



Council

Wednesday, 25 January 2017

2.00 p.m.

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

Rotherham
Metropolitan
Borough Council 

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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.

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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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If you have any queries on this agenda, please contact:-

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COUNCIL

Wednesday, 25 January 2017 at 2.00 p.m.
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Moorgate Street, Rotherham. S60 2TH

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
SHORT Peter, G. J.
TURNER, Julie

BOSTON CASTLE

ALAM, Saghir
MCNEELY, Rose M.
YASSEEN, Taiba K.

MALTBY

BEAUMONT, Christine
PRICE, Richard
RUSHFORTH, Amy L.

SWINTON

CUSWORTH, Victoria
SANSOME, Stuart
WYATT, Kenneth J.

BRINSWORTH AND CATCLIFFE

BUCKLEY, Alan
SIMPSON, Nigel G.

RAWMARSH

BIRD, Robert
MARRIOTT Sandra
SHEPPARD, David R.

VALLEY

ALBISTON, Kerry
REEDER, Kathleen
SENIOR, Jayne E.

DINNINGTON

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:-

Wednesday, 25 January 2017 at 2.00 p.m.

Venue:-

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

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.

The Monitoring Officer will provide advice at the meeting to councillors who may have disclosable pecuniary interests as tenants in council owned housing or property. If you should have any concerns regarding a potential interest, you should contact the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting for advice.

6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING (Pages 1 - 24)

To receive the record of proceedings of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 7th December, 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 25 - 54)

To receive and consider the reports, minutes and recommendations of the Cabinet and Commissioners' Decision Making Meetings held on 12 December 2016 and 9 January, 2017.

9. 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.

Item 11 on the agenda (Recommendation from Cabinet – Boston Park Reservoir) contains exempt information. If the meeting needs to discuss the detail of the exempt information, it will be necessary for the Mayor to propose:

That under Section 100(A) 4 of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves 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.

10. RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET - CAPITAL PROGRAMME - OPERATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME 2016/17 (Pages 55 - 63)

To consider a recommendation from Commissioner Kenny in respect of the inclusion of additional schemes within the Capital Programme.

11. RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET - BOSTON PARK RESERVOIR (Pages 64 - 80)

To consider a recommendation from Commissioner Kenny to include the project for improvement works at Boston Park within the Capital Programme.

12. RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET - ADDITION OF BARKERS PARK CHANGING ROOMS TO THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME (Pages 81 - 86)

To consider a recommendation from Commissioner Kenny to include the scheme for Barkers Park Changing Rooms within the Capital Programme.

13. RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET - UPGRADING OF FLUORESCENT STREET LIGHTING TO LED (Pages 87 - 95)

To consider a recommendation from Cabinet to include the upgrade project within the Capital Programme as an invest to save scheme.

14. RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET - CAPITAL FUNDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF 30 HOUR CHILDCARE PLACES (Pages 96 - 106)

To consider a recommendation from Cabinet in respect of the inclusion of the scheme for the development of 30 hour childcare places within the Capital Programme.

15. RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET - NOVEMBER 2016 FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT AND MID-YEAR TREASURY REVIEW (Pages 107 - 167)

To consider recommendations from Cabinet arising from the November 2016 Financial Monitoring Report and Mid-Year Treasury Review in respect of the Capital Programme and Prudential Indicators.

16. RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET - CALCULATION OF THE COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR 2017/18 (Pages 168 - 178)

To consider recommendations from Cabinet in respect of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme and the calculation of the Council Tax Base for 2017/18.

17. RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET - HOUSING RENT 2017/18 (Pages 179 - 188)

To consider recommendations from Cabinet in respect of housing rents for 2017/18.

18. RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET - DISTRICT HEATING SCHEME CHARGES 2017/18 (Pages 189 - 197)

To consider recommendations from Cabinet in respect of proposed charges for the District Heating Scheme 2017/18.

19. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION - FINANCIAL PROCEDURE RULES AND CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS (Pages 198 - 270)

To consider recommendations to amend the Financial Procedure Rules and Contract Standing Orders set out in the Constitution.

20. NOTICE OF MOTION - WATSON'S TIP

This Council believes:-

- The Environment Agency should not have awarded a permit for the recommencing of waste disposal adjacent to Droppingwell Road on the Watson's Tip site.
- This action will have a detrimental impact on the local residents, organisations in the area and the environment. We are proud of our local amenity, which includes Millmoor Juniors Football Club and Peter Cowen's Golf Academy, and feel that the decision could put these organisations at risk.
- Neither the Environment Agency, nor any regulatory body, can effectively regulate tipping at Watson's Tip, and the risks associated with the closed and capped section of the licensed site.

This Council notes with concern:-

- The lack of consultation from the Environment Agency with the Council and elected members before making the variations and consolidating the permit to Grange Landfill in relation to the recommencement of waste disposal activities at the Droppingwell site.
- The lack of consultation by the Environment Agency with local residents and organisations and the failure to attend a recent local public meeting.
- The Council has submitted significant evidence to the Environment Agency concerning the companies involved, financial matters, compliance, and previous fraudulent and dishonest activity in relation to disposing of waste to landfill.

This Council calls on the Environment Agency to:-

- Communicate effectively with all who will be affected by this variation.
- To re-examine its decision to permit the variations to the permit for Grange Landfill taking into account the evidence provided by the Council.

The conclusion of any such a review should inevitably lead to the Environment Agency taking steps to revoke the permit granted for tipping at the Watson's Tip site. Till then the Council will continue to raise the risks the site may pose to surrounding land, the environment and the public.

Proposer:- Councillor Clark

Seconder:- Councillor Hague

21. NOTICE OF MOTION - VOTER ID

That this Council resolves to fully support the proposal that voter, be it photo or council documents, be required to be presented at a polling booth before a vote is able to be cast, and that there is a crackdown on postal vote "harvesting".

That this Council asks the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to make the Metropolitan Borough of Rotherham and the areas of the constituencies of Rotherham, Rother Valley and Wentworth & Dearne which fall within the borough, a "Pilot Area" for the scheme's future implementation.

Proposer:- Councillor Cowles Seconder: Councillor Simpson

22. REVISED MEMBERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS 2016/17

To consider and approve a revision to the following:-

- For Councillor Evans to replace Councillor Bird on the Improving Lives Select Commission.
- For Councillor Bird to replace Councillor Evans on the Health Select Commission.

23. SCRUTINY UPDATE

To consider and note the Scrutiny Update by the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

24. STAFFING COMMITTEE (Pages 271 - 273)

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

25. PLANNING BOARD (Pages 274 - 277)

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

26. LICENSING BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE (Pages 278 - 280)

To receive and consider reports, minutes and recommendations of the Licensing Board Sub-Committee.


To confirm the minutes as a true record.

27. 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).

28. 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).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon Kemp". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

SHARON KEMP,
Chief Executive.

**The next meeting of the Council will be on
Wednesday 8 March 2017 at 2.00 p.m. at the Town Hall.**