



CABINET

Monday 20 January 2025

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
- Date and Time:** Monday 20 January 2025 at 10.00 a.m.
- 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 9 - 27)

To receive the record of proceedings of the Cabinet meeting held on 16 December 2024.

5. Exclusion of the Press and Public

There are no exempt items on the agenda.

ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

6. Re-commissioning of Rotherham's Domestic Abuse Refuge (Pages 29 - 53)

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

Recommendation:

That Cabinet approve the re-commissioning of Domestic Abuse Refuge and Temporary Accommodation Services, through a competitive procurement process, for a four-year term from 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2029 with the option to extend up to 2 years.

7. Outcomes from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board relating to the Children's Commissioner's Takeover Challenge - Health and Wellbeing (Pages 55 - 62)

Report from the Assistant Chief Executive.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Receive the report and considers the following recommendations:

A. Section 1 – Vaping:

1. That consideration was given to several young people from the Youth Cabinet to support a mystery shop in vape shops to identify sources, where possible.
2. That the Council identified and considered any potential opportunities to reduce vaping adverts on shopfronts, including areas where the Council does not have direct control, where possible.
3. That the Council sought to encourage all secondary schools to work together, to ensure a synchronised response to the vaping.

B. Section 2 – Mental Health:

4. That the Council sought to encourage all schools in the Borough to ensure that young people feel listened to within the schools, and that schools were committed to support their young people.
5. That consideration was given to how the provision of a dedicated youth space for young people could be achieved,

for example, a development of a space similar to the Barnsley Youth Zone.

6. That the Council worked with its partners to enhance early detection and diagnoses of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and the potential need for an Educational Health and Care Plan (EHCP) to assist with the reduction of potential waiting times for the young person to access the EHCP provisions.

C. Section 3 – Physical Activity:

7. That the Council seeks assurances from schools within the Borough that they would consider increasing extracurricular clubs, including the range of sports.
8. That the Council aimed to ensure that all parks within the Borough were kept in good condition and safe.
9. That consideration be given to providing exercise equipment to all parks in the Borough, where possible and that activity-based walks were considered at popular locations, in conjunction with the Rotherham Youth Cabinet.

D. Section 4 – Healthy Eating:

10. That the Council sought assurances from schools within the Borough, that they ensured that healthy food options were available to all young people.
11. That schools in the Borough give consideration to the young inspectors completing an inspection of school lunches and lunches provided as part of Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, where possible.
12. That the Council and its partners gave consideration to producing a teenage-specific campaign to support healthy eating.
13. That a site visit to the allotments be arranged for members of the Youth Cabinet.

2. Formally consider its response to the above recommendations within two months of receipt, in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

8. Cabinet Response to Scrutiny Review Recommendations - Preparation for Adulthood (Pages 63 - 88)

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

Recommendation:

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

FINANCE & SAFE AND CLEAN COMMUNITIES

9. November 2024-25 Financial Monitoring Report (Pages 89 - 116)

Report from the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Note the current General Fund Revenue Budget forecast overspend of £4.6m.
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.

10. New Applications for Business Rates Relief - Social Eyes (Pages 117 - 128)

Report from the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services.

Recommendation:

That Cabinet approve the application for Discretionary Business Rate Relief for Social Eyes in accordance with the details set out in Section 6 to this report for the 2023/2024, 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years.

HOUSING

11. Tenant Satisfaction Measures and Housing Regulatory Compliance Update (Pages 129 - 159)

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

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Notes the contents of the report.
2. Agrees to receive a further update in six months' time.

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

12. Council Plan and Year Ahead Delivery Plan Progress Update (Pages 161 - 332)

Report from the Assistant Chief Executive.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Note the overall position in relation to the Year Ahead Delivery Plan activities.
2. Note the Quarter 2 data for the Council Plan performance measures.
3. Note that a progress report covering the remainder of the year will be presented to Cabinet in July 2025.

SOCIAL INCLUSION & NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING

13. Rotherham Archives and Local Studies Collections Policy Renewal (Pages 333 - 393)

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations:

1. That Cabinet approve the Archives and Local Studies Collections Management Policy 2024 (Appendix 1).
2. That Cabinet approve the delegation to the Assistant Director of Culture, Sport and Tourism in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion for any future minor or legislative changes to the Collections Policy. Should a full update to the policy be required it will return to Cabinet for approval,
3. That Cabinet approve an annual closure week in March and September to enable the service to undertake important and necessary administrative collections management work.

TRANSPORT, JOBS AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY

14. Bassingthorpe Farm Supplementary Planning Document (Pages 395 - 521)

Report by the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

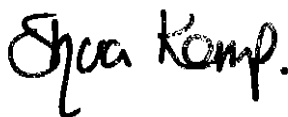
1. Approves public consultation on the draft Bassingthorpe Farm Supplementary Planning Document.
2. Authorises the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment in consultation with Assistant Director – Legal Services to explore collaborative arrangements and negotiate draft terms with the majority landowner to progress delivery of Bassingthorpe Farm.
3. Notes further reports will be submitted to seek Cabinet approval of the Bassingthorpe Farm Supplementary Planning Document following consultation and any proposed terms with the majority landowner for the delivery of the site.

15. 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 14 January 2025.

16. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cabinet will be held on Monday 10 February 2025 commencing at 10.00am in Rotherham Town Hall.



SHARON KEMP OBE,
Chief Executive.