



Council

Wednesday, 27 January 2016

2.00 p.m.

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

Rotherham
Metropolitan
Borough Council 

WELCOME TO TODAY'S MEETING

GUIDANCE FOR THE PUBLIC

The Council is composed of 63 Councillors, who are democratically accountable to the residents of their ward.

The Council Meeting is chaired by the Mayor, who will ensure that its business can be carried out efficiently and with regard to respecting the rights and responsibilities of Councillors and the interests of the community. The Mayor is the Borough's first citizen and is treated with respect by the whole Council, as should visitors and member of the public.

All Councillors meet together as the Council. Here Councillors decide the Council's overall policies and set the budget each year. The Council appoints its Leader, Mayor and Deputy Mayor and at its Annual Meeting will appoint Councillors to serve on its committees.

Copies of the agenda and reports are available on the Council's website at www.rotherham.gov.uk. The public can also have access to the reports to be discussed at the meeting by visiting the Reception at the Town Hall. The Reception is open from 8.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. each day. You may not be allowed to see some reports because they contain private information and these will be marked accordingly on the agenda.

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Council meetings are open to the public, but occasionally the Council may have to discuss an item in private. If this occurs you will be asked to leave. If you would like to attend a meeting please report to the Reception at the Town Hall and you will be directed to the relevant meeting room.

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THE MAYOR (Councillor Maggi Clark)
DEPUTY MAYOR (Councillor Christopher Middleton)

MANAGING DIRECTOR (Commissioner Stella Manzie)

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

ANSTON AND WOODSETTS

TAYLOR, Robert
BURTON, Josephine A.
JEPSON, Clive R.

KEPPEL

CLARK, Margaret
HAGUE, Paul
CUTTS, Dave

SITWELL

MIDDLETON, Christopher N.
TURNER, Julie
COWLES, Allen

BOSTON CASTLE

ALAM, Saghir
YASSEEN, Taiba
MCNEELY, Rose M.

MALTBY

GODFREY, Margaret
BEAUMONT, Christine
RUSHFORTH, Amy L.

SWINTON

WYATT, Kenneth J.
ROSE, Eve
SANSOME, Stuart

BRINSWORTH AND CATCLIFFE

AHMED, Shabana
RODDISON, Andy
BUCKLEY, Alan

RAWMARSH

WHELBOURN, Glyn
EVANS, Simon
VINES, Caven

VALLEY

CURRIE, Simon
PICKERING, Dave
REEDER, Kathleen

DINNINGTON

TWEED, Simon
FINNIE, Ian
MALLINDER, Jeanette

ROTHER VALE

LELLIOTT, Denise
HUGHES, Darren
REYNOLDS, Gregory

WALES

WATSON, Gordon
WHYSALL, Jennifer
BECK, Dominic

HELLABY

ASTBURY, Lauren
FLEMING, Richard
TURNER, John

ROTHERHAM EAST

WALLIS, Emma
KHAN, Tajamal
ALI, Shaukat

WATH

GOSLING, Alan
ELLIOT, Jayne
ATKIN, Alan

HOLDERNESS

ROBINSON, Christopher B.
PITCHLEY, Lyndsay
SMITH, Gerald

ROTHERHAM WEST

SIMS, Kath
VINES, Maureen
JONES, Ian

WICKERSLEY

HODDINOTT, Emma
READ, Chris
ELLIS, Sue

HOOBER

ROCHE, David J.
HAMILTON, Jane
STEELE, Brian

SILVERWOOD

RUSSELL, Gwendoline A.
ROSLING, Jon
PARKER, Martyn

WINGFIELD

JOHNSTON, Lindsay M. S.
PRICE, Richard
HUNTER, Lee

Council Meeting Agenda

Time and Date:-

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Venue:-

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1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

To consider any announcements by the Mayor or the Leader.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

3. PETITIONS

To report on any petitions received by the Council.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

Any communication received by the Mayor or Managing Director which relates to a recommendation of the Cabinet or a committee which was received after the relevant meeting.

5. 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.

6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING (Pages 1 - 25)

To receive the record of proceedings of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 9th December, 2015 and to approve the accuracy thereof.

7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

To receive questions from members of the public who may wish to ask a general question of the Mayor, Advisory Cabinet Member or the Chairman of a Committee.

8. CALCULATION OF THE COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR 2016/17 (report herewith) (Pages 26 - 35)

To consider and approve the calculation of the Council's proposed Council Tax base for the forthcoming financial year 2016/17.

9. HOUSING RENTS 2016/17 (report herewith) (Pages 36 - 44)

To consider and approve the proposed charges for the setting of the housing rent and non- dwelling rents for 2016-17.

10. DISTRICT HEATING SCHEME CHARGES 2016/17 (report herewith) (Pages 45 - 52)

To consider and approve the proposed charges for the Council's District Heating schemes for 2016-17.

11. MID-YEAR TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS MONITORING REPORT - 2015/16 (report herewith) (Pages 53 - 72)

To consider and approve the changes to the 2015/16 prudential indicators and the update to the wording of the current Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement.

12. SUBMISSION OF THE ROTHERHAM COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (report herewith) (Pages 73 - 97)

To consider and approve the submission to Government of Rotherham's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

13. APPOINTMENT OF A HEAD OF PAID SERVICE, RETURNING OFFICER, ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER AND DEPUTY ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER (report herewith) (Pages 98 - 103)

To recommend that Council appoints the new Chief Executive, Sharon Kemp, as Head of Paid Service, Returning Officer for Elections and Electoral Registration officer and the incoming Assistant Director of Legal Services as Deputy Electoral Registration Officer

14. CONSTITUTION UPDATE AND REVIEW OF SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCE STATUS (report herewith) (Pages 104 - 117)

To update on the Council's constitution to reflect the duties and responsibilities of the Advisory Cabinet Members and payment of a proportion of Special Responsibility Allowances (SRA), approval of the amendments to the constitution in respect of the arrangements for call in of Executive decisions and the amendments to the Executive Procedure Rules as set out in the report, to include arrangements for the public asking questions at Cabinet meetings.

15. AUTHORISATION OF OFFICER TO APPEAR IN COURT PROCEEDINGS (report herewith) (Pages 118 - 122)

To consider and approve authorisation under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1972, for a newly recruited Technical Officer to the Council's Account Management Team to appear in the Magistrates' Court on behalf of the Council.

16. REVISED MEMBERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS 2015/16

To consider a revision to the following:-

- For Councillor Buckley to replace Councillor Wallis as Vice-Chairman of the Advisory Licensing Board.
- For Councillor Ellis to replace Councillor Alam on the Audit Committee.
- For Councillor Roddison to replace Councillor Wallis on the Improving Places Select Commission.
- For Councillor McNeely to replace Councillor Alam on the Health Select Commission.
- For Councillor McNeely to replace Councillor Alam on the Standards Committee.
- For Councillor Khan to replace Councillor Yasseen on the Planning Board and for Councillor McNeely to be named as substitute.
- For Councillor Sansome to replace Councillor Roche on the Planning Board and for Councillor Roche to be named as substitute.

17. NOTICE OF MOTION - TRADES UNION BILL

This Council notes:-

As a major employer in the local area, this Council welcomes the positive benefits that arise from the relationship that we have with recognised trade unions and believes that the relationship between employers and their employees through their collective representatives would be damaged by removing the autonomy of local authorities with regards to facility time and the continuing use of check-off (where union members pay union dues direct from wages).

This Council believes that the Trade Union Bill, far from assisting employer-employee relations or improving workplace democracy, is an ideologically driven attack on the fundamental rights and freedoms of workers to organise or take strike action. The Council notes that the Bill and associated secondary legislation will:-

- Allow agency labour to be used to break strikes. This is currently allowed and would be deeply divisive, and with agency workers often doing unfamiliar jobs, could pose a serious health and safety risk to themselves and others.
- Massively limit the right to strike by introducing very high thresholds for industrial ballots, with an extra threshold in certain public services, without doing anything to improve the ability of workers to participate in ballots.
- Severely restrict the right to picket and peacefully protest, including organising campaigns through social media.
- Irrespective of the wishes of the employer; it will significantly reduce trade

union facility time and withdraw check off union contributions in the public sector.

This Council, therefore, resolves to:-

- Call on the Government to scrap the Trade Union Bill and all associated regulation/secondary legislation.
- Commits to promote the positive role that trade unions bring to society.
- Write to the Secretary of State for Business Innovation and Science confirming the Council's unequivocal opposition to the Bill.
- Support the campaign against the unnecessary, anti-democratic and bureaucratic Trade Union Bill.
- Seek to continue its own locally agreed industrial relations strategy and will take every measure possible to maintain its autonomy with regard to facility time and the continuing use of check-off.

Proposer:- Councillor Richard Price Second:- Councillor Robert Taylor

18. NOTICE OF MOTION - HOUSING AND PLANNING BILL

This Council notes:-

- That the Housing and Planning Bill is currently being debated in Parliament, and if passed would threaten the provision of affordable homes for rent and buy through:
 - forcing 'high-value' council homes to be sold on the open market;
 - extending the right-to-buy to housing association tenants; and
 - undermining section 106 requirements on private developers to provide affordable homes.
- That there is no commitment in the Bill that affordable homes will be replaced like-for-like in the local area.
- That whilst measures to help first time buyers are welcome, the 'starter homes' proposals in the Bill will be unaffordable to families and young people on ordinary incomes in most parts of the country. They should be built in addition to, and not in place of, genuinely affordable homes.
- That the Bill undermines localism by taking 32 new wide and open-ended powers for the Secretary over councils and local communities, including the ability to override local plans, to mandate rents for social tenants, and to impose a levy on stock-holding councils, violating the terms of the housing revenue account self-financing deal.
- That the Bill, whilst introducing some welcome measures to get to grips with rogue landlords, does not help with the high rents, poor conditions and insecurity affecting many of England's 11m private renters – including one in four families with children – and does nothing to help arrest the recent rise in homelessness.

This Council resolves:-

- To analyse and report on the likely impact of the forced sale of council homes, the extension of right-to-buy and the 'starter homes' requirement on the local availability of affordable homes.
- To analyse and report on any further likely impacts of the Bill on the local area.
- To use this information to:-
 - support the Leader of the Council in writing to the Secretary of State with our concerns about the Bill;
 - set up an urgent meeting between the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive with the local Members of Parliament to raise our concerns;
 - make public our concerns, including by publishing the above information on the council's website and promoting through the local press.

Mover:- Councillor Emma Wallis

Seconder:- Councillor Maggie Godfrey

19. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD (Pages 123 - 133)

To receive and consider reports, minutes and recommendations of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on 25th November, 2015.

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

20. PLANNING BOARD (Pages 134 - 141)

To receive and consider reports, minutes and recommendations of the Planning Board held on 10th December, 2015 and 7th January, 2016.

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

21. STAFFING COMMITTEE (Pages 142 - 143)

To receive and consider reports, minutes and recommendations of the Staffing Committee held on 18th January, 2016.

See Minute No. 17 – Children and Young People's Services Senior Management.

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

22. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO DESIGNATED SPOKESPERSONS

To put questions, if any, to the designated Members on the discharge of functions of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority and South Yorkshire Pensions Authority, in accordance with Standing Order No. 7(5).

23. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO ADVISORY CABINET MEMBERS AND CHAIRMEN

To put questions, if any, to Advisory Cabinet Members and Chairmen (or their representatives) under Standing Order No. 7(1) and 7(3).

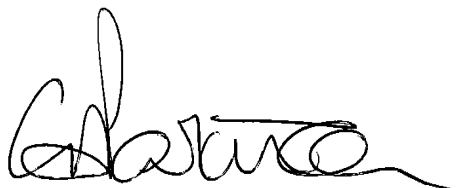
24. URGENT ITEMS

Any other public items which the Mayor determines are urgent.

25. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Should it be necessary, in the opinion of the Mayor, to consider excluding the press and public from the meeting in relation to any items of urgent business on the grounds that private information is likely to be divulged.

There are no such items at the time of preparing this agenda.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Parkinson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

CATHERINE A. PARKINSON,
Interim Director of Legal and Democratic Services.

**The next meeting of the Council will be on Wednesday, 2nd March, 2016 at
2.00 p.m. at the Town Hall.**