



CABINET

Monday 12 February 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

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- Venue:** The Town Hall, The Crofts, Moorgate Street, Rotherham.
S60 2TH
- Date and Time:** Monday 12 February 2024 at 10.00 a.m.
- 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 answer received.

Councillors may also ask questions under this agenda item.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 9 - 34)

To receive the record of proceedings of the Cabinet meeting held on 22 January 2024.

5. Exclusion of the Press and Public

There are no exempt items on the agenda.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

6. Rotherham Early Years Education and Childcare Strategy 2024 – 2027 (Pages 35 - 74)

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

Recommendations:

1. That Cabinet approve the implementation of the Rotherham Early Years Education and Childcare Strategy 2024-2027.

ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

7. Local Stop Smoking Services and Support Grant (Pages 75 - 108)

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

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Agrees to the proposed allocation of this grant to support the delivery of stop-smoking services as detailed across the themes within the Tobacco Control Work Plan.
2. Agrees that the approval of the details of the type of stop-smoking services and their administration is delegated to the Public Health Director in line with the Tobacco Work Plan.

8. Learning Disability Strategy (Pages 109 - 193)

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

Recommendations:

1. That Cabinet approve the new Council Learning Disability Strategy (2024 – 2027).

9. Rotherham All Age Autism Strategy 2024-2027 (Pages 195 - 280)

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

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:-

1. Approve the refreshed Rotherham All Age Autism Strategy 2024 – 2027 and acknowledge the commitment to develop a co-produced action plan.
2. Agree to receive a further report in 18 months on delivery against the All Age Autism Strategy 2024 - 2027 and that the plan is to co-produce a detailed action plan in 2024.

CORPORATE SERVICES, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND FINANCE

- 10. December 2023/24 Financial Monitoring Report (Pages 281 - 307)**
Report from the Strategic Director of Finances and Customer Services.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Note the current General Fund Revenue Budget forecast overspend of £1.2m.
 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 proposed use of the Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) should the Council's bid be successful, as set out in section 2.65.
- 11. Business Rates Discretionary Relief Renewals in 2024/25 (Pages 309 - 329)**
Report from the Strategic Director of Finances and Customer Services.

Recommendations:

1. That Cabinet approve the applications for Discretionary Business Rate Relief for the organisations listed in Appendix 1 of this report and in accordance with the details set out in Section 6 of this report, for the 2024/25 financial year.
- 12. Overt CCTV Policy (Pages 331 - 365)**
Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations:

1. That Cabinet approves the Council's refreshed Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) Policy.

HOUSING AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING

- 13. Fire Safety Policy for Council Housing (Pages 367 - 407)**
Report from the Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health.

Recommendations:

1. Approves the Housing Services Fire Safety Policy included at Appendix 1.

2. Delegates authority to the Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing, to alter the Policy to bring it into line with any future regulatory or legal requirements.

JOBS AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY

14. Climate Emergency Annual Report (Pages 409 - 472)

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations:

1. That Cabinet approves the Climate Change Action Plan in Appendix 2, noting the key achievements and opportunities summarised in Appendix 1 and section 2 of this report.

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

15. Budget and Council Tax Report 2024-25 (Pages 473 - 745)

Report from the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet recommend to Council:

1. Approval of the Budget and Financial Strategy for 2024/25 as set out in the report and appendices, including a basic Council Tax increase of 1.5% and an Adult Social Care precept of 2%.
2. Approval of the extension to the Local Council Tax Support Top Up scheme, that will provide up to £121.96 of additional support to low income households most vulnerable to rising household costs, through reduced Council Tax bills as described in section 2.5.11-14.
3. Approval of the updated Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) to 2025/26, as described within section 2.6.
4. Approval of the Reserves Strategy as set out in Section 2.8 noting that the final determination of Reserves will be approved as part of reporting the financial outturn for 2023/24.
5. To note and accept the comments and advice of the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services (Section 151 Officer), provided in compliance with Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003, as to the robustness of the estimates included in the Budget and the adequacy of reserves for which the Budget provides (Section 2.14).
6. To note the feedback from the public and partners following the public consultation on the Council's budget for 2024/25 which took place from 8 December 2023 to 14 January 2024, attached as Appendix 4.

7. Approval of the proposed increases in Adult Social Care provider contracts and for Personal Assistants as set out in Section 2.4.
8. Approval of the Revenue Investment Proposals set out in Section 2.7 and Appendix 2.
9. Approval of the Council Fees and Charges for 2024/25 attached as Appendix 7.
10. Application of the Business Rates Reliefs as set out in Section 2.10, in line with Government guidance.
11. Approval of the proposed Capital Strategy and Capital Programme as presented in Section 2.12 and Appendices 3A to 3F.
12. Approval of the Treasury Management matters for 2024/25 as set out in Appendix 9 of this report including the Prudential Indicators, the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy, the Treasury Management Strategy and the Investment Strategy.
13. Approval of the Flexible use of Capital Receipts Strategy 2024/25 (Appendix 5).
14. Approval that any changes resulting from the Final Local Government Finance Settlement 2024/25 be reflected in the Budget and Council Tax Report to Council on 28 February.
15. Continuation of the principles and measures adopted since April 2020 to make faster payments to suppliers on receipt of goods, works and services following a fully reconciled invoice as described in section 2.11.
16. Approval of the Budget allocations for the Community Leadership Fund as set out in section 2.9.
17. Approval that the Capital Programme Budget continues to be managed in line with the following key principles:
 - (i) Any underspends on the existing approved Capital Programme in respect of 2023/24 be rolled forward into future years, subject to an individual review of each carry forward to be set out within the Financial Outturn 2023/24 report to Cabinet.
 - (ii) In line with Financial and Procurement Procedure Rules 7.7 to 7.11 and 8.12, any successful grant applications in respect of capital projects will be added to the Council's approved Capital Programme on an ongoing basis.
 - (iii) Capitalisation opportunities and capital receipts flexibilities will be maximised, with capital receipts earmarked to minimise revenue costs.

16. 20mph Speed Limits and Pavement Parking (Pages 747 - 790)

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Notes the findings of the consultation and approves the Policy for the Introduction of 20mph Speed Limits and Zones (Appendix 1.)
2. Approves the proposals in respect of handling complaints or requests in respect of parking on footways, set out in paragraphs 2.10 through 2.15.

SOCIAL INCLUSION AND ENVIRONMENT

17. Household Waste Recycling Centre Update (Pages 791 - 810)

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations:

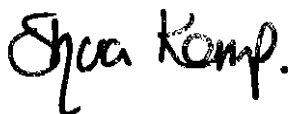
1. That Cabinet note the contents of this report.

18. 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 7 February 2024.

19. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cabinet will be held on Monday 18 March 2024 commencing at 10.00am in Rotherham Town Hall.



SHARON KEMP,
Chief Executive.