the Rotherham Safeguarding Partnership and the join-up and accountability between the two organisations was clear. Senior management accountability had been imbedded and strengthened. That included colocation of police, social care and health professionals working in the MASH (Multi Agency Support Hub) and the EVOLVE (a multi-agency team.) It was felt that there were effective mechanisms for preventing and protecting children from exploitation. The Child Exploitation Tasking Group was highlighted.

However, there were seven suggested recommendations that the Review Team had made as there was room for improvement. Ms Myers summarised these during the meeting and they were set out on page 25 of the report. The suggested recommendations related to:

1. Induction and training of Councillors
2. Scrutiny
3. Re-building public trust and confidence
4. Survivors
5. Public awareness raising
6. Keeping children and young people safe
7. CE/CSE Strategy Review

The Chair invited Jenny Coles to address the Members. Ms Coles stated that, during the process of seeing people, particularly the officers at the Council and SYP, they used this review to reflect on what they were doing. It was very clear that they always wanted to improve and were actively looking for ways in which they could do better. An example of that which was included in the report was how performance was discussed with scrutiny and how that could help scrutinise areas that required particular focus. That was a really positive part of the process.

Mr Thompson explained that he had worked with around twelve Local Authorities over the past year and was currently working with four others. The willingness to take on recommendations and have the difficult conversations had been a refreshing experience for Mr Thompson in Rotherham which could not be said of everywhere.

The Chair thanked the Review Team for their presentation and opened up the meeting to questions/statements from OSMB.

It was acknowledged that fair points had been made in relation to the induction and training. The cross-party Member Development Panel would take those comments on board.

Assurance was given that the key partners were able to adapt and evolve to the changing model used by organised criminals, such as criminal activity moving online. Mr Thompson explained that the model was continuously changing but that the partners absolutely reacted to that. Agencies were well versed at tackling the changes and putting in place plans to disrupt and prevent issues. It was suggested that a positive step would be to conduct further scrutiny on how the partnership was dealing with that changing nature of crime.

It was confirmed that during the review, no specific, targeted work was evidenced relating to awareness work for children with SEND. It could exist but due to the timeframe of the review, it had not been possible to look for that evidence in detail. The matter had been raised in the report in order to ensure that the partnership was aware and to make sure that this matter was being addressed. Scrutiny could ask for further detail on what support and guidance was given, appropriately, to those children with SEND who may not instantly understand the risk.

In response to a question regarding the seminars that were held for Councillors, Ms Coles confirmed that she had looked at those in some details. The seminars held in January 2022 had been facilitated by both the Council and the Police and it was the view of the Review Team that there needed to be more of that because that was the core of the approach and the right approach. The seminars that were delivered were very engaging and at the right level. In relation to the induction part of the training, comments had been made in the report regarding the timing of those sessions but the initial safeguarding training and more general approach at the beginning seemed absolutely right and accorded with what had been seen elsewhere. The key point was to scrutinise the partnership approach and have health colleagues and/or voluntary sector colleagues come along to scrutiny meetings to enable scrutiny members to have a flavour of what was happening on the ground.

It was acknowledged in the meeting that CSE was a crime but there was an assumption by some that it should have been tackled and completely eradicated. Work could be done, and was being done by the Partnership, to mitigate the risk of that crime but the occurrence of that crime could still continue. Mr Thompson agreed and explained that issues arose when authorities believed that they could totally eradicate CSE. Of course, the eradication of CSE should be an aim but there had to be a sense of realism in that, like every other crime, it still happens. The approach therefore had to be to acknowledge that it happens and the focus on

reduction and mitigation was therefore absolutely right.

Following a question Mr Thompson explained that reporting back to Councillors and members of the public following a report was always difficult and there was room for improvement. The process taken depended on whether the information provided was indeed information or intelligence. It was then for the police to decide which route would be taken. It was the value that was attached to it that made it information or intelligence. Mr Thompson stated that there was a cultural barrier for police and law enforcement agencies in relation to reporting back. In some cases that we absolutely the right approach due to the need for confidentiality. However, in the main, it was a cultural issue and more could be done at a strategic level to provide that reassurance that what is being brought from the community to law enforcement as intelligence is actioned and taken seriously. The report did state that there was a mechanism in place along with a will and a drive to ensure that did take place. However, the short term, consistent feedback could be improved.

Ms Myers further explained that the Review Team had met with Councillor Barley and Councillor Thompson as the mover and seconder of the motion early in the review process and it was a very insightful meeting. Members needed to understand that what seemed to them to be massive was only one small bit of information that was not necessarily evidence but one small piece of a much bigger jigsaw. If it was not understood what that jigsaw looked like and what the processes were, it could seem that the information provided had been dumped into a hole and nothing further had happened. It was confirmed that the review had found that there were mechanisms in place to ensure that something was done with the information provided. However, it would be helpful for Councillors to receive some form of acknowledgement that the information had been received. This acknowledgement would not necessarily state what form of action had been taken following the provision of that information. Ms Myers stated that all information should be provided using the official form. It was acknowledged that some people were not aware of that form and as such, South Yorkshire Police and the Partnership had been pushing that out. By using the right form, the right processes could then be used to ensure the information provided is actioned. The information could also be tracked using these processes.

It was noted that whilst awareness for Councillors was important, they were only a reflection of the community, and it was therefore vital to improve communications with residents so that they could be reassured that procedures were in place. Perception and reality could be very different and there was still a perception by some that not enough was being done, despite the findings of the review. Ms Myers explained that the report provided commentary around public awareness raising and the need to really talk to communities about the good things that have been done, about the positive outcomes. It was important to work with residents to reassure them about the changes that have been made in Rotherham. The Partnership were undertaking a range of activities relating to

awareness raising but there did need to be more information about what positive steps were being taking in specific areas.

In response to a request to have this type of review conducted every two or three years, Ms Myers explained that it would be up to OSMB or the Council to decide when reviews take place. It was noted that CSE was back on the Improving Lives forward plan in a more substantive manner than previously. There was some work to do about the level of detail contained in the performance reports as some of it was overwhelming.

Concerns were raised in relation to the asking of questions in relation to the numbers of children who have been victims of CSE. Mr Thompson agreed with those concerns and stated that the answer to such a question would depend on how the question was worded. The governance around what is recorded is influenced by so many external factors such as the National Crime Recording Standards and HMRC. Those changes vary often. There are some glitches in the way data is recorded but that is not unique to policing, it is true of all data sets. Data should be seen as a guide; it was not the be all and end all and should be used alongside other factors. Ms Coles stated that it would be a good concern to raise with the police and the Council so that Members could better understand the data they were scrutinising. In relation to the point made about support being provided to multiple people in one family, Ms Coles stated that this had been evidenced during the review and it was very important that the whole family approach continued to be taken.

Mr Thompson confirmed that the phrase “indirect victims” was being developed which looked at the family and extended family of CSE victims.

In response to comments regarding the increased workloads of frontline staff and ensuring those workloads were not competing with CSE whilst at the same time ensuring employees were being looked after, Ms Coles confirmed that as part of the review, she had spoken with the HR Business Partner for Children and Young People’s Services. It had been made clear that there were a number of ways for checking on staff and protecting their health and wellbeing had been stepped up following the COVID-19 pandemic.

Following a question on whether the training for Councillors included sufficient detail on the barriers faced by ethnic minority survivors and their families, it was confirmed that the Review Team had advised that the training be refreshed to ensure that this matter was covered. Work was ongoing with RSCP to embed equity and diversity.

Comments were made on the perception some members of the public had that new Councillors would act more on information as those Councillors that were elected prior to the Jay and Casey reports were seen by some to have covered the issue up. Concerns were also raised that it can take a lot of time to feedback information to those that have raised it and this in itself can lead to frustration and conspiracy theories.

Mr Thompson agreed that it was a dilemma on what information could be shared with members of the public and that it could look like a cover up. Therefore, expectations needed to be managed from the beginning of the process.

A written question had been submitted in advance of the meeting which stated that work was ongoing by the Partnership on issues picked up in the recommendations prior to the review taking place. Ms Myers explained that it was reassuring that the issues found were already be worked on and that lessons had been learned and changes implemented throughout the review. However, Ms Myers particularly highlighted the recommendations relating to keeping children and young people safe and the voice of adult survivors and how this was used to inform services. There had been some evidence of that, but it needed to be stronger. There was also a need for the Council and others such as the voluntary and community sector to develop some clear guidance around the offer for Rotherham residents in relation to post-CSE support.

Whilst it was acknowledged that there had to be a focus on CSE, assurances were sought regarding the work being done on other forms of child abuse. Ms Myers confirmed that all aspects of child abuse were always looked at by the RSCP and there had been an audit of the multi-agency response following several high-profile cases in the national press.

Concerns were raised as the report did not mention deprivation or poverty but a previous report in 2015 found that there was a direct correlation between child poverty and becoming a victim of CSE. A more recent report from London had also identified this correlation. It was therefore suggested that the Council should have an anti-poverty strategy that aimed to address deprivation which would then disrupt and prevent CSE. This was particularly important during the current cost of living crisis. In response Ms Myers explained that whilst she agreed with the point, the scope of the review was very tight. Deprivation and poverty were definitely on the agenda and the Vulnerable Children's group were acutely aware of the impact.

The Chair suggested that an anti-poverty strategy was something that the Improving Lives Select Commission could look into.

It was noted that the processes in place do work but there were concerns that some people did not get directed to the right process. Ms Myers agreed and stated that this issue could be addressed by improving awareness and training. There were always way to report issues and just because one person did not think it was worth reporting, that does not mean that issues should be ignored. Ms Myers also confirmed that report recommends that there should be some further work on a mapping of commissioned and

non-commissioned support for CSE victims and survivors to ensure they are funnelled into the correct process, and they know what support is

available to them. A suggestion from the Commission was that a whistle-blower type hotline could be used for reporting concerns in future. Mr Thompson agreed that there was a cultural issue when it came to escalating concerns. Operation Retriever had led to lots of changes and charities/organisations were now in place to help practitioners escalate concerns.

A question was asked in relation to whether the rolling programmes of work in schools and colleagues could look at long term societal views like misogyny and toxic masculinity that feed in to CSE as well as looking at spotting the signs. Ms Coles explained that it was vital that the Safeguarding Partnership broadened the awareness training that was delivered in schools, particularly in primary schools. It would be good to build on what was already there and the experience has been that schools are very receptive to this.

Reference was made to the report from the IOPC in November 2021 and the Review Team were asked what part the report played in their investigation. Ms Myers explained that whilst she had read the report and there was some overlap/commonality, it was felt that for this piece of work it was more appropriate to focus on the Police's contribution to management, leadership etc around CSE. It was not within the remit of the Review Team to comment on the whole of SYP. Further the report focused more on the historical issues whereas the Review Team were looking at the here and now. The response of SYP to that report would be reported back to the Rotherham Safeguarding Partnership and SYP would be expected to attend a meeting to talk through that response.

A question was asked as to how the voice of survivors could be heard more and how they could be brought into the processes as this would improve the service and improve public perceptions of the work being done. Ms Myers explained that there was a difference in the experience of those that are victims of historical CSE and those that were coming through the system now. More recent survivors were much more involved and EVOLVE had provided evidence of this. Ms Myers reiterated that there is no one survivor voice, they are all different and have to be treated as such. Recommendation 4 related to survivors and how the feedback from survivors was sought. The RSCP and Adult Board were working with partners to support and develop a consistent way to get views and feedback. The Chair confirmed that the review into post-CSE support services had produced a number of recommendations, one of which related to the voice of survivors, and that all recommendations had been supported by Cabinet.

The ethnic backgrounds of offenders were discussed in the context of needing accurate information and calling out false information. Ms Myers agreed and stated that there was a lot of misinformation out there related to certain communities. It was explained that the Council needed to be able to communicate with communities in open, honest ways. The situation had not been handled well by anyone in the past. The clear and

accurate presentation of facts alongside information on the work that was being done was therefore really important.

It was acknowledged that lots of work was underway in regard to prevention from a victim's standpoint but questions were asked about what was being done in regards to prevention from a perpetrator's standpoint i.e. what was being done to target those individuals who were seen as likely to become perpetrators of CSE and prevent them from doing so? Mr Thompson explained that profiling offenders within CSE was very difficult. The range of perpetrators was clear to see in the media, it included all backgrounds for all walks of life. It was not limited to BAME communities. There was work going on in relation to prevention, specifically online offences. Good practice was shared nationally. Ms Myers explained that the work needed to start early, in primary schools for example, where healthy relationship could be taught however the investment for that had not been there. The Brook review from Oxford particularly highlighted issues related to young children who had suffered severe trauma in their early years but then when on the become perpetrators. It was felt that schools needed to be particularly aware of this.

In relation to a question on the training available for Parish Councillors it was confirmed that this had not been considered as part of the review but would be a very good idea.

Concerns were raised about the discrepancies in the data which was caused by different organisations measuring things in different ways. This led to confusion and was exploited by certain individuals or groups. The Review Team agreed that there was work that could be done but it did all relate to what question was asked. When asking questions, it was important to specify what exactly was required from the data. The questioning needed to be consistent. Work was ongoing within the RSCP to ensure the join up on performance delivery data was better.

The Review Team stated they would be extremely disappointed if anyone were to refer to their work as "marking your own homework." The investigation had been an opportunity to hold the mirror up and provide strong reassurance. This was very positive. Outside investigators had been brought in which provided that independent overview. Mr Thompson stated that he believed Rotherham was in a good place. Of course, there were improvements that could be made but the report produced should reflect positively on Rotherham.

Following the discussions, OSMB resolved to make recommendations that would be refined and discussed in further detail at the next meeting of OSMB which would be on 15 June 2022. Those recommendations were:

- 1) That the report be noted.
- 2) That the Member and Democratic Support Panel, in conjunction with each of the Council's political groups draws up proposals in

order to co-ordinate the training plan with regard to CSE and to maximise member attendance at training events.

- 3) That work be carried out with the Borough's Town and Parish Council's to raise Town and Parish Councillors awareness around issues related to CSE.
- 4) That as part of the overall scrutiny work programming processes that clear expectations are set to determine which reports will come to the Improving Lives Select Commission and that there is full partnership engagement with regard to these reports (including on health check issues).
- 5) That scrutiny carries out further work to examine the link between poverty and deprivation and all issues related to children's safeguarding, and in particular to issues around CSE.
- 6) That clear plans, with defined timescales be developed in order to increase awareness and confidence with regard to issues surrounding CSE be developed in consultation with all partners.
- 7) That clear plans, with defined timescales be developed in order to ensure that a consistent approach is taken to how the "voice of the survivor" is taken into account of and listened to across the partnership.
- 8) That work is carried out across the partnership to provide clarity with regard to processes surrounding the reporting of and escalation of concerns regarding CSE.
- 9) That work is carried out across the partnership to provide clarity with regard to processes regarding performance monitoring around CSE.

As the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Councillor Victoria Cusworth was invited to comment on the report. She expressed her thanks to the Review Team and welcomed their findings. It was pleasing to see that some of the recommendations were already being worked on.

The Chair, on behalf of OSMB, expressed her sincere thanks to the Review Team for the review and for attending.

43. CALL-IN ISSUES

There were no call-in issues.

44. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no urgent items.

45. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved: - That the next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board will be held at 10.00am on Wednesday 15 June 2022 at Rotherham Town Hall.

Public Report with Exempt Appendices
Cabinet

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Cabinet – 11 July 2022

Report Title

Annual Housing Development Report – 2022/23

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

Yes

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

Various, please see Appendices 2 and 3

Report Summary

This report sets out progress made against the Council's Housing Development Programme, and proposes new projects for 2022/23. Appendix 2 provides a list of sites proposed for development, and Exempt Appendix 3 provides a list of potential strategic acquisition opportunities.

Work is underway to develop a full programme through to 2025/26 to increase the number of new council homes, and this will be presented to Cabinet in December 2022 alongside the latest Housing Revenue Account Business Plan. Six monthly progress reports will be presented to Cabinet thereafter.

Recommendations

1. That Cabinet approve the Council-owned sites listed in Appendix 2 being brought forward to deliver new homes, with developments which will deliver more than ten homes being subject to further Cabinet approvals.
2. That Cabinet approve the purchase of homes from any of the schemes identified in Exempt Appendix 3.

List of Appendices Included

- Appendix 1 Photographic summary
- Appendix 2 Council-owned sites proposed for residential development
- Appendix 3 (Exempt) Potential strategic acquisitions
- Appendix 4 Summary of progress against previous recommendations
- Appendix 5 Initial Equality Screening (Part A)
- Appendix 6 Equality Analysis (Part B)
- Appendix 7 Carbon Impact Assessment

Background Papers

Cabinet report: [Annual Housing Development Report - 2021/22](#)

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

None

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

Yes – Appendix 3

An exemption is sought for Appendix 3 under Paragraph 3 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)) of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, on the basis that releasing the information could put the Council at a competitive disadvantage.

Annual Housing Development Report – 2022/23

1. Background

1.1 The Council has committed to a significant programme of housing development in order to:

- Increase the number of new council homes by March 2026
- Replace council homes lost through the Right to Buy
- Deliver homes that meet the needs of Rotherham's people
- Contribute to improved health and wellbeing
- Generate income to the Council through rent and council tax
- Help to regenerate deprived areas
- Create training and employment opportunities
- Contribute to Rotherham's overall housing delivery figures

1.2 Overall summary of housing growth progress over the past 12 months:

- Broom Hayes scheme completed (44 homes)
- Town Centre housing schemes well progressed and show homes now open (171 homes)
- 14 bungalows on sites in Ravenfield and Treeton completed
- Master-planning exercise concluded for planned Eastwood housing development (36 new homes)
- Contracts exchanged or due to exchange imminently for strategic acquisitions in Thorpe Hesley (22 homes), Aston (11 homes) and Treeton (14 homes)
- Negotiations well advanced for a further 66 new homes through strategic acquisitions.
- Garage site at Eldertree Road sold to enable the delivery of 24 new homes in Thorpe Hesley by a private developer

The photographic summary included as Appendix 1 shows some of these schemes.

1.3 Homes delivered by the Council

From January 2018 to the end of March 2022, the Council has completed the following schemes (both through council build and acquisitions):

Scheme	Area	Type	Council Rent	Council shared ownership	Council homes for sale	Total
Mitchell Way	Waverley	Acquisition	4	0	0	4
Fox House Lane	Waverley	Acquisition	1	0	0	1
Sorby Row	Waverley	Acquisition	6	0	0	6
Queen's Avenue	Kiveton Park	Acquisition	12	0	0	12
Penny Piece Lane/Ryton Fold	North Anston	Acquisition	6	0	0	6

Highfield Farm	West Melton	Acquisition	6	0	0	6
Stock Conversions	Various	Council build	16	0	0	16
Clusters	Various	Council build	98	36	83	217
St Mary's Drive	Catcliffe	Council build	2	0	0	2
Catherine Avenue	Swallownest	Council build	4	0	0	4
The Bellows	Rawmarsh	Council build	28	30	0	58
Broom Hayes	Broom Valley	Council build	24	20	0	44
SOAHP Bungalows	Ravenfield, Treeton	Council build	14	0	0	14
Totals			221	86	83	390

1.4 Delivery in progress

The following schemes are currently in progress:

Scheme	Area	Type	Council Rent	Council shared ownership	Council homes for sale	Total
Town Centre sites	Town Centre	Council build	98	31	42	117
Wentworth View	Thorpe Hesley	Acquisition	12	10	0	22
Totals			110	41	42	193

As at June 2022:

- 23 council rent homes, 23 shared ownership homes and eight homes for sale have achieved completion on the Town Centre scheme.
- 3 of the council rent homes have been handed over to the Council from the Wentworth View acquisitions.

1.5 Pending strategic acquisitions

As at June 2022, contract exchange is imminent on the following acquisitions.

Scheme	Area	Type	Council Rent	Council shared ownership	Council homes for sale	Total
Fairfields	Aston	Acquisition	11	0	0	11
Beaumont Grange	Treeton	Acquisition	11	3	0	14
Totals			22	3	0	25

1.6 In summary, since January 2018 (up to the end of June 2022) the Council has either built or committed to:

- 353 homes for council rent
- 130 homes for council shared ownership
- 125 homes for sale
- 608 in total

1.7 Council-enabled Delivery

The Council has also directly enabled the delivery of new homes on the following schemes through sale of Council-owned land (up to the end of May 22):

Scheme	Status	Total
Arches Bungalows, Wickersley	Complete	10
Chesterhill Ave & Whinney Hill, Dalton/Thrybergh	In progress	237
Dalton Lane, Dalton (General Fund)	In progress	145
Westgate Chambers (General Fund)	In progress	61
Laudsdale House, East Herringthorpe	Complete	28
Eldertree Lodge, Thorpe Hesley	In progress	24
Total		505

1.8 Progress against projects included in March 2021 Cabinet report

1.8.1 Eastwood Housing Development

The Netherfield Court site in Eastwood was initially identified for potential housing as part of the 2021/22 Annual Housing Development report; strategic pipeline of Council-owned sites, considered by Cabinet in September 2020.

The January 2021 update report to Cabinet subsequently gained approval to appropriate Netherfield Court, along with the nearby York Road car park site, to the Housing Revenue Account in preparation for a more comprehensive housing intervention within the Eastwood area, in support of the Town Investment Plan (Eastwood Investment Projects).

Following the commissioning of a mini master-planning exercise, undertaken by consultants Local Partnerships on behalf of the Council, the Strategic Housing and Development service now has planning compliant, outline scheme designs to deliver 36 new council homes for rent across both sites, with the Netherfield Court site focusing on generally larger family accommodation, and the York Road site providing a mix of single-person and smaller family accommodation in view of its town centre gateway positioning.

The service will now be commencing procurement activity to determine a delivery route and refine the designs in conjunction with a construction partner, in readiness for submission of a planning application.

In line with the principle established within the Annual Housing Development Report 2020/21, a separate Cabinet report will be required prior to entering into contract as both sites within the proposal have capacity for more than ten new homes. The Annual Housing Development Report – 2021/22, approved by Cabinet March 2021, reconfirmed this commitment, specifying that a Cabinet report would be brought forward once procurement has taken place. This will seek Cabinet approval to implement the scheme.

It is therefore proposed that a further report will be brought to Cabinet once a planning application has been submitted. This will ensure that the report can set out the near final scheme designs and cost estimates (subject to any

adjustments which may result from the planning process). This is anticipated in autumn 2022.

1.8.2 Kiveton Park, Thurcroft and West Melton Small Site Assemblies

Site reviews are in progress for each of these schemes. Pre-procurement activity is anticipated to start on all of these schemes in summer 2022.

1.8.3 Miscellaneous Sites

There has been limited progress with the three ad-hoc sites identified, due to prioritisation of Council build activities and acquisitions, however these sites remain under consideration.

1.8.4 Appendix 4 tracks progress against all previous recommendations / Cabinet approvals obtained as part of the Housing Development Programme.

1.9 **New proposals for the 2022/23 development programme**

1.9.1 Carver Close

Carver Close is a site within the Wales ward which is in relatively close proximity to the Kiveton Park small site cluster which was approved for delivery as part of the 2021/22 Housing Development Programme report. The site has potential to either be added to the Kiveton Park site assembly, or brought forward as a stand-alone site, and given its location is likely to present an opportunity to bring forward more bungalows for Council rent.

1.9.2 Canklow

Warden Street is a long-standing vacant site which was previously cleared under Housing Market Renewal. Although the site is held within the General Fund, it is situated within a large HRA managed housing estate and development of the site needs to take account of local strategic requirements which may not be achieved through an unrestricted sale.

The Strategic Housing and Development Service has been exploring options to bring the site forward and has engaged with external consultants, Local Partnerships, to develop a marketing strategy for the site, and approval is now sought from Cabinet to release the site for development.

The Council has recently built 80 new council houses for rent in Canklow and overall, 54% of homes in Canklow are social housing (compared to 21% boroughwide average). The preferred option for this site, rather than 100% council homes, would be a mixed scheme including some council homes suitable for older people, which is the most pressing local housing need.

Local ward members and the Asset Management Board will be consulted and a further Cabinet report will be presented with detailed proposals.

Potential Strategic Acquisitions

1.9.3

Exempt Appendix 3 sets out planned and potential strategic acquisitions which may be pursued as part of the ongoing Housing Development Programme. These can be in the form of Section 106 affordable homes acquisitions, 'affordable plus' acquisitions (meaning homes purchased from developers outside Section 106 provision), and the acquisition of existing homes. Acquisition opportunities which maximise delivery of new homes by 2026 will be prioritised wherever possible.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 There is a pressing need for more affordable housing across the borough and as the cost of living continues to rise, more people than ever will turn to the Council for financial support, advice and housing. The Council is committed to enabling and delivering more affordable housing to support local people through delivery of the Housing Strategy. Without creating more affordable housing options, people's finances will continue to be squeezed and more people will fall into poverty, creating much wider implications for the health and wellbeing of local people and communities.
- 2.2 Delivery of new council homes is challenging for a range of reasons including significantly increased costs and delays resulting from the EU Exit, the Covid-19 pandemic and more recently the invasion in Ukraine which, combined, are serving to severely constrain the supply chain; this being the availability and increasing cost of materials and labour, resulting in an industry-wide slowdown in the rate of new housing delivery. Despite these challenges every effort will continue to be made to increase the delivery of new council homes.

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 3.1 Option 1 – Adding new sites and acquisition opportunities to the Council's housing development programme. This approach is recommended in order to ensure the Council can continue to deliver new council homes to meet residents' needs.
- 3.2 Option 2 – Not adding new sites and acquisition opportunities to the Council's housing development programme. This approach is not recommended as the Council needs to ensure a continuous pipeline to deliver the council homes needed.

4. Consultation on proposal

- 4.1 Residents will be consulted via the Planning process along with all statutory consultees, but the Strategic Housing and Development Service has also worked with the Neighbourhood Service to assist with disseminating information about development in localities, identifying alignment with ward priorities. Regular articles about housing development are also included in the tenants' newsletter, Home Matters.

- 4.2 Ward Members have received specific briefings on potential sites in their wards and their feedback has been taken into account.
- 4.3 Regular engagement is undertaken with developers, housing associations, and external funders.
- 4.4 A new build satisfaction survey has recently been introduced, and a selection of customer quotes about how they have benefited from moving into new council homes delivered through the Site Clusters Programme and The Bellows, follows:

- *“I am happier because the house is bigger and more suitable for me”.*
- *“Me and my son are happier here, it's a nicer area and we love the new school”.*
- *“My children are a lot safer. My partner's mental health is better”.*
- *“I am really happy with the home which is suited to me well, with my mobility problems”.*
- *“We required more bedrooms after having a baby, so our new home has drastically improved our lives and our ability to raise a family”.*
- *“Having our own private garden with two small children is good”.*

The Strategic Housing and Development Service will use all customer feedback to learn lessons and help ensure continuous improvement in the development of new council homes.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 5.1 The Assistant Director of Housing will have responsibility for implementing the programme.
- 5.2 The housing development activity proposed in this report will commence during 2022/23 and a further report will be presented to Cabinet in December 2022, to update on progress and set out the programme through to March 2026.

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

- 6.1 The release of sites identified in Appendix 2 and the programme of strategic acquisition opportunities listed in Exempt Appendix 3 will be subject to business cases and assessed for affordability within the context of the assumptions in the HRA Business Plan and the resources approved as part of the Council's Capital Programme.
- 6.2 The financial implications for individual schemes will be addressed in line with Capital Governance Principles. Issues highlighted such as supply chain pressures on materials and labour costs could affect the overall outcomes of the Housing Growth Programme.
- 6.3 Procurement activity is detailed within the main body of this report. Housing Services are engaging with the Procurement Team to ensure procurement activity is being undertaken in compliance with the Public Contracts

Regulations 2015 (as amended) and the Council's own Financial and Procurement Procedure Rules.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

- 7.1 The delegations sought under this report are consistent with the Council's Constitution and allow for quicker and more flexible decisions to be made in respect of potential housing developments.
- 7.2 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. The relevant implications for each site will be considered as each is brought forward for development. Legal Services recommends early engagement with them where any legal work is required, for example entering into and completing any external grant funding agreements, purchasing any properties or entering into any legal contracts, which will be executed in accordance with the Council's Scheme of Delegation.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

- 8.1 There are no Human Resources implications arising from this report.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

- 9.1 The development programme includes two, three and four bedroom homes which will allow families with children to access high quality, affordable homes, thus contributing to improving children's health, wellbeing and opportunity.
- 9.2 The programme includes bungalows which will allow older and disabled people to live in safe, suitable accommodation that meets their needs and allows them to live independently for longer.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

- 10.1 Through its wider development programme, the Council will increase the local supply of high quality, affordable homes to meet a range of needs. The Council holds a wide range of data which is used to determine the different needs and influence the types of homes being acquired. For example, of Rotherham's 263,400 residents, 26% are aged 60 years or over and 9% are aged 75 years or over and the proposed acquisitions include bungalows that are suitable for older people, as well as people with disabilities.
- 10.2 The Council's development programme is critical to supporting families who are on the Housing Register, into high quality and affordable accommodation. Any new homes offered for rent by the Council are managed through the Council's Allocations Policy to ensure a fair and transparent approach to helping people in the greatest housing need to gain access to suitable and appropriate accommodation.
- 10.3 Surveys will be carried out with the occupants of new homes, and equality and diversity results analysed and compared with other relevant data sets

such as the Housing Register. This will allow the Council to understand whether any protected characteristic groups are over or under-represented in new build homes and take appropriate action if required.

11. Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change

- 11.1 Climate change poses a significant threat to environments, individuals, communities, and economies on local, national, and international scales. In recognition of this the Council has aimed to be net carbon neutral as an organisation by 2030, and for Rotherham as a whole to achieve the same position by 2040.
- 11.2 Through its own delivery programme, the Council has the ability to ensure that the new homes are high quality and energy efficient, which will contribute to reducing domestic carbon emissions.
- 11.3 Acquisitions: The level of carbon emissions allowed for all new homes is subject to increasing controls. Changes to Part L of the building regulations coming into force in June 2022 will require a 31% reduction in CO2 emissions compared to 2013 standards. All new homes that submit plans after June 2022 or have not begun construction before June 2023 must comply. New homes acquired by the Council from private builders are specified and built to the housebuilder's usual specification with some changes paid for by the Council to ensure the Council's requirements are met. Further to this the Council will examine whether further changes can be agreed, on a case-by-case basis, to reduce carbon emissions beyond the requirements of building regulations

12. Implications for Partners

- 12.1 The Council has an existing partnership with Equans and Mears through the housing repairs and maintenance contracts and the existing contract terms allow for some housing development. As such, the development programme may also provide an opportunity for the partners to work with the Council on housing development schemes where this would not be at a detriment to the core repair and maintenance functions.
- 12.2 Housing associations continue to play an important role in delivering affordable housing in Rotherham. The Council has a successful track record of working with housing associations to bring land forward for development and maintains strong relationships with many of the largest and most reputable organisations through the Rotherham Strategic Housing Forum.

13. Risks and Mitigation

- 13.1 The key risks are summarised in the table below. A detailed risk assessment will be provided alongside the business case for individual schemes as they are brought forward.

Risk	Mitigation
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Pressure on construction labour and materials (both in terms of supply and costs) resulting from the Covid pandemic, EU Exit and invasion of Ukraine.	Regular risk workshops, advance ordering and storage of materials where appropriate / possible, ongoing monitoring of impacts.
Site suitability - even at a late stage in the process, sites can be found to be unsuitable (for example due to severe contamination or high flood risk) or need to be restricted in terms of the type and numbers of new housing which can ultimately be achieved.	All sites proposed for delivery in 2022/23 have been subject to initial appraisals to give confidence as to their suitability for housing development including consultation with Planning. Grant funding will also help the Council to mitigate against the cost of ground remediation works but where a site is ultimately unsuitable for development it will not be brought forward.
Delays to housing development schemes resulting from utilities connections and other statutory undertakings	Early engagement with relevant organisations and internal services, and robust project management processes in place with realistic contingencies for costs and delays
Internal staff capacity – Housing, Legal, Procurement, Asset Management etc	Explore different partnering arrangements to reduce client-side resource pressures, including pre-contract service agreements whereby the contractor carries out early feasibility work at risk. Ongoing dialogue between services regarding forward planning and resource requirements, and HRA contributions to staffing costs in key supporting services.
Community opposition	Early and regular consultation with Ward Members, communication strategy to provide information on the schemes and explain the rationale. Formal consultation also takes place as part of the Planning process.
Funding availability / eligibility	Continual dialogue with external funding bodies. Investment of time in robust business case preparation to ensure overall costs remain within approved HRA Business Plan affordability modelling and Capital Programme approvals. Regular meetings with Finance colleagues to monitor programme.

14. **Accountable Officers**

Paul Walsh, Acting Assistant Director of Housing
Jane Davies, Head of Strategic Housing and Development
David Bagnall, Housing Development Manager

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

	Named Officer	Date
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	27/06/22
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	26/06/22
Assistant Director, Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Phil Horsfield	23/06/22

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Braithwell Road, Ravenfield - six new bungalows for council rent:



Arundel Avenue, Treeton - eight new bungalows for council rent:



Appendix 1 – Photographic summary

Wellgate Place, Town Centre - 54 new mixed tenure homes:



Appendix 1 – Photographic summary

Westgate Riverside, Town Centre - 72 new mixed tenure homes:



Millfold Rise, Town Centre - 45 new mixed tenure homes:



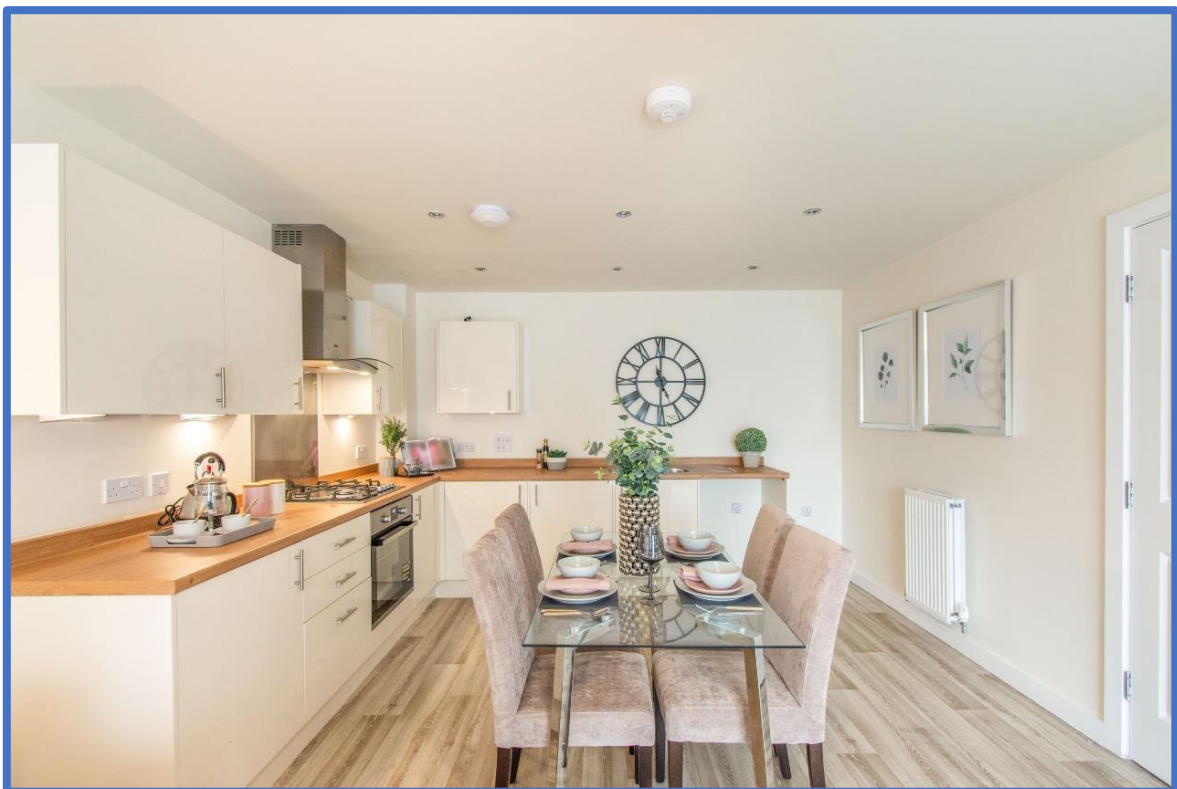
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Broom Hayes, Broom - 44 new mixed tenure homes:



Appendix 1 – Photographic summary

Northgate, Maltby – 15 apartments for over 55's council shared ownership:



Appendix 1 – Photographic summary

Strategic acquisitions

Highfield Farm, West Melton – 6 bungalows for council rent:



Ryton Fold, Anston – 6 bungalows for council rent:



Appendix 1 – Photographic summary

Wentworth View Phase 1, Thorpe Hesley – 3 houses for council rent:



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Appendix 2: Council-owned sites for residential development

Development of individual schemes is subject to appropriate consultation involving local ward members and sign-off of a completed business case under the delegated-decision making powers sought within this report. This content will be regularly refreshed to ensure that the latest position is presented to Cabinet in subsequent reports.

Completed schemes								
The following schemes have completed since January 2018.								
Scheme	Area	Cabinet Approval	Start on Site	Completion	Council Rent	Council S/O	Other	Total
Stock Conversions	Various	Feb 2015	Various	Mar 2020	16	0	0	16
Clusters	Various	Sep 2016	Nov 2017	Aug 2020	98	36	83	217
St Mary's Drive	Catcliffe	July 2017	Aug 2017	May 2018	2	0	0	2
Catherine Avenue	Swallownest	July 2017	Aug 2017	May 2018	4	0	0	4
The Bellows	Rawmarsh	Dec 2017	Mar 2018	Sep 2020	28	30	0	58
Broom Hayes	Broom Valley	Dec 2017	Mar 2019	June 2021	24	20	0	44
SOAHP Small Sites (Bungalows)	Ravenfield, Treeton	Dec 2017	Mar 2021	Mar 2022	14	0	0	14
Totals					186	86	83	355

Schemes in progress								
The following schemes are in contract and activity has started on site. 23 of the rented homes and 23 of the shared ownership homes have completed so far.								
Scheme	Area	Cabinet Approval	Start on Site	Est. Completion	Council Rent	Council S/O	Other	Total
Town Centre Sites	Town Centre	Oct 2017	Feb 2020	Nov 2022	98	31	42	171
Totals					98	31	42	171

Schemes in development
The following schemes have previously been presented to Cabinet and renewed approvals are sought as part of this report. Sites and schemes are subject to confirmation of delivery feasibility and some sites may not ultimately come forward.

Scheme	Area	Cabinet Approval	Status	Est. Start	Est. Completion	Council Rent	Council S/O	Other	Total
East Herringthorpe Small Sites	East Herringthorpe	Sep 2020	Contractor engaged	Sep 2022	Oct 2023	10	0	0	10
Thrybergh Small Sites	Thrybergh	Sep 2020	Contractor engaged	Nov 2022	Oct 2023	4	0	0	4
Wingfield Small Sites	Wingfield	Sep 2020	Sites under review	2023/24	2024/25	0	0	14	14
Eastwood Development	Eastwood	Mar 2021	Procurement pending	2022/23	2024/25	36	0	0	36
Kiveton Park Small Sites	Kiveton Park	Mar 2021	Sites under review	2022/23	2023/24	8	0	0	8
Thurcroft Small Sites	Thurcroft	Mar 2021	Sites under review	2022/23	2023/24	9	0	0	9
West Melton Small Sites	West Melton	Mar 2021	Sites under review	2022/23	2023/24	12	0	0	12
Miscellaneous Sites	Various	Mar 2021	Sites under review	2023/24	2024/25	8	0	0	8
Totals						87	0	14	101

Newly proposed sites for development
Approval is sought from Cabinet to release the following sites for housing development.

Scheme	Area	Proposal Type	Est. Start	Est. Completion	Council Rent	Council S/O	Other	Total
Carver Close	Harthill	Council Build	2022/23	2023/24	8	0	0	8
Warden Street	Canklow	Council Build	2022/23	2024/25	25	0	0	25
Totals					33	0	0	33

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Appendix 4 – Schedule of previous Cabinet recommendations and progress updates

The tables below set out progress against previous Housing Development Programme recommendations presented to Cabinet.

Report	Mid-year Housing Development Update Report – 2021/22 (November 2021)
Recommendation 1	That progress made with the 2021/22 housing development programme be noted.
Latest position	No update required.
Status	Concluded.

Report	Annual Housing Development Programme – 2021/22 (March 2021)
Recommendation 1	That Cabinet approves the release of the Council owned sites listed in Appendix 3 for residential development, subject to written confirmation of agreement by the relevant Ward Members.
Latest position	Project development activity has focused on the Eastwood sites, with procurement now underway. Site reviews are actively in progress for the three further small site assemblies and the Strategic Housing and Development service will be recommending that each of these three schemes are delivered by the Council in-line with the flexibilities offered by the Cabinet recommendation, with procurement anticipated to start in summer 2022. There has been limited progress on the proposed land sale/transfers of three ad-hoc sites due to prioritisation of Council build activities and acquisitions. See appendix 2 for further details.
Status	In progress.
Recommendation 2	That Cabinet approves the programme of strategic acquisition opportunities listed in Exempt Appendix 4, and that authority is delegated to the Assistant Director of Planning, Regeneration and Transport to purchase homes from private developers or the open market to add to the Council's stock with the agreement of the Assistant Director of Housing, Section 151 Officer and Cabinet Member for Housing. This is subject to the budget parameters as set out in the Council's approved Capital Programme. This delegation is proposed to apply until April 2022 when the next annual programme will be reported to Cabinet.
Latest position	Three of the four potential acquisition opportunities have been progressed with "Beaumont Grange" now in contract, and two other opportunities being expected to enter into contract between spring and summer. The fourth acquisition, a single open market purchase, did not progress as the vendor chose to sell the property on the open market. Two "opportunity acquisitions" have also been recently identified and these are being progressed. See appendix 3 for further details.
Status	In progress.

Report	Quarterly Housing Development Update Report – January 2021
Recommendation 1	That progress made with the 2020/21 housing development programme be noted.
Latest position	No update required.
Status	Concluded.
Recommendation 2	That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director of Housing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and the Section 151 Officer, to enter into a Brownfield Housing Fund agreement with the Sheffield City Region where this will serve to increase the number of new homes delivered in Rotherham.
Latest position	The Council has entered into a Brownfield Housing Fund (BHF) agreement with the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (previously Sheffield City Region) to draw down £207k of revenue funding and £434k of capital funding in support of planned and active schemes. This recommendation has since been superseded by the implementation of the corporate 'Process for Grant Bids and Approvals' and further bids to BHF will be progressed as other projects are developed to an appropriate stage.
Status	Concluded.
Recommendation 3	That the appropriation of Netherfield Court and York Road car park (both in Eastwood) from the General Fund to the HRA, be approved.
Latest position	Both sites were appropriated to the HRA as of March 2021 in preparation for Council-led housing development. York Road is currently in temporary use as a site compound to support markets regeneration works.
	Concluded.
Recommendation 4	That a change to six monthly rather than quarterly update reports, be approved.
Latest position	Change implemented.
Status	Concluded.

Report	Annual Housing Development Programme – 2020/21 (September 2020)
Recommendation 1	That Cabinet approves the release of the Council owned sites listed in Appendix 3a for early residential development, subject to development being undertaken directly for council stock with the Council retaining ownership of the land and homes, or by a registered social landlord with the Council retaining tenancy nomination rights where this is deemed to offer better value, and subject to written confirmation of agreement by the relevant Ward Members.
Latest position	Three of the four schemes identified are actively in development, with one scheme, "SOAHP Bungalows", due to complete imminently. The Strategic Housing and Development service has recommended that each of these three schemes are delivered by the Council in-line with the flexibilities offered by the Cabinet recommendation. The fourth scheme, a proposed land sale/transfer in Wingfield, has not progressed due to a range of site related issues and prioritisation of Council build activities and acquisitions. See appendix 2 for further details.
Status	In progress.

Recommendation 2	That Cabinet approve the programme of strategic acquisition opportunities listed in exempt Appendix 4, and that authority is delegated up to a maximum value of £1.118m, to the Assistant Director for Planning, Regeneration and Transport to purchase homes from private developers or the open market to add to the Council's stock, upon confirmation of support by the Assistant Director for Housing with agreement from the Section 151 Officer and Cabinet Member for Housing, and subject to the governance processes set out in section 5. This delegation is sought for a period of 12 months and subject to an annual review.
Latest position	Three of the four potential acquisition opportunities have been progressed with "Wentworth View" now in contract, and two other opportunities being expected to enter into contract imminently. The fourth scheme did not progress therefore the acquisition opportunities did not materialise. See appendix 3 for further details.
Status	Concluded.

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PART A - Initial Equality Screening Assessment

As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality and diversity.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provide a record of both the process and decision. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions.

Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality and diversity
- whether or not equality and diversity is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an Equality Analysis (Part B).

Further information is available in the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance – see page 9.

1. Title

Title: Annual Housing Development Report – 2022/23

Directorate: Adult Care, Housing and Public Health

Service area: Strategic Housing and Development

Lead person: Jane Davies

Contact number: 07500102498

Is this a:

☐

Strategy / Policy

☒

Service / Function

☐

Other

If other, please specify

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening

The annual programme of housing development.

3. Relevance to equality and diversity

All the Council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – borough wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality and diversity.

The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are.

When considering these questions think about age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, civil partnerships and marriage, pregnancy and maternity and other socio-economic groups e.g. parents, single parents and guardians, carers, looked after children, unemployed and people on low incomes, ex-offenders, victims of domestic violence, homeless people etc.

Questions	Yes	No
Could the proposal have implications regarding the accessibility of services to the whole or wider community? <i>(Be mindful that this is not just about numbers. A potential to affect a small number of people in a significant way is as important)</i>	✓	
Could the proposal affect service users? <i>(Be mindful that this is not just about numbers. A potential to affect a small number of people in a significant way is as important)</i>	✓	
Has there been or is there likely to be an impact on an individual or group with protected characteristics? <i>(Consider potential discrimination, harassment or victimisation of individuals with protected characteristics)</i>	✓	
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns regarding the proposal? <i>(It is important that the Council is transparent and consultation is carried out with members of the public to help mitigate future challenge)</i>	✓	
Could the proposal affect how the Council's services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom? <i>(If the answer is yes you may wish to seek advice from commissioning or procurement)</i>	✓	
Could the proposal affect the Council's workforce or employment practices? <i>(If the answer is yes you may wish to seek advice from your HR business partner)</i>		✓
If you have answered no to all the questions above, please explain the reason		

If you have answered **no** to all the questions above please complete **sections 5 and 6**.

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above please complete **section 4**.

4. Considering the impact on equality and diversity

If you have not already done so, the impact on equality and diversity should be considered within your proposals before decisions are made.

Considering equality and diversity will help to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and take active steps to create a discrimination free society by meeting a group or individual's needs and encouraging participation.

Please provide specific details for all three areas below using the prompts for guidance and complete an Equality Analysis (Part B).

- **How have you considered equality and diversity?**

(think about the scope of the proposal, who is likely to be affected, equality related information, gaps in information and plans to address, consultation and engagement activities (taken place or planned) with those likely to be affected)

Through the housing development programme we aim to meet a range of housing needs based on data and evidence held about local demographics and trends. The housing we will build / enable to be built will help to ensure the following groups can access good quality, affordable and well managed homes: Families, older people, people with disabilities, single person households. The programme has also been designed to ensure homes are built in a range of areas across the borough including deprived areas where the private sector is unlikely to deliver the homes needed, without public sector intervention. Improving deprived areas through housing and regeneration helps to tackle inequalities.

Council homes are let via the Allocations Policy, for which a full equalities assessment has been carried out. This will ensure homes are allocated fairly and that no groups with protected characteristics are disadvantaged.

The Strategic Housing and Development Service has commissioned a 'new build survey' to find out more about the people who have moved into recently built council homes. The equalities and diversity information will be analysed and compared against the profile of people on the Council's Housing Register, so we can identify any potential issues i.e. certain protected characteristic groups being under or over-represented in new build properties.

- **Key findings**

(think about any potential positive and negative impact on different equality characteristics, potential to promote strong and positive relationships between groups, potential to bring groups/communities into increased contact with each other, perception that the proposal could benefit one group at the expense of another)

An assessment of the programme has found that it will enable delivery of homes to meet a range of needs including people with disabilities, older people, families with children and single people.

The delegated powers being sought as part of the report will allow individual schemes to be shaped in consideration of the different housing needs for each area.

- **Actions**

- Conduct new build survey and analyse equalities and diversity data (ongoing)
- For each scheme, consult with colleagues in AC and CYPS to identify any particular needs that can be met through the scheme - ongoing
- Review this equalities analysis annually, alongside future annual housing development Cabinet reports - annual

Date to scope and plan your Equality Analysis:

02/03/22

Date to complete your Equality Analysis:

02/03/22

Lead person for your Equality Analysis (Include name and job title):	Jane Davies Head of Strategic Housing and Development
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5. Governance, ownership and approval

Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening:

Name	Job title	Date
Jane Davies	Head of Strategic Housing and Development	02/03/22
David Bagnall	Development Manager	02/03/22
Sarah Watts	Strategic Housing Manager	02/03/22

6. Publishing

This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given.

If this screening relates to a **Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision** a copy of the completed document should be attached as an appendix and published alongside the relevant report.

A copy of **all** screenings should also be sent to equality@rotherham.gov.uk For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file and also published on the Council's Equality and Diversity Internet page.

Date screening completed	02/03/22
Report title and date	Annual Housing Development Report 2022/23
If relates to a Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision – report date and date sent for publication	June 2022
Date screening sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement equality@rotherham.gov.uk	15/03/22

PART B – Equality Analysis Form

As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality and diversity.

This form:

- Can be used to prompt discussions, ensure that due regard has been given and remove or minimise disadvantage for an individual or group with a protected characteristic
- Involves looking at what steps can be taken to advance and maximise equality as well as eliminate discrimination and negative consequences
- Should be completed before decisions are made, this will remove the need for remedial actions.

Note – An Initial Equality Screening Assessment (Part A) should be completed prior to this form.

When completing this form consider the Equality Act 2010 protected characteristics Age, Disability, Sex, Gender Reassignment, Race, Religion or Belief, Sexual Orientation, Civil Partnerships and Marriage, Pregnancy and Maternity and other socio-economic groups e.g. parents, single parents and guardians, carers, looked after children, unemployed and people on low incomes, ex-offenders, victims of domestic violence, homeless people etc. – see page 11 of Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance.

1. Title	
Equality Analysis title: Annual Housing Development Report – 2022/23	
Date of Equality Analysis (EA): 02/03/22	
Directorate: Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	Service area: Strategic Housing and Development
Lead person: Jane Davies	Contact number: 07500102498
Is this a: <input type="checkbox"/> Strategy / Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service / Function <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
If other, please specify	

2. Names of those involved in the Equality Analysis (Should include minimum of three people) - see page 7 of Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance

Name	Organisation	Role (eg service user, managers, service specialist)
Jane Davies	Rotherham Council	Head of Strategic Housing and Development
David Bagnall	Rotherham Council	Development Manager
Sarah Watts	Rotherham Council	Strategic Housing Manager

3. What is already known? - see page 10 of Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance
Aim/Scope (who the Policy/Service affects and intended outcomes if known)

This may include a group/s identified by a protected characteristic, others groups or stakeholder/s e.g. service users, employees, partners, members, suppliers etc.)

This EA has been produced in support of an upcoming Cabinet report proposing the 2022/23 housing development programme. Cabinet reports will be produced annually and each report will identify the Council-owned sites proposed for inclusion in the annual programme. The report also requests the ability to acquire properties on the open market to meet local need if required.

The programme has been designed to ensure homes are built in a range of areas across the borough including deprived areas where the private sector is unlikely to deliver the homes needed, without public sector intervention. Improving deprived areas through housing and regeneration helps to tackle inequalities. The Strategic Housing and Development Service has already delivered specialist homes on former garage and brownfield sites which support the diverse housing needs across the borough.

Council homes are let via the Allocations Policy, which is reviewed regularly and is subject to a full equalities assessment. This document ensures new homes are allocated fairly and that no groups with protected characteristics are disadvantaged.

What equality information is available? (Include any engagement undertaken)

The housing development programme is underpinned by analysis of housing need and demographic data which has been gained from a variety of sources including:

- Profile of applicants on Council's Housing Register (numbers of households eligible for age restricted accommodation etc). The Housing Occupational Health Team assess households to determine their need which leads to a priority of allocation under the Housing Allocations Policy. A regular review of the profile of people on the housing register takes place to help plan for the types of new homes needed.
- Local population demographic data (Census 2021 emerging)
- Indices of Multiple Deprivation
- Profile of existing Council tenants (including protected characteristics)
- Strategic Housing Market Assessment

- Intelligence from Strategic Housing Forum which is attended by partners that represent different interests and groups e.g. homelessness and young people etc
- Ward members will receive specific briefings on potential sites in their wards and their feedback will be considered and included in individual scheme EAs
- The Strategic Housing and Development service has worked with the Neighbourhood Service to assist with consultation and dissemination information about development in localities, identifying alignment with ward priorities. Again, any feedback will be included in individual scheme EAs.
- Housing Involvement Panel which includes Council tenant volunteers.
- Data from new rented, shared ownership and open market sales is analysed to understand the equality impact of each development. The profiling of tenants / owners is also reflected in completions report and any lessons learnt are applied when developing new projects.

Where possible the development programme will focus on increasing a specific housing type so homes can meet identified local housing needs. This is often where a particular group of people have been disadvantaged by the local housing market i.e. they cannot afford, or do not have choice in where/how they live. The programme aims to make housing accessible to all regardless of their income and need. This includes taking a role in increasing the supply to meet local need, as well as enabling and encouraging other stakeholders to increase supply across the private market.

Demographic information

- 264,984 people live in Rotherham Borough, about half living in and around the main urban area of Rotherham. The remainder live in smaller towns such as Wath, Dinnington and Maltby, and in numerous large villages and rural communities, all of which have their own distinct identities
- Rotherham has a similar age profile to the national average and in common with the national trends, the population is ageing. Central Rotherham has a younger population than average whilst the more suburban and rural areas, mainly in the south of the borough, have older age profiles
- One in four residents (25.9) are aged 60 years or over and 24,233 people (9.1) are aged 75 years or over. Rotherham has 57,453 children aged 0-17 (21.7 of the population).

Are there any gaps in the information that you are aware of?

None identified following wider discussion with colleagues, and we are seeking to ensure that future housing developments are meeting the protected characteristics identified.

What monitoring arrangements have you made to monitor the impact of the policy or service on communities/groups according to their protected characteristics?

The overall progress of the 2022/23 housing development programme will be reported to Cabinet as part of the request to proceed with the subsequent year's programme.

For individual schemes, all proposals requiring a decision under delegated powers will be subject to the following at an early stage:

- Briefing to Assistant Director for Housing and Cabinet Member for Housing
- Consultation with applicable ward members

The strategic basis and financial appraisal of an individual proposal will then be subject to the development and sign-off of an appropriate business case, consisting of, as a minimum:

- Strategic Outline Case (SOC)
- Equalities Assessment (Parts A and B as applicable)
- Procurement Business Case (where procurement is required)
- Embed social value commitment through housing development contracts

Progress with individual schemes will be reported to Housing Senior Management Team and other meetings / forums as appropriate.

Officer decisions will be formally recorded and published.

Surveys will be carried out with the occupants of new homes, and equality and diversity results analysed and compared with other relevant data sets such as the Housing Register. This will allow the Council to understand whether any protected characteristic groups are over or under-represented in new build homes and take action if required.

The Strategic Housing and Development Service has also commissioned a 'new build survey' to find out more about the people who have moved into recently built council homes. The equalities and diversity information will be analysed and compared against the profile of people on the Council's Housing Register, so we can identify any potential issues i.e. certain protected characteristics.

Engagement undertaken with customers. (date and group(s) consulted and key findings)

The Council holds a wealth of housing intelligence data which will be used to determine local housing need and prioritise areas for investment.

The Housing Strategy is now being refreshed and is due to be approved by Cabinet in May 2022. It sets the direction for housing priorities for the next three years.

Consultation has included residents and tenants, officers, key partners and stakeholders. A whole borough resident survey took place between November 2021 and January 2022. The consultation responses reflect consideration of the needs of different communities such as older people and people with disabilities, and this has been used to shape the Housing Strategy.

The local community will be consulted on individual schemes as part of the planning process.

Engagement undertaken with staff (date and group(s) consulted and key findings)	<p>The Cabinet Member for Housing has been engaged in the development of the programme from the outset and has been involved in shaping the overall strategic priorities for housing, through the Housing Strategy consultation.</p> <p>Ward Members will receive specific briefings on potential sites in their wards.</p>
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4. The Analysis - of the actual or likely effect of the Policy or Service (Identify by protected characteristics)

How does the Policy/Service meet the needs of different communities and groups? (Protected characteristics of Age, Disability, Sex, Gender Reassignment, Race, Religion or Belief, Sexual Orientation, Civil Partnerships and Marriage, Pregnancy and Maternity) - see glossary on page 14 of the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance)

Through the housing development programme, we aim to increased choice and access to more new homes, particularly affordable homes. Allocation to housing is dealt with via the Council's Allocations Policy. The Policy sets out how priority is allocated to people who have specific needs including people with protected characteristics.

The programme will meet a range of housing needs based on data and evidence held about local demographics and trends. By understanding more about local need and by enabling and delivering a wider range of house types, the programme should support and help remove the barriers that exist for specific groups of people. Particularly young and older people who are reliant on welfare support, and those who are physically disabled or have a family member who is disabled, requiring ground floor, accessible accommodation.

Does your Policy/Service present any problems or barriers to communities or Groups?

No.

Does the Service/Policy provide any positive impact/s including improvements or remove barriers?

The new homes delivered through the housing development programme will help to improve quality of life for households who are currently living in unsuitable accommodation.

Individual schemes will be shaped in consideration of the different housing needs for each area, and the overall programme will include homes that meet the following needs:

- Larger family homes
- Homes for single people
- Homes for older people and people with disabilities and / or support needs

What effect will the Policy/Service have on community relations? (may also need to consider activity which may be perceived as benefiting one group at the expense of another)

No negative impacts have been identified/are anticipated.

Please list any **actions and targets** that need to be taken as a consequence of this assessment on the action plan below and ensure that they are added into your service plan for monitoring purposes – see page 12 of the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance.

5. Summary of findings and Equality Analysis Action Plan

If the analysis is done at the right time, i.e. early before decisions are made, changes should be built in before the policy or change is signed off. This will remove the need for remedial actions. Where this is achieved, the only action required will be to monitor the impact of the policy/service/change on communities or groups according to their protected characteristic - See page 11 of the Equality Screening and Analysis guidance

Title of analysis: Annual Housing Development Report – 2022/23
Directorate and service area: Adult Care, Housing & Public Health. Strategic Housing & Development Service
Lead Manager: Jane Davies
Summary of findings:
No negative impacts have been identified/are anticipated.

Action/Target	State Protected Characteristics as listed below	Target date (MM/YY)
Monitor the impact of the housing development programme on communities or groups according to their protected characteristic	All	Annually

***A = Age, D= Disability, S = Sex, GR Gender Reassignment, RE= Race/ Ethnicity, RoB= Religion or Belief, SO= Sexual Orientation, PM= Pregnancy/Maternity, CPM = Civil Partnership or Marriage. C= Carers, O= other groups**

6. Governance, ownership and approval

Please state those that have approved the Equality Analysis. Approval should be obtained by the Director and approval sought from DLT and the relevant Cabinet Member.

Name	Job title	Date
Paul Walsh	Assistant Director of Housing	
Ian Spicer	Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing & Public Health	
Councillor Amy Brookes	Cabinet Member for Housing	

7. Publishing

The Equality Analysis will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given.

If this Equality Analysis relates to a **Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision** a copy of the completed document should be attached as an appendix and published alongside the relevant report.

A copy should also be sent to equality@rotherham.gov.uk For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file and also published on the Council's Equality and Diversity Internet page.

Date Equality Analysis completed	15/03/22
Report title and date	Annual Housing Development Report 2022/23
Date report sent for publication	(June 2022)
Date Equality Analysis sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement equality@rotherham.gov.uk	15/03/22

User guidance:

- The first section of this form guides users through considering major areas where emissions are likely to occur. If emissions are impacted in a way not covered by these categories, please identify this at the bottom of the section
- The first section should be filled as such:
 - **Impact:** identify, in relation to each area, whether the decision of the proposal does the following: *reduces emissions*, *increases emissions*, or has *no impact on emissions*. If it is uncertain this section can be labelled *impact unknown*
 - If **no impact on emissions** is identified: no further detail is needed for this area, but can be added if relevant (e.g. if efforts have been made to mitigate emissions in this area.)
 - **Describe impacts or potential impacts on emissions:** two sections deal respectively with emissions from the Council (including those of contractors), and emissions across Rotherham as a whole. In both sections please explain any factors that are likely to reduce or increase emissions. If **impact unknown** has been selected, then identify the area of uncertainty and outline known variables that may affect impacts.
 - In most cases there is no need to quantify the emission impact of an area after outlining the factors that may reduce or increase emissions. In some cases, however, this may be desirable if factors can be reduced to a small number of known variables (e.g. if an emission impact is attached to a known or estimated quantity of fuel consumed).
 - **Describe any measures to mitigate emission impact:** regardless of the emission impact, in many cases steps should be taken in order to reduce mitigate all emissions associated with each area as far as possible; these steps can be outlined here (For example: if a proposal is likely to increase emissions but practices or materials have been adopted in order to reduce this overall impact, this would be described here).
 - **Outline any monitoring of emission impacts that will be carried out:** in this section outline any steps taken to monitor emission levels, or steps taken to monitor the factors that are expected to increase or reduce emission levels (for example, if waste or transport levels are being monitored this would be described here)
- A **summary paragraph** outlining the likely overall impacts of the proposal/decision on emissions should then be completed - this is not required if the proposal/decision has no impact across all areas.
- The supporting information section should be filled as followed:
 - Author/completing officer
 - **Research, data, or information** may refer to datasets, background documents, literature, consultations, or other data-gathering exercise. These should also be added to the **supporting documents** section of the cabinet report

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- Carbon Impact Assessments are to be appended to the associated cabinet reports
 - Prior to publishing reports, Carbon Impact Assessments should be sent to climate@rotherham.gov.uk for feedback
 - Report authors may also use the above email address to direct any further queries or to access further support regarding completing the assessment

Will the decision/proposal impact...	Impact	If an impact or potential impacts are identified			
		Describe impacts or potential impacts on emissions from the Council and its contractors.	Describe impact or potential impacts on emissions across Rotherham as a whole.	Describe any measures to mitigate emission impacts	Outline any monitoring of emission impacts that will be carried out
Emissions from non-domestic buildings?	No impact on emissions				
Emissions from transport?	Increased emissions / impact unknown	Vehicle movements to and from sites will be generated during demolition and construction will create emissions, through the movement of building and waste materials and personnel.	While it is possible that new households will increase vehicle movements, they may also reduce them, depending on where new residents work and access services. We do not know before a development is built where new residents will move from and whether this move will increase or decrease vehicle movements. Some new properties included in the programme, i.e. the homes the Council purchases as strategic acquisitions will be built regardless of whether the Council purchases them or not.	Where appropriate, prospective contractors will be required to demonstrate how they will minimise and mitigate emissions from vehicle movements as part of the construction, during the tendering process. All new housing developments are subject to planning controls and the planning process at the plan and policy development and planning application stages takes into account vehicle movements.	Assessment of whether the new households increase or decrease carbon emissions through vehicle movements is not monitored at this time.
Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	Increased emissions	Construction will generate waste materials through demolition, exporting of materials from groundworks and waste construction materials.	Although new households may not necessarily mean more people living in the Borough, they are likely to create a small increase in the overall volume of waste	Where appropriate, prospective contractors will be required to demonstrate how they will minimise and mitigate vehicle emissions from the	Unknown.

			created and in the distance travelled by waste collection vehicles.	movement of waste, during the tendering process. This will include the recycling / re use of materials on site where possible.	
Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	Increased emissions	No direct emissions increase for the council.	The new properties built as part of the programme will increase emissions from the heating and lighting of the new properties.	<p>The Council will ensure that the new homes are high quality, energy efficient and able to meet the challenge of climate change.</p> <p>The use of modern methods of construction will be considered for all new schemes, where value for money can be demonstrated as well as carbon reduction.</p>	Construction will be monitored to ensure that specifications are met and, where appropriate, the energy performance of new buildings will be monitored once occupied to ensure that the stated performance standards are met.
Emissions from construction and/or development?	Increased emissions	<p>Emissions will be increased from on site vehicles and equipment and the lighting of the sites. Also, from the heating lighting and powering of site offices and cabins. The manufacture of construction materials will increase emissions.</p> <p>It is possible that some mature trees will be removed as part of the development of new sites</p>	<p>Some of the building materials will be manufactured within the Borough.</p> <p>Removal of trees without replacement could, depending how they are disposed of, increase carbon emissions.</p>	<p>The use of modern methods of construction will be considered for all new schemes, where value for money can be demonstrated as well as carbon reduction.</p> <p>Where trees are present on a development site they will be retained where possible. The planning process deals with protection of trees on development sites and where it allows their removal usually requires</p>	This will be monitored through the procurement process.

				equivalent or better replacement.	
Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	Unknown	Some of the Council's own construction projects will include the planting of trees as part of any landscaping schemes	Unknown	N/A	Unknown
Identify any emission impacts associated with this decision that have not been covered by the above fields: N /A					

Please provide a summary of all impacts and mitigation/monitoring measures: Emissions will be generated from energy use associated with construction sites, the vehicle movements associated with construction personnel, materials and waste. The manufacture of construction materials will also generate emissions. New homes will generate new emissions mainly through lighting and heating and the powering of domestic appliances. These increases will be mitigated through the requirement for prospective contractors to demonstrate how they will reduce emissions from the above and monitored through the construction period. The Council will continue to ensure that new homes are as energy efficient as possible and employ the use of modern methods of construction where value for money can be demonstrated as well as carbon reduction. The actual energy performance of new homes will be monitored to ensure that they meet expected standards.

Supporting information:	
Completed by: (Name, title, and service area/directorate).	Nick Ward, Place and Quality Manager, Strategic Housing and Development Service, Adult Care, Housing and Public Health
Please outline any research, data, or information used to complete this [form].	No relevant data or research used.
If quantities of emissions are relevant to and have been used in this form please identify which conversion factors have been used to quantify impacts.	No relevant data or research used.
Tracking [to be completed by Policy Support / Climate Champions]	Sam Blakeborough, Policy Officer, PPI, ACEx

Public Report
Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 06 July 2022

Report Title

Children's Commissioner's Takeover Challenge – Climate Change

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

No, but it has been included on the Forward Plan

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

Jo Brown, Assistant Chief Executive

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Ward(s) Affected

Borough Wide

Report Summary

The Children's Commissioner's Takeover Challenge (CCTOC) is a national initiative where children and young people take over an organisation or meeting and assume management/leadership roles. As part of RMBC's commitment to the CCTOC, each year with the exception of last year due to Covid the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) supports Rotherham Youth Cabinet (RYC) in undertaking a focused piece of work on a topic chosen by the young people.

The Children's Commissioner's Takeover held on 16 March 2022 was Chaired by Josie Brown, Rotherham Youth Cabinet.

RYC chose climate change as the theme for this year's takeover challenge, as it was one of the key priorities in their manifesto for 2022 and identified through consultation.

RYC realise that Climate Change is a threat to communities now and action is needed and the RYC realise that the issue of Climate Change spans further than saving the planet and is primarily about caring for people who live on the planet.

By resolving the issues of Climate Change this could solve many interconnecting issues e.g. public transport improvements (decarbonising means of travel), Youth participation in the democratic system (number of young people engaged at the heart of the climate change movement), journey to net zero revitalises jobs and industries.

A number of members of the Rotherham Youth Cabinet are members of the Regional Youth Climate Assembly (RECA) created in April 2020 during lockdown.

Members of the RYC attended the COP 26 conference.

The Rotherham Youth Cabinet now wish to focus more on a local level as they understand this is a huge part in tackling Climate Change on a holistic level so that Rotherham and its communities can accelerate the journey to net zero and use it as a catalyst for further social and political change.

Recommendations

That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board:

1. Receive the report and recommendations outlined in Appendix 1.
2. Agree that the report and recommendations be forwarded to Cabinet for response.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 - Recommendations from the Children's Commissioner's Takeover Challenge – Climate Change

Background Papers

Rotherham Youth Cabinet Manifesto 2020

Minutes of Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, 16th March 2022 - Children's Commissioner's Takeover Challenge – Climate Change

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 16 March 2022

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

Children's Commissioner's Takeover Challenge – Climate Change

1. Background

- 1.1 The Children's Commissioner's Takeover Challenge (CCTOC) is a national initiative where children and young people take over an organisation or meeting and assume management/leadership roles. As part of RMBC's commitment to the CCTOC, each year with the exception of last year due to Covid the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) supports Rotherham Youth Cabinet (RYC) in undertaking a focused piece of work on a topic chosen by the young people.
- 1.2 The Children's Commissioner's Takeover held on 16 March 2022 was Chaired by Josie Brown, Rotherham Youth Cabinet. RYC chose climate change as the theme for this year's takeover challenge, as it was one of the key priorities in their manifesto for 2022 and identified through consultation.
- 1.3 RYC realise that Climate Change is a threat to communities now and action is needed and the RYC realise that the issue of Climate Change spans further than saving the planet and is primarily about caring for people who live on the planet.
- 1.4 By resolving the issues of Climate Change this could solve many interconnecting issues e.g. public transport improvements (focus on decarbonising means of travel), Youth participation in the democratic system (increasing number of young people engaged at the heart of the climate change movement), journey to net zero revitalises jobs and industries.
- 1.5 A number of members of the Rotherham Youth Cabinet are members of the Regional Youth Climate Assembly (RECA) created in April 2020 during lockdown.
- 1.6 Members of the RYC attended the COP 26 conference.
- 1.7 The Rotherham Youth Cabinet now wish to focus more on a local level as they understand this is a huge part in tackling Climate Change on a holistic level so that Rotherham and its communities can accelerate the journey to net zero and use it as a catalyst for further social and political change.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 Appendix 1 sets out the recommendations following the Children's Commissioner's Takeover Challenge held in March 2022.
- 2.2 A series of questions were put by members of the RYC to Council Officers covering a range of topics associated with Climate Change. The questions are set out below:
 - What is being done within schools and council buildings to reduce the amount of energy being used? How can this be reduced further?

- What is the plan to combat plastic pollution across Rotherham and how is local action promoted?
- Locally, how much waste is being recycled? How do you plan on improving this?
- Most schools do not have recycling facilities, what is the council doing to make recycling bins accessible for schools and is it possible to provide more recycling bins in streets and public spaces?
- How is the council encouraging schools and academies to have a consistent and dedicated climate curriculum and what plans do you have to improve climate education for young people across Rotherham, who is responsible for implementing these plans and by when?
- How do you plan on involving the wider community ie adults, in tackling climate change and how are you raising awareness about the need to recycle and how to recycle?
- How do you plan on involving the wider community ie adults, in tackling climate change and how are you raising awareness about the need to recycle and how to recycle?
- What action is taking place to improve the reliability, accessibility and affordability of public transport given the huge role it will play in decarbonising our travel?
- What has/is being done to improve the distribution of electric car charging points across Rotherham to ensure a smooth transition to net zero?
- What green jobs are available for young people to either take as a vocational pathway or being created in Rotherham?
- Can you explain what is being done in Rotherham to tackle the nature emergency and improve wildlife recovery?
- How is the council working with other groups and organisations to tackle the intersectional factors around climate change?
- Are there plans for schools and council buildings to have consistent approach to green technology such as solar panels?
- How are you ensuring that council houses are environmentally friendly and energy efficient?
- What consideration has been made to introducing alternatives to single use plastics in school canteens and public buildings, for example leisure centre vending machines, cafes etc

2.3 In light of the responses to the questions provided by Council Officers the Rotherham Youth Cabinet developed the recommendations contained in Appendix 1 specifically relating to Rotherham Borough. In summary these focus 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

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board recommend that the recommendations set out in Appendix 1 are supported.
- 3.2 That Cabinet are asked to respond to the recommendations set out in Appendix 1.

4. Consultation on proposal

- 4.1 The Strategic Director, Regeneration and Environment and Children and Young People Services have been consulted with regards to the report and recommendations.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 5.1 The report will go to Cabinet for a formal response on the recommendations.

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

- 6.1 Consideration should be given to the procurement and financial implications arising from the report's recommendations as part of the Executive's response.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

- 7.1 Consideration should be given to the legal implications arising from the report's recommendations as part of the Executive's response.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

- 8.1 Consideration should be given to the Human Resources advice and implications arising from the report's recommendations as part of the Executive's response.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

- 9.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board sought assurances that the implications for children and young people and vulnerable adults have been addressed.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

- 10.1 Members have had regard to equalities and human rights implications when developing recommendations.

11. Implications for CO₂ Emissions and Climate Change

- 11.1 Consideration should be given to the implications for CO₂ Emissions and Climate change arising from the report's recommendations as part of the Executive's response.

12. Implications for Partners

- 12.1 Consideration should be given to the implications for CO₂ Emissions and Climate change arising from the report's recommendations as part of the Executive's response.

13. Risks and Mitigation

- 13.1 Members have regard to the risks and mitigation factors associated with the Children's Commissioner's Takeover Challenge topic of Climate Change and have made recommendations accordingly.

Accountable Officer(s)

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This report is published on the Council's [website](#).

Appendix 1

**Recommendations from the Children's Commissioner's Takeover Challenge –
Climate Change (16 March 2022)**

Recommendation	
1.	That Youth Cabinet are invited to visit the Waste Treatment Centre at Manvers
2.	That the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment meets with members of the Youth Cabinet to discuss plastic waste / pollution and action to minimise single use plastics
3.	That the Assistant Director for Education works with the Youth Cabinet to look at the feasibility of developing an environmental awards scheme for schools.
4.	That Council officers work with the Youth Cabinet to strengthen its engagement strategy with young people, specifically young people of BAME communities or other hard to reach groups.
5.	That Council officers work with the Youth Cabinet on widening carbon literacy training/awareness

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Work programme 2022-2023 – Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – Updated 28/6/2022

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Purpose/ Outcomes	Recommendations		
11 May 2022	Petition – Improve Road safety on Cumwell Lane	To consider the petition referred from Council 13 April 2022	Resolved:		
			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That the call for action as outlined in the petition be supported. That the following proposed actions outlined by the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment be supported: 		
			Proposed measure	Programming information	Anticipated implementation date
			Reduce the existing speed limit along Kingsforth Lane, and Cumwell Lane (including sections of Sandy Lane and Newhall Lane to 50mph	Subject to TRO process. On Officer Decision Forward Plan. Consultation to start in May 2022	August 2022
			Reduce existing speed limit through Newhall to either 20mph or 30mph (subject to consultation and legal advice)	Subject to TRO process. On Officer Decision Forward Plan. Consultation to start in May 2022	August 2022
			Resurface Kingsforth Lane (Thurcroft side)	To be programmed and implemented by RMBC managed by Network Management	Start of June 2022
			Remove existing central road studs and replace with bi-directional solar powered intelligent white units throughout	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	June 2022
			Replace damaged, or missing highway signage	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	June 2022

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Purpose/ Outcomes	Recommendations			
			Cut back vegetation to maintain forward visibility of the signs	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	June 2022	
			Provide edge of carriageway road markings and refresh existing	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	June 2022	
			Refresh existing centre line markings including Sandy Lane and Newhall Lane give way junctions.	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	June 2022	
			Provide red surfaced hatched markings at the dedicated right turn lane to the Landfill site entrance.	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	June 2022	
			Replace any missing verge marker posts	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	June 2022	
			Provide new verge markers (approx. 30 No.) at 5m centres opposite the fishing pond.	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	June 2022	
			Provide 10m red surfaced patches at each existing SLOW marking and any additional specified SLOW markings	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	June 2022	
			Arrange for the cut back and/or removal of any self-seeded vegetation/ shrubs/ trees from the verges that may interfere with visibility	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	June 2022	

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Purpose/ Outcomes	Recommendations			
			Installation of two Solar Powered Vehicle Activated Signs either side of the Fishing Ponds bend to alert drivers travelling over a pre-set speed limit to slow down	To form part of the Local Safety Scheme intervention measures	July 2022	
			Assess the route for appropriateness of a Vehicle Restraint System using current standards	Route assessment to take place during road closure	July 2022	
			Install Vehicle Restraint System	Subject to outcome of assessment	Late 2022	
			<p>3. That an evaluation is undertaken by the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment and the Speed Camera Partnership to assess the feasibility of installing average speed cameras on Cumwell Lane/Kingsforth Lane.</p> <p>4. That this evaluation includes benchmarking of comparable local authorities with average speed cameras in their areas, any learning from the installation and their impact on road safety.</p> <p>5. That Cabinet and the Speed Camera Partnership be asked to support the resourcing of the infrastructure required for the installation and maintenance of average speed cameras on Cumwell Lane/Kingsforth Lane should their feasibility be established.</p> <p>6. That the Council's response to and lesson learnt from the fatal traffic incidents in 2018 and 2019 on Cumwell Lane/Kingsforth Lane be circulated to Board Members and the Lead Petitioner by the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment.</p> <p>7. That an update on progress in respect of the recommendations outlined, is provided to this Board in 6 months with a further report to be provided to Improving Places Select Commission in 12 months.</p>			

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Purpose/ Outcomes	Recommendations
	Town Deal and Levelling Up Fund: Update and Implementation	Pre-decision scrutiny in advance of Cabinet meeting 16 May.	Resolved that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Cabinet be advised that the recommendations be supported. 2. That progress of the Town Deal and Levelling Up fund be added to the Risk Register.
	Household Support Fund	Pre-decision scrutiny in advance of Cabinet meeting 16 May.	Resolved that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Cabinet be advised that the recommendations be supported.
27 May 2022 – Special Meeting	Rotherham Safeguarding Children Partnership CSE Review Final Report.	To consider the Rotherham Safeguarding Children Partnership CSE Review Final Report.	Following the discussions, OSMB resolved to make recommendations that would be refined and discussed in further detail at the next meeting of OSMB which would be on 15 June 2022. Those recommendations were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That the report be noted. 2) That the Member and Democratic Support Panel, in conjunction with each of the Council's political groups draws up proposals in order to co-ordinate the training plan with regard to CSE and to maximise member attendance at training events. 3) That work be carried out with the Borough's Town and Parish Council's to raise Town and Parish Councillors awareness around issues related to CSE. 4) That as part of the overall scrutiny work programming processes that clear expectations are set to determine which reports will come to the Improving Lives Select Commission and that there is full partnership engagement with regard to these reports (including on health check issues).

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Purpose/ Outcomes	Recommendations
			<p>5) That scrutiny carries out further work to examine the link between poverty and deprivation and all issues related to children's safeguarding, and in particular to issues around CSE.</p> <p>6) That clear plans, with defined timescales be developed in order to increase awareness and confidence with regard to issues surrounding CSE be developed in consultation with all partners.</p> <p>7) That clear plans, with defined timescales be developed in order to ensure that a consistent approach is taken to how the "voice of the survivor" is taken into account of and listened to across the partnership.</p> <p>8) That work is carried out across the partnership to provide clarity with regard to processes surrounding the reporting of and escalation of concerns regarding CSE.</p> <p>9) That work is carried out across the partnership to provide clarity with regard to processes regarding performance monitoring around CSE.</p>
15 June 2022	Finance Update	Pre-decision scrutiny in advance of Cabinet meeting on 20 June 2022	<p>1. That Cabinet be advised that the recommendations be supported.</p> <p>2. In future that the Council ensure options for Council Tax (energy) Rebate payments are more widely published in an easy-to-read format.</p>
	Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy (2022/2025), Action Plan (2022/2023) and Annual Report (2021/2022)	Pre-decision scrutiny in advance of Cabinet meeting on 20 June 2022	<p>1. That Cabinet be advised that the recommendations be supported.</p> <p>2. That consideration is given to how equalities is presented in Council reports going forward.</p>

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Purpose/ Outcomes	Recommendations
	Rotherham Safeguarding Children Partnership CSE Review Final Report.	To review the recommendations as discussed at the OSMB meeting held on 27 May 2022 following receipt of the Rotherham Safeguarding Children Partnership CSE Review Final Report.	<p>Resolved that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That the report be noted. 2) That the Member and Democratic Support Panel, in conjunction with each of the Council's political groups draws up proposals in order to co-ordinate the training plan with regard to CSE and to maximise member attendance at training events. 3) That work be carried out with the Borough's Town and Parish Council's to raise Town and Parish Councillors awareness around issues related to CSE. 4) That as part of the overall scrutiny work programming processes that clear expectations are set to determine which reports will come to the Improving Lives Select Commission and that there is full partnership engagement with regard to these reports (including on health check issues). 5) That scrutiny carries out further work to examine the link between poverty and deprivation and all issues related to children's safeguarding, and in particular to issues around CSE. 6) That clear plans, with defined timescales be developed in order to increase awareness and confidence with regard to issues surrounding CSE be developed in consultation with all partners. 7) That clear plans, with defined timescales be developed in order to ensure that a consistent approach is taken to how the "voice of the survivor" is taken into account of and listened to across the partnership. 8) That work is carried out across the partnership to provide clarity with regard to processes surrounding the reporting of and escalation of concerns regarding CSE.

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Purpose/ Outcomes	Recommendations
			9) That work is carried out across the partnership to provide clarity with regard to processes regarding performance monitoring around CSE.
	Operation Linden	To consider the future monitoring arrangement in respect of the implementation of the IOPC report regarding Operation Linden.	It was agreed that a monitoring group of at least 3 Members, politically balanced, be formed from Members of OSMB to follow progress on the implementation of the IOPC recommendations with a view to reporting back to OSMB at regular intervals to be determined.
6 July 2022	Annual Housing Development Report 2022-23	Pre-decision scrutiny in advance of Cabinet meeting on 11 July 2022	
	Children's Commissioners Takeover Challenge - Climate Change	To consider the report and recommendations from the Children's Commissioner's Takeover Challenge – Climate Change held on 16 March 2022.	
14 September 2022	Council Plan 2022-2025 and Year Ahead Delivery Plan Progress report	That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board continue to monitor performance against the objectives contained in the new Council Plan by receiving the quarterly performance reports produced for Cabinet as part of its pre-decision scrutiny role.	
	Domestic Abuse - September	Resolved at the 3 November meeting to add to Work Programme.	

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Purpose/ Outcomes	Recommendations
		To be scheduled as a one-off session combined with Modern Slavery.	
	Modern Slavery - September	Resolved at the 3 November meeting to add to Work Programme. To be scheduled a one-off session Combined session with Domestic Abuse	
12 October 2022	Social Value Mid-Year Review	Following review of the Social Value Annual Report by OSMB in March 2022, it was agreed that a further report is submitted to OSMB in six months outlining mid-year position.	
16 November 2022	Safer Rotherham Partnership Annual Report.	Annual item for the Board to receive the Safer Rotherham Annual Report in its role as the Council's Statutory Crime and Disorder Committee, as defined by the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009.	
14 December 2022	Council Plan 2022-2025 and Year Ahead Delivery Plan Progress report	That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board continue to monitor performance against the objectives contained in the	

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Purpose/ Outcomes	Recommendations
		new Council Plan by receiving the quarterly performance reports produced for Cabinet as part of its pre-decision scrutiny role.	
	Annual Complaints Report	Annual item	
19 January 2023	TBC		
8 February 2023	TBC		
22 February 2023	TBC		
15 March 2023	Council Plan 2022-2025 and Year Ahead Delivery Plan Progress report	That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board continue to monitor performance against the objectives contained in the new Council Plan by receiving the quarterly performance reports produced for Cabinet as part of its pre-decision scrutiny role.	
	Children's Commissioner Take Over Challenge	Annual Item	
19 April 2023	TBC		

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Purpose/ Outcomes	Recommendations
10 May 2023	TBC		

Items pending schedule or removal

Item	Details	Status	Officer
Rothercard	Joint meeting with lives – Discuss with Cllr Shepard before progressing this.	One off briefing to be scheduled	
Finance/Budget Setting	Resolved at the 14 July meeting: That a report be presented at a future meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board that details how the changes that have been made to how the Council operates and provides services as a result of the pandemic have informed budget management procedures, and whether these changes to how the Council operates have highlighted any new opportunities where future budget savings could potentially be made.	To request a briefing note	
CYPS Performance monitoring	Workshop session on CYPS Performance monitoring	To be scheduled – Meetings with CYPS have taken place. To be delivered April 2022. Joint activity with ILSC	
CYPS Invest to Save	To scrutinise the impact of “Invest to Save” initiatives across CYPS	To be scheduled.	

Item	Details	Status	Officer
Foodbank Provision – alter to a cost of living (Economic Crisis Start with food bank the energy in Oct	To scrutinise foodbank services across the Borough. Requested at the 9 February meeting.	To be scheduled.	
Adult Care Services Commissioning	To look in further detail the commissioning process for adult care services. Requested at the 9 February meeting.	Scope of work to be considered by Chair and Vice-Chair.	
Nature Emergency	In response to Council Motion May 2022		
Census	2012 and April 2013 reported to OSMB previously.		

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FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS
1 June 2022 – 31 August 2022

This is formal notice under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 of Key Decisions due to be taken by the Authority and of those parts of the Cabinet meeting identified in this Forward Plan will be held in private because the agenda and reports for the meeting will contain confidential or exempt information as defined in the Local Government Act 1972.

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What is the Forward Plan?

The Forward Plan contains all the key decisions the Council expects to take over the next three months. It will be refreshed monthly and will give at least 28 days' notice of any Key Decisions and, if applicable, the Cabinet's intention to discuss an item in private. This gives you the opportunity to submit relevant documents to the decision maker concerning any individual Key Decisions and draws to your attention any relevant constitution process.

What is a Key Decision?

A Key Decision is one which is likely to:-

- relate to the capital or revenue budget framework that is reserved to the Council, or
- result in income, expenditure or savings of £400,000 or greater, or
- have a significant effect on two or more wards

A Key Decision can be made by the Cabinet. The Forward Plan also includes some matters which are not Key Decisions under the heading "Decisions which are not Key Decisions".

What does the Forward Plan tell me?

The plan gives information about:

- what key decisions are to be made in the next three months.
- the matter in respect of which the decision is to be made.
- who will make the key decisions.
- when those key decisions are likely to be made.
- what documents will be considered.
- who you can contact for further information.

Who takes Key Decisions?

Under the Authority's Constitution, Key Decisions are taken by the Cabinet. Key Decisions are taken at public meetings of the Cabinet. The Cabinet meets once a month on a Monday at 10.00am at Rotherham Town Hall. Meeting dates for 2022/23 are:

20 June 2022	19 September 2022	21 November 2022	23 January 2023	20 March 2023	15 May 2023
11 July 2022	17 October 2022	19 December 2022	13 February 2023	24 April 2023	

Further information and Representations about items proposed to be heard in Private

Names of contact officers are included in the Plan.

If you wish to make representations that a decision which is proposed to be heard in private should instead be dealt with in public, you should contact Democratic Services by no later than five clear working days before the meeting. At the end of this document are extracts from the Local Government Act 1972 setting out the descriptions of information which may be classed as "exempt", and the definition of confidential information.

The members of the Cabinet and their areas of responsibility are: -

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

Decision title	Date added to the Forward Plan	What is the decision?	Cabinet Portfolio	Who will be consulted	Documents to be considered	Wards affected	Is the decision to be made in private	Directorate and contact for further information
KEY DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN ON 20 JUNE 2022								
ADULT CARE, HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH								
Housing Strategic Acquisitions	April 2022	To approve the acquisition of new homes.	Cabinet Member for Housing	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and Exempt Appendix	Aughton & Swallownest, Dinnington, Keppel, Rotherham East and Rotherham West	Part exempt Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)	Ian Spicer Tel: 01709 255992 ian.spicer@rotherham.gov.uk
ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE								
Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy (2022-25), Action Plan and Annual Report (2021-22)	July 2021	To approve the Council's new Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy. Also includes approval of new Equality Objectives.	Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Community Safety and Finance	Members, partner organisations, VCS and faith organisations through targeted consultation and the general public through open consultation.	Report and appendix	All Wards	Open	Jo Brown Tel: 01709 255269 jo.brown@rotherham.gov.uk
FINANCE AND CUSTOMER SERVICES								
Finance Update	April 2022	To note the Council's outturn position for 2021/22 prior to the more detailed outturn report being presented to Cabinet in July.	Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Community Safety and Finance	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report	All Wards	Open	Judith Badger Tel: 01709 822046 judith.badger@rotherham.gov.uk

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REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT								
Transport Capital Report 2022-23	February 2022	To approve the Transport Capital Programme for 2022/23.	Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and Appendices	All Wards	Open	Paul Woodcock Tel: 01709 822971 paul.woodcock@rotherham.gov.uk
Public Space Protection Order	April 2022	To consider the re-designation of a Public Space Protection Order in the Fitzwilliam Road area of Rotherham.	Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Community Safety and Finance	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	Boston Castle; Rotherham East	Open	Paul Woodcock Tel: 01709 822971 paul.woodcock@rotherham.gov.uk
NON-KEY DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN ON 20 JUNE 2022								
ADULT CARE, HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH								
Cabinet Response to the Outcomes from the Health Select Commission Review Group on the Rotherham Community Hub	April 2022	To consider Cabinet's Response to the outcomes and recommendations of the Health Select Commission review of the Rotherham Community Hub.	Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders. Council.	Report	All Wards	Open	Ian Spicer Tel: 01709 255992 ian.spicer@rotherham.gov.uk
ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE								
First Council Plan and Year Ahead Delivery Plan January - March 2022 Performance	April 2022	To note progress made against the Council Plan and Year Ahead Delivery Plan January to March 2022.	Leader of the Council	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Jo Brown Tel: 01709 255269 jo.brown@rotherham.gov.uk
Appointment of Councillors to serve on Outside Bodies	April 2022	To approve the appointment of Councillors to serve on Outside Bodies, as detailed on the schedule.	Leader of the Council	Relevant Members.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Jo Brown Tel: 01709 255269 jo.brown@rotherham.gov.uk

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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SERVICES								
Cabinet Response to the Outcomes from the Review Group on Support for Young Carers	April 2022	To approve the Cabinet's response to the Outcomes and recommendations of the Health Select Commission on Support for Young Carers.	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders. Council.	Report	All Wards	Open	Suzanne Joyner Tel: 01709 247617 suzanne.joyner@rotherham.gov.uk
REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT								
BT proposal to permanently remove the public phone box at the junction of Wensleydale and Teesdale Road, Rotherham	April 2022	To note the officer delegated decision regarding the request from BT to remove the phone box.	Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders Public Consultation.	Report	Greasbrough	Open	Paul Woodcock Tel: 01709 822971 paul.woodcock@rotherham.gov.uk
Cabinet Response to the Outcomes from the Review Group on External Funding	April 2022	To approve the Cabinet's response to the Outcomes and recommendations of the Places Select Commission review on External Funding.	Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders. Council.	Report	All Wards	Open	Paul Woodcock Tel: 01709 822971 paul.woodcock@rotherham.gov.uk
FINANCE AND CUSTOMER SERVICES								
New Application for Business Rates Discretionary Relief - Rotherham & District Citizens Advice Bureau	June 2022	To consider the recommendation for a new application for Business Rates Discretionary Relief.	Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Community Safety and Finance	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report	All Wards	Open	Judith Badger Tel: 01709 822046 judith.badger@rotherham.gov.uk
KEY DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN ON 11 JULY 2022 OR LATER								
ADULT CARE, HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH								
Annual Housing Development Report 2022-23	March 2022	To approve the 2022/23 annual housing development programme.	Cabinet Member for Housing	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report	All Wards	Open	Ian Spicer Tel: 01709 255992 ian.spicer@rotherham.gov.uk

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Housing Strategy	March 2022	To approve the new Housing Strategy.	Cabinet Member for Housing	Relevant Members, Officers, Stakeholders, Public Consultation.	Report	All Wards	Open	Ian Spicer Tel: 01709 255992 ian.spicer@rotherham.gov.uk
Drug and Alcohol Treatment 2022/23 to 2024/25	May 2022	To consider and approve the proposals for utilising the funding grant to support improvements in the quality and capacity of drug and alcohol treatment 2022/23 to 2024/25.	Cabinet Member for Adult Care and Health	Relevant Members, Officers, Stakeholders, Office for Health Improvement and Disparities OHID.	Report with exempt appendices	All Wards	Part exempt Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)	Ian Spicer Tel: 01709 255992 ian.spicer@rotherham.gov.uk
ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE								
Household Support Fund	April 2022	To consider progress made and make allocations from Household Support Grant reserve fund.	Leader of the Council	Council service providers / partners.	Report	All Wards	Open	Jo Brown Tel: 01709 255269 jo.brown@rotherham.gov.uk
FINANCE AND CUSTOMER SERVICES								
Finance Outturn 2021/22	April 2022	To approve the unaudited revenue and capital outturn for 2021/22 and note the impact on reserves.	Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Community Safety and Finance	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report	All Wards	Open	Judith Badger Tel: 01709 822046 judith.badger@rotherham.gov.uk
Treasury Management Outturn 2021/22	April 2022	To note treasury management activity during 2021/22 reviewed against the approved strategy, including the outturn position for the prudential indicators.	Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Community Safety and Finance	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report	All Wards	Open	Judith Badger Tel: 01709 822046 judith.badger@rotherham.gov.uk
May 2022/23 Financial Monitoring Report	April 2022	To note the current revenue and capital monitoring position and agree any required actions.	Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Community Safety and Finance	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report	All Wards	Open	Judith Badger Tel: 01709 822046 judith.badger@rotherham.gov.uk

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REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT								
Household Waste Recycling Centres	May 2022	To consider options for the future delivery of Household Waste Recycling Centres.	Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Paul Woodcock Tel: 01709 822971 paul.woodcock@rotherham.gov.uk
Draft Supplementary Planning Documents	April 2022	To approve public consultation on draft Supplementary Planning Documents, to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developer Contributions SPD Biodiversity Net Gain SPD Trees SPD Soils SPD Development in the Green Belt SPD (minor amendment to existing SPD) 	Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy	Relevant Members, Officers and stakeholders, Public Consultation.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Paul Woodcock Tel: 01709 822971 paul.woodcock@rotherham.gov.uk
NON-KEY DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN ON 11 JULY 2022 OR LATER								
ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE								
Recommendations from the Overview and Management Board relating to Road Safety concerns Cumwell Lane / Kingsforth Lane Petition	May 2022	To receive the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board relating to Road Safety concerns Cumwell Lane/Kingsforth Lane Petition.	Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders. Council.	Report	Bramley & Ravenfield; Dinnington; Hellaby & Maltby West; Thurcroft & Wickersley South	Open	Jo Brown Tel: 01709 255269 jo.brown@rotherham.gov.uk
Outcomes from the Children's Takeover Challenge	May 2022	To receive and respond to the recommendations of the Children's Takeover Challenge.	Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Jo Brown Tel: 01709 255269 jo.brown@rotherham.gov.uk

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FINANCE AND CUSTOMER SERVICES								
New Applications for Business Rates Relief	November 2021	To consider the recommendation for a new application for Business Rates discretionary relief.	Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Community Safety and Finance	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report	All Wards	Open	Judith Badger Tel: 01709 822046 judith.badger@rotherham.gov.uk
NO MEETING IN AUGUST 2022								

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 SCHEDULE 12A
ACCESS TO INFORMATION: EXEMPT INFORMATION
PART 1
DESCRIPTIONS OF EXEMPT INFORMATION: ENGLAND

1. Information relating to any individual.
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes –
 - a. to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - b. to make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

PART 2
QUALIFICATIONS: ENGLAND

Paragraphs 1-8 repealed.

- 9 Information is not exempt information if it relates to proposed development for which the local planning authority may grant itself planning permission pursuant to regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992.
- 10 Information which –
 - a. falls within any of paragraphs 1 to 7 above; and
 - b. is not prevented from being exempt by virtue of paragraph 8 or 9 above, is exempt information if and so long, as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972
SECTION 100A(3) – DEFINITION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Confidential information means –

- a. information furnished to the council by a Government department upon terms (however expressed) which forbid the disclosure of the information to the public; and
 - b. information the disclosure of which to the public is prohibited by or under any enactment or by the order of a court;
- and, in either case, the reference to the obligation of confidence is to be construed accordingly.

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