

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

- Date and Time :-** Wednesday 13 December 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, 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 15 November 2023 (Pages 5 - 13)**

To consider the minutes of the previous meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board held on 15 November 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.

**For Discussion/Decision:-**

**6. Social Value Mid-Year Report (Pages 15 - 39)**

To consider a report of the Assistant Chief Executive which provides a

mid-year update on achievement towards the Social Value Policy outcomes and priorities for 2023.

### **Recommendations**

That the social value mid-year report be received.

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

#### **7. Adult Social Care Mental Health Review (Pages 41 - 110)**

To consider a report of the Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health outlining proposals for a new model for the Council's Adult Social Care mental health provision across the Borough.

### **Recommendations**

That Cabinet:

1. Note the proposals for a new Adult Social Care mental health model of provision for the Borough.
2. Approve the development of a co-designed Council Mental Health Strategy for Rotherham, with the strategy being presented back to Cabinet for approval in 2025, prior to publication.

#### **8. Aids and Adaptations Assistance Policy (Pages 111 - 207)**

To receive a report of the Strategic Director for Adult Care, Housing and Public Health recommending the adoption of a new Aids and Adaptations Assistance Policy. The proposed Policy sets out how the Council intends to exercise its powers under the Regulatory Reform (Housing Assistance) Order 2002 by consolidating the traditional assistance for aids and adaptations with a range of new discretionary grants.

### **Recommendations:**

That Cabinet:

1. Approve the adoption of the new Aids and Adaptations Assistance Policy (Appendix 1) and note the new scheme of delegation for authorising grants.

2. Approve the proposed increase in Disabled Facilities Grant fees from 10% to 15% in order to pay for additional administrative and technical services costs associated with the new Policy and note that the Council is permitted to include necessary and reasonable fees associated with Disabled Facilities Grant applications within the overall cost of the eligible works.
3. Delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Adult Care Housing and Public Health who can subdelegate to the Assistant Director of Housing in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing to prioritise or withdraw discretionary assistance in accordance with the Aids and Adaptations Assistance Policy and in line with the available budget.
4. Delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Adult Care Housing and Public Health to make minor amendments to the Policy when the need is identified.

**For Information/Monitoring:-**

**9. Work Programme - mid year update (Pages 209 - 230)**

To consider the Board's Work Programme.

**Recommendations:**

That OSMB

1. Note the report.
2. Review the work programmes (as detailed in Appendix 1) and determine if any further action or reprioritisation is required.
3. Note the progress made in implementing the recommendations from scrutiny reviews (as detailed in Appendix 2) and determine if any further action is required.

**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 December 2023 to 29 February 2024 (Pages 231 - 240)**

To review and identify items for pre-decision scrutiny from the Forward Plan of Key Decisions covering the period from 1 December 2023 to 29 February 2024.

**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 Tuesday 16 January at 10.00am at Rotherham Town Hall. **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING DAY**

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Chief Executive.