



# Council

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**Wednesday 3 March 2021**  
**2.00 p.m.**  
**Virtual Meeting**

**Rotherham**  
Metropolitan  
Borough Council 

# WELCOME TO TODAY'S MEETING

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## GUIDANCE FOR THE PUBLIC

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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 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.

### 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

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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**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 9 - 58)**

To receive the record of proceedings of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 13th January, 2021 and to approve the accuracy thereof.

**5. PETITIONS (Pages 59 - 63)**

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.

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 MEETINGS (Pages 64 - 84)**

To note the minutes of the Cabinet Meetings held on 25<sup>th</sup> January and 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.

## **11. RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET - BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX 2021-22 AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY UPDATE (Pages 85 - 334)**

To consider the Cabinet's recommendations in respect of the Budget and Council Tax for the 2021-22 financial year.

## **12. CALENDAR OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THE 2021-22 MUNICIPAL YEAR (Pages 335 - 351)**

To approve a calendar of meetings for the Council and its committees for the 2021-22 municipal year.

## **13. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY UPDATE (Pages 352 - 411)**

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

## **14. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY - BUILDING USE (Pages 412 - 416)**

To receive for information recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Management Board in respect of a scrutiny review of building use.

## **15. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY - HOMES ALLOCATIONS POLICY (Pages 417 - 422)**

To receive for information recommendations from Improving Places Select Commission in respect of a scrutiny review of the Homes Allocations Policy.

## **16. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY - CALL CENTRE COMMUNICATIONS (Pages 423 - 427)**

To receive for information recommendations from Improving Places Select Commission in respect of a scrutiny review of Call Centre Communications.

**17. THRIVING NEIGHBOURHOODS - UPDATES FROM WARD COUNCILLORS (Pages 428 - 431)**

To receive updates from ward councillors from Brinsworth and Catcliffe, Hooper and Keppel on the activities supporting Thriving Neighbourhoods across the Borough.

**18. NOTICE OF MOTION - STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE**

That the Standards and Ethics Committee is not serving the people of Rotherham as a forum for justice, is unfair, biased and not transparent.

Mover:- Councillor John Turner

Seconder:- Councillor Cowles

**19. NOTICE OF MOTION - THE 'RIGHT TO FOOD' TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE NATIONAL FOOD STRATEGY**

This Council recognises that we are seeing a crisis of food poverty born out of the political choices and systemic failings created over the past four decades, which has now reached a tipping point for so many Rotherham residents. The figures are devastating for one of the richest nations in the world and highlight the inequality in the UK in 2021.

This Council notes:

- That there are consistently high rates of poverty across our borough. There is growing concern amongst our health and care professionals about the current situation and the likely exacerbation of poverty figures due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and economic uncertainty as 2021 progresses.
- Between 2015 and 2019 End Child Poverty reported a 3.4 per cent increase in the number of children in Rotherham who live in poverty. The Rotherham Foodbank gave out 4716 emergency parcels in 2019-20 and have helped 504 clients since January 2020. As there are other foodbanks operating in the area it is fair to assume that the real figure is likely to be much higher.
- The National Food Strategy is the first independent review of England's entire food system for 75 years. Its purpose is to set out a vision for the kind of food system we should be building for the future, and a plan for how to achieve that vision. It argues that the Covid-19 crisis has brought into painful focus the flaws in the UK's food system, especially its effect on the nation's physical and mental health.

This Council supports the demand by The Right to Food campaign that the 11 million people in food poverty should be central to The National Food Strategy. Enshrining the 'Right to Food' into law would clarify government obligations on food poverty and would introduce legal avenues to hold government bodies accountable for violations.

This Council calls for the 'Right to Food' to be incorporated into the National Food Strategy. We ask the Chief Executive to write to Henry Dimbleby, who is heading the strategy, to further this request.

Mover:- Councillor Sheppard

Seconded:- Councillor Cooksey

**20. STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE (Pages 432 - 434)**

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

**21. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE - LGA MODEL MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT (Pages 435 - 469)**

To consider the recommendation from the Standards and Ethics Committee in respect of the LGA's Model Member Code of Conduct.

**22. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE - OUTCOME OF STANDARDS AND ETHICS SUB-COMMITTEE HEARING REGARDING THE ALLEGED BREACH OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT - COUNCILLOR IRELAND (Pages 470 - 481)**

To consider recommendations from the Standards and Ethics Sub-Committees in respect of Councillor Ireland.

**23. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE - OUTCOME OF STANDARDS AND ETHICS SUB-COMMITTEE HEARING REGARDING THE ALLEGED BREACH OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT - COUNCILLOR ELLIS (Pages 482 - 491)**

To consider recommendations from the Standards and Ethics Sub-Committees in respect of Councillor Ellis.

**24. AUDIT COMMITTEE (Pages 492 - 500)**

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

**25. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD (Pages 501 - 516)**

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

**26. PLANNING BOARD (Pages 517 - 518)**

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

**27. STAFFING COMMITTEE (Pages 519 - 521)**

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

**28. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE STAFFING COMMITTEE - PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2021 (Pages 522 - 538)**

To consider a recommendation from the Staffing Committee in respect of the Pay Policy Statement 2021/22.

**29. LICENSING BOARD (Page 539)**

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

**30. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO DESIGNATED SPOKESPERSONS**

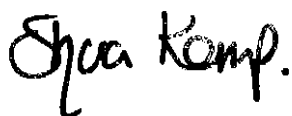
To put questions, if any, to the designated Members on the discharge of functions of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority and South Yorkshire Pensions Authority, in accordance with Council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

**31. 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).

**32. 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  
FRIDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2021 at 2.00 p.m.**