

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

- Date and Time :-** Wednesday 13 September 2023 at 10.00 a.m.
- Venue:-** Rotherham Town Hall, Moorgate Street, Rotherham.
- Membership:-** Councillors Clark (Chair), Bacon (Vice-Chair), Baker-Rogers, Ball, Browne, Cooksey, Elliott, Miro, Pitchley, Tinsley, Wyatt and Yasseen.

This meeting will be webcast live and will be available to view [via the Council's website](#). The items which will be discussed are described on the agenda below and there are reports attached which give more details.

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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 5 July 2023 and 2 August 2023 (Pages 5 - 25)

To consider the minutes of the previous meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board held on 5 July 2023 and 2 August 2023 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

To consider whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any part of the agenda.

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 18 September 2023. Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board are invited to comment and make recommendations on the proposals contained within the report.

6. LGA Corporate Peer Challenge Report and Action Plan (Pages 27 - 62)

Report from the Assistant Chief Executive.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Note the observations and key recommendations made by the Corporate Peer Team to the Council.
2. Approve the high-level action plan which is the Council's response to the findings.

7. Digital Inclusion Strategy and Action Plan (Pages 63 - 108)

Report from the Strategic Director for Finance and Customer Services.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Notes the work undertaken to date as part of the Digital Inclusion programme.
2. Endorse the co-designed Digital Inclusion Strategy and support the approach being taken to help people and communities who are most at risk from digital exclusion.

8. July 2023-24 Financial Monitoring Report (Pages 109 - 136)

Report from the Strategic Director for Finance and Customer Services.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Note the current General Fund Revenue Budget forecast overspend of £4.5m.
2. Note that actions will continue to be taken to reduce the overspend position but that it is possible that the Council will need to draw on its reserves to balance the 2023/24 financial position.

3. Approve the capital budget variations as detailed in section 2.61 of the report.

For Information/Monitoring:-

9. Work Programme (Pages 137 - 138)

To consider the Board's Work Programme.

10. Work in Progress - Select Commissions

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

11. Forward Plan of Key Decisions - 1 September 2023 to 30 November 2023 (Pages 139 - 150)

To review and identify items for pre-decision scrutiny from the Forward Plan of Key Decisions covering the period from 1 September 2023 to 30 November 2023.

12. Call-in Issues

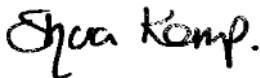
To consider any issues referred for call-in from recent Cabinet meetings.

13. Urgent Business

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

14. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board will be held on 11 October 2023 at 10.00am at Rotherham Town Hall.



SHARON KEMP,
Chief Executive.