



CABINET

Monday 14 April 2025

10.00 a.m.

**Council Chamber, Rotherham Town Hall,
Moorgate Street, Rotherham. S60 2TH**

Cabinet Members:-

Leader of the Council

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 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 14 April 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

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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 7 - 25)

To receive the record of proceedings of the Cabinet meeting held on Monday 17 March 2025.

5. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Agenda Item 8 has exempt appendices. Therefore, if necessary when considering this item, 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 item of business on the grounds that it involves 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.

FINANCE & SAFE AND CLEAN COMMUNITIES

6. New Application for Business Rates Relief for Hope Church Rotherham and Target Housing Limited (Pages 27 - 46)

Report by the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Approve the application for Discretionary Business Rate Relief for Hope Church Rotherham.
2. Refuse the application for Target Housing Limited.

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

7. Agreement of the borough's Household Support Fund allocation for 2025/26 (Pages 47 - 62)

Report from the Assistant Chief Executive.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet agree:

1. That provisional allocations of the Household Support Fund Grant of £4.387m be made as follows:
 - a. £2.687m for food vouchers to children eligible for free school meals for school holidays up to and including Easter 2026.
 - b. £950k towards the estimated costs of the Council's Local Council Tax Support Top Up Scheme.
 - c. £500k to support applications from households for assistance with energy costs, through the Council's Energy Crisis Support Scheme.
 - d. £90k to provide additional financial support to care leavers.

- e. £60k to local voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations to support vulnerable households over Christmas / New Year through a supplement to the Crisis Support service level agreement.
 - f. £100k to provide parcels of household items to be distributed through VCS support.
2. Delegate authority to the Assistant Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader, to determine revised and final allocations for the Household Support Grant. This will 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 options.

TRANSPORT, JOBS AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY

8. Acquisition of land and property at Sheffield Road, S60 1DA (Pages 63 - 78)

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations

1. That Cabinet endorse the allocation of the 'Strategic Acquisition Fund' to undertake the acquisition of land and property at Sheffield Road, shown in Appendix 1.
2. To authorise the Assistant Director of Property and Facilities Services to agree the terms and conditions and complete the acquisition of the land shown at Appendix 1 in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs, and the Local Economy.

9. Economic Inactivity Trailblazer (Pages 79 - 107)

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:-

1. Approve acceptance of the Council's indicative allocation of the Economic Inactivity Trailblazer funding to deliver activity targeted at implementing an integrated employment, skills and health system.
2. Approve use of the funding to manage the programme, commission community-based engagement activity, and personalised support (to include flexible support budgets), activate employers to create job opportunities for participants, pay for additional staff salaries (within RiDO, Employment Solutions and for other Pathways to Work roles within the Council) and cover miscellaneous costs.

3. Delegate authority to the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Environment, in consultation with Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy and the Section 151 Officer to determine detailed use of the grant or make any subsequent amendments to the proposed budget allocations.

10. Household Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (Pages 109 - 164)

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet: -

1. Approves a public consultation on the draft Supplementary Planning Document at Appendix 1.
2. Notes that following consultation a further report be brought to Cabinet to approve the adoption of the Supplementary Planning Document.

11. Licensing Act 2003 - Statement of Licensing Policy (Pages 165 - 306)

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendation:

That Cabinet approve the draft Licensing Act Statement of Licensing Policy attached to this report as Appendix 1 for consultation in accordance with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003.

12. 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 Tuesday 8 April 2025.

13. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cabinet will be held on Monday 12 May 2025 commencing at 10.00am in Rotherham Town Hall.



SHARON KEMP OBE,
Chief Executive.