



CABINET

Monday 18 March 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 18 March 2024 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 9 - 33)

To receive the record of proceedings of the Cabinet meeting held on 12th February 2024.

5. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Agenda Item 14 has exempt appendices. Therefore, if necessary when considering this 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 involve 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.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

6. SEND Sufficiency Phase 4 Update (Pages 35 - 60)

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

Recommendations

That Cabinet:

1. Note the activity undertaken and progress to date on SEND Sufficiency Phase 4.
2. Note the key outcomes for SEND Sufficiency Phase 5 as included in the Safety Valve Agreement and agree for an additional paper to return to Cabinet once an initial feasibility has been completed.

7. Early Help Strategy 2024-2029 (Pages 61 - 120)

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

Recommendations

That Cabinet:-

1. Endorse the Early Help Strategy: Family Help in Rotherham 2024-2029.
2. Approves the Local Authority involvement in the development and implementation of the Strategy Delivery Plan with the oversight and delivery of progress by the Early Help Partnership Group (EHPG) and the Improving Lives Select Commission (ILSC).

8. The Fostering Plan Update (Pages 121 - 185)

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

Recommendations

That Cabinet:-

1. Endorse the Fostering Rotherham Plan 2023-2028 as a working document, to proceed with ongoing developments in the service.
2. Endorse the recommendations from the Fostering Elected Members Working Group.
3. Agree to the proposals in respect of the Fostering and Adoption Panels and delegate authority to the Strategic Director for Children and Young People's Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member, Chief Executive and Assistant Director of Legal Services to amend the Terms of Reference.
4. Approve three years of continued involvement with South Yorkshire Adoption Agency and delegate authority to the Strategic Director for Children and Young People's Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member, Chief Executive and Assistant Director of Legal Services to ensure arrangements are in place to facilitate the continued involvement.

9. Home to School Transport Policy (Pages 187 - 261)

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations

1. That Cabinet approves the Home to School Policy that is attached to this report as Appendix 1.

CORPORATE SERVICES, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND FINANCE

10. New Applications for Business Rates Relief for 46th Rotherham Scout Group and Rotherham Unit 287 of The Sea Cadet Corps (Pages 263 - 276)

Report from the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services.

Recommendations

1. That Cabinet approve the applications for Discretionary Business Rate Relief for 46th Rotherham Scout Group and Rotherham Unit 287 of the Sea Cadets Corps in accordance with the details set out in Section 6 to this report for the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years.

11. Modern Slavery Transparency Statement - Annual Refresh (Pages 277 - 308)

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations

That Cabinet:-

1. Note the progress made to date.
2. Approve the Modern Slavery Transparency Statement 2024/25 and it is published on the Council's website.

HOUSING AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING

12. Housing Delivery Programme - Developments at Greasbrough and Thornhill (Pages 309 - 340)

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

Recommendations

That Cabinet:

1. Approves development of the Grayson Road and Tenter Street sites, to build an estimated 31 new Council homes.
2. Delegates authority to the Assistant Director of Housing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing, to take the necessary steps to appropriate the land from the General Fund to the Housing Revenue Account: to optimise design of the sites according to strategic need, site constraints, and any requirements resulting from both stakeholder feedback and the planning application process.

13. Housing Delivery Programme – Grant Funding from Homes England (Pages 341 - 365)

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

Recommendations

1. That Cabinet approves entering into a Grant Funding Agreement with the Homes and Communities Agency (trading as 'Homes England') in relation to the Affordable Homes Programme (2021-26).

JOBS AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY

14. Capital Project Updates (Pages 367 - 419)

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations

That Cabinet:-

1. Approves the final cost plan for Templeborough Business Zone as shown in Appendix 1 (exempt).
2. Approves the final cost plan for the Markets and Library as shown in Appendix 4 (exempt).

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

15. Social Value Annual Report and Social Value Policy (Pages 421 - 461)

Report from the Assistant Chief Executive.

Recommendations

1. That the annual report is received noting the increased social value commitments along with outcomes delivered.
2. That the updated Social Value Policy 2024 – 2027 be approved.
3. That the key priorities for 2024 include:
 - a) Community wealth building by growing employee and worker owned businesses in the borough.
 - b) Building the capacity of local SMEs through additional tailored support, including one-to-ones and group sessions.
 - c) Maximising social value opportunities and commitments through local market analysis.
 - d) Developing the local anchor network by working with anchor organisations to help them develop social value approaches and processes.

16. Local Government Association Corporate Peer Challenge Progress Visit (Pages 463 - 492)

Report from the Assistant Chief Executive.

Recommendations

1. That Cabinet note and endorse the observations made by the Corporate Peer Challenge team to the Council.

17. The Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy (Pages 493 - 539)

Report from the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services.

Recommendations

1. That Cabinet approve the Rotherham Council Public Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy which can be found at Appendix 1 of this report.

18. Transport Capital Programme 2024/2025 (Pages 541 - 570)

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations

That Cabinet:

1. Approves the schemes and allocations of funding outlined in section 2 and Appendices 1, 2 and 3.
2. Delegate authority to the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport to modify if necessary the Minor Works programme in Appendix 2.
3. Delegate authority to the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, to submit the completed Rotherham Mainline Station OBC to South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority and the DfT upon conclusion of the final review stages (estimated June 2024).

19. Indicative Highway Repair Programme 2024/2025 (Pages 571 - 609)

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations

That Cabinet:-

1. Note the strategic approach to the management and maintenance of Rotherham's Highways.
2. Note the decision of the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment to approve the indicative Highway Repair Programme for 2024/2025.
3. Note any additional in year funding to deliver highways repairs, the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment may utilise that funding in accordance with the strategic approach to the Management and Maintenance of Rotherham's Highways as laid out in this report.

20. 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 March 2024.

21. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cabinet will be held on Monday 10 June 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.