



# Council

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**Wednesday 28 February 2024**  
**2.00 p.m.**

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 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.

Copies of the agenda and reports are available on the Council's website at [www.rotherham.gov.uk](http://www.rotherham.gov.uk). You may not be allowed to see some reports because they contain private information and these will be marked accordingly on the agenda.

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](mailto: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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## FACILITIES

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There are public toilets, one of which is designated disabled with full wheelchair access, with full lift access to all floors. Induction loop facilities are also available in the Council Chamber, John Smith Room and Committee Rooms 1 and 2.

Access for people with mobility difficulties can be obtained via the ramp at the main entrance to the Town Hall.

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

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# COUNCIL

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Wednesday 28 February 2024 at 2.00 p.m.

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

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE (Sharon Kemp)

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## 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  
HARPER, Nigel

### 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

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**Time and Date:-**

Wednesday 28 February 2024 at 2.00 p.m.

**Venue:-**

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

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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. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING (Pages 11 - 63)**

To receive the record of proceedings of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, and to approve the accuracy thereof.

**4. PETITIONS (Pages 65 - 69)**

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 71 - 121)**

To note the minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held on 22nd January and 12th February, 2024.

**10. RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET - BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX 2024-25 (Pages 123 - 405)**

To consider and approve the Cabinet's recommendations in respect of the Budget and Council Tax for the 2024-25 financial year.

**11. RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET - HRA BUSINESS PLAN, RENT SETTING AND SERVICE CHARGES 2024-25 (Pages 407 - 468)**

To consider and approve the HRA Business Plan, Rent Setting and Service Charges 2024-25.

**12. CALENDAR OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THE 2024-25 MUNICIPAL YEAR (Pages 469 - 479)**

To approve a calendar of meetings for the Council and its committees for the 2024-25 municipal year.

**13. MALTBY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFERENDUM OUTCOME (Pages 481 - 506)**

To consider the report on the outcome of the Maltby Neighbourhood Plan Referendum.

**14. THRIVING NEIGHBOURHOODS - UPDATES FROM WARD COUNCILLORS FOR DALTON AND THRYBERGH (Pages 507 - 508)**

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

**15. THRIVING NEIGHBOURHOODS - UPDATES FROM WARD COUNCILLORS FOR SITWELL (Pages 509 - 510)**

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

**16. NOTICE OF MOTION:- TRANSPARENCY AND GOVERNANCE (Page 511)**

To be moved by Councillor Bacon and seconded by Councillor Ball:

**That this Council:**

1. Notes that good practice on all aspects of governance, lead to better outcomes for both the public and the authority.
2. Believes that effective scrutiny leads to enhanced governance and accountability, leading to better outcomes for people the Local Authority serves. In order to achieve this, the council will look at a range of best practices other local and regional authorities administer.
3. Believes that increasing public engagement, and comprehension, is important for the democratic process. Therefore, most aspects of our governance arrangements should be easily comprehended.

**Therefore, this Council resolves to:**

1. During meetings of the full Council, afford the right of the Leader of the Opposition to question the Leader of the Council following the 'Leaders statement' via a new agenda item, on all matters, notwithstanding any agenda items or statement, perpetually for a period of no longer than 10 minutes.
  - 1.1. Subsequently, afford the right of the Leader of the third largest group to question the Leader of the Council via a new agenda item, on all matters, notwithstanding any agenda items or statement, perpetually for a period of no longer than 5 minutes.
2. That the Leader of the Council attend the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board quarterly, for scrutiny on all matters, notwithstanding any agenda items, via a new agenda item 'Leader Scrutiny'. Reflecting the scrutiny practice that currently takes place on the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority's Overview and Scrutiny Board.
3. Upgrade existing chamber camera system, to record meetings in at least 1080P HD to improve video quality of webcasts and enhance public scrutiny and user experience.
4. Streamline the user experience of members of the public looking for their local Councillor on Rotherham Council's website by bringing the 'Member index' segment into the 'Home' section via a direct link.
5. During meetings of the full Council, arrange the seating order of councillors strategically, increasing public comprehension of the political makeup of the council, by reflecting this makeup across the chamber, not just on one side. Mirroring the 'front & backbenches' system other authorities use.
  - 5.1. That the leader of the opposition sits opposite the leader of the council, adjacent to the deputy leader of the opposition and so on, in consultation with all political group leaders.

## 17. NOTICE OF MOTION:- LITTLE LONDON

To be proposed by Councillor Tinsley and seconded by Councillor Ball:

The Little London Estate was built to house munition workers during World War two for the nearby Royal Ordnance Factory Maltby. Two of the Streets were named after Parliamentary Ministers one being Churchill Avenue and the other Morrison Avenue. The Houses of a flat roof design was only designed to have a lifespan of around thirty years. The estate is largely owned by two landlords with pockets of independent landlords. Work on the majority of the Rivergrove properties were carried out to bring them up to meet HHSRS Standards. Although the properties are known to suffer chronically from damp issues and leaky roofs.

Works to refurbish properties were undertaken back in 2016 leaving two blocks of houses unfinished and derelict. The houses have caused Anti-social behaviour and suffer from fly tipping along with rife with rodents. The landlord has submitted a full application to demolish the properties and rebuild. Although there is little confidence from Residents that this will be conducted and could prolong the blight and issues in the area.

In the past the Council have tried to compulsory purchase the properties previously but failed in this process. We believe the council should reengage to try and purchase the properties and bring this before OSMB and the Full Council.

### **This Council notes:**

1. The Estate of little London has been blighted by derelict houses for at least the last 8 years.
2. As of May 2021, the derelict properties were openly accessible to the public and were causing instances of ASB and fires. Both Ward Councillors Adam Tinsley and Lee Hunter have been proactive working with officers for action on the estate. Including pushing the need for the properties being secured back in 2021 and the surrounding area tidied up.
3. Big Power for London Group have championed the need for improvements for improved housing conditions on the housing and around the surrounding estate.
4. With occupied houses on the estate being “brought up to HHSRS Standards “the council and the landlord are operating under a special arrangement. Where the need for the area being put under selective licencing wasn’t necessitated.
5. The landlord has recently made a full application to demolish and rebuild the properties.

**This Council believes:**

1. That by the Council becoming a stakeholder in the estate it would create more Council housing locally, improve property standards, remove the derelict housing that has been a blight on the estate and would restore community pride in the area.

**This Council resolves to:**

1. The Council should open negotiations with the landlord to purchase the derelict properties with or without planning. Any proposal by the Council to purchase is to be reported back to OSMB and the full Council to scrutinise and vote on.

**18. AUDIT COMMITTEE (Pages 513 - 522)**

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

**19. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD (Pages 523 - 536)**

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

**20. LICENSING BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE (Page 537)**

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

**21. PLANNING BOARD (Pages 539 - 545)**

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

To confirm the minutes as a true record.

**22. STAFFING COMMITTEE (Pages 547 - 550)**

To receive and consider reports, minutes and recommendations of the Staffing Committee including approving the Pay Policy Statement 2024/25 for publication under Chapter 8 of the Localism Act 2011.

**23. 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



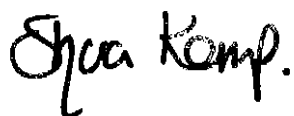
and Rescue Authority, Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority and South Yorkshire Pensions Authority, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11(5).

**24. 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).

**25. 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  
17 May 2024 at 2.00 p.m.**