



Council

Wednesday, 8 March 2017
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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**THE MAYOR (Councillor Lindsay Pitchley)
DEPUTY MAYOR (Councillor Eve Keenan)**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE (Sharon Kemp)

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

ANSTON AND WOODSETTS

IRELAND, Jonathan C.
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WILSON, Katherine M.

KEPPEL

CLARK, Maggi
CUTTS, Dave
HAGUE, Paul

SITWELL

COWLES, Allen
SHORT Peter, G. J.
TURNER, Julie

BOSTON CASTLE

ALAM, Saghir
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YASSEEN, Taiba K.

MALTBY

BEAUMONT, Christine
PRICE, Richard
RUSHFORTH, Amy L.

SWINTON

CUSWORTH, Victoria
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BUCKLEY, Alan
SIMPSON, Nigel G.

RAWMARSH

BIRD, Robert
MARRIOTT Sandra
SHEPPARD, David R.

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MALLINDER, Jeanette M.
TWEED, Simon A.
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WALSH, Robert J.

WALES

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HELLABY

ANDREWS, Jennifer A.
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ROTHERHAM EAST

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FENWICK-GREEN Deborah
KHAN, Tajamal

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JARVIS, Patricia A.
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ELLIS, Susan
HODDINOTT, Emma
READ, Chris

HOOBER

LELLIOTT, Denise
ROCHE, David J.
STEELE, Brian

SILVERWOOD

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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 (Pages 1 - 24)

To receive the record of proceedings of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 25th January, 2017 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 - 44)

To receive and consider the reports, minutes and recommendations of the Cabinet and Commissioners' Decision Making Meeting held on 13th February, 2017.

9. BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX 2017-18 (Pages 45 - 197)

To agree the Budget and Council Tax level for the 2017-18 financial year.

10. REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER (Page 198)

To consider the report of the Returning Officer detailing the results of the by-elections for Brinsworth & Catcliffe and Dinnington wards held on Thursday 2 February 2017.

11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND'S REVIEW OF WARD BOUNDARIES IN ROTHERHAM (Pages 199 - 209)

To consider an update in respect of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's review of ward boundaries in Rotherham

12. DISCLOSURE AND BARRING SERVICE CHECKS ON COUNCILLORS (Pages 210 - 212)

To report on the Disclosure and Barring Service Checks on Councillors that have been undertaken since May 2016.

13. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2017-18 (Pages 213 - 228)

To agree the Calendar of Meetings with Committees, Boards and Panels for the 2017-18 municipal year.

14. NOTICE OF MOTION - SAVE ROTHERHAM POST OFFICE

That this Council notes the recent announcement to close Rotherham Post Office on Bridgegate, unless it can be franchised with a partner.

We call on the Post Office and Government to reverse this decision. We are concerned there are limited options for a franchise partner in town, meaning a closure is likely if this route is pursued.

The Post Office network has been reduced by more than 50% over the past 30 years and this is a step too far. Rotherham Post Office is very well used and the decision would be detrimental to customers. As a Crown Post Office it provides services that are not available elsewhere for example, with regards to driving licenses and passports, these would be a big loss to residents in Rotherham.

We call on the council to write to the Post Office and Government outlining our concerns and encourage all members to sign and promote the petition against this decision.

Proposer:- Councillor Yasseen

Seconder:- Councillor Alam

15. NOTICE OF MOTION - ORGREAVE INQUIRY

Rotherham Council condemns Amber Rudd, Home Secretary's rejection on 31st October 2016 in Parliament of an Orgreave Inquiry as a grave injustice. We believe the events of 18th June 1984 here in Rotherham at Orgreave demand there be an inquiry.

This Council is appalled by the decision not to hold an inquiry into the policing of picket lines at the Orgreave coking plant 18th June 1984 Miners' Strike. With this ruling, Amber Rudd has shown great contempt for the Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign, many former miners, their families and communities who for more than 32 years have waited for the truth and who have displayed huge courage and tenacity in trying to hold the authorities to account.

This Council observes that even the Independent Police Complaints Commission said in their redacted report released June 2015 "that there was "evidence of excessive violence by police officers, a false narrative from police exaggerating violence by miners, perjury by officers giving evidence to prosecute the arrested men, and an apparent cover-up of that perjury by senior officers".

This Council is astonished that in the light of such statements Home Secretary Amber Rudd concludes that there are few lessons to be learned by the current police forces from any review of these events, that no one died, there was no miscarriage of justice, no convictions and therefore there will be no inquiry.

This Council notes that 95 miners were arrested and charged with riot offences, but all were later acquitted amid claims that South Yorkshire Police had fabricated evidence. There were also widespread examples of pickets being beaten unconscious by police officers. The miners suffered such treatment simply for exercising their right to protest against the threat to their jobs, their industry and communities.

It is shameful that as yet, no-one has to answer for the events of that day. Monday 31st October 2016 was a bad day for justice. We do however salute the decision of the Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign to continue with its fight for transparency and a full public inquiry.

This Council will write to the Home Secretary asking that she takes into account the opinion of this Council, accepts that there is wide spread public concern about the events at Orgreave and calls on her to order an inquiry into them.

Proposer:- Councillor Steele

Seconder:- Councillor Williams

16. STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE (Pages 229 - 234)

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

17. AUDIT COMMITTEE (Pages 235 - 243)

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

18. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE - PROCUREMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS - 2018/19 AND BEYOND. (PAGES 244 - 250)

To consider recommendations from the Audit Committee in respect of the Council opting into the sector-led option for the procurement and appointment of external audit from 2018/19 onwards.

19. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD (Pages 251 - 261)

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

20. PLANNING BOARD (Pages 262 - 270)

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

21. LICENSING BOARD (Pages 271 - 280)

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

22. STAFFING COMMITTEE (Pages 281 - 283)

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

23. RECOMMENDATION FROM STAFFING COMMITTEE - PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2017 (Pages 284 - 292)

To consider a recommendation from Staffing Committee in respect of the Pay Policy Statement 2017.

**24. RECOMMENDATION FROM STAFFING COMMITTEE - LIVING WAGE
(Pages 293 - 300)**

To consider a recommendation from Staffing Committee in respect of the Living Wage.

25. 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).

26. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS AND CHAIMEN

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



SHARON KEMP,
Chief Executive.

**The next meeting of the Council will be on
Friday 19 May 2017 at 2.00 p.m. at the Town Hall.**