



CABINET

Monday 16 September 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,
Social Inclusion & Neighbourhood Working Portfolio
Housing Portfolio
Children and Young People Portfolio
Adult Social Care and Health Portfolio
Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy Portfolio
Finance & Safe and Clean Communities Portfolio

Councillor Chris Read
Councillor Dave Sheppard

Councillor Sarah Allen
Councillor Victoria Cusworth
Councillor Joanna Baker-Rogers
Councillor Robert Taylor
Councillor Saghir Alam

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- Venue:** The Town Hall, The Crofts, Moorgate Street, Rotherham.
S60 2TH
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- 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 11 - 50)

To receive the record of proceedings of the Cabinet meeting held on 29 July 2024.

5. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Agenda Item 12 and 17 have exempt appendices. Therefore, if necessary when considering those items, 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 items of business on the grounds that they 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.

ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

6. Re-Commissioning of Post CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation) Services (Pages 51 - 66)

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

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Approve the recommissioning of Post CSE Support Services, through a competitive procurement process, for a three-year term from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2028.
2. Agree to delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health to award the contracts following the competitive procurement process.

7. Adult Social Care Local Account 2023-2024 (Pages 67 - 127)

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

Recommendations:

That Cabinet resolves to approve the publication of the 'How Did We Do?' Local Account for Adult Social Care for 2023 – 2024.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

8. Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Hub Update (Pages 129 - 154)

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

Recommendations:

1. That Cabinet note the report and update regarding the development of the SEND Hub.
2. That Cabinet authorise a lease, on a peppercorn rent, therefore on a less than best consideration as defined within the Local Government Act 2000 and the General Disposal Consent (England) 2003 with Rotherham Parent Carer Forum.
3. That Cabinet authorise the Assistant Director of Property and Facilities Services, in consultation with the Assistant Director of Commissioning & Performance and the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services to develop a Management Agreement with the Rotherham Parent Carer Forum, in relation to the service provision, management of the asset and associated output and outcomes.

9. Rotherham Care Leavers Local Offer (Pages 155 - 194)

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

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Approve the Rotherham Care Leavers Local Offer and increase in financial support for Care Leavers, effective from October 2024.
2. Delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Children and Young Peoples Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People Services and the Section 151 officer to approve annual uplifts to the financial offer, associated with inflation.

FINANCE & SAFE AND CLEAN COMMUNITIES

10. July 2024-25 Financial Monitoring Report (Pages 195 - 221)

Report from the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Note the current General Fund Revenue Budget forecast overspend of £6.1m.
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 2024/25 financial position.

3. Note the updated position of the Capital Programme, including proposed capital programme variations to expenditure profiles and funding.

11. New Applications for Business Rates Relief - Rotherham and District Citizens Advice Bureau, 2 Upper Millgate, Rotherham, S60 1PF (Pages 223 - 234)

Report from the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet approve the application for Discretionary Business Rate Relief for Rotherham and District Citizens Advice Bureau in accordance with the details set out in Section 6 to this report for the 2024/25 financial year.

12. Commercial Waste Update (Pages 235 - 254)

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Approve the procurement of a contractor for the provision of containers, collection, and disposal of food waste, with consideration given to working in partnership with neighbouring authorities.
2. Delegate authority to the Assistant Director of Community Safety and Street Scene in conjunction with the relevant Cabinet member and with the S151 Finance Officer to set fees, charges and vary prices.

13. Boroughwide and Town Centre/Clifton Park Public Space Protection Orders (Pages 255 - 292)

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations:

1. To carry out a consultation in relation to the future Town Centre and Clifton Park Public Spaces Protection Order
2. To carry out a consultation in relation to the future Borough wide Public Spaces Protection Order specifically dealing with dog fouling and control.

HOUSING

14. Selective Licensing Scheme 1 (Policy) (Pages 293 - 348)

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations

1. That Cabinet note the content of the report and the outcomes to date of the existing schemes.
2. That Cabinet agrees to progress Option 3 and commence consultation within the existing areas with a view to developing further designations which would commence after the current scheme has ended, and the development of the place based plans and consultation is complete.

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

15. Scrutiny Review Recommendations - Referral from Council to Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) - Petition "Rotherham's Commitment to a Permanent Ceasefire and To Promote Peace in Palestine and in the Region" (Pages 349 - 365)

Report from the Assistant Chief Executive.

Recommendations:

- 1) That Cabinet consider the following recommendations from OSMB, against the petition items below:
 1. **Publicly condemn the Israeli Government's human rights violations.**
 2. **Demand the UK Government call for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza.**

Recommendation 1):

- i. That the Council is invited to issue a press release explaining the resolution agreed in the debate held on 28 February 2024:

"That this Council publicly condemns the Israeli Government's human rights violations and demands that the UK Government call for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza".

3. **Withdraw any associations with the Israeli Government.**

Recommendation 2):

- i. In the interests of transparency, the Council publishes details of

whether the Council has formal associations with the Israeli government.

- ii. Requests that the Council reviews its contractual relations to establish if it has links with any of the companies named in the UN Human Rights Council's list as part of the Council's visible supply chain.
- iii. Notes the restrictions placed on local authorities in respect of the factors which they may take into account when procuring goods or services under Section 17 of the 1988 Local Government Act.

4. Prioritise human rights and equality in Rotherham's international relations, especially for the Palestinian people.

Recommendation 3):

- i. The Council cannot implement this recommendation as it is stated in the petition as international relations fall to central rather than local government.
- ii. Notes that the Council no longer has active twinning arrangements, and it is not recommended that these recommence.
- iii. The Council notes that the strength of Rotherham's local communities in supporting communities in need around the world. This includes promoting values such as human rights and equality which the Council supports.

5. Engage in dialogue with residents to develop a strategy for ethical local policies, specifically not to support countries with illegal occupations or companies benefitting from such activities.

Recommendation 4):

- i. That the Cabinet reiterates its commitment to its Ethical Procurement Policy and notes that the Council will always procure services in line with this Policy.
- ii. That the Council publishes an overview of its investments on its website.
- iii. That the Council requests that SY Pension Authority publishes its investments on its website.
- iv. Notes that the discretion of the Council to make ethical procurement decisions in respect of not supporting countries with illegal occupations or companies benefitting from such activities

was removed under s.17 of the Local Government Act, 1988.

- v. To enable councils to reflect on the concerns of communities that they are elected to represent, that the Leader writes to the relevant Minister to a) request the repeal of those sections of the Local Government Act 1988 which prohibit councils from taking 'non-commercial considerations' into account when awarding contracts and b) in opposition to the Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill currently before Parliament.

6. Consider flag displays that better align with Rotherham communities' values, promote inclusivity and display the Palestinian flag.

Recommendation 5):

- i. That the Council is requested to give approval to the display of the Palestinian flag as a gesture of solidarity to those in Gaza and the wider region who are affected by the conflict and support peace. This should coincide with the United Nation's International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People (29 November 2024).
- ii. That the community considers organising a visible gesture of solidarity to those in Gaza and the wider region who are affected by the conflict and support peace. For example, this could include inter-faith, sporting or cultural events.
- iii. That elected members are reminded that under the existing Flag Protocol, a motion to support a cause or campaign, which by implication will include the flying of a flag, can be submitted to Council for decision.

7. Honour its commitment to being an Anti-Racist Town.

Recommendation 6):

- i. That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board scrutinises how future Council Equalities Action Plans align with any relevant resolution outlined in the Anti-Racist Town motion, making recommendations for improvement as necessary.

8. Recognise that criticism of the Israeli Government does not equate to criticism of Judaism as noted by the IHRA definition of anti-Semitism.

Recommendation 7):

- i. That no further action is taken in respect of adopting an alternative definition of anti-Semitism.

- ii. That the Council notes that it is able to consider motions that provide equivalent definitions which seek to ensure clarity in respect of the other faiths should it resolve to do so.
- 2) That the Leader writes to local MPs informing them of the agreed recommendations and any proposed actions resulting from these.
- 3) That the decision of Cabinet is reported back to OSMB within two months of its submission.
- 4) That the Cabinet Spokesperson continues to hold dialogue with Petitioners to continue to seek peace in Palestine and the Region.
- 5) That Cabinet consider expediting the governance processes and provide updates to OSMB on progress against the recommendations.

SOCIAL INCLUSION & NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING

16. Cabinets Response to the Improving Places Scrutiny Review Recommendations - Nature Recovery (Pages 367 - 399)

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations:

That the Cabinet response to the Scrutiny Review Recommendations in respect of Nature Recovery, as set out in Appendix 1 of this report, be approved.

TRANSPORT, JOBS AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY

17. Land off Farfield Lane, Wath upon Dearne (Pages 401 - 417)

Report from the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet authorise the Assistant Director of Property and Facilities Services to negotiate and agree the terms and conditions of the proposed disposal and acquisition shown on the plan at Appendix 1 in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs, and the Local Economy.

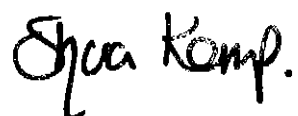
18. Recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (To Follow)

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 10 September 2024.

19. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cabinet will be held on Monday 14 October 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 style with a large initial 'S'.

SHARON KEMP OBE,
Chief Executive.