

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

- Date and Time :-** Wednesday 13 March 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 7 February 2024 (Pages 5 - 18)

To consider the minutes of the previous meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board held on 7 February 2024 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.

6. Question and answer session, Mayor Coppard, South Yorkshire Combined Mayoral Authority.

On invitation of the Chair, Councillor Maggi Clark, Mayor Coppard to present a brief overview of his priorities as Mayor of South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority and take part in a question-and-answer session with Board Members.

Please note: 30 minutes will be allocated to this item.

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 March 2024. Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board are invited to comment and make recommendations on the proposals contained within the report.

7. Early Help Strategy 2024-2029 (Pages 19 - 78)

To receive a report of the Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Service outlining the proposed Early Help Strategy: Family Help in Rotherham 2024-2029. The strategy has been developed in response to revised government guidance, including the Department for Education (DfE) new edition 'Working Together to Safeguard Children December 2023'. It describes three phases of support for children and families and concludes with how children, families and other key stakeholders will work together to deliver the vision over the next five years.

Recommendations

That Cabinet:-

1. Endorse the Early Help Strategy: Family Help in Rotherham 2024-2029.
2. Approves the Local Authority involvement in the development and implementation of the Strategy Delivery Plan with the oversight and delivery of progress by the Early Help Partnership Group (EHPG) and the Improving Lives Select Commission (ILSC).

For Discussion/Decision:-

8. Climate Emergency Annual Report 2023 - 2024 (Pages 79 - 142)

To receive a report of the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment outlining progress towards the updated Climate Emergency Action Plan reported for the 2023/2024 period. Also included is a summary of climate

change data, for greenhouse gas emissions from Council operations April 2020 – March 2023 and across the Borough of Rotherham, 2005 – 2021. Local area emissions data are published two years in arrears by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero.

This report was approved at the Cabinet meeting held on 18 February 2024.

Recommendations

That Overview and Scrutiny Management Board:

1. Notes Cabinet's approval of the Climate Change Action Plan in Appendix 2, noting the key achievements and opportunities summarised in Appendix 1 and section 2 of this report.
2. Consider the report and action plan and determine if there are any additional recommendations arising from the matters herein.

9. Scrutiny Review Recommendations - Nature Recovery (Pages 143 - 160)

To consider a report from the Head of Democratic Services outlining the findings and recommendations from the Scrutiny Review of Nature Recovery undertaken by Members from Improving Places Select Commission.

For Information/Monitoring:-

10. Work Programme (Pages 161 - 162)

To consider the Board's Work Programme.

11. Work in Progress - Select Commissions

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

12. Forward Plan of Key Decisions - 1 March 2024 to 31 May 2024 (Pages 163 - 168)

To review and identify items for pre-decision scrutiny from the Forward Plan of Key Decisions covering the period from 1 March 2024 to 31 May 2024.

Please note that there are no Cabinet meetings scheduled for April 2024 or May 2024.

13. Call-in Issues

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

14. Urgent Business

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

15. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board will be held on Wednesday 5 June 2024 at 10.00am at Rotherham Town Hall.



SHARON KEMP,
Chief Executive.