



# CABINET

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**Monday 10 July 2023**

**10.00 a.m.**

**Council Chamber, Rotherham Town Hall,  
Moorgate Street, Rotherham. S60 2TH**

**Cabinet Members:-**

Leader of the Council  
Deputy Leader of the Council,  
Neighbourhood Working Portfolio  
Adult Social Care and Health Portfolio  
Children and Young People Portfolio  
Corporate Services, Community Safety and Finance Portfolio  
Housing Portfolio  
Jobs and the Local Economy Portfolio  
Social Inclusion Portfolio  
Transport and Environment Portfolio

Councillor Chris Read  
Councillor Sarah Allen

Councillor David Roche  
Councillor Victoria Cusworth  
Councillor Saghir Alam  
Councillor Amy Brookes  
Councillor Denise Lelliott  
Councillor Dave Sheppard  
Councillor Dominic Beck

**Rotherham**  
Metropolitan  
Borough Council 

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- Venue:** The Town Hall, The Crofts, Moorgate Street, Rotherham.  
S60 2TH
- Date and Time:** Monday 10 July 2023 at 10.00 a.m.
- Agenda Contact** Governance Unit – [governance@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:governance@rotherham.gov.uk)

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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## **A G E N D A**

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

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

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

To invite Councillors to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or personal interests they may have in any matter which is to be considered at this meeting, to confirm the nature of those interests and whether they intend to leave the meeting for the consideration of the item.

### **3. Questions from Members of the Public**

To receive questions from members of the public who wish to ask a general question in respect of matters within the Council's area of responsibility or influence.

Subject to the Chair's discretion, members of the public may ask one question and one supplementary question, which should relate to the original question and answer received.

Councillors may also ask questions under this agenda item.

### **4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 9 - 20)**

To receive the record of proceedings of the Cabinet meeting held on 19 June 2023.

## **5. Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Agenda Item 7 has an exempt appendix. Therefore, if necessary when considering those items, 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.

## **HOUSING**

### **6. District Heating Charges 2023-2024 (Pages 21 - 49)**

Report from the Strategic Director for Adult Care, Housing and Public Health.

Recommendations:

That the Cabinet note the content of the report and recommends that Council:

1. Notes the decision Council took in March 2023 to increase the District Heating unit charge to 20.68 per Kwh for 2023-24 so that an average bill was equivalent to the heating element of the then Government's Energy Price Guarantee, leading to a proposed District heating budget deficit of £2.592m.
2. Notes that the actual cost to the Council of purchasing energy to supply District Heating schemes is lower than the cost assumed in March 2023; and that the agreed unit charge now exceeds the Energy Price Guarantee and the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) price cap for July 2023 onwards.
3. Agrees that in light of these changes, the District Heating unit charge per Kwh for 2023-24 is reduced to 15.94 pence per kwh and weekly prepayment charges are reduced by 59% to 67% depending on property size (Option 4 in this report), bringing prices into line with the Ofgem price cap for July 2023 onwards and well within the Energy Price Guarantee.
4. Agrees that this charge should be backdated to 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023.
5. Agrees that the decision to reduce the price further during 2023-24 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,

and the approved budget deficit of £2.592m cannot be exceeded through a delegated decision.

## **7. Housing Development Programme Report 2023-24 (Pages 51 - 104)**

Report from the Strategic Director for Adult Care, Housing and Public Health.

Recommendations:

1. That Cabinet approves the additional Council-owned sites listed in Appendix 1 being brought forward to deliver new Council homes.
2. That Cabinet approves the purchase of homes from the additional schemes identified in Exempt Appendix 2.
3. That Cabinet delegates authority to the Council's Property Officer (Assistant Director for Planning, Regeneration and Transport) to purchase additional homes from private developers or the open market to add to the Council's housing stock, with the agreement of the Assistant Director for Housing, Cabinet Member for Housing and Section 151 Officer.
4. That Cabinet notes the other updates contained within this report and agrees to receive a further update in six months' time.

## **8. Aids and Adaptations Policy (Pages 105 - 208)**

Report from the Strategic Director for Adult Care, Housing and Public Health.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Notes the proposed approach to undertaking a review of the Aids and Adaptations Assistance Policy and the intention to return to Cabinet with an updated policy in December 2023.
2. Delegates authority for all aids and adaptations costing over £30,000 to the Assistant Director for Housing in line with the national threshold for 'discretionary' funding and until the new policy is adopted.
3. Delegates authority for approvals of aids and adaptations costing over £50,000 to the Assistant Director for Housing in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing in line with the current agreed policy and until the new policy is adopted.

## **CORPORATE SERVICES, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND FINANCE**

### **9. Financial Outturn 2022-23 (Pages 209 - 248)**

Report from the Strategic Director for Finance and Customer Service.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Note the revenue outturn position.
2. Note the budgeted transfer to HRA reserves increased by £2.1m following the revenue and capital outturn positions.
3. Note the carry forward of the combined schools balance of £2.992m in accordance with the Department for Education regulations.
4. Note the reduced DSG deficit following receipt of Safety Valve funding, as set out in paragraph 2.14.
5. Note the reserves position set out in paragraphs 2.51 to 2.62.
6. Note the capital outturn and funding position as set out in paragraphs 2.63 to 2.92.
7. Note the revised Capital Programme following year end 2022/23 as set out in paragraphs 2.93 to 2.97 and appendices 1 to 4 of this report.

### **10. Treasury Management Outturn 2022-23 (Pages 249 - 268)**

Report from the Strategic Director for Finance and Customer Service.

Recommendations:

1. To note the Treasury Management Prudential Indicators outturn position as set out in Section 3 and Appendix 1.
2. To agree that the report is forwarded to Audit Committee for information.

### **11. May 2023-24 Financial Monitoring Report (Pages 269 - 288)**

Report from the Strategic Director for Finance and Customer Service.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet

1. Note the current General Fund Revenue Budget forecast overspend of

£2.0m.

2. Note that actions will be taken as necessary to reduce the overspend position during the course of the year but that it is possible that the Council will need to draw on its reserves to balance the 2023/24 financial position.

## **12. Equalities Annual Report (Pages 289 - 344)**

Report from the Assistant Chief Executive.

Recommendations:

1. That Cabinet:
  - a) Note the progress made over the past 12 months towards the equalities agenda.
  - b) Note the next steps outlined within the Equalities Annual Report and action plan for 2023/24.

## **JOBS AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY**

### **13. Local Plan: Adoption of Supplementary Planning Documents (Pages 345 - 693)**

Report from the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations:

1. That Cabinet approves the adoption of the Supplementary Planning Documents at Appendices 1 to 5.
2. That Cabinet approves delegation to the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy, to amend and republish the Biodiversity Net Gain SPD if so required, to ensure conformity with the anticipated publication of Government regulations and guidance (paragraph 5.2 refers).

### **14. Wath Projects (Levelling Up Fund) (Pages 695 - 714)**

Report from the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations:

1. That Cabinet accept the Principal Areas of Growth allocation of £19,990,111 into the Capital Programme through the Grant Process.
2. That Cabinet allocate £8,940,564 to the Wath Project.

3. That Cabinet delegate the Commissioning of the design of the project based on the parameters in paragraph 1.2.1 to the Strategic Director for Regeneration and the Environment in Consultation with the Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Economy and the Section 151 Officer.
4. That Cabinet agree to the development of 'Principal Areas of Growth' projects in Wath with further detail provided to Cabinet in February 2024.

### **LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

#### **15. Annual Report on Council Plan and Year Ahead Delivery Plan Progress for 2022-2023. (Pages 715 - 859)**

Report from the Assistant Chief Executive.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet note:

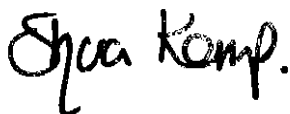
1. The overall position in relation to the Year Ahead Delivery Plan activities.
2. The Quarter 4 2022-23 data for the Council Plan performance measures.
3. The performance reporting timetable for the remainder of the 2022-2023 year.

#### **16. Recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (To Follow)**

To receive a report detailing the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board in respect of the above items that were subject to pre-decision scrutiny on 5 July 2023.

#### **17. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Cabinet will be held on Monday 7 Aug 2023 commencing at 10.00am in Rotherham Town Hall.



**SHARON KEMP,**  
Chief Executive.

