



CABINET

Monday 18 December 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 and Environment Portfolio

Councillor Chris Read
Councillor Sarah Allen

Councillor David Roche
Councillor Victoria Cusworth
Councillor Saghir Alam
Councillor Denise Lelliott
Councillor Dave Sheppard

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- Venue:** The Town Hall, The Crofts, Moorgate Street, Rotherham.
S60 2TH
- Date and Time:** Monday 18 December 2023 at 10.00 a.m.
- Agenda Contact** Governance Unit – 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 7 - 27)

To receive the record of proceedings of the Cabinet meeting held on 20 November 2023.

5. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Agenda Item 11 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 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.

ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

6. Adult Social Care Mental Health Review (Pages 29 - 98)

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

Recommendation:

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.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

7. Expansion of Waverley Junior Academy (Pages 99 - 121)

Report from the Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Services.

Recommendations:

1. That Cabinet note release of the Section 106 funding, as per the agreement with Harworth, to create additional capacity of 210 places at Waverley Junior Academy now that trigger has been met.
2. That Cabinet approve the addition of the proposed expansion to the Capital Programme.

8. Home to School Transport Policy (Pages 123 - 177)

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations:

1. That Cabinet approve the draft Policy for consultation.
2. That Cabinet approve the approach to the public consultation.

CORPORATE SERVICES, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND FINANCE

9. Fly Tipping and Littering Fixed Penalty Charge Increase (Pages 179 - 193)

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Agree the proposed increased level of fixed penalties prescribed by sections 2 and 3 of The Environmental Offences (Fixed Penalties) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2023.
2. To agree to recommend the proposed increases in maximum levels of fixed penalties to Council for adoption as part of the setting of fees and charges for the 2024 to 2025 financial year.

DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING

10. Aids and Adaptations Assistance Policy (Pages 195 - 291)

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

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.

JOBS AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY

11. Rotherham Markets & Central Library (Pages 293 - 345)

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendation:

1. That Cabinet approve development of the Rotherham Markets and Library complex to deliver the proposed Rotherham Markets & Library redevelopment within the values detailed in exempt Appendix 2.

12. Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy (Pages 347 - 615)

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:-

1. Adopt the draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy 2023 attached as Appendix 1.
2. Agree to the implementation of the policy requirements according to the implementation scheme detailed at Appendix 3.
3. Agree to a further review in relation to vehicle signage and driver identification, as described in section 2.5 of this report.

13. House to House Collection Policy (Pages 617 - 657)

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendation:

1. That Cabinet adopts the House to House Collections Policy that is attached to this report as Appendix 1.

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

14. Covid Recovery Fund (Pages 659 - 671)

Report from the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services.

Recommendation:

That Cabinet agree to:

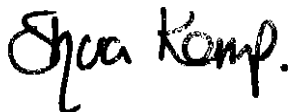
1. Approve the proposed use of the remainder of the Covid Recovery Fund as follows:
 - a. £550k cash grant scheme to provide support for households with the rising cost of energy bills; and
 - b. £50k to facilitate the administration of the energy grant proposal.

15. 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 December 2023.

16. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cabinet will be held on Monday 22 January 2024 commencing at 10.00am in Rotherham Town Hall.



SHARON KEMP,
Chief Executive.