

Cabinet Decisions

16 December 2024

A record of decisions made at the Cabinet Meeting, which took place on Monday 16 December 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 16 December 2024

Report Title	Portfolio	Directorate	Contact Officer	Decision / Recommendations agreed	Alternative Options Considered	Conflict of Interest Recorded	Dispensations Granted	Action Date
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Sufficiency Planning at Newman School	Children and Young People	Children and Young Peoples Services	Nicola Curley, Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Services	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.	Report - SEND Sufficiency Planning at Newman School	N/A	N/A	03/01/25
Cabinets Response to the Recommendations from the Scrutiny Review – Preparation for Adulthood	Children and Young People	Children and Young Peoples Services / Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	Nicola Curley, Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Services / Ian Spicer, Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health.	This item was deferred to a future meeting.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Review and Update of the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024/25 to 2027/28	Finance and Safe & Clean Communities	Finance and Customer Services	Judith Badger, Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services	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.	Report - MTFS	N/A	N/A	03/01/25

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New Application for Business Rates Discretionary Relief for Arc Church	Finance and Clean and Safe Communities	Finance and Customer Services	Judith Badger, Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services	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.	Report - New Application for Business Rates Discretionary Relief - Arc Church	N/A	N/A	03/01/25
Waste Collections Policy	Finance and Clean and Safe Communities	Regeneration and Environment	Andrew Bramidge, Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment	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.	Report – Waste Collections Policy	N/A	N/A	03/01/25
Refreshing the Health and Safety Policy	Finance and Clean and Safe Communities	Regeneration and Environment	Andrew Bramidge, Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment	That Cabinet endorse and approve the revised Health and Safety Policy as attached at Appendix 1 .	Report – Refreshing the Health and Safety Policy	N/A	N/A	03/01/25
Boroughwide and Town Centre Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO's)	Finance and Clean and Safe Communities	Regeneration and Environment	Andrew Bramidge, Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment	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.	Report – Household Support Fund Update	N/A	N/A	03/01/25

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HRA Business Plan, Rent Setting and Service Charges 2025-26	Housing	Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	Ian Spicer, Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	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	Report - HRA Business Plan, Rent Setting and Service Charges 2025-26	N/A	N/A	N/A – referred to Council

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				<p>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.</p> <p>10. Approve the draft Housing Revenue Account budget for 2025/26 as shown in Appendix 6.</p> <p>11. That members of OSMB are provided with the 'Securing the future of Council Housing' Document for their information.</p> <p>12. That a link to the Acquisitions Policy be shared with Members of OSMB.</p> <p>13. That the information contained within Appendix 8 of the report titled 'Support For Tenants with Financial Pressures' be circulated to all members of the Council for their information.</p> <p>14. That a breakdown of the items listed under the category of Supervision and Management in the HRA budget be provided to members of OSMB.</p>				
Community Recovery Fund	Leader	Assistant Chief Executive's	Jo Brown, Assistant Chief Executive	<p>That Cabinet</p> <p>1. Approve the indicative programme and provisional allocations of the Community Recovery Fund Grant of £600,000 as follows:</p> <p>a. £62,975 to cover the costs</p>	Report - Community Recovery Fund	N/A	N/A	03/01/25

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				<p>incurred by the Council in responding to the events on the 4 August.</p> <p>b. £15,000 towards the delivery of a restorative justice project.</p> <p>c. £10,000 to provide resources to support Manvers Community Recovery.</p> <p>d. £10,000 to provide a community cohesion workforce development programme.</p> <p>e. £180,000 to establish a community cohesion 'Rotherham Together' fund.</p> <p>f. £57,000 to appoint a strategic cohesion co-ordinator for the borough.</p> <p>g. £25,831 to put in place lived experience educators.</p> <p>h. £30,000 to provide a community events programme.</p> <p>i. £62,358 to provide activities for children and young people.</p> <p>j. £25,800 for Together for Tomorrow, providing educational initiatives to support schools.</p> <p>k. £30,000 to deliver a series of Challenge events aimed at uniting young people from diverse backgrounds through positive activities.</p> <p>l. £45,000 to improve the safety of town centre events by investing in hostile vehicle mitigation.</p> <p>m. £20,000 to invest in improving street lighting through a pilot initiative.</p>				

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				<p>n. £10,000 to develop a system for recruiting, facilitating and mobilising volunteers to respond to crisis situations and contribute to public events.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>				
Our Places Fund	Social Inclusion and Neighbourhood Working	Regeneration and Environment	Andrew Bramidge, Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	Report - Our Places Fund	N/A	N/A	03/01/25

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Indicative Highway Repair Programme for 2024/2025 Additional Schemes	Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy	Regeneration and Environment	Andrew Bramidge, Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment	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.	Report - Indicative Highway Repair Programme for 2024/25 Additional Schemes	N/A	N/A	03/01/25
Building Compliance Policies	Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy	Finance and Customer Services	Judith Badger, Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services	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	Report - Building Compliance Policies	N/A	N/A	03/01/25

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				Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy.				

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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:	