

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

- Date and Time :-** Tuesday 16 January 2024 at 10.00 a.m.
- Venue:-** Rotherham Town Hall, Moorgate Street, Rotherham.
- Membership:-** Councillors Clark (Chair), Bacon (Vice-Chair), Baker-Rogers, 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 13 December 2023 (Pages 5 - 16)**

To consider the minutes of the previous meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board held on 13 December 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 XX. Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board are invited to comment and make recommendations on the proposals contained within the report.

**6. Mid-Year Report on Council Plan and Year Ahead Delivery Plan Progress for 2023-2024 (Pages 17 - 171)**

To consider a report of the Assistant Chief Executive focusing on the activities in the Year Ahead Delivery Plan and the Council Plan performance measure data for Quarter 2 of the 2023-24 financial year.

**Recommendations**

That Cabinet note:

1. The overall position in relation to the Year Ahead Delivery Plan activities.
2. The Quarter 2 2022-23 data for the Council Plan performance measures.
3. The performance reporting timetable for the remainder of the 2023-2024 year.

**7. HRA Business Plan, Rent Setting and Service Charges 2024-25 (Pages 173 - 232)**

To consider a report of the Strategic Director for Adult Care, Housing and Public Health outlining expenditure and income relating to the provision of Council housing and related services, and a proposed HRA Business Plan setting out the Council investment priorities over a 30-year period.

**Recommendations**

That Cabinet recommends to Council to: -

1. Approve the proposed 2024-25 Base Case Option C for the HRA Business Plan.
2. Note that the Business Plan will be reviewed annually to provide an updated financial position.
3. Agree that Council dwelling rents are increased by 7.7% in 2024/25 (Option 3).
4. Agree that the Council should retain the policy of realigning rents on properties at below formula rent to the formula rent level when the property is re-let to a new tenant.
5. Agree that shared ownership rents are increased by 9.4% in 2024/25.
6. Agree that charges for garages and parking spaces, communal facilities, cooking gas and use of laundry facilities are increased by 6% in 2024/25.

7. Agree that the District Heating unit charge per Kwh is set at 15.27 pence per kwh, a decrease of 4.2% (0.67 pence per khw).
8. Agrees that the decision to reduce the price of District Heating Charges further during 2024-25 be delegated to the Assistant Director of Housing in conjunction with the Assistant Director of Financial Services following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing. The delegation would only be used to respond to a change in Government policy or a significant change in the Ofgem price cap that has the effect of necessitating a lower unit price.
9. Approve the draft Housing Revenue Account budget for 2024/25 as shown in Appendix 6.

**For Information/Monitoring:-**

**8. Work Programme (Pages 233 - 234)**

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 January 2024 to 31 March 2024 (Pages 235 - 245)**

**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 Wednesday 7 February 2024 at 10.00am at Rotherham Town Hall.

*Sharon Kemp.*

**SHARON KEMP,  
Chief Executive.**