THE CABINET
21st October, 2019

Present:- Councillor Read (in the Chair); Councillors Alam, Allen, Beck, Hoddinott, Roche, Steele and Watson.

Also in attendance Councillor Steele (Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board)

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Lelliott.

57. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest to report.

58. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

(1) A member of the public in asking a question followed on from a discussion at the last Cabinet meeting about the commissioning of services for adult survivors. He had received a letter from the Assistant Director for Commissioning and Performance, for which he was grateful, and he had written back about public consultation and his pleasure that the Council had the same objective. He asked how could the Council reach members of the public, particularly those people who have suffered abuse, but did not necessarily want to be identified. They could come forward as part of the public consultation, but it was indicated the consultation would take place in February, but was this correct. The Leader would clarify the actual dates for the commencement date, but this had been delayed slightly due to some of the arrangements.

It was hoped, however, that this would commence as quickly as possible, but done in a way that was safe for all parties. The Leader was committed to making sure the consultation would enable survivors to come forward and make their views known and share their experiences, but in a way that did not threaten their anonymity.

The Leader would confirm in writing about the timeline for when it was likely the consultation would take place once he had discussed this further.

In a supplementary question the member of the public referred to an e-mail exchange where it was suggested he put in a Freedom of Information request. However, he had since met with the NCA and discussed the issue of additional resources for adult survivors and how the Council could be assisted in seeking additional funds. He had also contacted by email the Chair of the Improving Lives Select Commission over three weeks ago and had still not received a response. This was a shame as he was aware the Improving Lives Select Commission was dealing with
this process and so asked if the Leader thought it appropriate for the Chair of the Improving Lives Select Commission to respond to an e-mail asking for a meeting with one or two adult survivors of CSE.

The Leader responded to the three queries and confirmed it would be for the Chair of the Improving Lives Select Commission to determine whether she believed it appropriate or not to meet. However, he would ask her to respond to the member of the public’s e-mail.

In terms of the email about the FOI response the member of the public was copied into, some of the information could be provided and the Leader would come back on this.

In terms of the NCA bidding process there were two parts to this. The Council were working alongside the NCA with the Government and specifically around costs arising from Operation Stovewood and the support services for victims and survivors coming through those court cases. This was a particularly intense period of time and required specific support. Discussions with Government remained ongoing.

The Council also had a broader commitment and this formed part of consultation and, whilst the support to victims and survivors was connected, they were not the same thing.

(2) A member of the public expressed his dismay that Councillor Lelliott had given her apologies today. He had attended a meeting about CILs for Parish Councillors and had asked why the Bramley one way traffic system had not been included on the wish list for CIL spend. He was advised by Councillor Lelliott that she would not discuss it and if the member of the public wanted to discuss it he was to see her outside of the meeting. At the end of the meeting the member of the public fully intended broaching this issue, but Councillor Lelliott had already left. He subsequently left her a message for her to ring him, but had not received a reply. He, therefore, asked why did the Leader choose members of the Cabinet who were untrustworthy and unreliable.

The Leader did not believe he had chosen Cabinet Members who were untrustworthy and unreliable. He had not been able to speak to Councillor Lelliott about the comment described, but would like to receive her recollection first.

However, the Leader pointed out that if a member of the public wished to raise an issue with the one way system or indeed any other part of the Council’s infrastructure, then this was a conversation that should take place.
In a supplementary question the member of the public pointed out the flaws in the one way system, which Councillor Lelliott admitted in a letter two years ago. Everyone accepted this was a flawed system and ought to be improved in some way so the member of the public asked, therefore, once the Leader had spoken to Councillor Lelliott, could he ask that she contact him to set up a meeting to discuss the matter.

The Leader confirmed he would be happy to do so.

59. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved:- That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 16th September, 2019, be agreed as a true and correct record of the proceedings, subject to an amended word in Minute No. 45 (Council Plan Monitoring) to confirm Priority 3 indicators that related to Culture, Sport and Tourism were already exceeding 25% at this stage in the year, rather than at 25%.

60. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the Agenda Item 10 on the grounds that the appendices involve 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.

61. SOCIAL VALUE POLICY

Consideration was given to the report which sought approval for the Rotherham Council Social Value Policy and Framework. The Policy set out the ways in which the Council aimed to maximise the local impact of its spend through its commissioning and procurement processes and work with partners and suppliers.

The key elements of the policy were to:-

- Raise the living standards of Rotherham residents and commit to working towards the Joseph Rowntree Living Wage.
- Increase the proportion of the Council’s expenditure which goes to local businesses and providers rather than those elsewhere in the country.
- Build social value into all Council contracts (in excess of £100,000) and maximise the impact gained from every pound spent and introduce a rigorous system for assessing and measuring social value.
- Commit to the principle of co-designing services wherever possible.
To achieve this the Council planned to take steps to increase the amount of additional Social Value from its contracts and commissioned services by securing Social Value in every contract above a £100,000 threshold. It would ensure that when the Council invited written quotations – where possible - at least one of the quotes would be from a Rotherham organisation and, where this was not possible, from the Sheffield City Region.

The Council also aimed to increase over time the proportion of its spend with local businesses and organisations and to open up opportunities for more co-designed services through its commissioning and procurement processes. The Social Value Framework, therefore, set out the methodology for measuring Social Value through the procurement process and its framing around six high level outcomes, which were:-

- Raising living standards for residents.
- A strong local economy with employment and skills opportunities and a growing business base.
- Young people have the opportunity to develop skills and find worthwhile employment.
- Equality of opportunity for disadvantaged people and communities including disabled people.
- Strengthened and sustainable community and voluntary organisations.
- Greater environmental sustainability including accessible green public spaces.

Social Value returns would be monitored and reported on an annual basis. The first year of the Policy would be a baseline year with targets set subsequently to increase the amount of Social Value secured and challenged by looking at good practice from elsewhere whilst being committed to maximising that spend.

Cabinet Members welcomed the wealth being brought into Rotherham and this was supported by the principles of the Preston model in the Borough. This Policy defined the Council’s approach and it was important that the power was used with procurement to shape the local economy for that social good. Cabinet looked forward to seeing this being taken forward by local businesses.

This report had been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board as part of the pre-scrutiny process who were in support of the recommendations, subject to a Members’ seminar being arranged in respect of the Social Value Policy and a further report being brought back to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board after twelve months of the implementation of the Policy to review its impact to date.

The Cabinet were happy to accept those recommendations.
Resolved:- (1) That the Social Value Policy be approved.

(2) That the adoption of the Social Value Portal as the method to measure social value be approved.

(3) That the ‘Keep It Local’ principles be adopted.

62. STRATEGY TO TACKLE AND PREVENT CHILD EXPLOITATION

Consideration was given to the report outlining the Strategy to Tackle and Prevent Child Exploitation 2019 - 2022 which had been developed by the multi-agency partnership under the auspices of the Rotherham Safeguarding Children’s Partnership (RSCP), which had replaced the former Rotherham Safeguarding Children’s Board (RSCB).

The Strategy replaced the previous three year strategy to tackle Child Sexual Exploitation in Rotherham known as ‘The Way Forward for Rotherham 2015-2018’.

The Strategy set out how the Rotherham Safeguarding Children’s Board, Adults Safeguarding Board and Safer Rotherham Partnership would work together to tackle and prevent Child Sexual Exploitation, Child Criminal Exploitation and recognised the links with children going missing, radicalisation, human trafficking, honour based violence, forced marriage and female genital mutilation (FGM).

The Strategy reflected the most up-to-date approach to Safeguarding and incorporated the lessons learnt from the past three years around what worked in relation to CSE and how partners could utilise this learning to support the Authority to tackle and prevent future Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE).

Superintendent Steve Chapman from South Yorkshire Police and Chair of the Child Exploitation Delivery Group, spoke briefly on the four-year strategy and its six key themes which was clearly about protecting children, support for victims, witnesses and survivors and learning from good practice. It was also about effectively targeting perpetrators and where intelligence was identified it was brought forward quickly and dealt with effectively. Early intervention was much improved since Operation Stovewood and there were clear complex abuse procedures that as a partnership were responded to and tackled abuse together.

The Strategy focused on partnership working, but reflected the professional challenge. The joint partnership meetings took place on a weekly basis and any intelligence was shared and dealt with promptly. From a Safeguarding and children's perspective some really good work had also taken place with Barnsley and Doncaster around Child Criminal Exploitation with understanding about threats and risks.
Information was also shared on the work, current investigations and reviews of the Child Exploitation Delivery Group relating to past and future victims and survivors of complex abuse, which all linked into this Strategy with learning and improvement.

Rebecca Wall, Head of Safeguarding, Quality and Learning, highlighted the progress with the work plans, which would be due for review in April and then annually thereafter. KPI’s had also been established for baseline data to better understand the partnership impact to not only achieve, but deliver tangible benefit for young people.

With increased awareness and a greater level of referrals, performance would provide the initial indicator and the Quality Assurance Framework would look to make sure the referrals were receiving the right plan at the right time for young people.

Cabinet Members welcomed the Strategy, the development of the timeline and the links in working together with schools. It tied together what was happening in the Borough and highlighted the progression in understanding which was embedded in this document.

The Safer Rotherham Partnership had considered the Strategy in terms of child exploitation and welcomed the challenge and approaches amongst partners on the exploitation and abuse of children. Partners were also encouraged to use the term “exploitation and abuse of children” rather than “county lines” as it could mask the work in more isolated towns and where there were more significant problems.

Government funding received had supported the development of a joint strategy with Barnsley and Doncaster, but as this was one-off the problems needed to be addressed and the problems would not just disappear. In fact the weekly meetings had already seen the terms of reference changing to reflect the new Strategy to look at active intelligence and provide a visible partnership in those areas. This would continue in all three areas post-April, 2020.

Superintendent Steve Chapman also provided an update on how perpetrators were being brought to justice, the use of Abduction Notices, Sexual Harm Prevention Orders and clear guidance on what and was not presented to the Crown Prosecution Service.

More work was to be done on the safeguarding children element and to look at ways of gathering intelligence from communities around some of the threats and risks posed. From a South Yorkshire Police perspective the introduction of the Connect app had seen innovative development of the intelligence, case management and custody function. The system had matured and improved data collection; in Rotherham there were 1,800 active investigations, 4 of which did not have a suspect identified, 207 have outstanding suspects and only one of those was a suspect that had been outstanding for more than 12 weeks.
It was noted that independent advocates were available who could act on someone’s behalf should they be from hard to reach groups like young people with learning difficulties who were being exploited. The work with schools, education providers and communities would bring greater understanding to recognise and take great positive conversations forward. An event was also taking place involving the Council and the Police with BME women to discuss their experiences which may lead to changing conversations and enabling more people to be able to come forward and share information about child exploitation with assurances that they would be listened to.

The Head of Safeguarding, Quality and Learning, also reiterated the recognition of each agency’s contribution to the learning of their staff whilst ensuring there was a Rotherham emphasis. The training and engagement pathway with agencies and the sharing of intelligence would ensure that the delivery of training to staff, whether this was in a school, a G.P. surgery, or a community group was understood and the approaches were clear.

A competency framework and a safeguarding self-assessment toolkit would be distributed to all community partners and professionals and agencies to ensure they could check to ensure the gold thread was embedded on how abuse was dealt with. In-house training and expertise was recognised locally and this would deliver some Level 3 master classes for members of the Partnership that dealt with these matters on a regular basis.

There was also to be a refresh of the “See Something, Say Something” campaign around awareness.

The Cabinet welcomed the assurance with regard to how the agencies were working together and the challenging of each other. However, the Borough must not be complacent given the scale of the criminal challenge that was continuing to be faced. Agencies were able to respond and take action where necessary.

Resolved:- That the Rotherham Safeguarding Children Partnership’s Strategy to Tackle and Prevent Child Exploitation be endorsed and the key priorities, which will drive partnership working to tackle Child Sexual Exploitation and Child Criminal Exploitation over the next three years, be noted.

63. CRISIS SUPPORT (LOCAL WELFARE PROVISION)

Consideration was given to the report which detailed how the current contracts for provision of crisis support services – crisis loans; supply of food to food banks and the Service Level Agreement for the Food in Crisis Partnership would expire at the end of March, 2020.
The report, therefore, made recommendations for commissioning future crisis support services over the medium term three years 2020/21-2022/23 with voluntary sector providers through the terms of the Rotherham Compact.

This process would include an invitation to bid to be the lead organisation in the voluntary sector to engage partner organisations in a co-design with the Council, leading to award of grant(s) and Service Level Agreements.

This report had been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board as part of the pre-scrutiny process who were in support of the recommendations, subject to consideration being given to further pre-decision scrutiny of the future delivery arrangements by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board prior to a future decision by Cabinet.

The Cabinet were happy to accept those recommendations.

Resolved:- (1) That approval be given to the Council to invite bids for a lead voluntary sector organisation to engage with partner organisations and the Council in a co-design for the future provision of crisis support over the medium term 2020/21 – 2022/23 in accordance with the provisions of the Rotherham Compact.

(2) That, following the co-design process, proposals for future delivery arrangements be brought back to Cabinet for approval.

64. DELIVERY OF HOUSING ASSOCIATION HOMES ON HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT SITES – PROPOSED CHANGES

Further to Minute No. 10 of the meeting of the Cabinet and Commissioners held on 9th July, 2018, consideration was given to the report which recommended the disposal of four Housing Revenue Account sites in Wickersley to Arches Housing Association, for the delivery of fourteen houses.

The report identified changes to the original development programme, both in respect of the sites to be transferred and the types of homes to be delivered, and, therefore, sought approval for a revised programme and associated site releases.

In the Wickersley Ward, the demand for two bedroom bungalows was high so by changing the unit type from houses to bungalows, the scheme would contribute to helping older people and people with support needs to live independently.

From the four options put forward, Option 4 was recommended for approval in that it removed Willow Close, added two new sites to the proposal and would deliver all units as bungalows instead of houses, but would reduce the number of units to 10. However, it turn it would deliver
the highest number of new homes and assist in meeting the local housing need for bungalows.

Cabinet Members welcomed the proposals and how some derelict sites were being brought back into use, but sought clarification on the removal of the Willow Close site and sought assurances that some of the disruption experienced by nearby residents with fly tipping litter and anti-social behaviour would be dealt with.

The Cabinet were assured that consultation would take place with Ward Members and residents in and around Willow Close to look how to improve on some of the issues being described.

Resolved:- (1) That the transfer to Arches Housing Association of two additional HRA-owned garage sites in the Wickersley Ward (Chestnut Close adjacent numbers 7 and 9 and opposite numbers 30 and 32), at the value of £5k per plot, subject to Arches confirming their suitability for residential development, be approved.

(2) That the removal of the Willow Close site from the scheme as this has been found to be unsuitable for residential development, be approved.

(3) That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director of Housing Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing, to approve amendments to numbers and types of homes if required due to any site constraints or Planning recommendations that arise once work commences.

65. COUNCIL DELIVERY OF NEW HOMES ON ROTHERHAM TOWN CENTRE SITES

Further to Minute No. 61 of the meeting of the Cabinet and Commissioners held on 16th October, 2017, consideration was given to the previous recommendations, including the need for a preferred contractor partner to be identified to proceed with proposals for 171 high quality, mixed tenure homes developed for these gateway sites, which were key to the transformation of the town centre.

This report, therefore, set out the full details of the scheme, explained how it would help deliver the Town Centre Masterplan and sought authority for the necessary budget and delegated authorities to officers.

Cabinet heard that the sites sat at strategically important, highly visible gateway locations in the town centre, adjacent to other sites with the potential to accommodate further housing development. The delivery of 171 new homes across these sites would provide a significant contribution towards Rotherham’s housing growth requirement, with further multiplier effects as anticipated above.
It was also important to maximise the scheme’s contribution towards meeting the Borough’s affordable housing need, with many other sites within the town centre presenting viability challenges. The provision of 72% affordable housing within the scheme would have a significant positive impact for those households struggling with open market affordability.

Development funding on these sites would come from the HRA with some external funding from the Sheffield City Region Housing Fund. Last week the Sheffield City Region detailed business case was recommended for approval with the decision to be taken in November. It was hoped that positive news would then be heard from New Vision Homes England who were also keen to support the Council’s plans in this regard in terms of delivery.

A competitive tendering exercise had been completed and Willmott Dixon were the preferred delivery partner and work had been taking place over the past six months making sure the plans could be pulled together and planning permission approved.

The Capital Programme was also to be presented to the Council meeting in terms of the formal process with a view to starting on site early in the New Year.

Over the next twelve to eighteen months new residents would be welcomed into quality homes in the town centre. However, in terms of the tenure mix and the range of housing within these developments, 72% of those homes would be affordable either as Council rent or as shared ownership, which was impressive allowing people to have options to suit their financial position.

Staff were commended for their hard work in pulling all these plans together.

Cabinet Members welcomed this report and the positive opportunities for housing in the town centre.

Resolved:- (1) That the contents of the report, including the delivery arrangements for and funding implications of the proposed scheme, be noted.

(2) That Council be recommended to approve the scheme for inclusion in the Capital Programme.

(3) That the use of Housing Revenue Account capital resources to undertake preparatory works, as outlined in Section 12.6, up to the amount set out in exempt Appendix 5, be approved.
(4) That the Assistant Director of Housing Services be authorised to undertake any necessary procurement and award tenders for contracts associated with the delivery of the proposed scheme within the amounts set out in exempt Appendix 5.

(5) That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director of Housing Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing, to make amendments to site boundaries and to the numbers, types and tenures of homes in the scheme.

(6) That the land shown red-lined at Appendices 1, 2 and 3 be appropriated from the General Fund to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA).

66. UPDATE TO THE COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER POLICY

Consideration was given to the report which sought approval to update the existing Council policy on the Community Asset Transfer process and adopt the revised policy together with a suite of supporting documents.

The existing CAT Policy had the requirement that all agreements should contain a break option in favour of the Council, in the unlikely but possible event that the asset transferred was required for wider community development directly (the asset or surrounding site itself) or indirectly (for the benefit of a capital receipt). However, many community groups now relied on external funding provision for the delivery of their services and were requesting that the break clause provision was removed from their agreement to meet their funder’s requirements. Funders were obviously reluctant to release grant monies for a CAT project if the agreement could be terminated by the landlord.

In these circumstances, where the Council did accept that it was appropriate to remove the break clause, then further approval was required from Cabinet as the proposed agreement was not in line with the current adopted Policy.

It was, therefore, proposed in the updated Policy, that in these circumstances, the decision to agree to any removal of the Council’s break clause provision should fall under the “Property Officer’s” delegated powers under paragraph 41.5.12 of the Council’s Financial and Procurement Procedure Rules.

It was also proposed in the updated CAT Policy that there would now be a Joint Working Agreement (JWA) that would be supplemental to any CAT agreement granted. The JWA would be agreed between the parties and clearly define and document what was expected (from both the Council and organisation) in terms of the services to be delivered from the building (or land) and to provide further surety that the services continued to meet the needs of the local community and the Council’s corporate priorities.
There would also be a break clause provision, in favour of the Council, that if the terms and conditions of the JWA were not being adhered to then the Council have the option to terminate the CAT agreement.

The Cabinet were urged to approve the updated Policy so that it could be used to determine all CAT applications.

Resolved:- That the revised Community Asset Transfer Policy documents appended to this report be approved and adopted.

67. ADOPTION OF A REVISED STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (SCI)

Consideration was given to the report which detailed how the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) set out how the Council involved local communities in planning for the future of the Borough, through the preparation of the Local Plan and other planning policy documents, and the determination of planning applications.

It was a legislative requirement that the Council had a Statement of Community Involvement for planning-related consultations and that there was a process to review it every five years.

The report, therefore, outlined the outcome of consultation on a draft revised Statement of Community Involvement. Under Article 3 of the Constitution, the SCI forms part of the policy framework. As such, only a meeting of the Council could adopt a revised SCI. Cabinet approval was, therefore, sought to recommend to Council that the current Statement of Community Involvement be withdrawn and the revised document be adopted.

Resolved:- (1) That Council be recommended to withdraw the current Statement of Community Involvement (2015).

(2) That Council be recommended to adopt the revised Statement of Community Involvement (2019).

68. FOOD AND FEED SERVICE PLAN 2019/20

Consideration was given to the report which detailed how the Food Standards Agency required all Competent Authorities to have an up-to-date, documented Food and Feed Service Plan, which was readily available to food and feed business operators and consumers. This Plan must be subject to regular review and clearly state the period of time for which the plan had effect.

Following audit by the Food Standards Agency in May, 2010, the Agency confirmed that the format of the Council’s Food Service Plan was in line with the Service Planning Guidance in the Framework Agreement. The Food and Feed Service Plan for 2019/20 followed this outline.
The Food and Feed Service Plan, therefore, detailed the Council’s performance during 2018/19 and identified expected performance for 2019/20. Performance was reported nationally to the Food Standards Agency through the Local Authority Enforcement Monitoring System.

The Plan also highlighted the priorities for the year going forward in terms of food hygiene and the large number of establishments that this covered. The food hygiene ratings could be viewed online and the data was available for access.

**Resolved:-** That the Food and Feed Service Plan for 2019/20 and the accompanying Food and Feed Sampling Protocol for 2019/20 be approved.

69. **HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTIONS POLICY**

Consideration was given to the report which detailed the findings of a public consultation carried out to seek views on key elements of a proposed House to House Collections Policy. In particular, the Council was keen to understand what levels of returns to charities the public expected when making donations, and in addition, the times at which collections might be considered to be reasonable.

The proposed House to House Collections Policy, therefore, reflected the findings of the consultation and was presented with this report for consideration for adoption. The majority of responses agreed with the Policy and in particular the principle, but a number of responses referred to the number of plastic bags posted through doors and organisations would be encouraged to recycle.

Comments were also taken on board about the timings for collections and this was proposed to be reduced by one hour to 7.00 p.m., but this would be reviewed after one year.

This report had been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board as part of the pre-scrutiny process who were in support of the recommendations, subject to consideration being given to amending the Policy to restrict collection times during Greenwich Mean time to 1600 hours, whilst retaining the limit of 1900 hours during British Summer Time, and to encourage the use of recyclable collections bags, where practicable, through the House to House Collections Policy.

The Cabinet was unable to accept the recommendation relating to timings as it was believed 7.00 p.m. was a reasonable time to make sure that charities could adjust their collections to ensure they were not adversely affected and ensure that charities were still able to raise funds.
The Cabinet was able to mandate the recommendation about recyclable collections bags and would encourage from within the Policy about recycling opportunities.

Councillor Short also sought clarification in the Policy and whether or not charitable organisations such as the Lions and Rotary Club would still be able to collect at specific times around holiday times, such as Christmas.

Cabinet and Councillor Short were assured that there would need to be a compromise and that the Policy facilitated applications being considered on a case by case basis by the Licensing Board, who would certainly not want to stop the good work, particularly around Christmas time.

The Chair of the Licensing Board reiterated that each individual application would be considered and representations were welcomed. Local connections were important and the review of the Policy was triggered by the concern about collections, mostly of clothing, that came before the Licensing Board where there was not a high enough percentage of money being collected and given to the charity. This was welcomed by Cabinet.

Resolved:- (1) That the outcomes of the consultation on the proposed House to House Collections Policy be noted.

(2) That the revised House to House Collection Policy be adopted and approved.

70. STREET WORKS PERMIT SCHEME – ALL STREETS

Consideration was given to the report which proposed the expansion of the Council’s Permit Scheme to every street across the Council’s adopted highway network to increase levels of controls over road and streets works, influence how works were undertaken and subsequently reduce the disruption caused to highway users along with an associated benefit in terms of minimising noise and air pollution.

This would give the Council more control over how and when and how long utilities could dig up the road. It was frustrating for residents and there had been a number of instances where the road has been dug up, not repaired properly and defects had emerged.

The proposal, therefore, was to expand this scheme to every street in Rotherham, thus providing the Council with more control and seek to minimise disruption.

Cabinet Members welcomed this scheme and how it could influence the way that works were undertaken and in turn generate a positive return for residents.
Resolved:— (1) That the expansion of the current Street Works Permit Scheme from 304 of Rotherham’s busiest streets to every street in the Borough's adopted road network (Option 3) be approved.

(2) That the Head of Legal Services be authorised to conclude and execute all necessary legal documentation.

71. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

Consideration was given to the circulated report, the contents of which were included as part of the relevant items and the details included accordingly.

72. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:— That the next meeting of the Cabinet take place on Monday, 18th November, 2019 at 10.00 a.m.
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