

Cabinet Decisions

22 January 2024

A record of decisions made at the Cabinet Meeting, which took place on Monday 22 January 2024.

Cabinet Decision Making

The membership of the Cabinet is:

Leader of the Council	Councillor Chris Read
Deputy Leader of the Council - Housing and Neighbourhood Working	Councillor Sarah Allen
Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care and Health	Councillor David Roche
Cabinet Member – Children and Young People	Councillor Victoria Cusworth
Cabinet Member – Corporate Services, Community Safety and Finance	Councillor Saghir Alam
Cabinet Member – Jobs and the Local Economy	Councillor Denise Lelliott
Cabinet Member – Social Inclusion and Environment	Councillor David Sheppard

All Cabinet decisions are taken collectively at Cabinet Meetings. There are no decisions taken by individual Cabinet Members.

Decisions taken by Cabinet are detailed below and are subject to the Call-In Procedure set out at Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 13. This rule provides for a period of seven working days from the date of the publication of the decision notice before any decision taken by the Cabinet can be implemented.

CABINET DECISIONS TAKEN ON 22 January 2024

Report Title	Portfolio	Directorate	Contact Officer	Decision / Recommendations agreed	Alternative Options Considered	Conflict of Interest Recorded	Dispensations Granted	Action Date
Adult Social Care Strategy for Rotherham 2024-27	Adult Social Care and Health	ACHPH	Ian Spicer, Strategic Director Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	1. That Cabinet approve the Rotherham Adult Social Care Strategy (2024 – 2027.)	Report - Adult Social Care Strategy for Rotherham 2024-27	N/A	N/A	
Digitalisation of the Rothercare Service	Adult Social Care and Health	ACHPH	Ian Spicer, Strategic Director Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	That Cabinet:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Notes the outcome of the 90-day consultation exercise. Notes the requirements of the national closure of the Public Switch Telephone Network (PSTN) and the impact on Rothercare. 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. 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. 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. 	Report - Digitalisation of the Rothercare Service	N/A	N/A	
Corporate Parenting Strategy	Children and Young Peoples Services	CYPS	Nicola Curley, Strategic Director Children and Young Peoples Services	That Cabinet: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Approve the Corporate Parenting Strategy and approve the three-year plan as set out within the Strategy; Note the Responsibility of the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People to Chair and convene the Corporate Parenting Partnership Board; 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. 	Report – Corporate Parenting Strategy	N/A	N/A	
Neglect Strategy 2024-26	Children and Young Peoples Services	CYPS	Nicola Curley, Strategic Director Children and Young Peoples Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Cabinet endorse the Neglect Strategy 2024-2026. 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.) 	Report - Neglect Strategy 2024-26	N/A	N/A	
November 2023-24 Financial Monitoring	Corporate Services, Community Safety and	FCS	Judith Badger, Strategic Director Finance and	That Cabinet: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Note the current General Fund Revenue 	November 2023-24 Financial Monitoring	N/A	N/A	

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Report	Finance		Customer Services	<p>Budget forecast overspend of £1.1m.</p> <p>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.</p>	Report			
Housing Delivery Programme Report	Housing and Neighbourhood Working	ACHPH	Ian Spicer, Strategic Director Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	Report - Housing Delivery Programme	N/A	N/A	
HRA Business Plan, Rent Setting Charges 2024-25	Housing and Neighbourhood Working	ACHPH	Ian Spicer, Strategic Director Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	<p>That Cabinet recommends to Council to: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	Report – HRA Business Plan, Rent Setting Charges 2024-25	N/A	N/A	

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				<p>Kwh is set at 15.27 pence per kwh, a decrease of 4.2% (0.67 pence per kwh).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>9. Approve the draft Housing Revenue Account budget for 2024/25 as shown in Appendix 6.</p>				
Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) grant funded decarbonisation work	Jobs and the Local Economy	FCS	Judith Badger, Strategic Director Finance and Customer Services	<p>That Cabinet: -</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	Report – PSDS Grant Funded Decarbonisation Work	N/A	N/A	
Local Labour Policy – Planning	Jobs and the Local Economy	R&E	Paul Woodcock, Strategic Director Regeneration and Environment	<p>1. That Cabinet adopts the Local Labour Policy Interim Policy Statement.</p>	Report – Local Labour Policy - Planning	N/A	N/A	
Hackney Carriage Fare Increases	Jobs and the Local Economy	R&E	Paul Woodcock, Strategic Director Regeneration and Environment	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	Report – Hackney Carriage Fare Increase			
Mid-Year Council Plan 2022-25 and Year Ahead Delivery Plan Progress Report	Leader	ACX	Jo Brown, Assistant Chief Executive	<p>That Cabinet note:</p> <p>1. The overall position in relation to the Year Ahead Delivery Plan activities.</p> <p>2. The Quarter 2 2022-23 data for the Council Plan performance measures.</p> <p>3. The performance reporting timetable for the remainder of the 2023-2024 year.</p>	Report – Mid-Year Council Plan 2022-25 and Year Ahead Delivery Plan Progress Report			

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REQUEST FOR CALL-IN			
Report Title:			
Cabinet Portfolio:			
Decision being called in for Scrutiny:			
Reason for call in:			
Alternative proposal for Scrutiny to consider			
Members requesting the decision be called-in:		PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE
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To be completed by Statutory Scrutiny Officer:	
Date & Time received:	
Valid call in:	YES/NO
OSMB meeting referred to:	