



CABINET

Monday 18 September 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,
Housing and Neighbourhood Working Portfolio
Adult Social Care and Health Portfolio
Children and Young People Portfolio
Corporate Services, Community Safety and Finance 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 Denise Lelliott
Councillor Dave Sheppard
Councillor Dominic Beck

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Venue: The Town Hall, The Crofts, Moorgate Street, Rotherham.
S60 2TH

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Agenda Contact Governance Unit – governance@rotherham.gov.uk

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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 answered received.

Councillors may also ask questions under this agenda item.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 11 - 22)

To receive the record of proceedings of the Cabinet meeting held on 7 August 2023.

5. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Agenda Item(s) 15 and 16 have exempt appendices. 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/they involve(s) 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.

ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

6. Public Health Proposals to Drugs and Alcohol Grant 2022-25 - Annual Update (Pages 23 - 44)

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

Recommendations:

1. That this report is accepted as the first annual update on the 3-year outlined grant plan for use of the Supplementary Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant as set out in July the 2022 Cabinet Paper.
2. That Cabinet note that the Council is in year two of the current three year grant commitment. Whilst this has been made as part of a 10-year national strategy, there is currently no certainty of funding beyond 2025.
3. That Cabinet choose to continue to support the reprofiling of spend across the agreed Grant Plan categories to mitigate the risk of underspend and returning unspent grant to the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities.

7. Stag Willow Extra Care Scheme (Pages 45 - 94)

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

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Note the decision by Together Housing to permanently close the Resource Centre and the change in type of housing scheme from Extra Care to General Housing.
2. Approve the permanent change in service delivery to an offsite wrap around

care and support service in line with the current delivery model.

8. Re-procurement of a Local Healthwatch Service (Pages 95 - 119)

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

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Approve Option 2 to procure a local Healthwatch Service for a contract period of 3 years from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2027 (with an option to extend for a further year)
2. Note the increase in the contract value.

CORPORATE SERVICES, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND FINANCE

9. New Applications for Business Rates Relief (Pages 121 - 138)

Report from the Strategic Director for Finance and Customer Services.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Approve the applications for Discretionary Business Rate Relief for Labre's Hope Community Interest Company, Beacon South Yorkshire Ltd, Miramar Judo Academy Ltd and Unity Boxing Centre CIC in accordance with the details set out in Section 6 to this report for the 2022/23 and 2023/24 financial years.

10. Polling Districts and Polling Places Review 2023- Approval for consultation commencement (Pages 139 - 171)

Report from the Chief Executive.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Note the information in this report regarding the scope of the review.
2. Approve the timetable for the review, as set out in Appendix 2.

11. Digital Inclusion Strategy and Action Plan (Pages 173 - 220)

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.

12. July 2023-24 Financial Monitoring Report (Pages 221 - 249)

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.

HOUSING

13. Scrutiny Review Recommendations - Selective Licensing (Pages 251 - 263)

Report from the Assistant Chief Executive.

Recommendations:

- 1) Cabinet notes the following recommendations for consideration and response.
 - a) That reinspection be prioritised for landlords whose properties have required action previously.

- b) Consideration be given to how the Council may support retention of experienced inspectors already in the Council's employment.
 - c) That consideration be given to incentivising responsible landlords, and, where there is a proven track record, empowering landlords to self-assess, provided that the service can still obtain assurances that decent standards are maintained.
 - d) That consideration be given to managing expectations around selective licensing as a measure focused on the health of residents, rather than aesthetics or regeneration.
 - e) That consideration be given to how uptake of the cost-of-living support offer among families in selective licensing areas may be further promoted and monitored, with a view to identifying gaps and promoting financial inclusion.
 - f) Given the complexity of measuring impact on deprivation and difficulty in improving relative levels of deprivation, that consideration be given to how internal measures may better reflect the real impact of the scheme.
 - g) That a joined-up approach be sought with relevant Council strategies and services, with partner and voluntary sector organisations and with resident-led initiatives prior to any future selective licensing declaration.
 - h) That engagement with landlords and with tenants be considered alongside any response to the above recommendations, and that the response to the above recommendations be subject to the learning derived from continued engagement with landlords and tenants.
- 2) Cabinet responds to the recommendations by November 2023 in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

14. Damp, Mould and Condensation Policy (Pages 265 - 313)

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

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Approves the specific Damp, Mould and Condensation Policy.
2. Delegates authority to the Assistant Director of Housing, in consultation with

the Cabinet Member for Housing, to alter the Policy to bring it into line with forthcoming new legal time limits for social landlords to address damp and mould, if required.

JOBS AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY

15. Mainline Station Update (Pages 315 - 342)

Report from the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:-

1. Authorises the Assistant Director of Planning, Regeneration and Transport to negotiate the acquisition by agreement of the property interests in Appendix 1 Appendix 2 and Appendix 3 and within the available funding, in consultation with the Council's S.151 Officer, Assistant Director - Legal Services, the Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy, and the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment.
2. Grants a Resolution in Principle to investigate the use of powers, under either the Compulsory Purchase Order or Transport and Works Act Order, to acquire the necessary property interests.

16. Council Building Decarbonisation Programme (Pages 343 - 375)

Report of the Strategic Director, Finance and Customer Services

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:-

1. Approves the programme of works to design and fit the LED and Solar PV works to the five Council buildings listed in Section 2.5 of this report to be delivered through a procurement process.
2. Approves the appointment of a partner to support and advise on the development of the remaining operational estate and to deliver the decarbonisation works contained in this report, to the five Council buildings, to be identified through a procurement process.
3. Approves the use of grant funding from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme and a contribution from the existing Council capital decarbonisation project to deliver the proposed works to the Council's operational property, as set out in exempt Appendix 1.
4. Approve a procurement process to be undertaken to establish a heat delivery contract to provide a heat source to the proposed Council

owned properties.

5. Approve that a report will be to be submitted to Cabinet following this process that will detail the outcome of the procurement, its financial feasibility and recommendations for heat delivery for the five buildings listed within Section 2.5.

17. Joint Regional Statement of Common Ground (Pages 377 - 459)

Report from the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:-

1. Approves that the Council be a signatory to the Joint Regional Statement of Common Ground.

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

18. LGA Corporate Peer Challenge Report and Action Plan (Pages 461 - 498)

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.

19. 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 13 September, 2023.

20. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cabinet will be held on Monday 16 October, 2023 commencing at 10.00am in Rotherham Town Hall.

Sharon Kemp.

SHARON KEMP,
Chief Executive.