



# CABINET

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**Monday 16 December 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

**Rotherham**  
Metropolitan  
Borough Council 

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- Venue:** The Town Hall, The Crofts, Moorgate Street, Rotherham.  
S60 2TH
- Date and Time:** Monday 16 December 2024 at 10.00 a.m.
- Agenda Contact** Governance Unit – [governance@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto: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 - 20)**

To receive the record of proceedings of the Cabinet meeting held on 18 November 2024.

## **5. Exclusion of the Press and Public**

There are no exempt items on the agenda.

## **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

### **6. Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Sufficiency Planning at Newman School (Pages 21 - 43)**

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

#### **Recommendations:**

That Cabinet:

1. Note the report and the capital plans brought forward for Newman School following academisation to TEAM Multi-Academy Trust.
2. Approve the decision for the proposed £2.5 million capital investment to create additional school places, as part of the latest round of SEND Sufficiency and in line with the Safety Valve Capital programme at Newman School.

### **7. Cabinet Response to Scrutiny Review Recommendations - Preparation for Adulthood (Pages 45 - 70)**

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

#### **Recommendation:**

1. That Cabinet approve the response to the recommendations, as detailed in Appendix 1, and note the report.

## **FINANCE & SAFE AND CLEAN COMMUNITIES**

### **8. Medium Term Financial Strategy Update (Pages 71 - 92)**

Report from the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services.

#### **Recommendations:**

1. That the MTFS 2024/25 to 2027/28 update be noted.
2. That Cabinet note the potential requirement to use reserves in order to balance the Council's outturn position for 2024/25.

**9. New Applications for Business Rates Relief for Arc Church (Pages 93 - 104)**

Report from the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services.

**Recommendation:**

That Cabinet approve the application for Discretionary Business Rate Relief for Arc Church in accordance with the details set out in Section 6 to this report for the 2023/2024 and 2024/25 financial years.

**10. Waste Collections Policy (Pages 105 - 142)**

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

**Recommendations:**

1. That Cabinet approve the draft revised Kerbside Residential Waste Collection Policy for a public consultation.
2. That Cabinet agree to the commencement of two pilots to test the approach to contamination, with the specific areas to be determined.

**11. Refreshing the Health and Safety Policy (Pages 143 - 199)**

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

**Recommendation:**

That Cabinet endorse and approve the revised Health and Safety Policy as attached at Appendix 1.

**12. Borough wide and Town Centre Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO's) (Pages 201 - 246)**

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

**Recommendations:**

That Cabinet:

1. Approve the renewal of the Town Centre and Clifton Park Public Spaces Protection Order (Appendix 4) for a period of three years upon expiry of the current Order in January 2025.
2. Approve the renewal of the Borough wide Public Spaces Protection

Order (Appendix 5), specifically dealing with dog fouling, for a period of three years upon expiry of the current Order in January 2025.

## **HOUSING**

### **13. HRA Business Plan, Rent Setting and Service Charges 2025-26 (Pages 247 - 303)**

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

#### **Recommendations:**

That Cabinet recommends to Council to: -

1. Approve the proposed 2025/26 Base Case Option 2 for the HRA Business Plan.
2. Note that the Business Plan will be reviewed annually to provide an updated financial position.
3. Agree that Council dwelling rents are increased by 2.7% in 2025/26 (Option 2).
4. Agree that the Council should retain the policy of realigning rents on properties at below formula rent to the formula rent level when the property is re-let to a new tenant.
5. Agree that shared ownership rents are increased by 3.2% in 2025/26.
6. Agree that charges for communal facilities, parking spaces, cooking gas and use of laundry facilities are increased by 2% in 2025/26.
7. Agree that charges for garages are increased by 10% in 2025/26.
8. Agree that the District Heating unit charge per Kwh is set at 13.09 pence per kwh.
9. Agree that the decision to reduce the price of District Heating Charges further during 2025/26 be delegated to the Assistant Director of Housing in conjunction with the Assistant Director of Financial Services following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing. The delegation would only be used to respond to a change in Government policy or a significant change in the Ofgem price cap that has the effect of necessitating a lower unit price.
10. Approve the draft Housing Revenue Account budget for 2025/26 as shown in Appendix 6.

## **LEADER**

### **14. Community Recovery Fund (Pages 305 - 320)**

Report from the Assistant Chief Executive.

#### **Recommendations:**

That Cabinet

1. Approve the indicative programme and provisional allocations of the Community Recovery Fund Grant of £600,000 as follows:
  - a. £62,975 to cover the costs incurred by the Council in responding to the events on the 4 August.
  - b. £15,000 towards the delivery of a restorative justice project.
  - c. £10,000 to provide resources to support Manvers Community Recovery.
  - d. £10,000 to provide a community cohesion workforce development programme.
  - e. £180,000 to establish a community cohesion 'Rotherham Together' fund.
  - f. £57,000 to appoint a strategic cohesion co-ordinator for the borough.
  - g. £25,831 to put in place lived experience educators.
  - h. £30,000 to provide a community events programme.
  - i. £62,358 to provide activities for children and young people.
  - j. £25,800 for Together for Tomorrow, providing educational initiatives to support schools.
  - k. £30,000 to deliver a series of Challenge events aimed at uniting young people from diverse backgrounds through positive activities.
  - l. £45,000 to improve the safety of town centre events by investing in hostile vehicle mitigation.
  - m. £20,000 to invest in improving street lighting through a pilot initiative.
  - n. £10,000 to develop a system for recruiting, facilitating and mobilising volunteers to respond to crisis situations and contribute to public events.
2. To enter into supplementary provisions to the Infrastructure Support Services 2024 – 2027 Service Level Agreement (SLA) for the provision of the relevant elements set out in recommendation 1.
3. Delegate authority to the Assistant Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to determine revised and final allocations for the Community Recovery Fund Grant.

## **SOCIAL INCLUSION & NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING**

### **15. Our Places Fund (Pages 321 - 341)**

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

#### **Recommendations:**

That Cabinet:

1. Approve the inclusion of the additional £2million from the Mayor's Sustainability Fund which was allocated through SYMCA, so that the allocated funds for the OPF total £4million.
2. Approve the development of thematic interventions described at Section 2 and delegate authority to the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Council's Section 151 Officer to add, amend or replace a scheme should it become unfeasible or undeliverable.

## **TRANSPORT, JOBS AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY**

### **16. Indicative Highway Repair Programme 2024/25 - Additional Schemes (Pages 343 - 383)**

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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. Approve the indicative Highway Repair Programme for 2024/2025 as set out in Appendix 1 which includes the additional Councillor suggestions.
3. Note that the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment may utilise any additional in year funding to deliver highways repairs in accordance with the strategic approach to the Management and Maintenance of Rotherham's Highways as laid out in this report.

### **17. Building Compliance Policies (Pages 385 - 434)**

Report from the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services.

#### **Recommendations:**

That Cabinet:

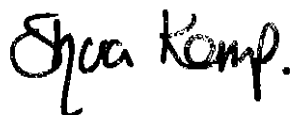
1. Approves the Property & Facilities Services Legionella Policy (Appendix 1).
2. Approves the Property & Facilities Services Fire Policy (Appendix 2).
3. Approves the Property & Facilities Services Asbestos Policy (Appendix 3).
4. Delegates any further changes to building compliance policies, in line with service needs and the evolving regulatory and legislative context to the Duty Holder (Head of FM and Compliance), 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 11 December 2024.

**19. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Cabinet will be held on Monday 20 January 2025 commencing at 10.00am in Rotherham Town Hall.



**SHARON KEMP OBE,**  
Chief Executive.