



# CABINET

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**Monday 22 January 2024**

**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

**Rotherham**  
Metropolitan  
Borough Council 

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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](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 - 24)**

To receive the record of proceedings of the Cabinet meeting held on 18 December 2023.

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

Agenda Item 11 has an exempt appendix. Therefore, if necessary when considering that item, 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 Strategy for Rotherham 2024-27 (Pages 25 - 89)**

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

**Recommendations**

1. That Cabinet approve the Rotherham Adult Social Care Strategy (2024 – 2027.)

**7. Digitalisation of the Rothercare Service (Pages 91 - 131)**

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

**Recommendations:**

That Cabinet:-

1. Notes the outcome of the 90-day consultation exercise.
2. Notes the requirements of the national closure of the Public Switch Telephone Network (PSTN) and the impact on Rothercare.
3. Approves £1.7M capital investment funding to enable the purchase and installation of the new digital units, subject to approval of the Budget at Cabinet and Council in February 2024.
4. Approves the procurement of an external provider to complete the installations for the digital switchover to enable Rothercare to maintain its current standards of service level and quality throughout the transition process.
5. Agrees to receive a further report in the summer of 2024 detailing a new strategic approach to assistive technology and the business delivery model for a digitalised Rothercare service.

## **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

### **8. Corporate Parenting Strategy (Pages 133 - 168)**

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

#### **Recommendations:**

That Cabinet:

1. Approve the Corporate Parenting Strategy and approve the three-year plan as set out within the Strategy;
2. Note the Responsibility of the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People to Chair and convene the Corporate Parenting Partnership Board;
3. Approve the Governance Arrangements for the Corporate Parenting Partnership Board and delegate authority to the Strategic Director for Children and Young People's Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, Chief Executive and Assistant Director of Legal Services to amend the Terms of Reference.

### **9. Neglect Strategy 2024 - 26 (Pages 169 - 217)**

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

#### **Recommendations:**

1. That Cabinet endorse the Neglect Strategy 2024-2026.
2. That Cabinet approve the Local Authority involvement in the development and implementation of the Partnership Strategy Delivery Plan and the oversight of progress by; the Neglect Delivery Group, Rotherham Safeguarding Children's Partnership (RSCP) and Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council (RMBC) Improving Lives Select Commission (ILSC).

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

### **10. November 2023-24 Financial Monitoring Report (Pages 219 - 245)**

Report from the Strategic Director for Finances and Customer Services.

#### **Recommendations:**

That Cabinet:

1. Note the current General Fund Revenue Budget forecast overspend of £1.1m.
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.

## **HOUSING AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING**

### **11. Housing Delivery Programme Report 2024-25 (Pages 247 - 311)**

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

#### **Recommendations:**

That Cabinet:

1. Approves the Council-owned sites listed in Appendix 3 being brought forward to deliver new Council homes.
2. Approves the appropriation of specified General Fund sites to the Housing Revenue Account. Further detail about the sites proposed for appropriation is provided in Appendix 4.
3. Approves the purchase of homes from any of the schemes identified in Exempt Appendix 5.
4. Notes that authority to purchase up to 100 homes from the market has been delegated to the Assistant Director for Housing following approval of the Housing Acquisitions Policy Cabinet report on 16 October 2023. The 100 homes provision is now reflected in Exempt Appendix 5.
5. Notes that the East Herringthorpe Small Sites scheme is now delivering the principles of the January 2019 Cabinet report "Delivery of 12 Bungalows using Modern Methods of Construction" and approve that the associated budget allocation is allocated back to the wider housing delivery programme to support Council delivery on other sites.
6. Agrees to continue to receive an update on the housing development programme every six months.

### **12. HRA Business Plan, Rent Setting Charges 2024-25 (Pages 313 - 370)**

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

#### **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.

## **JOBS AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY**

### **13. Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) grant funded decarbonisation works (Pages 371 - 397)**

Report from the Strategic Director for Finances and Customer Services.

#### **Recommendations:**

That Cabinet: -

1. Approves the use of grant funding from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme, if successful, and a contribution from the existing Council capital decarbonisation to deliver the proposed works to the Council's operational property, as set out at paragraph 2.4 of this report.
2. Delegates authority to the Assistant Director of Financial Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Jobs and Local Economy to agree Air Source Heat connection contracts at each of the buildings as set out in paragraph 2.4 of this report.

**14. Local Labour Policy - Planning (Pages 399 - 432)**

Report from the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment.

**Recommendation:**

1. That Cabinet adopts the Local Labour Policy Interim Policy Statement.

**15. Hackney Carriage Fare Increase (Pages 433 - 458)**

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

**Recommendations**

1. That the amendments to the Hackney Carriage tariffs and soiling charge detailed in this report and Appendix 1 be approved along with a 14-day consultation period.
2. That following the period of consultation, if no objections are received or any objections received are subsequently withdrawn, then the amended tariffs and soiling charge are to take effect immediately.
3. Should any objections be received following the period of consultation then a further report will be presented to Cabinet to determine whether the fares should be agreed and introduced, or amended prior to their introduction.

**LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

**16. Mid-Year Council Plan 2022-25 and Year Ahead Delivery Plan Progress Report (Pages 459 - 613)**

Report from the Assistant Chief Executive.

**Recommendations:**

That Cabinet note:

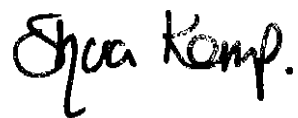
1. The overall position in relation to the Year Ahead Delivery Plan activities.
2. The Quarter 2 2022-23 data for the Council Plan performance measures.
3. The performance reporting timetable for the remainder of the 2023-2024 year.

**17. 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 16 January 2024.

**18. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Cabinet will be held on Monday 12 February 2024 commencing at 10.00am in Rotherham Town Hall.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon Kemp". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**SHARON KEMP,**  
Chief Executive.