

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

- Date and Time:-** Wednesday 11 December 2024 at 10.00 a.m.
- Venue:-** Rotherham Town Hall, The Crofts, Moorgate Street, Rotherham. S60 2TH
- Membership:-** Councillors Steele (Chair), Bacon (Vice-Chair), Baggaley, Blackham, A. Carter, Keenan, Knight, Marshall, McKiernan, Pitchley, Tinsley and Yasseen.

This meeting will be webcast live and will be available to view [via the Council's website](#). The items which will be discussed are described on the agenda below and there are reports attached which give more details.

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive the apologies of any Member who is unable to attend the meeting.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 October 2024 and 13 November 2024 (Pages 5 - 57)

To consider the minutes of the previous meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board held on 17 October 2024, and 13 November 2024, and to approve them as a true and correct record of the proceedings and to be signed by the Chair.

3. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of interest from Members in respect of items listed on the agenda.

4. Questions from Members of the Public and the Press

To receive questions relating to items of business on the agenda from members of the public or press who are present at the meeting.

5. Exclusion of the Press and Public

To consider whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any part of the agenda.

Items for Pre-Decision Scrutiny

In accordance with the outcome of the Governance Review in 2016, the following items are submitted for pre-scrutiny ahead of the Cabinet meeting on 16 December 2024. Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board are invited to comment and make recommendations on the proposals contained within the report.

6. HRA Business Plan, Rent Setting and Service Charges 2025-26 (Pages 59 - 115)

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.

For Discussion/Decision:-

7. Children's Commissioner's Takeover Challenge Recommendations - Health and Wellbeing (Pages 117 - 126)

To consider the report and recommendations from the Children's Commissioner's Takeover Challenge meeting.

For Information/Monitoring:-

8. Work Programme (Pages 127 - 129)

To consider the Board's Work Programme.

9. Work in Progress - Select Commissions

To receive updates from the Chairs of the Select Commission on work undertaken and planned for the future.

10. Forward Plan of Key Decisions - 1 December 2024 - 28 February 2025 (Pages 131 - 139)

To review and identify items for pre-decision scrutiny from the Forward Plan of Key Decisions covering the period from 1 December 2024 to 28 February 2025

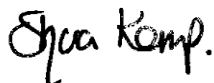
11. Call-in Issues

To consider any issues referred for call-in from recent Cabinet meetings.

12. Urgent Business

To determine any item which the Chair is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.

**The next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board
will be held on Tuesday 14 January 2025
commencing at 10.00 a.m.
in Rotherham Town Hall.**



**SHARON KEMP OBE,
Chief Executive.**