



Council

Wednesday, 7 September 2016

2.00 p.m.

Council Chamber, Town Hall,

Moorgate Street, Rotherham. S60 2TH

Rotherham
Metropolitan
Borough Council 

The logo for Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council, featuring a stylized black letter 'R' with a white curved shape inside it.

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.

Members of the public have the right to ask questions or submit petitions to Council meetings. A member of the public may ask one general question in person which must be received in writing to the Chief Executive by 10.00 a.m. on the Friday preceding a Council meeting on the following Wednesday and must not exceed fifty words in length.

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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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COUNCIL

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THE MAYOR (Councillor Lindsay Pitchley)
DEPUTY MAYOR (Councillor Eve Keenan)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE (Sharon Kemp)

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

ANSTON AND WOODSETTS

IRELAND, Jonathan C.
JEPSON, Clive R.
WILSON, Katherine M.

KEPPEL

CLARK, Maggi
CUTTS, Dave
HAGUE, Paul

SITWELL

COWLES, Allen
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TURNER, Julie

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YASSEEN, Taiba K.

MALTBY

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PRICE, Richard
RUSHFORTH, Amy L.

SWINTON

CUSWORTH, Victoria
SANSOME, Stuart
WYATT, Kenneth J.

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RODDISON, Andy
SIMPSON, Nigel G.

RAWMARSH

BIRD, Robert
MARRIOTT Sandra
SHEPPARD, David R.

VALLEY

ALBISTON, Kerry
REEDER, Kathleen
SENIOR, Jayne E.

DINNINGTON

FINNIE, Ian K.
MALLINDER, Jeanette M.
TWEED, Simon A.

ROTHER VALE

ALLCOCK, Leon
BROOKES, Amy C.
WALSH, Robert J.

WALES

BECK, Dominic
WATSON, Gordon
WHYSALL, Jennifer

HELLABY

ANDREWS, Jennifer A.
CUTTS, Brian
TURNER, R. A. John

ROTHERHAM EAST

COOKSEY, Wendy
FENWICK-GREEN Deborah
KHAN, Tajamal

WATH

ATKIN, Alan
ELLIOT, Jayne C.
EVANS, Simon

HOLDERNESS

ELLIOTT, Michael S.
PITCHLEY, Lyndsay
TAYLOR, Robert P.

ROTHERHAM WEST

JARVIS, Patricia A.
JONES, Ian P.
KEENAN, Eve.

WICKERSLEY

ELLIS, Susan
HODDINOTT, Emma
READ, Chris

HOOBER

LELLIOTT, Denise
ROCHE, David J.
STEELE, Brian

SILVERWOOD

MARLES, Steven
NAPPER, Alan D.
RUSSELL, Gwendoline A.

WINGFIELD

ALLEN, Sarah A.
ELLIOTT, Robert W.
WILLIAMS, John

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 Chief Executive 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

To receive the record of proceedings of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 13 July 2016 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, Cabinet Member or the Chairman of a Committee.

8. MINUTES OF THE CABINET AND COMMISSIONERS' DECISION MAKING MEETING (Pages 1 - 24)

To receive and consider the reports, minutes and recommendations of the Cabinet and Commissioners' Decision Making Meeting held on 11 July 2016.

9. WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW - PROPOSED COUNCIL SIZE SUBMISSION (Pages 25 - 45)

To consider the submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England in respect of the proposed size of the membership of Rotherham MBC, as part of the ward boundary review.

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

1. GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER 'EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE EVERYWHERE'

That this Council notes:-

- That despite the significant opposition to the proposals in the White Paper, Educational Excellence Everywhere, published in March, the Government has reiterated that it wants all schools to become academies within multi-academy trusts (MATs) by 2022 and will force them to do so if they are in local authorities that it determines to be no longer 'viable' or to be 'underperforming'.
- That the plans will be incredibly expensive with estimates on the cost to the taxpayer as high as £1.3 billion. Forced academisation will happen at a time when funding per pupil in real terms is set to fall by as much as 8 per cent or more, meaning that scarce funds that could otherwise be spent on children's education will instead be wasted on an unnecessary top-down reorganisation of schools.
- That the plans are not supported by any evidence that academy status in and of itself improves standards of education. Around 85% of local authority maintained schools are good or outstanding.
- That the plans will remove from parents the right to elect representatives to the governing body of their child's school. There will be no requirement for academy governing bodies to have local authority representatives or for MATs to have elected staff governors.
- That the plans entail the break-up of the national system of pay and conditions for teachers. Academy trusts or individual academies will have to make decisions at a school level. This will be a distraction from time that could be better spent on teaching and learning.
- That the plans are indicative of a Government with the wrong priorities for education. The proposals in the white paper will do nothing to address - and may in fact worsen - teacher shortages, a lack of school places in many parts of the country, chaos over curriculum and assessment changes and funding pressures in schools and colleges.
- That the plans have attracted widespread opposition from parents, school staff, governors, heads and MPs and Councillors from across the political spectrum.

This Council therefore resolves to:

- Oppose the Government's proposals and undertakes to speak out against, and encourage campaigning against the plans.
- Note that given the scale of the opposition these changes are by no means inevitable. School governing bodies should not therefore rush or

feel pressurised into converting to academy status.

- Reject the idea of forming protective or local MATs in advance of any proposals being enacted.
- Call a meeting of school governors, trade unions and parents to highlight the Council's position on the white paper.
- Work with other councils, trade unions, parents and governor groups to oppose the provisions in the White Paper.

Proposed by: Councillor Richard Price

Seconded by: Councillor Wendy Cooksey

2. PROPOSED HS2 ROUTE IN THE BOROUGH

That this Council notes:

- the apparent intent of the government to create the new HS2 railway system
- the present altered suggestion for the route to go through Aston and Bramley.

That this Council therefore resolves to

- (a) Oppose the intent to re-route HS2
- (b) Persuade the government to abolish the project entirely.

Proposed by: Councillor John Turner

Seconded by: Councillor Mick Elliott

11. AUDIT COMMITTEE (Pages 46 - 55)

To receive and consider reports, minutes and recommendations of the Audit Committee.

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

12. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD (Pages 56 - 59)

To receive and consider reports, minutes and recommendations of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

13. PLANNING BOARD (Pages 60 - 64)

To receive and consider reports, minutes and recommendations of the Planning Board.

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

14. 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).

15. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS AND CHAIRMEN

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

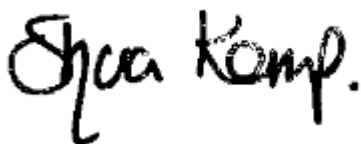
16. URGENT ITEMS

Any other public items which the Mayor determines are urgent.

17. 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 that reads "Sharon Kemp". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

SHARON KEMP,
Chief Executive.

**The next meeting of the Council will be on 19 October 2016 at 2.00 p.m.
at the Town Hall.**