



Council

Wednesday 4 October 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 4 October 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.
HALL, Julia

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
Vacancy

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 4 October 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 - 37)

To receive the record of proceedings of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 19 July 2023 and to approve the accuracy thereof.

4. PETITIONS (Pages 39 - 43)

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 45 - 68)

To note the minutes of the Cabinet Meetings held on 10 July and 7 August 2023.

10. MEMBERSHIP OF POLITICAL GROUPS ON THE COUNCIL, POLITICAL BALANCE AND ENTITLEMENT TO SEATS (Pages 69 - 76)

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.

11. AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23 (Pages 77 - 94)

To approve the Audit Committee Annual Report 2022/23.

12. THRIVING NEIGHBOURHOODS - UPDATES FROM DINNINGTON WARD COUNCILLORS (Pages 95 - 96)

To receive updates from ward councillors from Dinnington on the activities supporting Thriving Neighbourhoods across the Borough.

13. THRIVING NEIGHBOURHOODS - UPDATES FROM WALES WARD COUNCILLORS (Pages 97 - 98)

To receive updates from ward councillors from Wales on the activities supporting Thriving Neighbourhoods across the Borough.

14. THRIVING NEIGHBOURHOODS - UPDATES FROM ANSTON AND WOODSETTS WARD COUNCILLORS (Pages 99 - 100)

To receive updates from ward councillors from Anston and Woodsetts on the activities supporting Thriving Neighbourhoods across the Borough.

15. NOTICE OF MOTION -

**Notice of Motion – Adoption of a proportional mechanism for nomination
of the Deputy Mayor**

**To be moved by Councillor Drew Tarmey and seconded by Councillor
Adam Carter:**

That this Council:

- a. Recognises the important role the Mayor and Deputy Mayor play in the civic life of the Borough.
- b. Accepts that every citizen in the Borough should have the opportunity over a period of time to be represented by a 'first citizen' who shares their individual values and lived experiences.
- c. Accepts that, although the roles of Mayor and Deputy Mayor are not political appointments, it has been the convention in recent years for the majority political group to select the Deputy Mayor as a consequence of its overall voting majority.
- d. Accepts that in recent years the political composition of the council and the expectations of the public have changed; therefore, consideration should be given to the principle of political balance when mayoral appointments are made.
- e. Seeks to adopt a voluntary protocol to ensure that the right to nominate the Deputy Mayor (and therefore the mayoralty) rotates between council groups.

Therefore, this Council resolves to:

- a. Avoid multiple nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor by adopting a protocol to ensure that the right to nominate the Deputy Mayor rotates between political groupings on the basis of the number of 'points' accrued by that group.
- b. Adopt a points-based system, the balance of which is to be maintained by the relevant Officers, as follows:
 - a. Each political group accrues points equal to the total number of elected members in their group on the 1st January each year (to a maximum of 59).
 - b. The group having the greatest number of points in any year will be invited to nominate the Deputy Mayor, and 59 points will be deducted from the balance of that group (a negative balance is permitted).
 - c. In the event of two groups having the same number of points, the group holding the mayoralty least recently invited to nominate the Deputy Mayor.

- d. Where a group is not able to nominate a member, they shall lose 50% of the points for nominating a Deputy Mayor. This rule may be waived by agreement in consultation with group leaders (for example, very small groups).
- e. In the event that a group ceases to exist its points are lost and are not transferrable to another group. Similarly, if a group splits, points will be retained by the largest of the successor groups.
- f. In the event that a member retires or is not re-elected to the council during their term as Deputy Mayor or Mayor, the same group shall nominate their successor. If the Mayor retires or is not re-elected the Deputy Mayor shall become Mayor and will serve more than one full term, the group of the departing member shall nominate the Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the year only.
- g. The adoption of this protocol does not alter the right of the Council to elect any of its members as Deputy Mayor or Mayor at the Annual Council Meeting; it is intended to provide clarity and structure to the process. This proposal is not intended to alter the existing mayoral succession plan for the next municipal year, except in accordance with the procedure outlined above. Points will begin to accrue from 1st January 2024.

16. AUDIT COMMITTEE (Pages 101 - 108)

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

17. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD (Pages 109 - 129)

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

18. LICENSING BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE AND LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE (Pages 131 - 141)

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.

19. PLANNING BOARD (Pages 143 - 153)

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

20. STAFFING COMMITTEE (Pages 155 - 158)

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

21. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO DESIGNATED SPOKESPERSONS

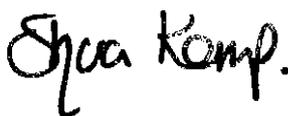
To put questions, if any, to the designated Members on the discharge of functions of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority and South Yorkshire Pensions Authority, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11(5).

22. 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).

23. 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 29 November 2023 at 2.00 p.m.**