



# Council

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**Wednesday, 22 July 2020  
2.00 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting**

Rotherham   
Metropolitan  
Borough Council

# WELCOME TO TODAY'S MEETING

## GUIDANCE FOR THE PUBLIC

The Council is composed of 60 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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If you have any queries on this agenda, please contact:-

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

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE (Sharon Kemp)**

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## MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

### ANSTON AND WOODSETTS

IRELAND, Jonathan C.  
JEPSON, Clive R.

### 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  
RUSHFORTH, Amy L.

### SWINTON

CUSWORTH, Victoria  
SANSOME, Stuart  
WYATT, Kenneth J.

### BRINSWORTH AND CATCLIFFE

BUCKLEY, Alan  
CARTER, Adam  
SIMPSON, Nigel G.

### RAWMARPASH

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

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**

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**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 - 35)**

To receive the record of proceedings of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 3 June 2020 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.

No petitions have been received since the previous Council meeting held on 3 June 2020.

**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.

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

## **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 36 - 47)**

To note the minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held on 15 June 2020.

## **11. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - BRAMLEY AND RAVENFIELD (Pages 48 - 61)**

To consider a report in respect of the Community Governance Review of the parishes of Bramley and Ravenfield.

## **12. AMENDMENT TO CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 2020-21 MUNICIPAL YEAR (Pages 62 - 78)**

To consider proposed amendments to the Calendar of Meetings for the 2020-21 municipal year, specifically for meetings scheduled in April and May 2021 ahead of the local elections.

## **13. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT - 2019-20 MUNICIPAL YEAR (Pages 79 - 114)**

To receive a report on the activities of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny bodies during the 2019-20 municipal year in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.

## **14. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REVIEW - CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER TAKEOVER CHALLENGE - HATE CRIME (Pages 115 - 135)**

To note the report and recommendations arising from the Children's Commissioner Takeover Challenge review of Hate Crime

## **15. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND PANELS**

To consider appointment of members to the Council's committees, boards and panels.

## **16. NOTICE OF MOTION - SMART MOTORWAYS**

This Council notes:

- That sections of the M1 that run close and through our borough have been converted to 'Smart Motorways' that remove a permanent hard shoulder on the motorway.
- In 2013, this council told the government "that the risk of collisions involving stationary vehicles during non-peak times is an unacceptable risk and one which will have serious and potentially fatal consequences".
- On this 16-mile stretch of the M1 there have been five fatalities in 10 months.
- The AA, the RAC, the Police Federation, our local MP Sarah Champion, have also expressed serious concerns over the safety of this scheme.

This Council believes:

- That all-lane running is fundamentally flawed, with large distances between emergency refuges and an inability to identify vehicles stranded in the traffic quickly enough.
- That any benefits from increased capacity is outweighed by these serious safety concerns.

This Council resolves:

- To reiterate the Council's opposition to all-lane running using the hard shoulder as a permanent live traffic lane.
- To offer our support to the campaigns of families affected to get all-lane running reverted.

Proposer: Councillor Hoddinott

Seconder: Councillor Taylor

## **17. NOTICE OF MOTION - FLOOD DEFENCES**

This Council notes:

- The flooding of November 2019 had a big effect on local residents and businesses across Rotherham including Dinnington, Kilnhurst, Whiston, Parkgate, Wath and the town centre.
- 135 homes flooded with 49 households still out of their homes at the start of the year.
- Over 300 businesses were affected
- Kilnhurst school flooded and was closed until Easter.
- Rotherham train station, the tram-train and buses were all affected for many days
- Community and recreational facilities were also affected.

This Council believes :

- That more can be done to assist our residents and businesses by ensuring that the works needed to prevent future flooding are funded to allow their preparation and construction in the coming years.

This Council resolves :

- To let the government know that this council believes that the £51 million of funding should be committed now, so flood defence works can start.

Proposer: Councillor Sheppard      Seconder: Councillor Sansome

**18. NOTICE OF MOTION - OPENING OF SCHOOLS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

This Council places on record its support and thanks to all the essential workers in our community: the NHS, the voluntary and retail sectors, drivers and care workers during this difficult and challenging time of the Coronavirus pandemic. We wish to express our sincere condolences to the people of our borough who have lost loved ones during this period.

The Government is placing pressure on schools to reopen. However, we note the position of the British Medical Association in its support for the National Education Union's five tests before extending the opening of schools.

This Council calls on the Government not to reopen schools until it can give full assurances that children are safe and staff will be protected and supplied with personal protective equipment. We urge the Government to work collaboratively with trade unions in the education sector to create clear conditions based on the tests the unions have helpfully set out, so that every school can implement them to ensure a safe return.

This Council will support any school establishment that refuses to open until all relevant safety measures are in place.

Proposer: Councillor Steele      Seconder: Councillor Cooksey

**19. NOTICE OF MOTION - ROTHERHAM FIRE STATION**

This Council notes:

- That the Labour controlled South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority continues to refuse to reinstate the second pump in Rotherham, despite the overwhelming will of Members of the Council and the public in Rotherham.

This Council believes:

- That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board's recommendation to South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority in March 2018 should be reiterated in order for the Labour controlled authority to reinstate the second pump at Rotherham Fire Station to ensure that there is equality and consistency of cover with Sheffield and Doncaster

This Council resolves:

- That a formal request be made to the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority to reinstate the second pump in Rotherham
- That the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority be recommended to recruit and train sufficient personnel, as a matter of urgency, to fill all vacant posts in Rotherham and across South Yorkshire

Proposer: Councillor R. Elliott      Seconder: Councillor M. Elliott

## **20. NOTICE OF MOTION - BLACK LIVES MATTER**

There are moments in time when we are compelled to stand back and reflect. The killing of George Floyd under the knee of police officers in America is one of those times. We cannot, indeed we must not fail to share our horror and sadness that in 2020 people are still persecuted, murdered and disadvantaged purely because of the colour of their skin. We cannot ignore that this is happening in the UK.

- Between April 2018 and March 2019, there were 4 stop and searches for every 1,000 white people, compared with 38 for every 1,000 black people
- Black women were more than twice as likely to be arrested as white women – there were 7 arrests for every 1,000 black women, and 3 arrests for every 1,000 white women
- In the year to March 2019, black people were more than 4 times as likely as white people to be detained under the Mental Health Act – 306.8 detentions per 100,000 people, compared with 72.9 per 100,000 people
- 4% of white people were unemployed in 2018, compared with 7% of people from all other ethnic groups combined, and 9% for black people
- In 2018, the unemployment rate for the Asian and the combined Pakistani and Bangladeshi ethnic groups was higher for women (8% and 13%) than for men (5% and 6%)
- In every socio-economic group and age group, White British households were more likely to own their own homes than all ethnic minority households combined

This Council notes the disadvantage faced by black minority ethnic people and the systemic racism that exists across all structures of society, including within national and local government and the police.

This Council commits to making Rotherham an anti-racist town and will:

- Stand in solidarity with our black and minority ethnic communities, in Rotherham and around the world
- Work with local communities, listen to them, so we can better understand the racism they experience and the challenges that they face, including in areas such as local policing and the increased risks from Covid-19
- Strengthen our anti-racism approach and ensure all staff participate in activity/training that supports them to address prejudice and bias, including where necessary their own

- Report annually on how council services are responding to the different needs of people with protected equalities characteristics, setting out an annual plan to meet the needs of people from different backgrounds, addressing inequalities, and ensuring that the council is meeting its obligations.

Proposer: Councillor Albiston      Seconder: Councillor Read

**21. STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE (Pages 136 - 139)**

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

**22. AUDIT COMMITTEE (Pages 140 - 150)**

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

**23. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD (Pages 151 - 159)**

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

**24. PLANNING BOARD (Pages 160 - 165)**

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

**25. STAFFING COMMITTEE (Pages 166 - 174)**

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

**26. LICENSING BOARD AND LICENSING COMMITTEE (Pages 175 - 177)**

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

## **27. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO DESIGNATED SPOKESPERSONS**

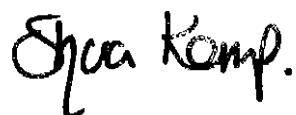
To put questions, if any, to the designated Members on the discharge of functions of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority and South Yorkshire Pensions Authority, in accordance with Council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

## **28. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS AND CHAIRPERSONS**

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

## **29. 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 30 September 2020 at 2.00 p.m.**