



Council

Wednesday 24 May 2023
2.00 p.m.

Rotherham
Metropolitan
Borough Council 

WELCOME TO TODAY'S MEETING

GUIDANCE FOR THE PUBLIC

The Council is composed of 59 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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Members of the public have the right to ask questions or submit petitions to Council meetings. A member of the public may ask one general question in person which must be received in writing to the Chief Executive by 10.00 a.m. on the Friday preceding a Council meeting on the following Wednesday and must not exceed sixty words in length. Questions can be emailed to governance@rotherham.gov.uk

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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.

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

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COUNCIL

Wednesday 24 May 2023 at 2.00 p.m.

THE MAYOR (Councillor Robert Taylor)
DEPUTY MAYOR (Councillor Sheila Cowen)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE (Sharon Kemp)

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

ANSTON AND WOODSETTS

BAUM-DIXON, Timothy J.
WILSON, Tracey H
TARMEY, Drew Simon

ASTON AND TODWICK

BACON, Joshua
BARKER, Aaron

AUGHTON AND SWALLOWNEST

PITCHLEY, Lyndsay
TAYLOR, Robert Paul

BOSTON CASTLE

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

BRAMLEY AND RAVENFIELD

MILLS, Lewis H.M.
REYNOLDS, Gregory

BRINSWORTH

CARTER, Adam J.
CARTER, Charlotte R.

DALTON AND THRYBERGH

BAKER-ROGERS, Joanna
BENNETT-SYLVESTER, Michael D.P.

DINNINGTON

CASTLEDINE-DACK, Sophie
WHOMERSLEY, Benjamin J.
WOODING, Charlie Andrew

GREASBROUGH

ALLEN, Sarah A.
ELLIOTT, Robert W.

HELLABY AND MALTBY WEST

ANDREWS, Jenny
BALL, Simon A.

HOOBER

BARLEY, Emily J.
LELLIOTT, Denise
ROCHE, David J.

KEPPEL

BROWNE, Tony
CLARK, Maggi
FOSTER, Carole

KILNHURST AND SWINTON (EAST)

CUSWORTH, Victoria
SANSOME, Stuart J.

MALTBY EAST

HUNTER, Lee J.
TINSLEY, Adam J.

RAWMARSH EAST

HUGHES, Rachel E.M.
SHEPPARD, David

RAWMARSH WEST

BIRD, Bob
THOMPSON, Jill

ROTHER VALE

BROOKES, Amy C.
MIRO, Firas

ROTHERHAM EAST

COOKSEY, Wendy
HALEEM, Rukhsana B.
KHAN, Tajamal

ROTHERHAM WEST

AVEYARD, Ben
JONES, Ian P.
KEENAN, Eve

SITWELL

BURNETT, Simon L.
FISHER, David F.
GRIFFIN, Tony

SWINTON ROCKINGHAM

MONK, Gina
WYATT, Ken

THURCROFT & WICKERSLEY

COLLINGHAM, Zachary A.
COLLINGHAM, Thomas R.

WALES

BECK, Dominic E.
HAVARD, Marnie A.

WATH

ATKIN, Alan
COWEN, Sheila A.

WICKERSLEY NORTH

ELLIS, Sue
HODDINOTT, Emma E.
READ, Chris

Council Meeting Agenda

Time and Date:-

Wednesday 24 May 2023 at 2.00 p.m.

Venue:-

Town Hall, The Crofts, Moorgate Street, Rotherham. S60 2TH

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. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING (Pages 9 - 32)

To receive the record of proceedings of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 12th April, 2023, and to approve the accuracy thereof.

4. 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.

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. 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.

7. 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.

8. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S STATEMENT

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

9. MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING (Pages 33 - 41)

To note the minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held on 24th April, 2023.

10. YORK AND LANCASTER REGIMENTAL MUSEUM COLLECTIONS MANAGEMENT POLICY (Pages 43 - 72)

To approve the York and Lancaster Regimental Museum Collections Management Policy (2023).

11. MEMBERSHIP OF POLITICAL GROUPS ON THE COUNCIL, POLITICAL BALANCE AND ENTITLEMENT TO SEATS (Pages 73 - 83)

To report on the establishment of political groups, the political balance of the Council and the entitlement of each group to seats on the authority's committees.

12. THRIVING NEIGHBOURHOODS - UPDATES FROM WARD COUNCILLORS - THURCROFT & WICKERSLEY SOUTH (Pages 85 - 86)

To receive updates from ward councillors from Thurcroft & Wickersley South on the activities supporting Thriving Neighbourhoods across the Borough.

13. THRIVING NEIGHBOURHOODS - UPDATES FROM WARD COUNCILLORS - BRAMLEY & RAVENFIELD (Pages 87 - 88)

To receive updates from ward councillors from Bramley & Ravenfield on the activities supporting Thriving Neighbourhoods across the Borough.

14. NOTICE OF MOTION - COAL MINES

To be moved by Councillor Miro and seconded by Councillor A Carter

That this Council notes:

That planning approval was granted in December 2022 for a coal mine in Whitehaven, Cumbria. This is the first new coal mine to be approved in the UK for over 30 years and it will produce approximately 2.8 million tonnes of coal per year.

The U.K. Climate Change Committee estimates that the mine and the coal it will produce will result in annual emissions of approximately nine million tonnes.

Whilst recognising the historic economic benefits of the coal mining industry on the borough in the past. That Greenhouse gas emissions from burning coal to produce electricity and in industrial processes (for example, in the production of steel) are internationally recognised as the single biggest contributor to climate change, dwarfing the impact of other industries.

This Council Believes:

That opening new coal mines in the U.K. is not the answer to the problems faced by the country.

New coal mines should not be opened in the borough.

That the U.K. should be investing in greener technology in electricity generation and the steel industry.

This Council therefore Resolves:

To affirm its belief that opening new coal mines is wrong.

That council group leaders are requested to write to the Secretary of State, the Prime Minister and members of parliament representing the Borough of Rotherham asking them to bring forward legislation for a permanent ban on the opening of new coal mines in the U.K.

15. NOTICE OF MOTION - TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS TO ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

To be moved by Councillor Elliott and seconded by Councillor Jones

According to the Joseph Rowntree trust, 35% of children in our Borough are living in poverty, this is a similar number of all nearby local authorities.

The ethos of RMBC is “every child to fulfil their potential” to help us achieve that we must make sure that every child has the nutrition they need to be able to learn and work towards their potential during the school day. Not doing so will undermine the efforts of the education and health care workforce to tackle inequalities.

There is no disputing the benefits of free school meals provide to those currently entitled, for many it is the only hot nutritious meal they have in a school day. A quality school meal helps improve children’s concentration and behaviour during lessons and can have an effect on improving school attendance, academic performance and not least on children’s health.

One in three school age children in England living in poverty missed out on free school meals despite families struggling with the cost-of-living crisis, this is because of the restrictive eligibility criteria and the lack of universal provision, 7 in 10 children from families on universal credit are not eligible for free school meals.

Excluding so many vulnerable children to free school meals is a real barrier to

learning and must be urgently addressed. Now is the right moment for the Government to commit to an expansion of free school meals, providing a nutritional safety net that supports all children to learn and achieve. The clear solution to ensuring fairness and equality across our schools is to extend universal provision as Wales, Scotland and London have committed to deliver.

This Council recognises that:

When children are hungry, they cannot learn properly because it is harder for them to concentrate and so reach their potential.

Free school meals for every child will put money back into parents' pockets which can be used to pay for other essentials such as heating and food at home or after school clubs or hobbies.

This Council resolves to:

Write to the Secretary of State for Education Gillian Keegan, copying in in our three local MPs, urging her to introduce universal free school meals for all Primary school children at the earliest opportunity.

16. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD (Pages 89 - 108)

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

17. LICENSING BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE (Pages 109 - 110)

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

18. PLANNING BOARD (Pages 111 - 117)

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

19. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO DESIGNATED SPOKESPERSONS

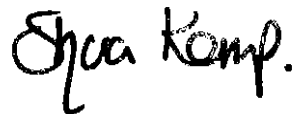
To put questions, if any, to the designated Members on the discharge of functions of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority and South Yorkshire Pensions Authority, in accordance with Council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

20. 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).

21. URGENT ITEMS

Any other public items which the Mayor determines are urgent.

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

SHARON KEMP,
Chief Executive.

**The next meeting of the Council will be on
Wednesday 19 July 2023 at 2.00 p.m.**