

ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

Date of Decision:	16/05/25
Title:	<i>PSDS Phase 4 Decarbonisation Works.</i>
Decision Maker: (Including Job Title)	<i>Kevin Fisher, Assistant Director, Property and Facilities Services.</i>
Details of Specific Delegation or Delegation contained in the relevant Sub-Scheme of Delegation.	<p>On Monday 14th February 2022, Cabinet gave authorisation of a Capital budget to identify and deliver a number of schemes to be funded through this budget and/or through external funding, where available.</p> <p>Agenda for Cabinet on Monday 14 February 2022, 10.00 a.m. - Rotherham Council Item 107 Budget and Council Tax 2022/23 and Medium term Financial Strategy. Approved recommendation 11 of the Capital programme detailed in Appendix 3B 'Operational Building Decarbonisation' Capital project.</p> <p>Printed minutes Monday 14-Feb-2022 10.00 Cabinet.pdf</p> <p>Minute 107 refers.</p> <p>'Resolved:- That Cabinet recommend to Council: 1. Approval of the Budget and Financial Strategy for 2022/23 as set out in the report and appendices, including the proposed budget adjustments and investments, a basic Council Tax increase of 1.5% and an Adult Social Care precept of 3%.'</p> <p>The schemes would be retrospectively reported to cabinet on an annual basis (February) as part of the Climate Emergency Annual Report.</p>
Decision:	<p><i>In February 2022, Cabinet approved a budget to support the decarbonisation of the Council's corporate estate.</i></p> <p><i>In November 2024, the Council applied to the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS4) Phase 4 to decarbonise three buildings:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Swinton Community Centre and Library</i> • <i>Springwell gardens Community Centre</i> • <i>115 Middle Lane South</i>

	<p><i>It was also proposed that an additional site, Peacock Lodge Children’s Home which is not eligible for PSDS funding using Council Capital is also delivered alongside these works.</i></p> <p><i>In March 2025, it was confirmed that the Council was successful in its application to PSDS.</i></p> <p><i>This decision is therefore to approve:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. the use of external Capital funds alongside Council Capital match funding to a total budget of £422k.</i> <i>2. to undertake a procurement to deliver the works associated with this scheme on the above 4 buildings:</i> <i>3. the delivery of decarbonisation works on the abovementioned 4 properties.</i>
<p>Reasons for the Decision:</p>	<p><i>This decision has been made to continue to make progress towards the Council’s net zero by 2030 target whilst supplementing Council allocated capital funding with available government grants.</i></p>
<p>Details of alternative options considered and rejected:</p>	<p><i>The Council has also considered two other options:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. To undertake no decarbonisation works or energy efficiency improvements on the above sites.</i> <i>or</i> <i>2. To undertake energy efficiency improvements only.</i> <p><i>These options were rejected as these options would not make progress towards the Council’s decarbonisation targets. In addition, option 2 would not be cost effective as the council would lose access to the PSDS grant funding which requires the decarbonisation of heating systems..</i></p>
<p>Conflicts of interest declared by any Cabinet Member consulted by the decision maker which relates to the decision:</p>	<p><i>No conflicts of interest declared.</i></p>
<p>Dispensations Granted: (If any)</p>	<p><i>Not applicable</i></p>
<p>Conflicts of interest declared by the Decision Maker if they sit as a Cabinet appointed representative to an outside body which</p>	<p><i>No conflicts of interest identified.</i></p>


relates to the decision:	
Dispensations Granted: (If any)	<i>Not applicable</i>
Reports or parts of reports considered	<i>The report of the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services entitled PSDS Phase 4 Decarbonisation Works Officer Delegated Decision Report and associated appendices.</i>

I certify that this is a true record of the executive decision to:

This decision has been made to continue to make progress towards the Council's net zero by 2030 target whilst supplementing Council allocated capital funding with available government grants.

I confirm that in making this decision, due regard was given to the seven principles of public life.

Signed by the Decision Maker:



Dated: 16th May 2025

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