

Cabinet Decisions

10 June 2024

A record of decisions made at the Cabinet Meeting, which took place on Monday 10 June 2024

Cabinet Decision Making

The membership of the Cabinet is:

Leader of the Council	Councillor Chris Read
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion & Neighbourhood Working	Councillor Dave Sheppard
Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care and Health	Councillor Joanna Baker-Rogers
Cabinet Member – Children and Young People	Councillor Victoria Cusworth
Cabinet Member – Finance & Safe and Clean Communities	Councillor Saghir Alam
Cabinet Member – Housing	Councillor Sarah Allen
Cabinet Member – Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy	Councillor Robert Taylor

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 10 June 2024

Report Title	Portfolio	Directorate	Contact Officer	Decision / Recommendations agreed	Alternative Options Considered	Conflict of Interest Recorded	Dispensations Granted	Action Date
Housing Related Support Flexible Purchasing System (FPS) Progress Report	Adult Social Care and Health	Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	Ian Spicer, Strategic Director ACHPH	<p>Resolved:- (1) That the update on the establishment of the Flexible Purchasing System for Housing Related Support Services as agreed by Cabinet in October 2022 be noted.</p> <p>(2) That the success of the work undertaken to date with the establishment of the Flexible Purchasing System and subsequent procurement and contract award activity be noted.</p> <p>(3) That a review take place after the first three years of the Flexible Purchasing System, to establish that it remains fit for purpose, with recommendations brought to Cabinet in early 2027.</p>	Report - Housing Related Support FPS Progress Report	N/A	N/A	
SEND Strategy	Children and Young People	Children and Young People's Services	Nicola Curley, Strategic Director CYPS	<p>Resolved:- (1) That the consultation on the refreshed Rotherham SEND Strategy that had been co-produced with partners across the Borough be approved.</p> <p>(2) That the refreshed SEND Strategy be presented back to Cabinet in late 2024 for formal approval prior to implementation.</p>	Report - SEND Strategy	N/A	N/A	

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				<p>(3) That a glossary be included within the report/strategy going forward to explain the data and information sources used.</p> <p>(4) That an item regarding the work being done regarding Sleep Pathways be referred to the Health Select Commission for future consideration.</p>				
SEND Joint Commissioning Strategy for Rotherham	Children and Young People	Children and Young People's Services	Nicola Curley, Strategic Director CYPS	Resolved:- That the Rotherham SEND Joint Commissioning Strategy (2024 – 2027) be approved.	Report - SEND Joint Commissioning Strategy for Rotherham	N/A	N/A	
Finance Update	Finance & Safe and Clean Communities	Finance and Customer Services	Judith Badger, Strategic Director FCS	<p>Resolved:- (1) That the update on the revenue budget financial outturn 2023/24 be noted.</p> <p>(2) That the Council's progress on the delivery of the Local Council Tax Support Top Up payment 2024/25 be noted.</p> <p>(3) That the Council's delivery of the Household Support Fund 2023/24 be noted.</p> <p>(4) That provisional allocations of the Household Support Fund Grant 2024/25 of £2.489m be</p>	Report - Finance Update	N/A	N/A	

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				<p>approved as detailed in Section 2.5 of this report.</p> <p>(5) That authority be delegated to the Assistant Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion, to determine revised and final allocations for the Household Support Grant to include provision for other eligible actions within the use of Household Support Fund should it not be possible to achieve full spend of the grant through the approved provisional allocations.</p> <p>(6) That the capital budget variations as detailed in Section 2.6 of the report be approved.</p>				
New Applications for Business Rates Discretionary Relief for Rotherham Crossroads – Caring for Carers, The Fun Hub Nursery and RNN Group	Finance & Safe and Clean Communities	Finance and Customer Services	Judith Badger, Strategic Director FCS	<p>Resolved:- (1) That the application for Discretionary Business Rate Relief for Rotherham Crossroads – Caring for Carers be approved.</p> <p>(2) That the application for Discretionary Business Rate Relief for The Fun Hub Nursery be refused.</p>	Report - New Applications for Business Rates Relief	N/A	N/A	

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				(3) That the application for Discretionary Business Rate Relief for RNN Group be refused.				
Review of the Housing Allocation Policy	Housing	Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	Ian Spicer, Strategic Director ACHPH	Resolved:- (1) That the proposal to commence a full review of the Council's Housing Allocation Policy be approved. (2) That the proposed approach to undertaking the review be noted. (3) That the new Policy be presented to Cabinet in due course for consideration and subsequent recommendation to Council for approval.	Report - Review of the Housing Allocation Policy	N/A	N/A	
Scrutiny Review Recommendations – Nature Recovery	Social Inclusion and Neighbourhood Working	Regeneration and Environment	Andrew Bramidge, Interim Strategic Director, Regeneration and Environment	Resolved:- (1) That the report and the following recommendations be received:- 1. Consider what resources are required to enable RMBC to lead on the Nature Emergency and co-ordinate its response to the Environment Act 2021, including the Local Nature Recovery Strategy, Enhanced Biodiversity Net Gain, and other statutory reporting. 2. In line with the RMBC Nature	Report - Scrutiny Review Recommendations - Nature Recovery	N/A	N/A	

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				<p>Crisis Motion (and the mandatory Enhanced Biodiversity Duty), consider how RMBC's response to the nature crisis can be implemented, reported, and resourced (taking note of the response to climate action).</p> <p>3. Consideration be given to the expansion of the Councillors' role as nature champions. This to include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How member stewardship of natural assets and geodiversity can be enhanced. b. How nature recovery and climate action can be built into ward plans. c. The involvement in overview and scrutiny in future monitoring and steering of this work. d. Support through the Member Development Programme to ensure Members are equipped with appropriate skills and knowledge to undertake this activity. <p>4. Contribute to the South</p>				

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				<p>Yorkshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy (including appropriate resourcing), detailing Rotherham's involvement in meeting South Yorkshire national and global targets of "30 x 30" as required by the Environment Act 2021.</p> <p>5. Consider and plan for how the RMBC estate including all green and blue infrastructure such as allotments, cemeteries, parks and sports fields, amenity spaces, communal gardens, railway and highway verges, field margins and hedgerows, rights of way and access routes, woodlands and nature reserves canals, rivers and other water dependent habitats, can contribute to biodiversity strategies and targets, demonstrating compliance with the Councils obligations for the Enhanced Biodiversity Duty (taking external advice where necessary).</p> <p>6. Prioritise Local Wildlife Sites and Woodlands - especially those in RMBC ownership to contribute to these targets, with a coordinated 'one council'</p>				

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				<p>programme to increase their positive conservation management with resourced management, monitoring and reporting.</p> <p>7. Continue and expand the positive work already underway including tree planting, meadow management, changes in verge management, community engagement etc (as stated in the RMBC Nature Crisis motion).</p> <p>8. Utilise appropriate evidence and information from the forthcoming Rotherham State of Nature report, alongside the forthcoming SYLNRS, and the agreed priority species lists, to set local species recovery targets and work plans, and ensure sufficient resources are secured to embed this approach in long term management opportunities.</p> <p>9. Continue to apply robust planning policies and other policy tools to contribute to nature's recovery across the Borough, noting that Local Planning Authorities must have regard to</p>				

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				<p>the South Yorkshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy once published.</p> <p>10. Plan to work towards zero non-essential use of pesticides and zero glyphosate by the Council.</p> <p>11. Work with communities to support expansion of household composting, and supporting the development of nature rich gardens, including through awareness raising of the waste hierarchy and minimising the use of new and scarce resources and the associated impacts on the natural environment that these issues have; substantive resourcing and engagement plans will be essential.</p> <p>12. Work with partners, stakeholders, Town and Parish Councils, communities, schools and residents on the above where appropriate.</p> <p>13. That consideration be given to how the process for the adoption of community wildlife sites be</p>				

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				<p>streamlined.</p> <p>(2) That Cabinet formally consider its response to the above recommendations within two months of receipt, in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.</p>				

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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:	

