



Council

Wednesday, 30 October 2019

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.

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 Rotherham Town Hall. The Reception is open from 8.30 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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COUNCIL

Wednesday, 30 October 2019 at 2.00 p.m.
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Moorgate Street, Rotherham. S60 2TH

THE MAYOR (Councillor Jenny Andrews)
DEPUTY MAYOR (Councillor Ian Jones)

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
CARTER, Adam
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.
VJESTICA, John

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, 30 October 2019 at 2.00 p.m.

Venue:-

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1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

To consider any announcements by the Mayor in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 3(2)(ii).

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

3. 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.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING (Pages 1 - 29)

To receive the record of proceedings of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 4 September 2019, and to approve the accuracy thereof.

5. PETITIONS

To report on any petitions received by the Council received by the Council and receive statements in support of petitions in accordance with Petitions Scheme and Council Procedure Rule 13.

6. 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.

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 in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12.

8. 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.

Agenda Item 13 (Council Delivery of New Homes on Rotherham Town Centre Sites) has an exempt appendix. Therefore, if necessary when considering those items, the Mayor will move the following resolution:

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.

9. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S STATEMENT

To receive a statement from the Leader of the Council in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.

10. MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING (Pages 30 - 45)

To note the minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held on 16th September, 2019.

11. RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET - ADOPTION OF POLICIES TO SUPPORT ELECTED MEMBERS (Pages 46 - 59)

To consider a recommendation from Cabinet in respect of the adoption of a suite of policies to encourage candidates to stand for election as councillors and to provide enhanced support to Elected Members.

12. RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET - REVIEW OF POLLING PLACES (Pages 60 - 68)

To consider recommendations from Cabinet in respect of the final proposals arising from the review of polling places in the borough.

13. RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET - COUNCIL DELIVERY OF NEW HOMES ON ROTHERHAM TOWN CENTRE SITES (Pages 69 - 102)

To consider a recommendation from the Cabinet in respect of the delivery of new homes on Rotherham Town Centre sites.

14. RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET - ADOPTION OF A REVISED STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (SCI) (Pages 103 - 110)

To consider a recommendation from Cabinet to adopt a revised Statement of Community Involvement.

15. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION - RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNCTIONS - TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CABINET (Pages 111 - 115)

To amend Appendix 9 of the Constitution (Responsibility for Functions) to reflect the Leader of the Council's proposed amendment to the Cabinet's terms of reference.

16. MEMBERSHIP OF POLITICAL GROUPS ON THE COUNCIL, POLITICAL BALANCE AND ENTITLEMENT TO SEATS (Pages 116 - 122)

To report on the operation of political groups, the change to the political balance of the Council and the entitlement of each group and non-aligned Members to seats on the authority's committees.

17. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - RAVENFIELD PARISH COUNCIL (Pages 123 - 135)

To consider the commencement of a community governance review in respect of Ravenfield Parish Council.

18. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY UPDATE (Pages 136 - 154)

To receive an update on the activities of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny bodies in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.

19. CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER'S TAKEOVER CHALLENGE SCRUTINY REVIEW: YOUNG CARERS (Pages 155 - 172)

To receive for information the scrutiny review report from the Rotherham Youth Cabinet in respect of young carers.

20. THRIVING NEIGHBOURHOODS - UPDATES FROM WARD COUNCILLORS (Pages 173 - 179)

To receive updates from ward councillors from Sitwell, Swinton and Valley on the activities supporting Thriving Neighbourhoods across the Borough.

21. NOTICE OF MOTION - CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

In the most recent State of the UK Climate 2017 report, trends show that the UK climate is continuing to warm and that sea levels continue to rise:

- We will be experiencing summers that are 2.5°C warmer,
- Our winters will be milder with the average temperatures being 2.2°C warmer
- There may be a 16% decrease in summer rainfall making our summers much drier but more
- variable
- Winters will be wetter with an average of 14% more rainfall
- Mean sea levels around the UK have risen by about 16 cm since the start of the 20th Century.

The IPCC Special Report on Global Warming published in October 2018 states that we have just 12 years to act on climate change if global temperature rises are to be kept within the recommended 1.5 degrees Celsius.

The government has set a target date of 2050 for Britain to produce “net zero” carbon emissions. All governments (national, regional and local) have a duty to limit the negative impacts of climate change, and local authorities that recognise this should not wait for their national governments to change their policies.

In recent years, Rotherham Council has been reducing its carbon emissions by about 3% per year.

Recent statistics from the energy switching website migrate.co.uk suggest that over the last 10 years Rotherham has seen the fifth biggest reduction of our emissions overall amongst 21 local authorities in Yorkshire & the Humber. Nationally to date over half of the Councils in England have declared a climatic emergency as has the National Government. Rotherham has previously developed a climate change strategy but now is the time to reassess our objective for the years ahead.

This Council notes that there are significant opportunities to reduce RMBC’s carbon emissions over the coming years:

1. The proposed development of a district heat network from Templeborough Power Plant, powered by sustainable biomass
2. The proposed introduction of a community energy switching scheme, moving properties including council homes onto 100% renewable sources of electricity
3. The recent installation of electric vehicle charging points, including for council vehicles, and future re-provision of the council’s fleet of vehicles
4. Encouraging external providers of Council services to reduce their carbon emissions as part of our Social Value Policy
5. The proposed planting of fifty million trees across the country, including potentially some in Rotherham, as part of the “Northern Forest”

This Council therefore resolves to:

1. Join other local authorities in declaring a climate emergency.
2. Create a Members working group to propose an informed target for the Council’s carbon reduction by 2025 and to review it every five years thereafter, and to develop a “Carbon Action Plan” towards these goals, and that this working group should report back to the Council no later than March 2020.
3. Develop a strategy for RMBC to play a leadership role in promoting community, public and business partnerships in reducing carbon emissions
4. Mandate officers to lobby government for additional resources to support this strategy where these are required
5. Pledge to produce, in January of each year, a Rotherham Climate Emergency Annual Report, detailing the Council’s progress against the Carbon Action Plan.
6. Pledge to ask our partner organisations across Rotherham to support us by making clear commitments to dealing with this climatic crisis.

7. Require all officer reports from April 2020 to Cabinet and Full Council to contain Impact assessments in relation to Climate change.

Proposer:- Councillor Roche

Seconder:- Councillor Allen

22. STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE (Pages 180 - 184)

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

23. AUDIT COMMITTEE (Pages 185 - 190)

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

24. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD (Pages 191 - 201)

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

25. PLANNING BOARD (Pages 202 - 213)

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

26. STAFFING COMMITTEE (Pages 214 - 215)

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record consider a recommendation to approve the authority being a signatory to GMB's Work to Stop Domestic Abuse Charter.

27. LICENSING BOARD (Pages 216 - 228)

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

28. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO DESIGNATED SPOKESPERSONS

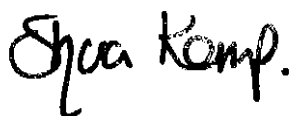
To put questions, if any, to the designated Members on the discharge of functions of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority and South Yorkshire Pensions Authority, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11(5).

29. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS AND CHAIRMEN

To put questions, if any, to Cabinet Members and Chairmen (or their representatives) under Council Procedure Rules 11(1) and 11(3).

30. URGENT ITEMS

Any other public items which the Mayor determines are urgent.



SHARON KEMP,
Chief Executive.

**The next meeting of the Council will be on
Wednesday 4 December 2019 at 2.00 p.m. at Rotherham Town Hall.**