

Cabinet Decisions

16 September 2024

A record of decisions made at the Cabinet Meeting, which took place on Monday 16 September 2024

Cabinet Decision Making

The membership of the Cabinet is:

Leader of the Council	Councillor Chris Read
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion & Neighbourhood Working	Councillor Dave Sheppard
Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care and Health	Councillor Joanna Baker-Rogers
Cabinet Member – Children and Young People	Councillor Victoria Cusworth
Cabinet Member – Finance & Safe and Clean Communities	Councillor Saghir Alam
Cabinet Member – Housing	Councillor Sarah Allen
Cabinet Member – Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy	Councillor Robert Taylor

All Cabinet decisions are taken collectively at Cabinet Meetings. There are no decisions taken by individual Cabinet Members.

Decisions taken by Cabinet are detailed below and are subject to the Call-In Procedure set out at Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 13. This rule provides for a period of seven working days from the date of the publication of the decision notice before any decision taken by the Cabinet can be implemented.

CABINET DECISIONS TAKEN ON 16 September 2024

Report Title	Portfolio	Directorate	Contact Officer	Decision / Recommendations agreed	Alternative Options Considered	Conflict of Interest Recorded	Dispensations Granted	Action Date
Recommissioning of Post CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation) Services	Adult Social Care and Health	Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	Ian Spicer, Strategic Director of Adult care, Housing and Public Health	That Cabinet: 1. Approve the recommissioning of Post CSE Support Services, through a competitive procurement process, for a three-year term from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2028. 2. Agree to delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health to award the contracts following the competitive procurement process.	Report - Recommissioning of Post CSE Services	N/A	N/A	26/09/24
Adult Social Care Local Account 2023-2024	Adult Social Care and Health	Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	Ian Spicer, Strategic Director of Adult care, Housing and Public Health	That Cabinet resolves to approve the publication of the ' How Did We Do? Local Account for Adult Social Care for 2023 – 2024 '.	Report - Adult Social Care Local Account 2023-2024	N/A	N/A	26/09/24
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Hub Update	Children and Young People	Children and Young People's Services	Nicola Curley, Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Services.	1. That Cabinet note the report and update regarding the development of the SEND Hub. 2. That Cabinet authorise a lease, on a peppercorn rent, therefore on a less than best consideration as defined within the Local Government Act 2000 and the General Disposal Consent (England) 2003 with Rotherham Parent Carer Forum. 3. That Cabinet authorise the Assistant Director of Property and	Report - SEND Hub Update	N/A	N/A	26/09/24

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				Facilities Services, in consultation with the Assistant Director of Commissioning & Performance and the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services to develop a Management Agreement with the Rotherham Parent Carer Forum, in relation to the service provision, management of the asset and associated output and outcomes.				
Rotherham Care Leavers' Local Offer	Children and Young People	Children and Young People's Services	Nicola Curley, Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Services.	That Cabinet: 1. Approve the Rotherham Care Leavers Local Offer and increase in financial support for Care Leavers, effective from October 2024. 2. Delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Children and Young Peoples Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People Services and the Section 151 officer to approve annual uplifts to the financial offer, associated with inflation.	Report - Rotherham Care Leavers' Local Offer	N/A	N/A	26/09/24
July 2024/25 Financial Monitoring Report	Finance and Safe and Clean Communities	Finance and Customer Services	Judith Badger, Strategic Director of Finance and Customer	That Cabinet: 1. Note the current General Fund Revenue Budget forecast overspend of £6.1m.	Report - July 2024/25 Financial Monitoring Report	N/A	N/A	26/09/24

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			Services	<p>2. Note that actions will continue to be taken to reduce the overspend position but that it is possible that the Council will need to draw on its reserves to balance the 2024/25 financial position.</p> <p>3. Note the updated position of the Capital Programme, including proposed capital programme variations to expenditure profiles and funding.</p>				
New Application for Business Rates Discretionary Relief for Rotherham and District Citizens Advice Bureau	Finance and Safe and Clean Communities	Finance and Customer Services	Judith Badger, Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services	That Cabinet approve the application for Discretionary Business Rate Relief for Rotherham and District Citizens Advice Bureau in accordance with the details set out in Section 6 to this report for the 2024/25 financial year.	Report - Business Rates Discretionary Relief CAB	Councillor Sheppard – nonpecuniary-RMBC rep for CAB	N/A	26/09/24
Commercial Waste Update	Finance and Safe and Clean Communities	Regeneration and Environment	Andrew Bramidge, Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <p>1. Approve the procurement of a contractor for the provision of containers, collection, and disposal of food waste, with consideration given to working in partnership with neighbouring authorities.</p> <p>2. Delegate authority to the Assistant Director of Community Safety and Street Scene in conjunction with the relevant</p>	Report - Commercial Waste Update	N/A	N/A	26/09/24

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				Cabinet member and with the S151 Finance Officer to set fees, charges and vary prices.				
Boroughwide and Town Centre/Clifton Park Public Space Protection Orders	Finance and Safe and Clean Communities	Regeneration and Environment	Andrew Bramidge, Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment	<p>1. To carry out a consultation in relation to the future Town Centre and Clifton Park Public Spaces Protection Order.</p> <p>2. To carry out a consultation in relation to the future Borough wide Public Spaces Protection Order specifically dealing with dog fouling and control.</p>	Report - Boroughwide and Town Centre PSPOs	N/A	N/A	26/09/24
Selective Licensing Scheme 1 (Policy)	Housing	Regeneration and Environment	Andrew Bramidge, Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment	<p>1. That Cabinet note the content of the report and the outcomes to date of the existing schemes.</p> <p>2. That Cabinet agrees to progress Option 3 and commence consultation within the existing areas with a view to developing further designations which would commence after the current scheme has ended, and the development of the place based plans and consultation is complete.</p>	Report - Selective Licensing Scheme 1 (Policy)	Councillor Sheppard – nonpecuniary – property in a current Selective Licensing Area	N/A	26/09/24
Scrutiny Review Recommendations – Referral from Council to Overview and Scrutiny	Leader	Assistant Chief Executive	Jo Brown, Assistant Chief Executive	1) That having considered the recommendations from OSMB in relation to the petition, Cabinet approve the following response, as set out in paragraph 3.2 of the report:	Report - Cabinet Response to Scrutiny Recommendations - Gaza Petition	N/A	N/A	26/09/24

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<p>Management Board (OSMB) - Petition "Rotherham's Commitment to a Permanent Ceasefire and To Promote Peace in Palestine and in the Region"</p>				<p style="text-align: center;"><i>a) Publicly condemn the Israeli Government's human rights violations</i></p> <p>Cabinet notes that the resolution of the Council on 28th February in response to the Petition included "...publicly condemning the human rights violations being conducted". This includes human rights violations by the Israeli Government. As a consequence Cabinet is clear that the Council condemns human rights violations.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>b) Demand the UK Government call for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza.</i></p> <p>Cabinet also notes that on the 28th February the Council called on the UK Government for a permanent ceasefire to be adopted. This remains the position of the Council and Cabinet is again clear that the position of the UK Government should be (as it presently is) that there should be a permanent ceasefire in Gaza.</p>				

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				<p>c) <i>That the Council issue a press release explaining the resolution agreed in the debate held on 28 February 2024.</i></p> <p>A press release will be published explaining both the resolution agreed by Council on the 28th February and additionally the outcome of the considerations of OSMB following this meeting.</p> <p>d) <i>In the interests of transparency, that the Council publishes details of whether the Council has formal associations with the Israeli government.</i></p> <p>Officers will consider this and write to the lead petitioner with the outcome of this work.</p> <p>e) <i>That the Council reviews its contractual relationships to establish if it has links with any of the companies named in</i></p>				

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				<p><i>the UN Human Rights Council's list as part of the Council's visible supply chain.</i></p> <p>Officers will consider this and write to the lead petitioner with the outcome of that work.</p> <p><i>f) Notes the restrictions placed on local authorities in respect of the factors which they may take into account when procuring goods or services under Section 17 of the 1988 Local Government Act.</i></p> <p>Cabinet notes that the provisions of the Section above and this this curtails the factors that the Council is lawfully entitled to consider when making decisions on the procurement of drugs and services.</p> <p><i>g) With respect to the request within the petition to prioritise human rights and</i></p>				

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				<p><i>equality in Rotherham's international relations, especially for the Palestinian people, the OSMB response noted that the Council cannot implement this recommendations as it is stated in the petition, as international relations fall to central rather than local government.</i></p> <p>Cabinet notes the OSMB response to this request.</p> <p><i>h) Notes that the Council no longer has active twinning arrangements, and it is not recommended that these recommence.</i></p> <p>Cabinet notes the recommendation.</p> <p><i>i) Notes the strength of Rotherham's local communities in</i></p>				

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				<p><i>supporting communities in need around the world. This includes promoting values such as human rights and equality which the Council supports.</i></p> <p>Cabinet notes the recommendation.</p> <p><i>j) Reiterates its commitment to its Ethical Procurement Policy and notes that the Council will always procure services in line with this Policy.</i></p> <p>Cabinet is pleased that the commitment to Ethical Procurement through its Policy is noted and that it guides our Services in procuring Services.</p> <p><i>k) Publishes an overview of its investments on its website.</i></p> <p>Cabinet supports this</p>				

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				<p>recommendations and Officers will be asked to provide this information on the Council's website.</p> <p><i>l) Requests that South Yorkshire Pension Authority publishes its investments on its website.</i></p> <p>Cabinet will ask South Yorkshire Pension Authority to publish details of its investments on its websites.</p> <p><i>m) Notes that the discretion of the Council to make ethical procurement decisions in respect of not supporting countries with illegal occupations or companies benefitting from such activities was removed under s.17 of the Local Government Act, 1988.</i></p>				

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				<p>Cabinet notes the recommendation.</p> <p><i>n) To enable councils to reflect on the concerns of communities that they are elected to represent, that the Leader writes to the relevant Minister to a) request the repeal of those sections of the Local Government Act 1988 which prohibit councils from taking 'non-commercial considerations' into account when awarding contracts and b) in opposition to the Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill currently before Parliament.</i></p> <p>Cabinet agrees to this recommendation and the Leader will write to the relevant Minister to make this point.</p>				

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				<p data-bbox="1093 341 1397 767">o) <i>Approve to the display of the Palestinian flag as a gesture of solidarity to those in Gaza and the wider region who are affected by the conflict and support peace on the United Nation's International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People (29 November 2024).</i></p> <p data-bbox="999 802 1379 919">Cabinet agrees to this recommendation and approves the flying of the Palestinian Flag on 29th November.</p> <p data-bbox="1093 954 1397 1230">p) <i>Notes the efforts of the community in organising visible gestures of solidarity to those in Gaza and the wider region who are affected by the conflict and support peace.</i></p> <p data-bbox="999 1265 1211 1315">Cabinet notes the recommendation.</p>				

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				<p><i>q) That elected members are reminded that under the existing Flag Protocol, a motion to support a cause or campaign, which can include the flying of a flag, can be submitted to Council for decision.</i></p> <p>Cabinet notes this recommendation and will ask that this information is included in the next bulletin that is produced for all Councillors.</p> <p>2) That the Leader writes to local MPs informing them of the agreed recommendations and any proposed actions resulting from these.</p> <p>3) That the decision of Cabinet is reported back to OSMB within two months of its submission.</p> <p>4) That the Cabinet Spokesperson continues to hold dialogue with Petitioners</p>				

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				<p>to continue to seek peace in Palestine and the Region.</p> <p>5) That Cabinet write to OSMB following the meeting with an update on the actions listed above.</p> <p>6) That the Leader write to the lead petitioner, explaining the outcome of the petition process.</p>				
Cabinets Response to the Improving Places Scrutiny Review Recommendations – Nature Recovery	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion and Neighbourhood Working	Regeneration and Environment	Andrew Bramidge, Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment	That the Cabinet response to the Scrutiny Review Recommendations in respect of Nature Recovery, as set out in Appendix 1 of this report, be approved.	Report - Cabinet Response to IPSC Review Recommendations - Nature Recovery	N/A	N/A	26/09/24
Land off Far Field Lane, Wath Upon Dearne	Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy	Regeneration and Environment	Andrew Bramidge, Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment	That Cabinet authorise the Assistant Director of Property and Facilities Services to negotiate and agree the terms and conditions of the proposed disposal and acquisition shown on the plan at Appendix 1 in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs, and the Local Economy.	Report - Land off Far Field Lane, Wath Upon Dearne	N/A	N/A	26/09/24

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REQUEST FOR CALL-IN			
Report Title:			
Cabinet Portfolio:			
Decision being called in for Scrutiny:			
Reason for call in:			
Alternative proposal for Scrutiny to consider			
Members requesting the decision be called-in:		PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE
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To be completed by Statutory Scrutiny Officer:	
Date & Time received:	
Valid call in:	YES/NO
OSMB meeting referred to:	