

Cabinet Decisions

12 February 2024

A record of decisions made at the Cabinet Meeting, which took place on Monday 12 February 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 12 February 2024

Report Title	Portfolio	Directorate	Contact Officer	Decision / Recommendations agreed	Alternative Options Considered	Conflict of Interest Recorded	Dispensations Granted	Action Date
Rotherham Early Years Education and Childcare Strategy 2024-2027	Children and Young People	CYPS	Nicola Curley, Strategic Director Children and Young Peoples Services	1. That Cabinet approve the implementation of the Rotherham Early Years Education and Childcare Strategy 2024-2027.	Report - Rotherham Early Years Education and Childcare Strategy	N/A	N/A	22/02/24
Local Stop Smoking Services and Support Grant	Adult Care and Health	ACHPH	Ian Spicer, Strategic Director Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	That Cabinet: 1. Agrees to the proposed allocation of this grant to support the delivery of stopsmoking 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.	Report - Local Stop Smoking Services and Support Grant	N/A	N/A	22/02/24
Learning Disability Strategy	Adult Care and Health	ACHPH	Ian Spicer, Strategic Director Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	1. That Cabinet approve the new Council Learning Disability Strategy (2024 – 2027).	Report - Learning Disability Strategy 2024-27	N/A	N/A	22/02/24
Rotherham All Age Autism Strategy 2024-27	Adult Care and Health	ACHPH	Ian Spicer, Strategic Director Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	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 -	Report - Rotherham All Age Autism Strategy 2024-27	N/A	N/A	22/02/24

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				2027 and that the plan is to co-produce a detailed action plan in 2024.				
December Financial Monitoring 2023/24	Corporate Services, Community Safety and Finance	FCS	Judith Badger, Strategic Director Finance and Customer Services	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Note the current General Fund Revenue Budget forecast overspend of £1.2m. 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. 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. 	Report - December Financial Monitoring 23/24	N/A	N/A	22/02/24
Business Rates Discretionary Relief Renewals 2024/25	Corporate Services, Community Safety and Finance	FCS	Judith Badger, Strategic Director Finance and Customer Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	Report - Business Rates Renewal	Councillor Lelliott and Roche (personal interest)	N/A – not required	22/02/24

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Overt CCTV Policy	Corporate Services, Community Safety and Finance	R&E	Paul Woodcock, Strategic Director Regeneration and Environment	1. That Cabinet approves the Council's refreshed Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) Policy .	Report - Overt CCTV Policy	N/A	N/A	22/02/24
Fire Safety Policy for Council Housing	Adult Care and Health	ACHPH	Ian Spicer, Strategic Director Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	That Cabinet: 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.	Report - Fire Safety Policy for Council Housing	N/A	N/A	22/02/24
Climate Emergency Annual Report 2023-24	Jobs and the Local Economy	R&E	Paul Woodcock, Strategic Director Regeneration and Environment	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.	Report - Climate Emergency Annual Report 2023-24	N/A	N/A	22/02/24
Budget and Council Tax Report 2024-25	Leader	FCS	Judith Badger, Strategic Director Finance and Customer Services	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	Report - Budget Setting 2024/25	N/A	N/A	22/02/24

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				<p>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.</p> <p>3. Approval of the updated Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) to 2025/26, as described within section 2.6.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>7. Approval of the proposed increases in Adult Social Care provider contracts and for</p>				

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				<p>Personal Assistants as set out in Section 2.4.</p> <p>8. Approval of the revenue investment proposals set out in Section 2.7 and Appendix 2.</p> <p>9. Approval of the Council Fees and Charges for 2024/25 attached as Appendix 7.</p> <p>10. Application of the Business Rates Reliefs as set out in Section 2.10, in line with Government guidance.</p> <p>11. Approval of the proposed Capital Strategy and Capital Programme as presented in Section 2.12 and Appendices 3A to 3F.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>13. Approval of the Flexible use of Capital Receipts Strategy 2024/25 (Appendix 5).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>				

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				<p>described in section 2.11.</p> <p>16. Approval of the Budget allocations for the Community Leadership Fund as set out in section 2.9.</p> <p>17. Approval that the Capital Programme Budget continues to be managed in line with the following key principles:</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(iii) Capitalisation opportunities and capital receipts flexibilities will be maximised, with capital receipts earmarked to minimise revenue costs.</p>				
20mph Speed Limits and Pavement Parking	Leader	R&E	Paul Woodcock, Strategic Director Regeneration and Environment	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <p>1. Notes the findings of the consultation and approves the Policy for the Introduction of 20mph Speed Limits and Zones (Appendix 1.)</p> <p>2. Approves the proposals in respect of handling complaints or requests in respect of parking on footways, set out in paragraphs</p>	Report - 20mph Speed Limits and Pavement Parking	N/A	N/A	22/02/24

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				2.14 through 2.19.				
Household Waste Recycling Centre Update	Social Inclusion and Environment	R&E	Paul Woodcock, Strategic Director Regeneration and Environment	1. That Cabinet note the contents of this report.	Report - Household Waste Recycling Centre Update	N/A	N/A	22/02/24

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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:	