Council

Wednesday 5 March 2025
2.00 p.m.

Rotherham
Metropolitan
Borough Council

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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

Wednesday 5 March 2025 at 2.00 p.m.

THE MAYOR (Councillor Sheila Cowen)
DEPUTY MAYOR (Councillor Rukhsana Ismail)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE (Sharon Kemp OBE)

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Council Meeting
Agenda

Time and Date:-
Wednesday 5 March 2025 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 7 - 93)

To receive the record of proceedings of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 15th January, 2025, and to approve the accuracy thereof.

4. Petitions

To report on any petitions 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 95 - 129)

To note the minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held on 20th January and 10th February, 2025.

10. Recommendation from Cabinet - Budget and Council Tax 2025-26 and Medium Term Financial Strategy (Pages 131 - 395)

To consider and approve the recommendation from Cabinet – Budget and Council Tax 2025-26.

11. Calendar of Council and Committee Meetings for the 2025-26 Municipal Year (Pages 397 - 414)

To approve a calendar of meetings for the Council and its committees for the 2025-26 municipal year.

12. Cabinet's Response to the Improving Lives Select Commission Scrutiny Review - Preparation for Adulthood (Pages 415 - 447)

To note the Cabinet's response to the Improving Lives Select Commission Scrutiny Review on Preparation for Adulthood.

13. Appointment to Vacant Committee Seats (Pages 449 - 454)

To appoint to vacant committee seats.

14. Audit Committee (Pages 455 - 464)

To note receipt of the Audit Committee minutes.

15. Health and Wellbeing Board (Pages 465 - 481)

To note receipt of the Health and Wellbeing Board minutes.

16. Licensing Board and Licensing Committee (Page 483)

To note receipt of the Licensing Board Sub-Committee.

17. Planning Board (Pages 485 - 487)

To note receipt of the Planning Board minutes.

18. Staffing Committee (Pages 489 - 495)

To receive and consider reports, minutes and recommendations of the Staffing Committee including approving the Pay Policy Statement 2025/26 for publication under Chapter 8 of the Localism Act 2011.

19. Standards and Ethics Committee (Pages 497 - 501)

To note receipt of the Standards and Ethics Committee meeting.

20. 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).

21. 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).

22. Urgent Items

Any other public items which the Mayor determines are urgent.

Sharon Kemp.

SHARON KEMP OBE,
Chief Executive.

The next meeting of the Council will be on
9 April 2025 at 2.00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEETING
15th January, 2025

Present:- The Mayor of Rotherham (Councillor Sheila Cowen) (in the Chair); Councillors Ismail, Adair, Ahmed, Alam, Allen, Bacon, Baggaley, Baker-Rogers, Ball, Baum-Dixon, Beck, Bennett-Sylvester, Beresford, Blackham, Bower, Brent, A. Carter, C. Carter, Castledine-Dack, T. Collingham, Z. Collingham, Currie, Cusworth, Duncan, Elliott, Fisher, Foster, Garnett, Hall, Harper, Havard, Hughes, Hussain, Jackson, Jones, Keenan, Lelliott, Mault, McKiernan, Monk, Pitchley, Rashid, Read, Reynolds, Ryalls, Sheppard, Stables, Steele, Sutton, Tarmey, Taylor, Thorp, Tinsley, Williams and Yasseen.

The webcast of the Council Meeting can be viewed at:-
https://rotherham.public-i.tv/core/portal/home

91. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor was deeply saddened to report on the death of Robert Hepburn, the Methodist Minister who had participated in her Mayoral Inauguration. The Mayor would be attending his funeral later in the month and offered the Council's deepest condolences to Mr Hepburn's family. As a mark of respect, the meeting stood and observed a minute's silence.

The Mayor shared that as part of the King's New Years Honours list, two very deserving recipients of Rotherham had been honoured:

- MBE - Ian Walker, Secretary, Rotherham Community Football Club. For services to Sport and to the Community in Rotherham.
- Kings Award for Voluntary Service (equivalent of an MBE) – Rotherham Families First, established in 2019 to provide a one-stop emergency service providing basic necessities for some of the Borough's most vulnerable people.

The Mayor was pleased to be able to welcome officers from across the Council that had been instrumental in the Council achieving Gold accreditation for the Armed Forces Employee Recognition Award. Jo Brown, Assistant Chief Executive, Vicky Hartley, Member and Civic Support Manager and Armed Forces Lead Officer and Emily Searle, HR Consultant accepted the award presented by the Mayor.

A full list of engagements was appended to the Mayor's letter.

92. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Resolved: That apologies for absence be received from Councillors Clarke, Knight and Marshall.

93. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous Council Meeting held on 6 November 2024.

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 6 November 2024 be approved for signature by the Mayor.

Mover:- Councillor Read Seconder:- Councillor Sheppard

94. PETITIONS

Consideration was given to the report which outlined the two petitions that had been received since the last Council meeting. The petitions were titled:

- Installation of Gates in the alleyway joining Grosvenor Road to Milton Road, Eastwood (55 Valid Signatures)
- Eastwood Road Network Changes (342 Valid Signatures)

The lead petitioner, Mr Hussain, did not attend the meeting however it was confirmed that he would receive a written response from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment within 10 working days in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

Mr Sabir presented the petition in relation to the Eastwood Road Network Changes. It was confirmed that Mr Sabir would receive a written response from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment within 10 working days in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

Resolved:

1. That the report be received.

2. That the Council received the petitions listed at paragraph 2.1 of the report and the lead petitioners or their representatives be entitled to address the Council for a total period of five minutes in accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme.

3. That the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment by required to response to the lead petitioners, as set out in the Petition Scheme, by Wednesday 29 January 2025.

95. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Bennett-Sylvester and Councillor Ryals declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Minute No. 100 (HRA Business Plan, Rent Setting and Service Charges 2025-26) on the grounds of being a Council tenant and were granted a dispensation to vote.

Councillor Cusworth and Councillor Williams declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No. 100 (HRA Business Plan, Rent Setting and Service Charges 2025-26) on the grounds that family members were Council tenants. Both remained in the chamber and voted on the matter.

96. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Seven public questions had been submitted for the meeting.

1. Tariq Abdulkarim:

Having clear public art guidelines would help ensure that all communities feel represented and that artistic expression is treated equitably.

Would the council create formal public art guidelines outlining:

1. Criteria for approving or rejecting public artworks
2. Ensuring equal opportunities for cultural expression
3. The process for reviewing and challenging decisions
4. Ensure Fair consistent and transparent decisions

Mr Abdulkarim did not attend the meeting and as such would receive a written response.

2. Michael Suter:

I ask that RMBC draw up a new housing plan to end homelessness and house those on the housing register. Will the council consider the following:

- Building a minimum of 2500 new council properties over the next 5 years.

- To consider compulsory purchasing some of the 3500 empty properties in the Metropolitan Borough of Rotherham.

Councillor Allen explained that the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy, approved by Cabinet in March 2023 and available on the Council's website, set out the Council's priorities for addressing all forms of homelessness in the Borough. An Empty Homes Plan would be published later in 2025 detailing the Council's approach to this issue.

The Council were successful in bringing empty homes back in to use and since 2021, 87 private sector properties had been brought back in to use, as a direct result of the Council's intervention. To achieve 3,500 would not only require funding and legal staffing on a scale far beyond what any council could provide, but those properties would not all be able to be legally CPO-ed anyway.

The Council were already building as many Council homes as they could within the funding available – it was the biggest council homes building programme in Rotherham since the 1970s. Since 2018 the Council had delivered over 600 new homes through the Housing Delivery Programme and were on track to deliver the target of 1,000 new Council homes by Summer 2027. It was not possible to achieve 2,500 additional Council homes in that timescale.

In his supplementary question, Mr Suter stated that Rotherham Council had sold off 1600 properties through the Right To Buy Scheme but only built 600, which led to a deficit and the housing stock going down. He stated that the current plan was not solving the Rotherham housing crisis. He asked if the Council would consider linking up and leading a political campaign to get more money from the government to build council houses on the scale previously set out or would they just be managers and watch the slide into chaos and the development of the far right.

Councillor Allen expressed her disappointing at having to make the sales under the Right To Buy Scheme. It was not a Labour policy, however, the new Labour government had introduced new rules around Right To Buy. These included reducing the discounts available which would ultimately stop the drain on council housing stock.

The Council were also part of the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authorities working group on homelessness. This showed that the Council were not managing chaos but actively working with other authorities to address the issue on a regional basis.

3. Carol Boote:

Following my colleagues' request for the rules on public questions and the documentation for them, dated Monday 11th of November 2024 to the Mayor, we did not receive an answer. Please could you provide the rules on public questions and the documentation for them to be forwarded to myself?

Councillor Sheppard explained that the Mayor's Office and the Governance Team had checked all correspondence logs to confirm receipt of the request from 11 November and nearby dates. Unfortunately, this check had proved to be unsuccessful, and no such request had been found. Councillor Sheppard was sorry if there had been a delay in receiving the requested information. However, he understood that the information which was contained in the Council's Constitution had not been provided.

In her supplementary, Ms Boote stated that an email had been sent on 11 November 2024 asking for emails to be checked for the missing flag raising invitation dated 15 September 2024. She asked if the Council's I.T. support had given explanation as to why the email was missing.

Councillor Sheppard explained that there was no evidence that the email referred to had been received by the Council. As it had not been received, there was nothing for the I.T. team to investigate. Councillor Sheppard asked that evidence be provided of the email address it was sent to so further investigations could be undertaken.

4. Nida Khan:

As we have now come into the New Year and we are fast running out of Grave spaces what progress has Rotherham Borough Council made in resolving the situation?

Ms Khan did not attend the meeting and as such would receive a written response.

5. Anthony Carberry:

The Rotherham NHS trust are evicting workers from 3 accommodation blocks. I ask the council to put pressure on the trust board to stop the eviction threats and find a solution that is acceptable to existing tenants.

Will the council consider buying/ managing these blocks from the NHS trust in order to retain NHS staff working in the borough?

Councillor Allen explained that the Council had been working very closely with the NHS to help identify alternative accommodation for those households affected. The Council had actively engaged in supporting residents who may have been displaced due to the closing of NHS accommodation and had successfully rehomed some of the residents. Housing Advice sessions had been undertaken in the hospital and the team had liaised with private landlords.

The Council understood that the NHS Trust were not considering selling the blocks and would be using the buildings in the future. If they were for sale, it was unlikely that the Council would be in a position to acquire them given their location and likely refurbishment costs – of course the more the Council would spend on refurbishing buildings, the fewer new homes they would actually be able to provide. Instead, the focus remained on delivering new council homes via the Housing Delivery Programme, which was the best way to support all Rotherham residents who were in housing need.

6. Tariq Ali:

We have been told by the Council solicitor at a recent meeting that when councillors send letters or requests to the national government you normally don't receive a reply or if you do it could be 3 years later.

Council Leader Chris Read is this your personal experience?

Councillor Read explained that it was very hit and miss. Sometimes a reply was quite quick (within a couple of weeks); a number of months was not unheard of; and there were occasions where no reply was received.

In his supplementary, Mr Ali addressed Councillor Alam and stated that he understood that Councillor Alam had sent two letters to Sarah Champion MP and a letter to the former Secretary of State, James Cleverley MP, to ask for an international peacekeeping force to protect the people of Gaza and Palestine. Mr Ali asked Councillor Alam if responses had been received to those letters and if the letters achieved anything.

As the supplementary did not relate to the original question, Councillor Alam did not answer. However, the Leader confirmed that any responses received to the Gaza letters would be provided.

7. Mohammad Ashraf:

Council Leader Chris Read during the last Council meeting you implied finality in regard to the Palestine Petition points that were agreed by the Cabinet despite myself and my colleagues having received assurances to the contrary.

Could you provide details on what the Council and yourself can do after last years Cabinet agreement and what restrictions there are?

Councillor Sheppard explained that the Council had set out what it would do in the Scrutiny Report and subsequent Cabinet Report. It had also set out the restrictions. Officers had continued to engage and answer questions and would continue to do so.

In his supplementary, Mr Ashraf raised various points that did not relate to the original question and as such did not comply with the Standing Orders.

Councillor Sheppard did however state that if there were any future requests regarding the petition, the Council would assist where they were able. Councillor Sheppard hoped that the talks that were ongoing would bring peace and a permanent rebuilding of the area.

97. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no such items that required the exclusion of the press and public from this meeting.

98. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S STATEMENT

The Leader was invited to present his statement. He stated that Rotherham's services for children with special educational needs were judged to have the highest rating by Ofsted and CQC. They described a 'genuine shared determination across the partnership that all children and young people with SEND are happy, successful and thrive'. Inspectors found 'most children's and young people's needs are identified and assessed quickly and accurately' and they 'enjoy attending a range of mainstream schools and specialist provisions.' On behalf of all Members, the Leader thanked those professionals from across the partnership who made this possible, even in an underfunded and broken national system.

Safeguarding Awareness Week had taken place at the end of November 2024, and it was noted that a number of members present took part to support those activities. Sessions on countering extremism, neglect, domestic violence, elective home education, modern slavery, professional curiosity, suicide, and of course the Evolve service reiterated the seriousness with which these issues were taken across the council, right at the heart of what Members were there to do.

The Children's Capital of Culture 2025 had launched but the new year weather had not been kind. However the land art installations in Rosehill Park, Kimberworth and at Rother Valley were now in place, and the Otherham light installations – produced in conjunction with Rotherham young people – would be illuminating buildings before the end of the end of the month at the beginning of the year-long celebrations.

The Leader thanked the gritting teams who had worked hard over the last week or so to salt the roads and keep residents safe. The team had worked seven days a week and 24 hours a day involving 50 staff coordinating and delivering gritting on the Highway alone. Alongside gritting the highway, the Council had diverted significant resources to hand grit priority routes which had involved all staff from the Council's Ground and Streets Service totalling over 2,500 hours of work both during the normal working week and across weekends. The team had used over 1800 tonnes of grit salt across 30 different runs.

The Parkgate Link road had officially open and was being well used.

The baby packs scheme had launcher and expectant mothers would have the opportunity to sign up at their 26 weeks check-up.

The Leader ended his statement with some farewells. Firstly to Ben Anderson, the Director of Public Health who was leaving to take up a new post with the NHS. Ben had been instrumental in the Baby Pack Scheme.

Secondly, Caroline Webb, Senior Governance Advisor, was to retire the day after the Council meeting. Caroline had worked at Rotherham, mainly supporting Scrutiny, for over 23 years. The Leader stated that she had been a bastion of common sense and would be missed very much.

Finally, the Leader noted that the Chief Executive, Sharon Kemp OBE, would be leaving the authority later in the year. He stated that he had been very looked to work alongside her over the past nine years and more tributes would follow in the coming months.

Councillor A Carter passed on the Liberal Democrats best wishes to Caroline. He asked the Leader if he thought Ofsted were fit for purpose. He also referenced the recent discussions regarding a national inquiry into grooming gang Child Sexual Exploitation and how disappointing it was that the recommendations from the Jay Report had not been actioned. Councillor A Carter asked the Leader if he thought that report went far enough and if he agreed with Sarah Champion MP that a national inquiry was required.

Councillor Yasseen also referenced the CSE inquiry debate and stated that the victims and survivors needed action, not more delays. She asked the Leader if he agreed.

Councillor Z Collingham stated that he felt a national investigation was required and that the experiences from Rotherham would be essential. He also thanked the departing staff and asked the Leader if he agreed that the new Chief Executive was required to have zest in order to effectively run the Council.

Councillor Reynolds thanked all those involved with the Parkgate Link Road and for all those involved in the gritting. He asked if anything could be done about gritting footpaths.

Councillor Currie also thanked those involved in the gritting and stated that it was a fantastic effort. He informed the Chamber that he had compiled a lessons learnt document and asked who he could share this with.

Councillor Ball referenced the Labour Local Elections Manifesto and asked when residents could expect the £600 to come off their energy bills.

Councillor Bacon also referenced the Labour Manifesto and why fining people for putting their waste in the wrong bins was not included in it.

In response to Councillor Carter’s comments on Ofsted, the Leader explained that they were the national regulator. However, it was not adequate just to rely on that and the Council continually did other work to keep high standards.

In response to the comments on CSE the Leader stated that it was past time for action and that the Labour government have committed to implementing the recommendations from the Jay Report. The Leader felt that the current debate in the national media, led by the likes of Elon Musk, was not helpful. In terms of future inquiries, the Leader did not think it was appropriate for victims and survivors to have to wait longer for action.

In response to Councillor Reynolds, the Leader explained that it would be very difficult to commit to gritting footpaths. He encouraged people to register as snow wardens as this could help.

In response to Councillor Ball the Leader noted that the Government were setting up GB Energy which would bring bills down.

In response to Councillor Bacon, the Leader stated that it was not fair on Council Tax payers that 1% of Council Tax was spent on contaminated waste. It was therefore necessary to pilot the new Waste Collections Policy, as agreed at Cabinet in December 2024, to educate residents on waste and introduce punitive measures for those wilfully ignoring the rules.

In response to Councillor Z Collingham's comments on the recruitment of a new Chief Executive, the Leader stated that it was essential the person appointed had the required energy and enthusiasm for the role as well an exceptional level of organisation.

99. MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING

Consideration was given to the reports, recommendations and minutes of the meetings of Cabinet held on 18 November and 16 December 2024.

Councillor A Carter asked a question in relation to Minute 87 of the Cabinet Minuets from 16 December 2024 – Waste Collections Policy. The item had been Called-In for scrutiny and this had taken place on Tuesday 14 January 2025. Councillor A Carter questioned the Leader about this Policy and whether the already stretched enforcement team would be able to enact the Policy.

The Leader explained that the Household Waste Collection Service team were already responsible for checking waste. They did not and would not be hunting to the bottom of peoples bins to check for the smallest bit of waste in the wrong bin. The Policy meant there would be a progressive approach, starting with education and speaking to residents before fines were even considered. The Leader explained that the people who followed the rules should not have to pick up the bill for those that did not. That was not fair.

Resolved: That the reports, recommendations and minutes of the meetings of Cabinet held on 18 November and 16 December 2024 be received.

Mover:- Councillor Read Seconder:- Councillor Sheppard

100. RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET - HRA BUSINESS PLAN, RENT SETTING AND SERVICE CHARGES 2025-26

Further to Minute No. 90 of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 16 December 2024, consideration was given to the report which sought approval for the Housing Revenue Account Budget for 2025/26 and proposed increases in housing rents, non-dwelling rents, District Heating charges and other service charges. It was recommended that Council dwelling rents be increased by 2.7%

The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) recorded all expenditure and income relating to the provision of Council housing and related services, and the Council was required to produce an HRA Business Plan setting out its investment priorities over a 30-year period.

The proposed 2025/26 HRA Business Plan incorporated the Council's commitments to continue and extend the Council's Housing Delivery Programme, alongside significant new investment to support decency and thermal efficiency in existing council homes. The Plan included provision for £979m investment in the housing stock over 30 years, including approximately £35m additional investment over the next five years compared to the previous year's position. This was alongside continuing to fund day-to-day housing management and repairs and maintenance costs. At the same time the Housing Delivery Programme would continue beyond 1,000 homes. The existing funding provision of £113m for hundreds more Council homes by 2027 would be supplemented with an additional £37m to begin to build the pipeline of schemes beyond 2027.

Borrowing was required in years 3 to 6 in order to support necessary investment and provision for servicing that level of debt was built into the 30 year Plan. The Business Plan had been modelled to ensure healthy balances were maintained in all years.

Alongside providing the draft HRA budget for 2025/26, the report also recommended increases in housing rents, non-dwelling rents, District Heating charges and other service charges for 2025/26. It was recommended that Council dwelling rents were increased by 2.7%, equivalent to CPI+1%, in line with Government policy. There were 12,668 tenancies in receipt of full Housing Benefit or full Universal Credit (UC) who would not be directly affected by an increase in rent. 2,276 tenancies received part Housing Benefit and any increase in rent would be part covered by benefit payments.

It was also proposed that shared ownership rents be increased by 3.2%; charges for communal facilities, parking spaces, cooking gas and use of laundry facilities be increased by 2%; District Heating unit charges be set at 13.09 pence per kwh.

The Cabinet report and appendices were attached to the covering report and included extensive detail on the proposals.

Questions in the meeting were on topics such as district heating, the language around benefits ring-fencing money for community facilities, communal bin storage, HRA funding being used for Rothercare and the distribution of HRA funding across the wards.

Councillor Allen confirmed she would provide Councillor Bennett-Sylvester with the information on Rothercare. She also confirmed that she would be happy to attend the Improving Places Select Commission to discuss the neighbourhood funding arrangements.

Resolved:

That Council:-

1. Approve the proposed 2025/26 Base Case Option 2 for the HRA Business Plan.

2. Note that the Business Plan will be reviewed annually to provide an updated financial position.

3. Agree that Council dwelling rents are increased by 2.7% in 2025/26 (Option 2).

4. Agree that the Council should retain the policy of realigning rents on properties at below formula rent to the formula rent level when the property is re-let to a new tenant.

5. Agree that shared ownership rents are increased by 3.2% in 2025/26.

6. Agree that charges for communal facilities, parking spaces, cooking gas and use of laundry facilities are increased by 2% in 2025/26.

7. Agree that charges for garages are increased by 10% in 2025/26.

8. Agree that the District Heating unit charge per Kwh is set at 13.09 pence per kwh.

9. Agree that the decision to reduce the price of District Heating Charges further during 2025/26 be delegated to the Assistant Director of Housing in conjunction with the Assistant Director of

Financial Services following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing. The delegation would only be used to respond to a change in Government policy or a significant change in the Ofgem price cap that has the effect of necessitating a lower unit price.

10. Approve the draft Housing Revenue Account budget for 2025/26 as shown in Appendix 6.

Mover: Councillor Allen Seconder: Councillor Alam

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101. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY UPDATE

Consideration was given to the report which provided an update on the activities of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Bodies in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14. The report set out the various pieces of scrutiny that had been undertaken. The four appendices were the Work Programme's for the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, Health Select Commission, Improving Lives Select Commission and Improving Places Select Commission respectively.

In moving the report, Councillor Steele offered his thanks to Caroline Webb for all the support she had given him, and the scrutiny function, over the years.

Some concerns were raised over the possible duplication of work on Rothercard. Councillor Steele confirmed he would raise this with Councillor Sheppard. Councillor Currie asked if the Constitution could be reviewed as he wanted to be on Scrutiny but was currently unable to take up any of the vacant positions. Councillor Steele agreed to look into this. There was further debate on the call-in item and whether chairs of scrutiny should come from opposition parties.

Resolved:

That Council receive the report and note the updates.

Mover: Councillor Steele Seconder: Councillor Bacon

102. NOTICE OF MOTION - PROTECTING OUR FARMLAND AND COUNTRYSIDE BY PRIORITISING SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATIONS ON ROOFS AND CAR PARKS

Prior to the discussions on Minutes 102 and 103, the Monitoring Officer advised members that ongoing planning matters and planning applications could not be discussed. Members were not to pre-judge, or appear to pre-judge, these matters.

It was moved by Councillor Ball and seconded by Councillor Thorp that:

Council Notes:

1. An increased use of renewable energy sources, such as solar power, is critical in meeting the UK's net-zero commitments and tackling climate change.

2. Agricultural land is a finite and invaluable resource for food security, biodiversity, and the rural economy. Open, unspoilt countryside is important for conservation, health and wellbeing and public amenity.

3. Rooftops and car parks represent underutilised spaces that are highly suitable for solar panel installations, without reducing the many benefits of greenfield land, in particular its potential for food production and agriculture.

4. Several successful initiatives, including solar canopies over car parks (as seen in parts of the UK and Europe), demonstrate that solar power can be integrated into urban and suburban spaces effectively, generating significant energy and providing dual use, without the societal costs of losing large areas of greenfield land.

Council Believes:

1. Preserving greenfield land and farmland is essential for ensuring local and national food security, especially in the face of global climate pressures and rising population demands.

2. Solar energy development must be balanced with the need to protect greenfield land for other purposes, including agriculture, and the need to maintain the harmony of our countryside.

3. Encouraging rooftop and car park solar installations will promote sustainable energy generation, while safeguarding land for farming and environmental conservation.

Council Resolves:

1. To adopt a political stance in favour of small, discrete, solar panel installations, supporting their installation on:

    - Rooftops of commercial, residential, and public buildings.
    - Car parks through the development of solar canopies.

2. To encourage the use of brown field land for large-scale solar farms,.

3. To actively encourage partnerships with private and public sector organisations to maximise the use of existing infrastructure for renewable energy projects.

4. To campaign at a regional and national level for policies that align with these priorities and provide financial incentives for rooftop and car park solar projects.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Sheppard and seconded by Councillor Read:

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    - Rooftops of commercial, residential, and public buildings.
    - Car parks through the development of solar canopies.

2. To encourage the use of brown field land for large-scale solar farms,.

3. To actively encourage partnerships with private and public sector organisations to maximise the use of existing infrastructure for renewable energy projects.

4. To campaign at a regional and national level for policies that align with these priorities and provide financial incentives for rooftop and car park solar projects.

ADD:

5. T*o note the 2023 report by the UCL Energy Institute for the Council for the Protection of Rural England which noted that rooftops could only provide about half of all the renewable energy needed to hit national net zero targets*

On being put to the vote, the amendment was carried, and the amended motion became the substantive motion which read as follows:

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3. To actively encourage partnerships with private and public sector organisations to maximise the use of existing infrastructure for renewable energy projects.

4. To campaign at a regional and national level for policies that align with these priorities and provide financial incentives for rooftop and car park solar projects.

5. To note the 2023 report by the UCL Energy Institute for the Council for the Protection of Rural England which noted that rooftops could only provide about half of all the renewable energy needed to hit national net zero targets.

On being put to the vote the motion was carried.

103. NOTICE OF MOTION - PROACTIVE ACTION AT THE MALTBY COLLIERY SITE

It was moved by Councillor Tinsley and seconded by Councillor Stables that:

Background:
The former Maltby Colliery site, a location with a long history of coal mining, is currently undergoing a reclamation scheme. This site has sparked significant health and safety concerns among local residents, including risks of land contamination and public injury within the area.

Compost-like output (CLO), a processed waste product derived from organic waste materials, is commonly used in land reclamation projects due to its ability to improve soil quality and support plant growth.

However, while CLO offers benefits in enhancing soil structure and fertility, it also poses potential risks to both public health and the environment. The composition of CLO is often not fully transparent, raising concerns that it may contain toxic elements such as heavy metals, persistent organic pollutants (POPs), and other hazardous substances. Over time, these harmful substances could leach into surrounding soil, water systems, and air, threatening local ecosystems, public health, and the long-term safety of the land.

CLO has been identified at the Maltby site, containing visible contaminants such as glass and plastic. Additionally, water leaching into the soil has been reported. Both issues have previously been raised with the Environment Agency (EA), which is responsible for permitting and enforcement at the site. However, the EA has yet to conduct an investigation.

In addition to concerns surrounding CLO, the site's coal mining history adds further complications. Coal mining operations often leave behind a legacy of pollution, including heavy metals, hydrocarbons, and other

contaminants. These pollutants, which may have remained in the soil for decades, continue to pose risks to both the environment and human health. In 2014, the Council resolved to carry out Planning enforcement action on the owner of the site for the importation of MRF fines, stating that “The importation of material to the site represents inappropriate development in the Green Belt”. So similar action could be considered by the council regarding the importation of CLO.

The Maltby Colliery site is openly accessible by foot and frequently visited by individuals on off-road bikes and quads. A large lagoon on the site also shows signs of bank instability, raising concerns about public safety.

Recent testing on adjacent land designated for the Highfield Park housing development has confirmed the presence of land contaminants, raising serious questions about the safety of this area for residential use. While remediation of this land for housing is the responsibility of the developer as a planning condition, a proposed allotment site within the same area has not been included in soil testing. Growing food in potentially contaminated soil presents a direct public health risk to residents and highlights the broader dangers if no action is taken.

As these concerns continue to mount, local residents are calling for greater transparency, comprehensive testing, and stronger regulatory oversight of the reclamation process and the materials used in land restoration.

The Council Notes:

1. CLO (Compost-like Output) is classed as a waste product with no set standard to regulate it. CLO is not permitted to be used on Agricultural land.

2. The testing carried out by the developer at the adjacent Highfield Park housing site has highlighted contamination in the soil, indicative of what may exist across the wider area.

3. Testing of the soil at the part of the adjacent Highfield Park housing site intended for use as allotments has not as yet been carried out.

4. The importation of MRF fines from Hatfield Colliery to the Maltby Restoration site back in 2016 resulted in Planning Enforcement action by RMBC to prohibit further deposits. “The importation of material to the site represents inappropriate development in the Green Belt”

5. The Council holds powers under the Environmental 1990 Act Part 2 to create a strategy on Contaminated land and the investigation of contaminated land.

This Council resolves to:

1. Review/update the Council's Land Contamination Strategy:

- Conduct a comprehensive review of the Council's current land contamination strategy, to ensure that it is up to date with the latest environmental legislation and guidance.

- Ensure that the strategy incorporates best practices for managing legacy contamination and preventing future pollution risks to residential, agricultural, and recreational areas.

- Engage with external environmental experts to ensure that the strategy is up-to-date and aligns with the latest regulatory and environmental standards.

2. Call upon the Environment Agency to:

- Carry out investigative testing on the Maltby Colliery site to ascertain what contamination is present and what actions should be taken to reduce the risks, including to human health.

- Request that the Environment Agency carry out a legislative review on CLO, with a view to further regulation of this waste material.

3. RMBC's Planning / Community Protection

- Review the use of CLO at the Maltby Colliery site and determine if the importation of that material could contravene current and any future planning permissions at the site.

- To review public access and security measures to the Maltby Colliery site under restoration. Review the stability of the lagoon banking, referring local concerns about the dangers posed to the public to the HSE if appropriate.

- Review the current plan for allotments on Highfield Park, taking appropriate actions to investigate and remediate the land via Planning or via responsibilities under the Environmental protection 1990 act part 2a.

On being put to the vote the motion was carried.

104. NOTICE OF MOTION - KIER STARMER'S LABOUR GOVERNMENT HAVE FAILED WASPI (WOMEN AGAINST STATE PENSION INEQUALITY) WOMEN

It was moved by Councillor Tarmey and seconded by Councillor A Carter that:

Summary/Background:

The ruling by the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO) in March 2024 was a vindication of the WASPI movement's efforts and it underscores the government's responsibility to address the injustices faced by these women. It also highlighted longstanding failures in government communication. This meant that affected women were not fully aware of the changes and exactly what it meant for them.

This injustice, perpetrated by successive Governments, has not only had a profound effect on the individuals involved but on the wider community in Rotherham and on local government, not least because:

This Council believes:

- Some women who would have looked after older relatives or partners are unable to afford to do so, with a knock-on impact on local social care.
- Some women who would have otherwise retired and chosen to care for their grandchildren, are having to continue working, increasing the childcare burden on the state locally.
- Some women have been left in poverty, and are struggling to meet their housing costs, with a knock-on impact on local housing stock.
- There is a broader impact on voluntary services of all kinds locally, which are missing out on able, active volunteers who would otherwise have been able to retire from full-time work as planned.
- Our local economy is negatively affected by the reduced spending power and disposable income the uncommunicated State Pension Age changes have brought about among women born in the 1950s.
- It is wrong for the government to have taken the decision not to promise compensation for women affected by changes in state pension age. The council recognises that Local MPs Sarah Champion and John Heeley have campaigned in support of WASPI women, but they have been badly let down by the new U.K. government.
- The cut to the Winter Fuel Allowance will only amplify problems for many of these women.

This Council supports:

- A swift resolution to this ongoing injustice before more and more women die waiting for compensation.
- The conclusion of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on State Pension Inequality that women born in the 1950s have suffered a gross injustice, affecting their emotional, physical and mental circumstances in addition to causing financial hardship.
- The calls for compensation for WASPI women who were adversely affected by the changes and inadequate communication around them.

Therefore, this Council resolves to ask the Leader of the Council to write to:

1. The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions to reconsider their decision not to compensate WASPI women.

2. Local MPs to express the council's regret that they have failed in their duty to convince their own Government to compensate WASPI women.

On being put to the vote, the motion fell.

105. NOTICE OF MOTION - SAVE ROTHERHAM POST OFFICE

It was moved by Councillor C Carter and seconded by Councillor Tarmey that:

Summary/Background:

Council is shocked to learn that Rotherham Post Office is at risk of closure – alongside 115 other branches across the UK.

Rotherham Post Office is a vital community hub. Hundreds of residents rely on its services. For Post Office Ltd to announce that it is threatened with closure, with no consultation with local people, is extremely concerning.

Council firmly opposes any proposal to shut local Post Offices in Rotherham.

Therefore, this Council resolves to:

1. Instruct the Chief Executive to write to the Chief Executive of Post Office Ltd expressing Council's deep opposition to Rotherham Post Office being closed and asking for assurances that it will not be shut.

2. Request the Chief Executive write to the Government's Business Minister, Justin Madders, to request the Government immediately intervene and protect our local Post Office from closure.

On being put to the vote the motion was carried.

106. AUDIT COMMITTEE

Resolved: That the reports, recommendations and minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee be noted.

Mover: Councillor Baggaley Seconder: Councillor Elliott

107. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Resolved: That the reports, recommendations and minutes of the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board be noted.

Mover: Councillor Baker-Rogers Seconder: Councillor Read

108. LICENSING BOARD AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Resolved: That the reports, recommendations and minutes of the meetings of the Licensing Board Sub-Committee and the Licensing Sub-Committee be noted.

Mover: Councillor Beresford Seconder: Councillor Sutton

109. PLANNING BOARD

In moving the minutes, Councillor Williams informed Members that a seminar was being arranged regarding the changes to the National Planning Policy Framework. Details on this would be circulated shortly.

Resolved: That the reports, recommendations and minutes of the meeting of the Planning Board be noted.

Mover: Councillor Williams Seconder: Councillor Mault

110. STAFFING COMMITTEE

Resolved: That the recommendation of the Staffing Committee be accepted, and the minutes of the meeting be noted.

Mover: Councillor Alam Seconder: Councillor Read

111. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO DESIGNATED SPOKESPERSONS

There were 9 questions for the designated spokespersons:

1. Councillor Ball: Rotherham’s night-time fire cover, once a shining beacon of protection, has dwindled alarmingly over the past decade. What stirring actions, what bold and decisive measures, have you personally undertaken to arrest this deeply worrying erosion of safety for our residents?

   Councillor McKiernan explained that Rotherham fire station continued to provide 24/7 cover, supported by other stations and fire engines across the borough and across the county. The fire and rescue service had received significant, real-term reductions in funding since 2010. Councillor McKiernan stated that the bold and decisive measures that Councillor Ball took were to join the Conservative Party and become an advocate for austerity. Meanwhile, it has continued to receive

single year funding settlements for many years, creating further financial uncertainty. Both the service and the Authority had continued to lobby successive government ministers for a fair and long term funding settlement for the fire and rescue service. The service reviewed its risk management planning annually as part of its established Community Risk Management Plan process.

In his role on the Fire Authority, Councillor McKiernan stated that he would be supporting the responsible decisions that needed to be taken, based on the risks facing the service and the public, and supporting a government that would back public services, not one that undermined them at every turn.

In his supplementary question, Councillor Ball asked Councillor McKiernan to provide specific examples (names, dates, decisions) of meaningful change.

Councillor McKiernan advised Councillor Ball to search online.

2. Councillor Ball: Dearne's on-call pump, a critical lifeline for large-scale emergencies, has become about as reliable as a British summer. What plans, what mighty and immediate steps, do you have to restore this vital resource to a state of robust operational readiness, ensuring that the people of Rotherham are not left high and dry in their hour of need?

   Councillor McKiernan explained that the service continued to take steps to improve the availability of its on-call fire engines- including at Dearne fire station. This included the regular recruitment and training of new on-call firefighters (including 6 at Dearne in 2024) and the introduction of an on-call support team, which had had a big impact on the availability of on-call fire engines across the county. All fire and rescue services in the UK faced challenges in recruiting sufficient numbers of on-call firefighters due to the very specific eligibility requirements for the role, but Councillor McKiernan was confident the service was taking appropriate steps to address this issue in South Yorkshire.

   In his supplementary question, Councillor Ball asked how the people of Rotherham could trust the plan to improve the reliability of on-call fire engines at Dearne fire station when the problem had persisted for years? He asked if the timeline was weeks, months or another decade.

   Councillor McKiernan stated that he had not been on the Fire Authority long enough to know the specific details but as Councillor Ball had previously been a member, Councillor McKiernan suggested he may know some of the details himself.

3. Councillor Ball: Given the grim decline in Rotherham's fire cover, what representations have you personally made—what fiery speeches, what persuasive appeals—to ensure that sufficient resources and personnel are available to protect the safety of our community?

   Councillor McKiernan explained that the Fire Authority wrote to ministers in the autumn calling for a longer term financial settlement, capital investment funding and council tax precept flexibility. Nationally, the Chief Fire Officer continued to join other services in lobbying government for stable, long term funding via the National Fire Chiefs Council. The Authority welcomed this government's decision to allow Fire Authority's to raise their council tax precept by £5 to help address their ongoing financial challenges, which were the result of significant real-terms funding reductions under the government since 2010. This council tax option would be considered by Fire Authority members at their budget setting meeting in February.

   In his supplementary question, Councillor Ball asked what Councillor McKiernan had personally done.

   Councillor McKiernan stated that he had attended every meeting, had been on and would be going on training sessions and he was doing the best he could in the limited amount of time he had been on the Fire Authority.

4. Councillor Ball: How can the service justify delaying responses to secondary fires by dispatching smaller units instead of the nearest appliance, this proposal risks turning efficiency into folly. How, pray tell, does this protect the safety of our community, rather than leaving us vulnerable to the vagaries of chance?

   Councillor McKiernan explained that Small Incident Units had long been used by fire and rescue services to respond to secondary fires, like bin and grass fires. Small Incident Units attended lower risk incidents like these in order to keep full size fire engines available to respond as quickly as possible to more serious, life threatening emergencies. The service constantly reviewed its data and performance to ensure that the right assets are placed in the right locations to maximise appliance availability, such as the proposed transition of the Small Incident Unit from Cudworth to Dearne.

   In his supplementary question, Councillor Ball asked what the contingency plan was for when small units were tied up elsewhere, leaving secondary fires to smoulder and spread?

   Councillor McKiernan stated that a full sized appliance should be available in that situation.

5. Councillor Ball: Deploying smaller fire units to secondary fires sounds efficient on paper, but considering these units could be redirected to major incidents, how does this guarantee safety for Rotherham's residents, are we not simply creating a system where secondary fires are left smouldering while resources are stretched thinner than a well-worn fire hose?

   Councillor McKiernan explained that Small Incident Units kept fire engines available for more serious, life threatening emergencies by responding to lower risk incidents like bin and grass fires. The fire service continued to report its performance in responding to all 999 calls. In 2023/24, its average response time to all emergency incidents was 7 minutes 40 seconds.

   In his supplementary question, Councillor Ball asked if Councillor McKiernan would take responsibility when major incidents arose and there were inevitable delays caused by the inefficient redistribution of resources.

   Councillor McKiernan stated that he was not responsible for on the ground operations.

6. Councillor Ball: Is the use of smaller fire units for secondary fires truly a stroke of efficiency—an innovative masterstroke worthy of applause—or is it, in reality, a penny-pinching measure dressed up in the finery of progress, what assurances can you give that this approach doesn't leave public safety hanging by a thread?

   Councillor McKiernan explained that he had answered this question previously. Small Incident Units had been used to respond to lower risk incidents, like bin and grass fires, for more than 15 years. They were also used successfully by most other fire and rescue services in the UK to achieve the same aims. Full size fire engines remained available to respond to the most serious incidents. The service would evaluate and review the movement of a Small Fire Unit from Cudworth to Dearne fire station, should this proposal be approved by the Fire Authority.

   In his supplementary question, Councillor Ball asked that, if public safety was a priority, why were more robust solutions not being invested in, rather than relying on smaller, less reliable units?

   Councillor McKiernan stated that front line services had been cut for the previous 14 years. He wished the Fire Authority could afford everything it wanted but it could not.

7. Councillor Ball: You've endorsed public consultation on the CRMP, but have you rolled up your sleeves and properly engaged with the Fire Brigades Union, these valiant individuals represent the beating heart of our firefighting service. What effort have you made to understand

their concerns and ensure their voices are not drowned out in the din of bureaucracy?

Councillor McKiernan explained that the Fire Brigades Union, along with other staff representative bodies, had been fully involved in project group meetings as the service had developed its draft Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP), and the discussions which had followed its publication. The Fire Brigades Union had been invited to respond to the draft proposals. It had already responded, and this would be conscientiously considered by the service and the Authority before the final CRMP was published.

Councillor McKiernan confirmed that he had personally spoken with the Fire Brigades Union outside of meetings and had regular communications with them.

In his supplementary question, Councillor Ball asked Councillor McKiernan to explain what the CRMP was. He also asked, that if the Fire Brigade Union's concerns were not addressed, how could the consultation be anything more than a box ticking exercise?

Councillor McKiernan restated that the FBU had been consulted and their comments had been taken seriously. However the Fire Authority had a responsibility to consult many stakeholders and take their views into account as well.

8. Councillor Ball: Our firefighters, those brave souls who risk life and limb for us all, surely deserve a say in the CRMP consultation. Have their invaluable insights, forged in the heat of danger, been given the attention they so richly deserve, or are their concerns being swept aside like ash in the wake of ill-thought-out plans?

   Councillor McKiernan explained that all staff were invited to share their views as part of a pre-consultation exercise which informed the contents of the draft CRMP. Now the draft CRMP had been published, the Authority were continuing to engage with firefighters via surveys, team briefs and meetings to seek their views on the draft proposals. Station managers were also engaging with watches to gather and record their feedback.

   In his supplementary question, Councillor Ball asked Councillor McKiernan what the CRMP was.

   Councillor McKiernan stated that it was the Community Risk Management Plan, and the title was self-explanatory. The Fire Authority had to have one and it engaged with the community and various stakeholders to access risk and provide the best possible for the community.

9. Councillor Ball: The voices of frontline firefighters must surely ring loud and clear in shaping decisions on public safety. What specific and meaningful steps have you personally taken to ensure their expertise and experience are at the very heart of the CRMP process?

   Councillor McKiernan explained that, as stated already, firefighters were asked for their views as the CRMP was being developed. This helped to inform the draft plan. Their views were now being further considered as the Authority formally consulted on the service's draft proposals.

   In his supplementary question, Councillor Ball asked what an example of a fire fighter feeding in to the CRMP would be? What meaningful suggestions might come back from a fire fighter who was risking his life?

   Councillor McKiernan stated that a written response would be provided.

112. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

There were 22 questions for Cabinet Members and Chairpersons:

1. Councillor Bacon: Following the Council's loss of nearly half a million pounds of tax payers' money in a capital project, will the council commit to reviewing what went wrong, and give strong assurances that lessons have been learnt?

   Councillor Alam explained that he presumed that this question related to the write off approved at Cabinet in November 2024, as part of the Council September Financial Monitoring report. The Council proposed to write off a debtor balance in relation to Iliad (Rotherham) Ltd, to the value of £466,360.22, dating back from 27 March 2013. The debt stemmed from an old regeneration scheme where RMBC entered into a Development Agreement with the developer Iliad to deliver the Westgate Demonstrator Project. Under the terms of the Development Agreement just prior to commencement of construction on site, Iliad and the Council would enter into a long term lease. As the buildings were completed Iliad would then pay to the Council a Lease Premium. However, Iliad got into significant financial difficulty and were unable to meet the lease premium and ultimately fell into liquidation. As a result of this the Council was not able to recover the lease premium that it had raised as a debtor.

   Councillor Alam explained that even with the best due diligence in the world, sometimes private companies did go bust. The Council had taken steps over a number of years to pursue the debt as there was a small possibility of debt recovery even with the

company being in liquidation, however, the Council's efforts had not been able to recover the outstanding balance. In terms of the Councils own actions to try to avoid such things arising, with projects such as this the Council always carried out financial viability checks on businesses that it looked to engage to help mitigate any potential risk. Whilst the Council took steps to ensure that it ensured it was working with financially robust organisations, the risk of a business falling into financial difficulty could never be fully eradicated.

In his supplementary question, Councillor Bacon stated that this highlighted another failure on Labour's watch. A recent audit report had revealed a series of failings in the way that the Council managed public finances when it came to big projects. He asked if Labour would acknowledge the internal audit report, support publishing as much of it as possible and apologise to the public for the serious failing on their watch.

Councillor Alam explained that there were recommendations from the audit report. The failings mentioned were in 2013 and improvements had been made to the monitoring of capital projects by officers and members since then.

2. Councillor Bacon: Following complaints from residents that utility companies are allegedly not fully restoring areas of works to the standard they found them in, what steps will the council take to ensure these companies look after public infrastructure?

   Councillor Taylor was not present at the meeting to respond so a written response would be provided.

3. Councillor Thorp: How many children from Rotherham who need to be in care, but due to the lack of homes, are having to be cared for outside of the Borough, and how much is this outside care costing RMBC?

   Councillor Cusworth explained that there were 180 children and young people placed outside the borough. Of these, there would be some where this was purposeful for safety reasons, specialist education placements or placement with family. Whilst the Council did want more spaces for children and young people within the borough, it would always need spaces outside the borough for specialist needs and to be able to be flexible in the management of placements for children and young people.

   The external placements currently cost about £19.9m; if all the children and young people involved were able to be cared for in area, then the cost would be approximately 14.5m.

In his supplementary question, Councillor Thorp acknowledged that there were circumstances in which out of borough placements were required. He asked how many of the 180 children could be brought back to Rotherham if the right facilities were in place.

Councillor Cusworth explained that a written response would be provided with the figures. Members did have to be mindful of the amount of money made by private care homes. For example in 21/22, local authorities in England spent approximately £1.5 billon on care for children and private providers made around £300 million of profit. The Childrens Wellbeing Bill that was set to be introduced would put a cap on that.

Councillor Cusworth stated that it would be extremely helpful if all Councillors could promote fostering from the widest range of communities in Rotherham, which would help to increase the number of homes available to children and young people in Rotherham.

4. Councillor Sutton: Will the cabinet member recognise the concerns the residents of Maltby have around the planning application for the Maltby colliery site which will not only bring an environmental impact on our community with the CLO and other contaminants it will bring an increase in size and numbers of lorries through Maltby if the planning for the reclamation scheme goes ahead?

Councillor Taylor was not present at the meeting to respond so a written response would be provided.

5. Councillor Monk: What can the cabinet member tell us about the impact of this Council's decision to auto enrol eligible families for free school meals in Rotherham?

Councillor Monk was not present at the meeting to ask her question so a written response would be provided.

6. Councillor Baggaley: Could you provide an update on the expansion works at Waverley Junior Academy and reassurance to parents that additional places will be available from September 2025?

Councillor Cusworth explained that Wavery Junior Academy had been consistently over subscribed for several years. This meant that some local parents had not aways been able to get their first choice of school and some children had not always been able to be educated at their nearest school. The Council had worked with the school to increase the number of places by extending the school building itself. This had always been the plan as part of the Waverley development however it had been brought forward by 12 months.

The expansion will support parental choice and allow more children to be educated locally. Councillor Cusworth noted that the sponsors of the academy had worked with the Council at speed to get the expansion done.

In his supplementary, Councillor Baggaley stated that with the additional 210 places, it would increase pupil yield to 630 with an FS0/FS1 provision on top. Councillor Baggaley expressed concerns for child safety around the school, especially after the school crossing warden had left the post. He asked what could be done to improve road safety around schools.

Councillor Cusworth explained that the vacant post was being advertised and service wanted someone in post as quickly as possible. The site also formed part of the survey for school crossing patrols and traffic management. Conversations were ongoing in traffic management around this issue. Further information would be provided in writing and Councillor Cusworth invited Councillor Baggaley to a meeting with her and Councillor Taylor to further discuss the matter.

7. Councillor Yasseen: Who decided the new and existing cycling routes?

   Councillor Taylor was not present at the meeting to respond so a written response would be provided.

8. Councillor Clarke: Following the local area inspection in September, please could you give me an outline of what is next for the Rotherham SEND provision?

   Councillor Clarke was not present at the meeting to ask her question so a written response would be provided.

9. Councillor Yasseen: With the Council committing to building more homes, why is it not working with local partners, such as the NHS, to maximise housing opportunities from Partners surplus estate sites?

   Councillor Allen explained that the Council facilitated bi-monthly meetings of the Strategic Estates Group, which brought together public sector partners, including NHS organisations, to discuss a range of issues including the best use of surplus land and assets to meet wider Borough objectives and priorities. Councillor Allen reiterated that meetings were held regularly.

   In her supplementary question, Councillor Yasseen stated that there had been community members at the meeting fighting for the NHS accommodation. For her research, Councillor Yasseen stated

that it did not look as though people were meeting and the right support had not been put in place. It was only once the campaign had started that the Council helped. Councillor Yasseen referenced previous comments that there was a lack of funding but she asked if the underspend from the HRA could be used and conversations held with NHS partners regarding the accommodation blocks.

Councillor Allen explained that the Council would expect partners to raise such issues at the Strategic Estates Group meetings. Councillor Allen said members of the community knew more about it before the issue was raised at the Group. In terms of the NHS accommodation blocks, the Council had been led to believe that the blocks would be repurposed. The Council would, via the Strategic Estates Group, continue to push the NHS to be clear about their intentions. Finance would be a major consideration should the properties become available. However, there were also concerns that the blocks were in the middle of the hospital site and therefore may not be suitable for general accommodation.

10. Councillor Yasseen: Can you reassure us that child safeguarding is fully embedded in all Council services, reflecting our commitment to a 'Child-Centred Borough'. What specific measures are in place to ensure safeguarding remains a consistent priority across all services?

    Councillor Cusworth explained that safeguarding remained a priority for all services across the Council and there was a Council Safeguarding Policy in place and available on the intranet which reinforced that safeguarding was everybody's business. This was recognised by Ofsted at the last Focused Visit in May 2024, which concentrated on safeguarding across children in need in Rotherham and they commented that "strong corporate support ensures a whole-council approach to understanding children's vulnerability and responding to risk and need." They also noted the political leadership and Strategic Leadership Team with safeguarding running from the very top.

    The Council had a Safeguarding Champions Group which included representatives from all Directorates across the Council so that safeguarding remained a golden thread. There was mandatory safeguarding training for all staff and safeguarding training for Elected Members with 6 monthly updates. Child Exploitation also formed part of the induction course.

    Councillor Cusworth concluded by saying there was lots of other work going on and that Rotherham was seen as the Gold Standard when it came to child safeguarding.

Councillor Yasseen raised various points in her supplementary question that the Mayor deemed not to relate to the original question. As such the Mayor rejected the question and moved on to the next.

11. Councillor A Carter: What date can we expect work to start on the improvements to parking outside the Brinsworth Lane shops?

    Councillor Sheppard stated that it was expected that the works would be complete before the end of the financial year and they were scheduled to take around 4 weeks for completion.

    In his supplementary, Councillor A Carter asked for confirmation that work would start by the end of February 2025.

    Councillor Sheppard confirmed this was correct.

12. Councillor A Carter: Would the cabinet member support our submission for improvements to Brinsworth Gateway through the Our Places Fund project, that would see improvements to shop frontage, essential road resurfacing, and improvement of the street scene, that would complete the projects we originally submitted to the Towns and Villages fund four years ago?

    Councillor Sheppard confirmed that he would be considering it along with various other locations across the borough in response to the consultation.

    In his supplementary, Councillor A Carter stated that if any further information was required, the Brinsworth Neighbourhood Officer would be able to assist.

    Councillor Sheppard thanked Councillor Carter for that information.

13. Councillor A Carter: What is the financial cost to the council and therefore Rotherham taxpayers due to empty units at the new Forge Island development, including lost business rates, lost rent, and consequent impact on paying off the capital investment loan?

    Councillor Taylor was not present at the meeting to respond so a written response would be provided.

14. Councillor Ball: Can you provide a detailed breakdown of how council tax revenue is being allocated and how you justify recent increases in light of ongoing service cuts?

    Councillor Ball was not present at the meeting to ask his question so a written response would be provided.

15. Councillor Ball: How do you plan to improve procurement practices to ensure better value for money and reduce unnecessary spending?

    Councillor Ball was not present at the meeting to ask his question so a written response would be provided.

16. Councillor Ball: Can you explain why investments in the EV infrastructure are limited to singular charging points rather than exploring Gridserve-style hubs that could generate jobs and support economic growth?

    Councillor Ball was not present at the meeting to ask his question so a written response would be provided.

17. Councillor Ball: What is the council doing to secure and maintain essential public safety equipment, such as throwline boards, across all high-risk areas?

    Councillor Ball was not present at the meeting to ask his question so a written response would be provided.

18. Councillor Ball: Can you provide evidence of measurable outcomes from recent public spending initiatives, particularly those marketed as tackling antisocial behaviour and community safety?

    Councillor Ball was not present at the meeting to ask his question so a written response would be provided.

19. Councillor Ball: How is the council collaborating with local police to ensure consistency in tackling antisocial behaviour and reducing strain on emergency services?

    Councillor Ball was not present at the meeting to ask his question so a written response would be provided.

20. Councillor Ball: What more can be done by the council to engage with local community groups, such as Maltby Happy Gardeners, to develop sustainable, cost-effective solutions for maintaining green spaces?

    Councillor Ball was not present at the meeting to ask his question so a written response would be provided.

21. Councillor Ball: Given ongoing issues with speeding and antisocial driving, what is your long-term plan to address these problems across Rotherham?

    Councillor Ball was not present at the meeting to ask his question so a written response would be provided.

22. Councillor Ball: What is your five-year plan to balance economic growth, environmental sustainability, and public service improvements, and how will you ensure tangible benefits for residents?

    Councillor Ball was not present at the meeting to ask his question so a written response would be provided.

113. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items to consider.

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24th January 2025

Mr Tariq Abdulkarim

Dear Mr Abdulkarim

Question to Council – Wednesday 15th January 2025

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on 15th January 2025. I have set out the question and my response below.

Having clear public art guidelines would help ensure that all communities feel represented and that artistic expression is treated equitably.

Would the council create formal public art guidelines outlining:

1. Criteria for approving or rejecting public artworks
2. Ensuring equal opportunities for cultural expression
3. The process for reviewing and challenging decisions
4. Ensure Fair consistent and transparent decisions

I can advise that the Council does not regularly commission public art, and where it does this tends to be small scale, targeted works of art undertaken in response to a specific site with a specific community where funding and opportunity arise. For example, the recent project at Clifton Learning Partnership as part of a Historic England funded programme.to secure an appropriate location for the work.

In general, Public Art is commissioned by partners with support from the Council to enable these works, for example the recent commission of James Capper's Camelia sculpture which was commissioned by Gallery Town with support from the Council.

Flux Rotherham has recently taken on the management of the Gallery Town programme and will be working towards developing a set of principles and guidelines for future commissioning of Public Art as part of this programme.

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We agree that clear guidelines for public art are valuable and help to ensure that there is equal representation, a framework of quality principles and due care and consideration given to maintenance, repair and decommissioning as part of any public art proposals. It will be supporting the development of this work through its role as part of the Cultural Partnership Board but is very happy to take views from Elected Members and ensure that they are included as part of this process.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely



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24th January 2025

Nida Khan

Dear Nida Khan

Question to Council – Wednesday 15th January 2025

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on 15th January 2025. I have set out the question, supplementary question and my responses below.

As we have now come into the New Year and we are fast running out of Grave spaces what progress has Rotherham Borough Council made in resolving the situation?

The latest information that we have from Dignity is that the remaining burial spaces available as of the 10 Jan 2025 (approximately) is:

57 lined graves which equates to 2.1 operational years available.
21 earthen graves which equates to 3 operational years available.
19 baby graves which equates to 1.2 operational years available.

The number of operational years available are calculated from the average number of burials for each type from 2023.

Where possible there are always two lined graves (top of vault exposed and temporary cover in place) and two earthen graves (pre dug and backfilled with loose soil) pre prepared for short notice burials

On the negotiations the Council has written to Dignity and is awaiting a response.. The Council will continue to monitor the space available and continue the dialogue through the quarterly meetings that we have to provide information and reassurance that sufficient space is available to meet the needs of all our communities.

Yours sincerely

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Mr Ali

Dear Mr Ali

Supplementary question to Council – Wednesday 15th January 2025

Thank you for your supplementary question that you raised at Council on Wednesday 15th January 2025 regarding responses received from government in relation to the international peacekeeping force to protect the people of Gaza and Palestine.

I have enclosed a copy of four letters for your information that relate to Gaza and Palestine.

1) Letter dated 13th October 2023 from Sarah Champion MP to James Cleverly MP
2) Letter dated 16th November 2023 from Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Officer to Cllr Alam
3) Letter dated 1st March 2024 from Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon to the Leader of the Council
4) Letter dated 20th November 2024 from Jim McMahon MP to the Leader of the Council

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

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The Rt Hon James Cleverly MP
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Our Ref: SC19427

13 October 2023

Dear Foreign Secretary,

I have been watching with horror the escalating violence and mounting civilian death toll in Israel and Gaza. Nothing can ever justify the deliberate targeting of civilians, indiscriminate and disproportionate attacks, collective punishment or hostage taking.

Hamas' shocking killings and abductions demonstrated a flagrant and sickening disregard for life and for international law and cannot be justified under any circumstances. There can also be no justification for collective punishment. As you are aware, Israeli airstrikes have been killing families and destroying whole neighbourhoods. The Israeli government has cut Gaza off from all water, food, electricity and fuel, and hospitals have run out of capacity to treat victims. I am deeply concerned by the Israeli order to evacuate over a million Palestinians from northern Gaza in less than 24 hours, a move that would amount to the forced transfer of population which is prohibited under international humanitarian law. Civilians in Israel and Gaza right now are profoundly traumatized and both sides in the armed conflict are threatening more and worse violence.

I urge you in the strongest terms to urgently:

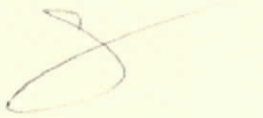
- Speak out and exercise every diplomatic effort to ensure the evacuation called upon Gaza is rescinded, in line with UN calls, and for every possible action to be taken to prevent further harm to the people of Gaza. This must include all parties agreeing to an urgent ceasefire, to allow emergency aid to be delivered in Gaza, and for there to be unfettered medical and humanitarian access.
- Condition the UK Government's support for Israel on its strict observance of international humanitarian law, which is the strongest legal tool at the disposal of the international community to protect civilian life.
- Commit to not cut aid to the Palestinian people. The civilian population of Gaza are already on their knees and without support more Palestinian civilians will be left to die.

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I am terrified this cycle of violence will not end, and innocent people will continue to pay the price.

This means that the above urgent actions to deescalate and protect all civilian lives must also be complemented by UK Government support for a revitalised political process to secure a viable peace process leading to a two-state solution.

Kind regards,



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Saghir Alam

Our ref: CTO2023/20923

16 November 2023

Dear Saghir Alam,

Thank you for your email of 3 November about the situation in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPTs). The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) Correspondence Team has been asked to respond.

A tragedy is unfolding in the Middle East. Israel has suffered the worst terror attack in its history and Palestinian civilians in Gaza are suffering a devastating and growing humanitarian crisis. The UK condemns the terrorist acts perpetrated by Hamas against Israeli and international citizens. Hamas is a terrorist organisation, which neither speaks for nor acts in the interests of the Palestinian people. There is no justification for the brutal targeting of civilians: terrorism will not prevail. As the Prime Minister has said, Hamas can have no future in the leadership of Gaza after their appalling terrorist attacks.

The UK supports Israel's right to defend itself in line with International Humanitarian Law. We have pressed Israel to ensure its campaign is targeted against Hamas leaders and military infrastructure; to allow aid to enter Gaza; to end settler violence; and to work with the UN and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to improve the desperate humanitarian situation. It is vital that all parties ensure that their actions are proportionate, necessary and minimise harm to civilians.

From the start we have said that we want British nationals to be able to leave Gaza, and for humanitarian aid to reach Gaza. We are therefore calling for a humanitarian pause to facilitate delivery of critical humanitarian aid and, crucially, to allow hostages and British nationals to leave. We are urgently exploring all diplomatic options and all practical routes, working with the UN and partners in the region and beyond. The UK does not support a ceasefire, which would only allow Hamas to entrench itself in Gaza and launch further attacks.

The UK is working intensively to get much greater amounts of aid into Gaza. We need a collective international effort to get aid in as fast as possible - including food, water, and fuel and medical supplies - by as many routes as possible. We welcome the agreement

to allow some trucks of aid into Gaza through Rafah, but it is not enough. We urge Israel to open other border crossings.

The UK has committed to an additional £30 million of aid for Gaza, more than doubling our existing aid commitment for this year (£27 million). Three UK flights carrying a total of 51 tonnes of aid have landed in Egypt (on 25 October, 2 November and 3 November). These shipments have included life-saving items such as wound care packs, water filters and solar powered lights, as well as vital equipment (including forklift trucks, belt conveyors and lighting towers) specifically requested by UK partners in the region to manage and deliver aid more effectively.

To prevent further conflict and terrorism, there must be a lasting political solution to the Israeli/Palestinian conflict: a two-state solution which provides peace, justice and security for both Israelis and Palestinians. The UK will work urgently with our partners to ensure this vision finally becomes a reality. We are also urging all sides to de-escalate tension in the West Bank and tackle all forms of extremism. We will oppose any attempts by malign actors to cause further escalation in the region.

As the Prime Minister has said, we are investing more deeply in regional stability and in the two-state solution. The Prime Minister, former Foreign Secretary and Ministers have spoken to counterparts across the region to underline the need to work together and avoid any further spread of conflict. This includes the King of Jordan, the President of Egypt, the Prime Minister of Israel, Palestinian Authority President Abbas, the President of Turkey, the Amir of Qatar, the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, the UN Secretary General and the leaders of France, Canada, Italy, the USA and Germany. The former Foreign Secretary visited Israel on 11 October, Egypt on 19 October, attended a summit convened by President Sisi in Egypt on 21 October, visited the United Arab Emirates on 30 October and met seven Arab League Foreign Ministers in Riyadh on 9 November.

Lord Ahmad, the FCDO Minister of State for the Middle East, spoke to the UN General Assembly in New York on the Israel-Gaza Crisis and met representatives from the UN, Egypt, Jordan, UAE and the Palestinian Authority on 26/27 October. He has also reached out to our partners in the region, including with Israel, the Palestinian Authority, Egypt, Jordan, Turkey, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Morocco, Bahrain and Lebanon. He visited Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories on 1-2 November.

In all our engagements with Israeli counterparts we have underscored the UK's firm belief in Israel's right to self-defence in accordance with International Humanitarian Law. Israel has a duty to minimise civilian casualties and we have called on Israel to take every possible precaution to avoid harming civilians. Humanity, rule of law, decency and the respect for human life is what sets us apart from the mindless violence of the terrorist.

The UK's position on international law is unwavering and we continue to make clear to all parties that all possible measures must be taken to ensure civilian casualties are minimised and to facilitate humanitarian aid to the civilians in Gaza. The former Foreign Secretary emphasised these points during his recent visit to Israel. Israeli President Herzog has also said Israel will abide by international law.

We are also clear that peace, security and stability for Israelis and Palestinians alike can only be achieved through a collaborative and concerted effort towards a two-state solution; a secure Israel, living side by side with an independent, secure and viable Palestinian state.

Yours sincerely,

FCDO Correspondence Team
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Our ref: N10#2024/04928

01 March 2024

Dear Chris,

Thank you for your letter of 19 February to the Prime Minister on behalf of the residents of Rotherham, about the situation in Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPTs). I am replying as the Minister of State for the Middle East.

Israel has suffered the worst terror attack in its history at the hands of Hamas and Palestinian civilians are facing a devastating and growing humanitarian crisis in Gaza. We want to see an immediate end to the fighting in Gaza, to get aid in and hostages out, then progress towards a sustainable, permanent ceasefire, without a return to destruction, fighting and loss of life.

There must be a reduction in civilian casualties. All parties must act within International Humanitarian Law (IHL). We want to see Israel take greater care to limit its operations to military targets and avoid harming civilians and destroying homes.

Israel must obey International Humanitarian Law; not only does that involve what the IDF does in terms of the way it prosecutes this war but, as the occupying power in Gaza, it has to make sure that humanitarian aid - food, water, and shelter - is available. We regularly review advice about Israel's capability and commitment to IHL and we act in accordance with that advice, for example, when considering export licences.

On 26 January, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) delivered its decision on the provisional measures requested by South Africa in their case against Israel regarding alleged violations of the 1948 Genocide Convention. We respect the role and independence of the ICJ and ask Israel to comply with the decision of the Court. We welcome the Court's call for the immediate release of hostages, to get more aid into Gaza, and its reminder that all parties to the conflict are bound by International Humanitarian Law. During his visit to Israel in January, the Foreign Secretary was clear we want to see an immediate stop which is necessary for all these things. We then want to build towards a sustainable, permanent ceasefire, without a return to fighting.

There is a desperate need for increased humanitarian support to Gaza - 9 out of 10 people in Gaza are living on less than a meal a day. Our focus must be on practical solutions that save lives. We trebled our aid commitment this financial year and we are doing everything we can to get more aid in and open more crossings. Israel must take steps, working with other partners including the UN and Egypt, to significantly increase the flow of aid into Gaza, opening more routes into Gaza and restoring and sustaining water, fuel, and electricity. The Foreign Secretary discussed the urgency of getting significantly more aid into Gaza to alleviate the desperate situation there with Prime Minister Netanyahu during his visit to Israel last month. His Representative for Humanitarian Affairs in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, Mark Bryson-Richardson, is also working intensively to address the blockages preventing more aid reaching Gaza.

We are appalled by allegations that United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) staff were involved in the 7 October attack against Israel, a heinous act of terrorism that the UK Government has repeatedly condemned. We are pausing any **future** funding of UNRWA, in line with the United States, Germany, Australia, Italy, Canada, Finland, Switzerland and the Netherlands. We remain committed to getting humanitarian aid to the people in Gaza who desperately need it, including through other UN agencies and British charities. Our decision to pause future funding to UNRWA has no impact on the UK's contribution to the humanitarian response.

We are getting on with aid delivery through funding multiple implementing partners, including the British Red Cross, UNICEF, the UN World Food Programme and Egyptian Red Crescent Society to respond to critical food, fuel, water, health, shelter, and security needs in Gaza. We have supported and will continue to support the United Nations World Food Programme to deliver a new humanitarian land corridor from Jordan into Gaza. 750 tonnes of life-saving food aid arrived in the first delivery in December and a second delivery of 315 tonnes was made last month. We have and will continue to support the Egyptian Red Crescent Society. It has a long standing and trusted role as auxiliary to the Egyptian authorities in the humanitarian field. We have worked closely with our Jordanian partners to airlift four tonnes of essential medicines, fuel, and food directly to the Tal Al-Hawa Hospital in northern Gaza. We expect thousands of patients to benefit.

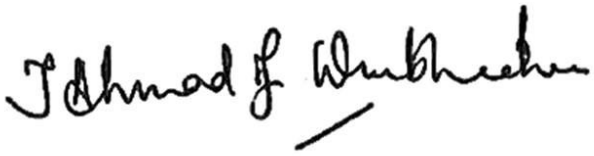
As the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary have both said, we are deeply concerned about the prospect of a military offensive in Rafah where over half of Gaza's population are sheltering in the area, and the Rafah crossing is vital to ensure aid can reach the people who so desperately need it. We urge Israel to stop and think very seriously before it takes any further action.

The Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary and I have reiterated these messages in contacts with Prime Minister Netanyahu and other senior Israeli political leaders, as well as through extensive programmes of visits to meet with leaders in Qatar, Oman, Saudi Arabia, and Lebanon in recent weeks. I have held discussions to try to resolve this crisis with representatives from the UN, Israel, Egypt, Jordan, UAE, the Palestinian Authority, Bahrain, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and the Organisation of the Islamic

Conference; travelling to New York, Israel, the Occupied Palestinian Territories, Lebanon, Qatar, Jordan, UAE, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia to take this action forward.

Five vital steps are required for a sustainable peace: the release of all hostages; the formation of a new Palestinian Government for the West Bank and Gaza, accompanied by an international support package; removing Hamas's capacity to launch attacks against Israel; Hamas no longer being in charge of Gaza; a political horizon which provides a credible and irreversible pathway towards a two-state solution, where all citizens of both nations live in peace and security.

Yours sincerely,



LORD (TARIQ) AHMAD OF WIMBLEDON
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Our reference: MC2024/26951

Cllr Chris Read
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20 November 2024

Dear Chris,

Thank you for your email of 31 October to the Deputy Prime Minister regarding Section 17 of the Local Government Act 1988 and Section 116 of the Procurement Act 2023. I am replying as the Minister responsible for Local Government.

Thank you for sharing with me the outcome of the petition. You'll know that the government is committed to resetting the relationship with local government and I hope progress is seen in this regard. On this issue, the Government does not have plans to remove restrictions on local councils contained in Section 17 of the Local Government Act 1988 at this time.

The Economic Activities Public Bodies (overseas matters) Bill is currently at committee stage in the House of Lords, and it can be followed online at https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3475.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,



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5th February 2025

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Dear Cllr Bennett-Sylvester

Question to Council – Wednesday 15th January 2025

Thank you for the question your raised to Council on 15th January 2025 as part of the discussions on the HRA Business Plan, Rent Setting and Service Charges Cabinet report.

You asked for information on the relationship between the HRA, Rothercare and private residents. This information is set out in the Future Rothercare Model report that went to Cabinet on 14th October 2024. The report can be found on the Council's website: *https://moderngov.rotherham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1103&MId=16173&Ver=4* and it outlines the arrangements under Section 7.

I hope that my response is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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20 January 2025

Cllr Simon Ball

Via email: simon.ball@rotherham.gov.uk

Dear Cllr Ball

Question raised at Council – 15th January 2025

Thank you for your supplementary question at Council on 15th January, where you asked me the following:

"What would be an example of a fire fighter feeding into the CRMP. What meaningful suggestions might come back from a fire fighter who is risking his life"

All feedback on the draft Community Risk Management Plan is conscientiously considered as part of the CRMP development process. Firefighters may feedback on any aspect of the draft plan, including staffing arrangements, training considerations, station work routines and our approach to managing risk. All views will be considered, with amendments made to the plan where appropriate and affordable.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Councillor McKiernan
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24th January 2025

Cllr Joshua Bacon
Elected Member

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Dear Cllr Bacon,

Question to Council – Wednesday 15th January 2025

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on 15th January 2025. I have set out the question and my response below.

Following complaints from residents that utility companies are allegedly not fully restoring areas of works to the standard they found them in, what steps will the council take to ensure these companies look after public infrastructure?

There is a process in place where Council officers do inspect works carried out by utility companies whilst they're taking place. And after completion, works are inspected twice, firstly within six months, followed by a further inspection towards the end of what's known as the guarantee period, which is either 2 or 3 years depending on the nature of the works. If the works completed are unsatisfactory, based on the relevant standards, companies are instructed to return to correct the issues.

A defect cycle process is managed within the Streetworks team, the relevant organisation are informed and defects agreed or challenged within 10 working days. If necessary, remedial works are then agreed between the Streetworks team and the organisation responsible.
There is a process for recovering costs should the Council have to undertake any works to correct the defect.

I hope that my response is helpful.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Robert Taylor
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Councillor Paul Thorp
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Dear Cllr Thorp

Question to Council – Wednesday 15th January 2025

Thank you for your supplementary question submitted to Council on 15th January 2025. You acknowledged that there were circumstances in which out of borough placements were required, and you asked how many of the 180 children could be brought back to Rotherham if the right facilities were in place.

I can advise that children and young people who are placed out of area have a variety of different care needs. Some of these will be in settled placements and have established links in their respective areas and as such we are not actively seeking for them to move to a placement provision closer to Rotherham. That said, where children returning to the local area would be in their best interest – specifically those placed in external residential care – they are tracked and monitored by senior leaders. We are growing our in-house provision to be able to offer wider placement choice according to children and young people's needs.

I hope that my response is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Cllr Donna Sutton
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Dear Cllr Sutton,

Question to Council – Wednesday 15th January 2025

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on 15th January 2025. I have set out the question and my response below.

Will the cabinet member recognise the concerns the residents of Maltby have around the planning application for the Maltby colliery site which will not only bring an environmental impact on our community with the CLO and other contaminants it will bring an increase in size and numbers of lorries through Maltby if the planning for the reclamation scheme goes ahead?

Thank you Cllr Sutton for your question and for expressing the concerns that your residents have shared with you. We did discuss this particular issue at Full Council. But you raise additional concerns, I'm sure your residents will thank you for that. You are quite right to share those concerns and I commend you for it.

As you are aware the proposal at the Maltby colliery site is currently under consideration by the planning department and I am aware that a significant number of comments have already been submitted objecting to this development. I can offer you the assurance that all these comments along with all the comments and observations of the Environment Agency and officers from the Council's Environmental Health and Highways departments will be taken into account before a recommendation is made by the planning team and the application presented to Members of the Planning Board to determine.

The Environment Agency are independently investigating the use of CLO (compost like output) on the site to consider if it needs a permit in its own right. The Council is currently supporting the Environment Agency on this matter to ensure that there is no conflict with the planning conditions imposed on the original permission.

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I hope that my response is helpful.

Yours sincerely



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Councillor Gina Monk
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Dear Cllr Monk

Question to Council – Wednesday 15th January 2025

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on 15th January 2025. I have set out the question and my response below.

What can the cabinet member tell us about the impact of this Council's decision to auto enrol eligible families for free school meals in Rotherham?

One of the barriers to ensuring that eligible children get access to free school meals (FSM) and schools get the additional resource they need to support disadvantaged children is that parents can have difficulties claiming (enrolling) for FSM, Auto-enrolment means the Council can identify eligible children and sign them up without parents having to do so. Parents are still given the option to opt out.

Following the move to Auto-Enrolment for FSM, an additional 340 children from 271 different Rotherham families to have been identified as eligible for a free school meal.

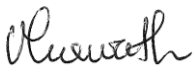
This 340 is made up of 207 primary school pupils, 116 secondary school pupils and 17 special school pupils. The financial benefit to these Rotherham families from daily access to a nutritious meal during the school day is estimated at £136k per year. This is enhanced by the numerous non-financial benefits of a daily nutritious meal

which include improved overall nutrition, improved concentration and engagement in school, and access to the Healthy Holidays Programme out of school term.

There is also a significant financial benefit to Rotherham Schools from this work, with each child entitled to a free school meal also attracting Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) funding for the school (£1480 per primary school pupil and £1050 per secondary school pupil). This scheme has resulted in an additional amount of £448,560 in PPG funding to Rotherham schools (£306360 for primary schools, £121800 for secondary schools and £20400 for special schools), all of which will be used to support disadvantaged children under the terms of the PPG.

I hope that my response is helpful.

Yours sincerely



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Cllr Taiba Yasseen
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Dear Cllr Yasseen,

Question to Council – Wednesday 15th January 2025

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on 15th January 2025. I have set out the question and my response below.

Who decided the new and existing cycling routes?

Our priorities for improving routes for cycling are set out in the Rotherham Cycling Strategy approved by Cabinet in January 2022. Individual schemes are then subsequently entered in the Capital Programme when funding becomes available, usually following a successful bidding process for external grant funding, which of course also comes through the MCA's formal decision-making processes.

However, it is important to remember that, unless there are specific local restrictions, all public highways are considered as cycle routes in the same way they are routes for car drivers, pedestrians, and others, as cyclists have a right of way over them.

To reinforce that message, the Department for Transport has recently indicated that funding for all transport projects will require sufficient consideration of cyclists in the proposed design.

We as elected members are part of the decision making process we make personal and political choices, such as the one we both supported in the Labour Group's 2021 manifesto, which gave the specific commitment to build a route from Meadowhall to Broom. That manifesto also said that we would consult on a new cycling strategy for the borough.

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Both the consultation draft and the resulting strategy approved in January 2022 included a route between Rotherham to Eastwood & East Dene. The online consultation for the Fitzwilliam Road / Eastwood scheme closed in November and we are presently analysing the responses and understanding how the scheme can respond to the feedback received – we intend to provide an update in the spring and we are continuing to engage with the community in the meantime.

I hope that my response is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Cllr Clarke

Question to Council – Wednesday 15th January 2025

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on 15th January 2025. I have set out the question and my response below.

Following the local area inspection in September, please could you give me an outline of what is next for the Rotherham SEND provision?

We were pleased to get the highest outcome from the recent Local Area partnership's SEND Inspection. Inspectors were particularly impressed with the ambitious leadership and the clear strategy in place, which is based on rigorous data monitoring. This approach enables the partnership to measure success and make necessary adjustments effectively. The strong collaboration between education, health, and social care was also highlighted, ensuring that children and young people receive consistent and comprehensive support.

Parents reported positively on the support their children receive, appreciating the accessible information and the range of training and guidance provided. Additionally, the timely intervention and support from experienced early help practitioners were commended, helping children and young people successfully reintegrate into education.

The provision for children and young people with visual and/or hearing impairments was praised for its high-quality assessments and ongoing specialist support. Inspectors also noted the good access to front door child and adolescent mental health services, ensuring swift support for young people. The Dynamic Support Register was recognized for providing timely support to prevent acute hospital admissions or to plan hospital admissions when needed.

Moving forward, the council intends to build on these strengths by continuing to improve the quality of EHC plans, ensuring they contain consistent and clear information from health, education, and social care, and reflect the views of children, young people, and their families. Efforts will be strengthened to reduce long waits for neurodevelopmental assessments and improve access to occupational therapy and speech and language therapy. The council will also maintain its focus on promoting inclusion and attendance, supporting children and young people to remain in full-time education and successfully complete their studies. By enhancing support services and fostering strong collaboration, the council aims to ensure that children and young people with SEND in Rotherham continue to receive the high-quality support they need to thrive.

I hope that my response is helpful.

Yours sincerely



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Cllr Adam Carter
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Dear Cllr Carter,

Question to Council – Wednesday 15th January 2025

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on 15th January 2025. I have set out the question and my response below.

What is the financial cost to the council and therefore Rotherham taxpayers due to empty units at the new Forge Island development, including lost business rates, lost rent, and consequent impact on paying off the capital investment loan?

Ideally there would have been full occupancy at Forge Island from day one, the reality is that developments of this type, irrespective of location, rarely are fully populated at launch. The Council's approved Budget and the MTFS, assumed a budget plan that deals with a period where the scheme isn't fully let, as did the financial model for Forge Island. Such a model doesn't anticipate prospective business rates or rents so we can't consider them as lost. Even if we did it wouldn't impact as you suggest as the scheme is funded by a loan that will not be charged until April 2026, a year after scheme completion.

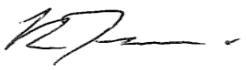
The actual final cost of the project is not yet known, whilst the structures are largely completed, part of the project budget was a contribution towards the fit out of the units. As only some of the units are currently tenanted and open, the contribution to the fit out of the remaining ones is still to be paid. As such, the final project costs are not yet complete. However, it is still expected that the project will be completed within the £47.4m budget agreed by Cabinet in October 2022.

On your final point, it is important to note that the Council doesn't take specific loans out on a scheme by scheme basis, but borrows in accordance with need and cashflow combined with investments, as part of its treasury management activity.

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I hope that my response is helpful.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Cllr Ball

Question to Council – Wednesday 15th January 2025

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on 15th January 2025. I have set out the question and my response below.

Can you provide a detailed breakdown of how council tax revenue is being allocated and how you justify recent increases in light of ongoing service cuts?

As you know the Council produces a Budget and Council Tax report annually to Cabinet and Council that details how Council Tax is calculated and details how it will be spent. The Budget and Council Tax for 2024/25 was approved at Council in February 2024 and as you proposed alternative budget options I assume that you may have received a briefing on how the Council Tax is calculated and allocated in the Budget. The savings being delivered at present were agreed in that Budget.

The Council produces every year a Council Tax guide which is publicised on the Council's website, this document details how the Council calculates its Council Tax and how the Council spends it net revenue budget. There is also a Council Tax leaflet which explains this and refers to the Council Tax Guide which is posted to all households each year, except those who specify to receive it electronically.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Cllr Ball
Question to Council – Wednesday 15th January 2025

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on 15th January 2025. I have set out the question and my response below.

How do you plan to improve procurement practices to ensure better value for money and reduce unnecessary spending?

The Council already has strong procurement rules and practices which drive VFM and address spending.

If there are any specific issues you would like to see addressed if you provide them, these can be looked into.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on 15th January 2025. I have set out the question and my response below.

Can you explain why investments in the EV infrastructure are limited to singular charging points rather than exploring Gridserve-style hubs that could generate jobs and support economic growth?

In our previous discussions on this issue, I explained the Council has previously reviewed opportunities related to Gridserve-style hubs. Unfortunately, the schemes were found to be costly with long returns on investment and current funding streams unable to fund such a development. There would also need to be a suitable site location to attract demand and there are few roads in Rotherham that would meet the Average Daily Traffic Flows required for such installations (c.50,000+). The A630 Sheffield Parkway is the exception, but this will be served by the new Motorway Service Area accessible from Junction 33. This service area will operate as a hub and is planned to include 28 bays of rapid chargers along with the main amenity buildings plus a further 4 rapid chargers at the associated Starbucks.

Given the lack of other feasible sites and funds, the Council is focusing on its activity to improve the network of EV chargers across the Borough. This includes plugging gaps left by commercially provided EV chargers, providing community-based charge points and destination charger hubs close to shopping centres or leisure sites. The value in this approach is to provide charging as a service where there may not be as much demand, thereby improving the spread of chargers to increase uptake of EVs but also being able to supply at key locations based on assessments of demand. For example, the number of charge points in Council car parks can increase as demand increases over time.

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However, the Council continues to be open to discussing opportunities as they arise, whilst also making best use of transport-based funding opportunities.
I hope that my response is helpful.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Cllr Ball

Question to Council – Wednesday 15th January 2025

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on 15th January 2025. I have set out the question and my response below.

What is the council doing to secure and maintain essential public safety equipment, such as throwline boards, across all high-risk areas?

The Council has the following measures in place:

First, a routine schedule is established for undertaking regular inspections and maintenance of throwline boards and other safety equipment, ensuring they remain in good condition and function properly. The Council also conducts checks to ensure that throwline boards are clearly marked and visible to the public, enhancing their accessibility in emergencies.

Additionally, water safety events are scheduled throughout the year in partnership with South Yorkshire Fire Service. These events are to educate the community on water safety and the proper use of safety equipment. Furthermore, ongoing training for staff is provided in collaboration with Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) and South Yorkshire Fire Service (SYFS) to ensure that they are well-prepared to handle safety equipment effectively.

Through these measures, the Council aims to maintain high standards of public safety and ensure that essential equipment is readily available and functional in high-risk areas.

I hope that my response is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Cllr Ball

Question to Council – Wednesday 15th January 2025

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on 15th January 2025. I have set out the question and my response below.

Can you provide evidence of measurable outcomes from recent public spending initiatives, particularly those marketed as tackling antisocial behaviour and community safety?

As the question is not specific regarding which initiatives, I will provide a general overview of the various activities, which have included additional hot spot patrolling, a dedicated town centre outreach project, additional activities for young people and community payback activity.

Some of the headline outcomes are that this funding has supported and delivered:

- 506 hours of additional foot patrols by uniformed officers in hot spot locations
- Outreach workers have delivered over 160 hours of on street engagement activity, leading to 272 interactions with children, young people and adults in the town centre
- A range of individuals with physical or mental health issues have been directly supported both when in crisis as well as supported to engage in treatments services, homelessness services or wider support services
- Over 1000 young people have been involved in hate crime awareness sessions
- 55 young people and 11 adults have received direct hate crime interventions
- Over 2,100 young people supported through a specific programme of youth work in Masbrough
- Just under 5,000 hours of community payback delivered to improve communities

If there is a particular initiative that you would like to know more about then please do let me know and I will provide further information in writing.

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I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Cllr Ball

Question to Council – Wednesday 15th January 2025

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on 15th January 2025. I have set out the question and my response below.

How is the council collaborating with local police to ensure consistency in tackling antisocial behaviour and reducing strain on emergency services?

The Council and Police work collaboratively through partnership working at all levels, underpinned by co-location of staff across the Borough. This operational, tactical and strategic partnership working seeks to ensure that resources are deployed appropriately, and that all legislation and powers are utilised to address anti-social behaviour.

Joint approach tackling issues in the Boston Castle area resulted in no further reports to council of ASB. All residents who had open cases noted an improvement to the area, drop in ASB and criminal activity during Q2.

Bi-weekly multi-agency partnership meetings are held in all areas across the borough which are jointly hosted by the Council and the Police. All groups are managed in the same format with individuals from the Council's Community Protection Unit, Housing, Social Services and Children's and Young People's Service attending to offer resources, support and guidance alongside local Police colleagues to address anti-social behaviour.

Police are members of the Safer Rotherham Partnership Board and Safer Stronger Communities priority group to monitor delivery against the SRP priority to ensuring a joined-up partnership approach is taken when tackling issues associated with neighbourhood crime, Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and preventing hate crime.

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Joint working is continuing to strengthen the partnership approach to neighbourhood problem solving. On 30 September 2024, 8 live problem oriented partnership plans were in place (3 Central, 4 South, 1 North)

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely



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Question to Council – Wednesday 15th January 2025

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on 15th January 2025. I have set out the question and my response below.

What more can be done by the council to engage with local community groups, such as Maltby Happy Gardeners, to develop sustainable, cost-effective solutions for maintaining green spaces?

The Green Spaces service is already making significant progress in engaging with local community groups, through various successful initiatives. The service has established partnerships with organisations like the Rotherham Metro Ramblers and active Friends' groups, resulting in over 8,000 hours of volunteer work valued at approximately £91,000 per annum. This effort has greatly enhanced various parks and green spaces, fostering community involvement and stewardship and the service is always looking at ways to work with local communities.

I hope that my response is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Cllr Ball

Question to Council – Wednesday 15th January 2025

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on 15th January 2025. I have set out the question and my response below.

Given ongoing issues with speeding and antisocial driving, what is your long-term plan to address these problems across Rotherham?

Officers within the Council's Transportation Team are working with South Yorkshire Police as part of the South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership, to identify speeding and anti-social driving within the borough with patrols being deployed both overtly and covertly depending on the offences being targeted.

Where technology permits, this will be used to support work already undertaken by the Police and South Yorkshire Safety Cameras.

In some areas, speeding can be seen on routes with more space for motor vehicles than is really needed to accommodate them at appropriate speeds – as such our strategic transport schemes are part of our work to manage vehicle speeds by ensuring the design of roads encourages the appropriate speeds we would also wish to see.

I hope you find this information helpful.

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Dear Cllr Ball

Question to Council – Wednesday 15th January 2025

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on 15th January 2025. I have set out your question and my response below.

What is your five-year plan to balance economic growth, environmental sustainability, and public service improvements, and how will you ensure tangible benefits for residents?

We set out in detail at May's elections the administration's policies and priorities for this term, which were endorsed by Rotherham residents. These will be supplemented by the public consultation we've undertaken on the Council Plan, the final version of which we will be bringing forward in the first half of this year, giving residents, partners and stakeholders alike a detailed guide to the work ahead.

Yours sincerely

C. Read

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Leader of Rotherham Council

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THE CABINET
20th January, 2025

Present:- Councillor Read (in the Chair); Councillors Alam, Allen, Baker-Rogers, Cusworth, Sheppard and Taylor.

Also in attendance Councillor Steele (Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board)

97. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

98. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were two questions from members of the public:

1. Mr Hussain: In relation to Herringthorpe cemetery, had there been any progress on the renegotiation of the contract, how far had the Council got, how would they proceed, what was the situation with Dignity?

   Councillor Sheppard explained that negotiations were still ongoing with Dignity. It was not a quick exercise and the Council wanted to make sure that whatever they did was the right thing for the residents of Rotherham, both with Herringthorpe cemetery and the wider Dignity contract. Councillor Sheppard offered assurances that the work was still in progress.

   The Assistant Director, Legal, Elections and Registration Services, confirmed that a response was still awaited from Dignity.

   In his supplementary question, Mr Hussain stated that at a previous Cabinet meeting, the property director from Dignity had attended and said that they had submitted their full proposal, and they were awaiting a response from the Council.

   The Assistant Director explained that the property director had attended a scrutiny meeting, not Cabinet. The submitted documents referred to at that meeting were the operational plans, not the responses to the negotiations.

2. Mr Azam: In the operational plan submitted to Scrutiny last year, 18 months of capacity was left at Wath. Just over two years capacity was left in the Muslim section at East Herringthorpe. The number of earthen graves nearly reached zero. Another earthen grave had been provided but that was in the space where the road was initially going to go. The planning application that was submitted in October 2022 was therefore no longer valid. Mr Azam stated that it did not matter if the issues were with Dignity or if it was for Dignity to answer. The

accountability sat with the Council. Various commitments had been made to bring the proposals back to Cabinet to show how the Council would move forward with providing the service to the community of Rotherham. Mr Azam asked which Cabinet meeting the proposals would be brought to: February, March or April?

The Leader explained that he had continued to reassure Mr Azam that the cemeteries would not run out of space. The current situation was frustrating and not satisfying, however, graves continued to be made available. The day-to-day operation of the cemeteries continued, and progress had been made on some of the issues raised. The process of renegotiating with the provider was necessary and took time. The conversation was ongoing with Dignity about whether they could deliver the service to the standard that was required by the Council and the community. The Leader explained that a commitment could not be made for a specific Cabinet meeting. A commitment was made however to consult with the community when sufficient progress had been made. A complete failure would mean the cemeteries would be shut and people were unable to be buried and that had not happened. The Council continued to operate a contingency model whilst the new plan was drawn up.

Mr Azam stated that he appreciated the honesty, but the situation was taking too long to resolve. It had been going on for over two years and the tit-for-tat and lack of answers was very frustrating.

Mr Azam stated that he had not received a response to the questions he had submitted for scrutiny, and he asked Councillor Sheppard to look into that.

In his supplementary question, Mr Azam referenced the Kaushar Tai Review and stated that it was supposed to have been released for review by the January Cabinet meeting. The Muslim Bereavement Liaison Group meeting was taking place on 20 February and Mr Azam stated that the Group would want to discuss the review at that meeting. Mr Azam wanted to remind Councillor Sheppard about the Group meeting as he had not attended the previous two meetings. As the review document had not been received, Mr Azam asked for the Council's position.

The Assistant Director explained that the Council were still targeting delivery for the February meeting.

99. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved:- That the Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 16 December 2024 be approved as a true and correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.

100. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chair advised that there were no items of business on the agenda that would require the exclusion of the press and public from the meeting.

101. RE-COMMISSIONING OF ROTHERHAM'S DOMESTIC ABUSE REFUGE

Consideration was given to the report which set out the recommendations for the future of the Domestic Abuse Refuge Service at the end of its current contract in September 2025. The service offered temporary emergency accommodation with support for victims and survivors of domestic abuse and their families fleeing their homes.

The Council commissioned a Domestic Abuse Refuge service. This was currently provided by a specialist local domestic abuse charity – Hopian – (formerly known as Rotherham Rise). The contract commenced on the 1 October 2021 following a competitive tender process, with a contract term of 2 years and the option to extend by a further 1-year term resulting in the contract expiring on 30 September 2024. An Officer Decision was taken to award a further 1-year domestic abuse refuge contract to the same provider on a direct basis in order to complete a review of the requirements for the service. This extension commenced 1 October 2024 and would expire on the 30 September 2025.

Outcomes experienced from the Domestic Abuse Refuge Service had been overwhelmingly positive. Additionally, quotes from service users and case studies from the service demonstrated the impact these services had had for victims/ survivors of domestic abuse and their families who had had to flee their homes.

For the year 2023/24, 37 service users had accessed and left both Refuge and Safer Option Properties with the majority of service users accessing the service for less than 6 months (56%). The Refuge service had also supported a high number of children - this ranged between 16 - 29 children per quarter in 2023/24.

60% of service users had a reduction in risk upon leaving the service (22 service users) and 40% of service users maintained the same risk level (15 service users). 69% of service users who left the service were able to secure and obtain their own settled accommodation upon leaving the service and for 51% of service users this was within Rotherham. Reasons for those service users who did not meet this outcome included when a service user abandoned their tenancy (2.5%), chose to return to perpetrator (5%) and they move in with friends and families (11%).

During the meeting, Cabinet Members expressed their support for the Refuge and the phenomenal work it did. They fully supported the proposals.

Resolved:

That Cabinet approve the recommissioning of Domestic Abuse Refuge and Temporary Accommodation Services, through a competitive procurement process, for a four-year term from 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2029 with the option to extend up to 2 years.

102. OUTCOMES FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD RELATING TO THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER'S TAKEOVER CHALLENGE - HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Consideration was given to the report which outlined the issues raised by Rotherham Youth Cabinet at the takeover challenge. The Children's Commissioner's Takeover Challenge (CCTOC) was a national initiative, where children and young people took over an organisation or meeting and assumed management / leadership roles. As part of Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council's (RMBC) commitment to the CCTOC, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) supported Rotherham Youth Cabinet (RYC) in undertaking a focused piece of work on a topic chosen by the young people. RYC had chosen Health and Wellbeing as the theme for this year's takeover challenge, as it was identified as an issue nationally and locally within their manifesto's aims.

The theme had been broken down into four sections:

- Section 1 Vaping
- Section 2 Mental Health
- Section 3 Physical Health
- Section 4 Healthy Eating

A series of questions were put by members of the RYC to Council officers covering a range of topics associated with Health and Wellbeing. The questions were set out in sections 2.1.1 to 2.1.4 of the report.

In light of the responses to the questions provided by the Council officers the RYC developed the recommendations. These recommendations aimed to:

- Identify the sources were vapes could be purchased by young people.
- Reduce the amount of vaping marketing on view.
- Work with schools to highlight the effects of vaping.
- Increase the provision of dedicated spaces for young people.
- Enhance early detection and diagnoses of children and young people.
- with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.
- Work with schools to increase extracurricular clubs.
- Increase the maintenance and provision of equipment within parks
- and create activity-based walks.
- Ensure healthy food options were available in schools.

- Create a marketing campaign directed toward teenagers to promote.
- healthy eating.
- Organise a visit to the allotments for members of RYC in relation to
- healthy eating.

Cabinet were asked to receive the report and consider its response to the recommendations. In accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, Cabinet were required to consider and respond to the recommendations made within two months.

Resolved:

That Cabinet:

1. Receive the report and considers the following recommendations:

A. Section 1 – Vaping:

1. That consideration was given to several young people from the Youth Cabinet to support a mystery shop in vape shops to identify sources, where possible.
2. That the Council identified and considered any potential opportunities to reduce vaping adverts on shopfronts, including areas where the Council does not have direct control, where possible.
3. That the Council sought to encourage all secondary schools to work together, to ensure a synchronised response to the vaping.

B. Section 2 – Mental Health:

4. That the Council sought to encourage all schools in the Borough to ensure that young people feel listened to within the schools, and that schools were committed to support their young people.

5. That consideration was given to how the provision of a dedicated youth space for young people could be achieved, for example, a development of a space similar to the Barnsley Youth Zone.

6. That the Council worked with its partners to enhance early detection and diagnoses of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and the potential need for an Educational Health and Care Plan (EHCP) to assist with the reduction of potential waiting times for the young person to access the EHCP provisions.

C. Section 3 – Physical Activity:

7. That the Council seeks assurances from schools within the Borough that they would consider increasing extracurricular clubs, including the range of sports.

8. That the Council aimed to ensure that all parks within the Borough were kept in good condition and safe.

9. That consideration be given to providing exercise equipment to all parks in the Borough, where possible and that activity-based walks were considered at popular locations, in conjunction with the Rotherham Youth Cabinet.

D. Section 4 – Healthy Eating:

10. That the Council sought assurances from schools within the Borough, that they ensured that healthy food options were available to all young people.

11. That schools in the Borough give consideration to the young inspectors completing an inspection of school lunches and lunches provided as part of Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, where possible.

12. That the Council and its partners gave consideration to producing a teenage-specific campaign to support healthy eating.

13. That a site visit to the allotments be arranged for members of the Youth Cabinet

2. Formally consider its response to the above recommendations within two months of receipt, in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

103. CABINET RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS - PREPARATION FOR ADULTHOOD

Consideration was given to the report which set out Cabinet's response to the findings and recommendations of the Improving Lives Scrutiny Review on Preparation for Adulthood for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND.)

Preparation for adulthood (also known as transition) was the process by which young people who needed support or care, moved from services provided exclusively for children, to services provided for those over the age of 18, aiming to ensure a seamless transition. The Local Government Association described successful preparation for adulthood as "A

successful transition from children's and young people's services to adult care services, needs the young person, their families, and professionals to work together with the young person at the centre of discussions. Legislation gives local authorities a legal responsibility to co-operate, and to ensure that all the correct people work together to get the transition right for a young person."

Preparation for Adulthood had been an on-going area of interest for the Improving Lives Select Commission (ILSC) over recent years, following the SEND inspection in 2021. In discussions with the Improving Lives Select Commission, the Rotherham Parent Carers' Forum highlighted that a greater focus was required to identify what was in place, to support successful preparation to adulthood for children and young people in Rotherham with SEND and consider whether there were any gaps in the available provision.

The review itself took place over a single afternoon, with many partners present to provide a range of perspectives and information. This work enabled the sub-group to establish an understanding of the services that were being delivered in Rotherham to support preparation for adulthood. The review group consisted of Councillor Lyndsay Pitchley (Chair), Councillor Wendy Cooksey (Vice-Chair), Councillor Tony Griffin, Councillor Maggi Clark and Councillor Taiba Yasseen. The recommendations from the sub-group were presented to Cabinet on 14 October 2024 and Cabinet agreed to provide a response.

All of the recommendations had been accepted by Cabinet and Appendix 1 to the report set out further detail on how the recommendations had been or would be actioned.

During the meeting, Members and Officers stated how important this work had been and that they remained committed to delivering the outstanding recommendations.

Resolved:

That Cabinet approve the response to the recommendations, as detailed in Appendix 1, and note the report.

104. NOVEMBER 2024-25 FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT

Consideration was given to the report which set out the financial position as at the end of November 2024 and forecast for the remainder of the financial year, based on actual costs and income for the first eight months of 2024/25. Financial performance was a key element within the assessment of the Council's overall performance framework and was essential to the achievement of the objectives within the Council's policy agenda. To that end, this was the fourth financial monitoring report of a series of reports for the current financial year which would continue to be brought forward to Cabinet on a regular basis.

As at November 2024, the Council estimated an overspend of £4.6m for the financial year 2024/25. This was largely due to demand led pressures on children's residential placements, adults social care packages, home to school transport and the impact of the Local Government Pay Award. In addition, the Council was still impacted by the inflationary pressures in the economy. Even though inflation had fallen to 2.3% (albeit an increase from 1.7% in October), the Council's base costs had significantly increased across the recent high inflation period by well in excess of 20%. Increased costs across this period were also being felt by the social care market, in particular leading to market prices increasing at above inflation levels and placing further pressures on the Council's Budget.

Whilst the Directorate overspend which stood at £15.5m was concerning, it had reduced from a peak of £17.2m and elements of this overspend were forecast with two key Budget contingencies created as part of setting the Council's Budget and MTFS for 2024/25. The Council had set a Social Care Contingency of £3.4m and a Corporate Budget Provision of £3.5m to support anticipated pressures across Social Care and Home to School Transport, whilst detailed review work of these services was undertaken, and operational improvements were delivered to reduce cost pressures and create cost avoidance.

The Council's Treasury Management Strategy continued to perform well with the Council's approach to borrowing adapted to minimise the level of borrowing and borrow short term, to ultimately minimise interest costs. It was estimated that this should see the Council generate savings of at least £4m for 2024/25, though again market conditions were out of the Council's control.

As a result of the corporate provisions and savings, an underspend of £10.9m was forecast within Central Services bringing the Councils net overspend down to £4.6m, an improvement of £0.7m since the last Cabinet report. Although the £15.5m Directorate overspend was significantly mitigated, the residual pressure would need to be addressed in year by the Council to prevent further use of reserves. As such, Directorates continued to develop in year budget recovery plans and identify actions and opportunities to reduce the current overspend position. Further corporate operational budget controls had been implemented to assist with reducing the overspend position.

Looking ahead to 2025/26, the financial environment looked more positive for Councils with new funding announced within the Autumn Statement and Policy update. The new Government had declared that they would provide a further one-year settlement for 2025/26 with the aim of bringing in longer term financial settlements thereafter.

The report was considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB), who advised that the recommendations be supported.

Resolved:

That Cabinet:

1. Note the current General Fund Revenue Budget forecast overspend of £4.6m.

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.

3. Note the updated position of the Capital Programme, including proposed capital programme variations to expenditure profiles and funding.

105. NEW APPLICATIONS FOR BUSINESS RATES RELIEF - SOCIAL EYES

Consideration was given to the report which presented the application for the award of Discretionary Business Rate Relief for Social Eyes. Social Eyes was a registered charity providing a day care service to support and care for adults with learning disabilities and autism. They provided social and recreational opportunities from Monday to Friday with a varied offer including arts and crafts, sport and walking groups, performance arts, DIY, sensory sessions, meal planning and life skills groups. The service also extended to running a community café with service users serving members of the public.

Social Eyes opened its first dedicated premises in 2020 having previously used other small community venues. Due to an increase in service demand, additional premises were opened in Wath Upon Dearne in 2023. The charity currently supported 85 adults from the local community.

The total value of the relief for the financial year 2023/2024 was £1,369.16, for the financial year 2024/25 was £3,213.56 and for the financial year 2025/26 was £3,213.56. The cost to the Council was £670.89 for the financial year 2023/2024, £1,574.64 for the financial year 2024/2025 and £1,574.64 for the 2025/26 financial year based on the Council's 49% share.

In line with the Council's Business Rates Discretionary Relief Policy, having regard to the financial cost of the proposed relief, the charitable use of the premises and the contribution that this organisation made to the local community, it was recommended that an award for discretionary relief be granted to Social Eyes.

Resolved:

That Cabinet approve the application for Discretionary Business Rate Relief for Social Eyes in accordance with the details set out in Section 6 to this report for the 2023/2024, 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years.

106. TENANT SATISFACTION MEASURES AND HOUSING REGULATORY COMPLIANCE UPDATE

Consideration was given to the report which provided the latest six-monthly update to Cabinet on Tenant Satisfaction measures (TSMs) and regulatory compliance. Following the passing of the Social Housing (Regulation) Act in July 2023, the Regulator for Social Housing consulted on revised consumer standards for social housing landlords. The new consumer standards came into force on 1 April 2024. The Regulator of Social Housing (the Regulator) would gather evidence and assess providers' ability to deliver a housing service which met the standards through inspections at least every four years and through desktop reviews of performance data such as Tenant Satisfaction Measures (TSMs), a mixture of performance measures and tenant perception survey results. This proactive regime replaced the largely reactive regulatory framework that was in place prior to 1 April 2024.

The Council submitted its first year of TSM data covering the 2023-24 financial year in June 2024. Surveys for the 2024-25 financial year began in the summer and mid-year results were now available. The Regulator of Social Housing had also published the first national dataset of TSM results. This data was summarised in the report and contained in full at Appendix 1.

Tenant Satisfaction Measures (TSMs) were a series of 22 performance measures, which had to be collected by all social housing landlords with more than 1,000 properties. Data for ten of the performance measures was submitted directly by the Council. Data for the other 12 performance measures was captured through a Tenant Perception Survey. The performance measures, including the survey questions, were prescribed by the Regulator and could not be deviated from.

In 2023-24, the Council reported that 76.9% of tenants were satisfied overall with the service. The equivalent national figure for all social landlords was 70%. The Council's position as at 22 November 2024 showed a 1.5% increase in overall satisfaction, at 78.4%.

The November 2024 results showed an improvement across all property related satisfaction measures. Satisfaction that homes were well-maintained now stood at 78.4%, and satisfaction that homes were safe stood at 81.5%. The most marked improvement between the two sets of results was in relation to repairs: satisfaction with the overall repairs service rose from 74.1% to 79%, and satisfaction with the time taken to complete the most recent repair increased from 72.1% to 77.4%. The

percentage of tenants who felt generally well-informed had increased, from 74% to 76.6%, while those who felt they were treated with fairness and respect had dropped very slightly from 83.6% to 83%, albeit both measures remained higher than peer benchmarked averages.

In 2023-24, satisfaction with the way the Council dealt with anti-social behaviour, at 64.9%, was lower than many of the other scores, albeit it was above the median score for other housing providers (58%). In the mid-year results for 2024-25, satisfaction levels in Rotherham dropped slightly to 62.3%. Another notable change between the 2023-24 results and the November 2024-25 results was in relation to satisfaction with the cleanliness and maintenance of communal areas, which dropped from 71.6% to 68.8%. These scores remained higher than the median for other housing providers based on data available.

Resolved:

That Cabinet:

1. Note the contents of the report.

2. Agree to receive a further update in six months' time.

107. COUNCIL PLAN AND YEAR AHEAD DELIVERY PLAN PROGRESS UPDATE

Consideration was given to the report which was the first monitoring report for the Year Ahead Delivery Plan 2024-25 and Council Plan. The first progress report for 2024-25 was attached at Appendix 1 to the report and included performance measures for Quarter 2 (July to September 2024) whilst Year Ahead Delivery Plan actions had been updated to reflect progress up to 19 December 2024.

The Quarter 2 (mid-year) progress report (Appendix 1) included a high-level overview overall and was then presented by Council Plan theme, with each thematic section including achievements and challenges, Year Ahead Delivery Plan trackers and performance scorecards. The report also included wider information, key facts and intelligence, specific case studies and a timeline of key achievements/activities to demonstrate activity during the first half of the year.

As of 19 December 2024, the activities within the Year Ahead Delivery Plan were rated as follows:

- 25% (25) complete
- 59% (59) were on track to be delivered by original target date
- 9% (9) were delayed by less than 3 months
- 7% (7) would not be met within 3 months of original target date.

For the mid-year report covering Quarter 2, the status of the performance measures and direction of travel for each was set as follows:

- Performance was on or above target – 33 measures (49%)
- Currently performance was not at expected levels. Confidence that the target would be achieved by year-end – 5 measures (7%)
- Performance was not currently on target. High risk that year-end target would not be achieved – 19 measures (28%)
- Target could not be assessed this quarter. (i.e. Annual measure or awaiting publication of data) – 6 measures (9%)
- Information measure targets not applicable. (i.e. Volume / Demand measures where 'good' is neither high or low) – 5 measures (7%)

During the meeting, each Cabinet Member gave a verbal report on progress within their portfolio:

Social Inclusion and Neighbourhood Working – Councillor Sheppard stated that 25 ward plans had been produced and published, informed by local communities. Food vouchers worth £1.586 million had been provided to children eligible for free school meals, for the school holidays through to October half term 2024. 71 new volunteering opportunities had been created in the first two quarters against an annual target of 80. Other highlights included the restoration of Waterloo Kiln; Clifton Park, Greasbrough Park, Rother Valley Country Park, and Thrybergh Country Park achieving the Green Flag status and Natural England Accreditation being awarded to Rother Valley; Thrybergh; and Ulley Country Parks. The Section 19 Storm Babet report had been published and distributed to those affected. Finally, Councillor Sheppard stated that the Children's Capital of Culture year-long festival was underway with the "Otherham" Winter Light festival to take place from 24 – 26 January 2025.

Finance and Safe & Clean Communities – Councillor Alam highlighted the work ongoing to Deliver improvements in response to the Employee Opinion Survey 2023 results. The sickness absence performance measure missed its target but had improved in the period to the end of September 2024. Additional support continued to be provided to managers including absence management clinics and appropriate absence data and information. Initiatives to increase the cleanliness of the borough were continuing, with additional cleansing in and outside of Rotherham Town Centre. Councillor Alam also noted that, during Quarter 1 and Quarter 2, there were 34 effective enforcement actions against fly tipping and 2,445 effective enforcement actions for other environmental crime. This was the highest number recorded
to date. Work was ongoing alongside partners to ensure that Rotherham was a safe, inclusive and welcoming place for local people. This included responding effectively to community safety issues such as anti-social behaviour and hate crime.

Housing – Councillor Allen referenced the Tenant Satisfaction Measures considered earlier on the agenda. The work done to reduce homelessness was highlighted. A homelessness improvement plan was in place, focused on prevention and temporary accommodation. This included expansion of the Council's temporary accommodation portfolio to meet demand and reduce hotel usage. 14 additional temporary accommodation homes had been completed so far and as of end Quarter 2, 161 households were in temporary accommodation (both temporary accommodation and hotels), which was a reduction on the previous two quarters. Over 630 homes had been delivered as part of the Council's Housing Delivery Programme. Councillor Allen also highlighted the work done across South Yorkshire on homelessness and development partnerships.

Children and Young People – Councillor Cusworth explained that in November 2024, Rotherham's services for children and young people with Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) had received the highest rating. The procurement process for the Baby Packs scheme to support families with essential items was complete. Work had also been focussed on increasing the number of families registered with a Family Hub so that children, young people and their families had somewhere to go when they needed help, advice or support. As at the end of Quarter 2, 75% of families with a child up to six months old had registered. The latest available data for the proportion of two-year-olds taking up an early education place indicated that 83.6% had taken up a place in the 2023/24 academic year. Although this was below the Council Plan target of 85%, performance remained positive when compared to the latest published benchmark data (74.8% national and 77.9% statistical neighbour averages). Councillor Cusworth also explained that the Council continued to provide new residential homes, so more Children in Care and young people in Rotherham could stay in the borough and remain safe from harm. Other highlights included the provision of additional school places for children with SEND at schools across the borough; the launch of the Children's Capital of Culture 2025 and the delivery of universal youth work sessions.

Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy – Councillor Taylor highlighted the opening of the Forge Island site. The hotel had opened in July 2024 and the cinema in September 2024. A case study on this was included at page 97 of Appendix 1. After a significant tenant for the food and drink units fell away, negotiations had taken place with alternative operators and were in advanced stages with the most likely timescale for opening, following operator fit-outs, being Spring 2025. The development of Forge Island had been a Council-wide endeavour, spanning ten years of collaborative work, to revitalise Forge Island into a family-friendly destination. Delivered with the Council's partner, Muse, Forge Island was a key development in the Town Centre Masterplan. Councillor Taylor also highlighted that the structural repair of the Centenary Way viaduct achieved practical completion in November 2024, nine weeks ahead of its originally scheduled completion date.

Adult Care and Health – Councillor Baker-Rogers highlighted the New All Age Autism Strategy that had been agreed in February 2024. The Strategy set out the vision for all autistic people living and working in Rotherham to have the same opportunities as anyone else to live rewarding and fulfilling lives, whatever their age. 75% of Care Homes had now signed up as Infection Prevention and Control Champions. Mental health enablement services had launched in May 2024 and the New Learning Disabilities Strategy, which sets out Rotherham's aspirations for people with a learning disability, was formally launched April 2024. Construction of the Castle View Day Service and new homes at Canklow had started with 'spade in the ground' events in September and October 2024.

The report was considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB), who advised that the recommendations be supported.

Resolved:

That Cabinet:

1. Note the overall position in relation to the Year Ahead Delivery Plan activities.

2. Note the Quarter 2 data for the Council Plan performance measures.

3. Note that a progress report covering the remainder of the year will be presented to Cabinet in July 2025.

108. ROTHERHAM ARCHIVES AND LOCAL STUDIES COLLECTIONS POLICY RENEWAL

Consideration was given to the report which set out the updated Collections Management and Access Policy for the Rotherham Archives and Local Studies. As a recognised Place of Deposit under the Public Records Act 1958, Rotherham Archives and Local Studies was required to resubmit an application under the Archives Accreditation Scheme. This Scheme was the UK standard for archive services maintained by The National Archives and defined good practice and supported the ongoing development of archive services across the country. A successful Archives Accreditation application was essential not only for members of the public but also for future funders and partners, who could have confidence in the delivery of this Service.

Rotherham Archives and Local Studies was successful with its application for Archives Accreditation in 2019. A mid-term review in 2022 demonstrated the service's progress on recommendations identified within the application. The Service was due to reapply for Archives Accreditation in March 2025.

The Archives and Local Studies Collection Policies were last approved in 2018 for the last Archives Accreditation application. An interim update was done in 2022 and was approved by the Museums, Arts and Heritage Manager. However, approval by Cabinet was required for the next full Archive Accreditation return. Following January 2023 Cabinet, the policies were published as four individual policies (Collections Development Policy; Collections Information Policy; Care and Conservation Policy; Access Policy) as set out in paragraph 2.1.2.

The new Archives and Local Studies Collections Management and Access Policy rationalised these four polices creating a single Collections Management and Access Policy which covered the above requirements and took on board the areas for improvement recommended in the recent Museum Collection Audit. It would also include a further four policies, which operated previously as procedural guidelines but were more appropriate to become part of the consolidated Collections Management and Access Policy. These included the Cataloguing Policy; the Digital Preservation Policy; the Digitalisation Policy; and the Reprographics Policy, as set out in paragraph 2.1.3.

To implement the Archives Collection Management Policy, the Service required two annual closure weeks spaced throughout the year. The closure weeks enabled the staff team to focus on undertaking important and necessary back of house collections management work including stocktaking and cataloguing. This involved closing the Archives and Local Studies Search Room at Clifton Park Museum to the public and pausing the remote enquiry service for the two weeks. The proposed weeks would be in March and September each year.

Resolved:

That Cabinet:

1. That Cabinet approve the Archives and Local Studies Collections Management Policy 2024 (Appendix 1).

2. Approve the delegation to the Assistant Director of Culture, Sport and Tourism in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion for any future minor or legislative changes to the Collections Policy. Should a full update to the Policy be required it will return to Cabinet for approval.

3. That Cabinet approve an annual closure week in March and September to enable the service to undertake important and necessary administrative collections management work.

109. BASSINGTHORPE FARM SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

Consideration was given to the report which presented the draft Bassingthorpe Farm Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), attached to the report at Appendix 1, for public consultation. Bassingthorpe Farm was identified as a Strategic Allocation in the Rotherham Local Plan, including provision of around 2,400 new homes, 11 hectares of employment land, a local centre and a primary school. The draft Bassingthorpe Farm Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) provided more detail on existing planning policies to help bring forward the site for development.

The purpose of the Bassingthorpe Farm SPD was to:

- Guide submission of planning applications and ensure timely delivery of strategic infrastructure on and off site.
- Ensure the provision of appropriate social and community facilities.
- Support any future funding bids for national grant opportunities.

The report set out various details from the SPD including the vision and principles; policy compliance; school provision; flood prevention; topography; climate change; the spatial framework; character areas; phasing; infrastructure; design codes and land ownership and delivery.

Preparation of the draft SPD attached at Appendix 1 had been undertaken by consultants appointed by the Council. This included consultation with other relevant services within the Council including Transportation, Housing,
Climate Change, Public Health, Ecology, Rotherham Investment and Development Office (RiDO), and Drainage, and with representatives of Fitzwilliam Wentworth Estates. It was anticipated that further engagement would be arranged during the consultation period to allow stakeholders to raise any specific questions and provide feedback on the detail of this draft SPD.

Consultation would be undertaken in accordance with the Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement. This Statement set out how the Council involved the public and stakeholders in producing planning policy documents and consulting on planning applications. A full consultation and communication plan would be developed. Consultation would involve engagement with the public and stakeholders through a series of in person events and drop-in sessions, accompanied by online accessibility to the document and response form.

Subject to approval by Cabinet, it was proposed to undertake public consultation over a four-week period in Spring 2025. The exact dates would be confirmed nearer the time. Following consultation, any comments received would be considered in producing the final version of the SPD and a consultation feedback report prepared detailing the main issues raised and how these had been addressed. A further report would

be brought to Cabinet later in 2025 seeking adoption of the SPD. The timing of this further report would be dependent on the timing of the consultation and the volume and nature of the consultation responses to the draft SPD.

Resolved:

That Cabinet:

1. Approves public consultation on the draft Bassingthorpe Farm Supplementary Planning Document.

2. Authorises the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment in consultation with Assistant Director – Legal Services to explore collaborative arrangements and negotiate draft terms with the majority landowner to progress delivery of Bassingthorpe Farm.

3. Notes further reports will be submitted to seek Cabinet approval of the Bassingthorpe Farm Supplementary Planning Document following consultation and any proposed terms with the majority landowner for the delivery of the site.

110. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

Consideration was given to the circulated report, the contents of which were included as part of the relevant items and the details included accordingly.

111. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:-

The next meeting of the Cabinet will be held on Monday 10 February 2025, commencing at 10.00am in Rotherham Town Hall.

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THE CABINET
10th February, 2025

Present:- Councillor Read (in the Chair); Councillors Alam, Allen, Cusworth, Sheppard and Taylor.

Also in attendance Councillor Steele (Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Baker-Rogers.

112. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declaration of interest was made:

Member	Agenda Item	Interest Type	Nature of Interest
Councillor Dave Sheppard	Agenda Item 119 - Business Rates Discretionary Relief Renewals In 2025/26	Nonpecuniary	Volunteer at the Arc Church Foodbank

113. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from members of the public.

114. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 20 January 2025 be approved as a true and correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.

115. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chair advised that Appendix 2 to Minute 120 (Housing Delivery Programme Report 2024-25) was exempt under Paragraph 3, Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1974. However, the meeting remained open to the public and press throughout.

116. SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS AND DISABILITIES (SEND) SUFFICIENCY UPDATE (SAFETY VALVE)

Consideration was given to the report which provided an update in respect of SEND Sufficiency following the previous update report to Cabinet in March 2024 and detailed annual High Needs / Safety Valve Programme updates to Audit committee in July 2024. The report also detailed the key activities undertaken in implementing the SEND Sufficiency programme focusing on the development of resource provision and delivery of the School's Accessibility Capital Funding

Programme across both mainstream and special schools. An update was also provided on plans to address sufficiency requirements across identified specialist provision as part of the Safety Valve programme. A timeline for consultation and development of a longer term SEND Sufficiency Strategy, which would coincide with the end of the Safety Valve programme in 2025/26, was laid out in the report.

The most recent phase of SEND Sufficiency aligned to Safety Valve was approved for implementation in June 2023. This phase aimed to support mainstream inclusion of SEND through the development of 10 resource provisions across mainstream settings creating 100 new SEND places. A second aim was the implementation of the schools Accessibility Funding Framework across both mainstream and special schools. The aim of the Schools Accessibility Funding was to increase inclusivity in existing schools in Rotherham by encouraging schools to create/ maintain SEN placements with capital improvements.

Further reports to Cabinet in July 2024 and December 2024 had given approval for additional increases in places as part of the continued development of Elements Academy since its opening in September 2023. Approval was also granted for capital investment to address sufficiency challenges at Newman School as part of the academisation with TEAM Multi-Academy Trust.

Following due diligence, capital development and Department for Education approval, 5 new resource provisions had opened, and 3 existing provisions had agreed an increase in places (creating 90 school places in 8 out of the 10 planned new provisions). The newly established resource provision placed along with incremental growth of provision created in previous phases of sufficiency had led to 140 young people currently accessing resource provision across Rotherham as of November 2024. This was an increase of 100 placements since the commencement of Safety Valve. Additional places created through the new provisions would continue to grow throughout the academic year 24/25 and 25/26.

The Accessibility Small Grant Capital Programme had been fully implemented with five funding rounds. As of November 2024, 28 mainstream schools had been successful in receiving grant funding. Successful projects had been diverse and wide reaching, working closely with schools to identify capital projects to support schools to meet a wider level of need linked to known existing pupils and those who may attend the school in the future. Examples of successful projects were set out in paragraph 2.9 of the report.

During the meeting the demand for additional places and provision both nationally and locally was discussed. Members and officers noted that it was not a situation that the Council could build itself out of. Following the General Election it had been noted that the Department for Education was now more supportive of keeping children in mainstream schools which

was positive. However more work was needed to ensure the curriculum was inclusive.

Resolved:

That Cabinet note the activity undertaken and progress to date on the latest rounds of SEND Sufficiency in line with the commitments within the Safety Valve Agreement.

117. SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES & ALTERNATIVE PROVISION (SENDAP) STRATEGY

Consideration was given to the report which outlined the results of the public consultation on the proposed SENDAP Strategy. The new SENDAP Strategy (Appendix 1) recognised the importance of Alternative Provision in delivering good outcomes for children and young people. Alternative provision was essential to meet the needs of children and young people who could not attend mainstream schools due to exclusion, illness, or other reasons. It included education arranged by local authorities or schools to ensure that these students continued to receive suitable education. Alternative Provision could also involve directing students to off-site programs to improve their behaviour or meet their specific need.

Nationally, the White Paper on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and Alternative Provision Improvement Plan published in March 2023 had identified the key pressures on the SEND System nationally. This had been confirmed by the more recent National Audit Office report in October 2024. These papers consistently found that the SEND system was dealing with a level of volume for which it was not designed with insufficient resources. Across the Country, this had resulted in a loss of parental confidence, poor outcomes for children and young people and large amounts of debt. Local government had been given the responsibility to commission and shape local provision yet lacked the powers to develop and change systems. The Rotherham Joint Local Area SEND inspection in July 2021, led by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC), while identifying some strengths, required the local area to produce a written statement of action prioritising the following four areas for action:

- Quality of Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)
- Communication of Local Offer
- Preparation for Adulthood
- Graduated Response

The Rotherham SEND system was re-inspected by Ofsted and the CQC in October 2024. The Area SEND Inspection of the Local Area Partnership placed it among the highest performing areas nationally and recognised the very significant work undertaken by the Council in its widest sense, the Integrated Care Board, health provider partners and

schools to improve outcomes for children and young people with SEND in Rotherham. However, significant national and local challenges remained and where there was a need for further development within Rotherham, the local area partnership was judged as taking appropriate actions.

Co-production workshops and engagement with young people had highlighted the need for the new Rotherham SENDAP Strategy to be written in a format that enabled the children and young people to see how it would impact their lives. This was reflected in the language used in the 7 outcome statements as set out in paragraph 2.7 of the report.

Paragraph 2.10 of the report detailed the five commitments which had been identified as priority areas of development and monitoring, two of which were also highlighted in the recent Area Send Inspection.

Resolved:

That Cabinet approve the refreshed Rotherham SENDAP Strategy 2025 to 2030 (Appendix 1) that has been co-produced with partners across the Borough.

118. DECEMBER 2024/25 FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT

Consideration was given to the report which was the fifth financial monitoring report for the 2024/25 financial year. As at December 2024, the Council currently estimated an overspend of £3.1m for the financial year 2024/25. This was largely due to demand led pressures on children's residential placements, adults social care packages, home to school transport and the impact of the Local Government Pay Award. In addition, the Council was still impacted by the inflationary pressures in the economy. Even though inflation had fallen to 2.5%, the Council's base costs had significantly increased across the recent high inflation period by well in excess of 20%.

Whilst the Directorate overspend, which stood at £15.2m was concerning, it had reduced from a peak of £17.2m. As a result of these cost pressures the Council had been working on budget recovery plans to reduce the overspend in year and minimise the year end requirement for reserves. In addition, elements of this overspend were forecast with two key Budget contingencies created as part of setting the Council's Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for 2024/25. The Council set a Social Care Contingency of £3.4m and a Corporate Budget Provision of £3.5m to support anticipated pressures across Social Care and Home to School Transport, whilst detailed review work of these services was undertaken, and operational improvements are delivered to reduce cost pressures and create cost avoidance.

The Council's Treasury Management Strategy continued to perform well with the Council's approach to borrowing adapted to minimise the level of borrowing and borrow short term, to ultimately minimise interest costs. It

was estimated that this should see the Council generate savings of at least £5.1m for 2024/25, though again market conditions were out of the Council's control.

It was noted that the Capital Programme Update could be found on pages 134 to 139 of the report.

Resolved:

That Cabinet:

1. Note the current General Fund Revenue Budget forecast overspend of £3.1m.

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.

3. Note the updated position of the Capital Programme.

119. BUSINESS RATES DISCRETIONARY RELIEF RENEWALS IN 2025/26

Consideration was given to the report which detailed the renewal applications for the awards of Discretionary Business Rate Relief for the organisations and premises listed in Appendix 1. This was in accordance with the Council's Discretionary Business Rates Relief Policy which had been approved by Cabinet in December 2016.

Central Government and councils share every £1 of rates due as follows:

Central Government	50%
South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority	1%
Rotherham MBC	49%

The total costs of granting the relief for the financial year was:

Year	Total Amount of Relief	Cost to RMBC
2025/26	£ 940,928.66	£461,055.04

The recommendation was to approve the award of Discretionary Business Rate Relief for the organisations listed in Appendix 1. However, any award had to comply with the Subsidy Control Act 2022 before it was applied to the Business Rates Relief account. The Council would therefore undertake an assessment of each of the approved applications before 31 March 2025 in order to ensure that they met the requirements of the act.

Resolved:

That Cabinet approve the applications for Discretionary Business Rate Relief for the organisations listed in Appendix 1 of this report and in accordance with the details set out in Section 6 to this report, for the 2025/26 financial year.

Councillor Sheppard declared a nonpecuniary interest in this item as he volunteered at the Arc Church foodbank which received rate relief.

120. HOUSING DELIVERY PROGRAMME REPORT 2024-25 – UPDATE

Consideration was given to the report which was the latest six-monthly update to Cabinet on the latest developments and future plans for the Council's Housing Delivery Programme. There were over 7,000 households on the Council's housing register. The Council's ability to meet this demand continued to be eroded by the Right to Buy, which had seen 1,041 Council homes sold between January 2018 and November 2024. As such, there was a clear and continuing need for more affordable homes across the Borough, an issue further exacerbated by the current cost-of-living crisis. The Council continued to address this need through delivery of the Housing Delivery Programme, with a target to deliver hundreds of new homes between January 2018 and March 2026.

The programme combined development on Council owned land and the acquisition of new and existing homes. Through the Housing Delivery Programme, which started in 2018, the Council expected to deliver 1,000 new Council homes across the Borough by Summer 2027. The Council had been very successful in using its land and resources to build and acquire new Council homes and was making significant progress on the delivery target, notably reaching the 600th Council home milestone in September 2024. Overall, from 1 January 2018 to 30 November 2024, the Council had successfully delivered 630 new Council homes consisting of 495 homes for rent and 135 homes for shared ownership. In addition, the Council had also built 125 new homes for market sale. An updated photographic summary of delivery along with a selection of quotes from tenants was provided at Appendix 3.

34 properties had been acquired since December 2023 and the latest position on these was included at exempt Appendix 2. In addition to the 34 acquired properties, sales were agreed on a further 40 properties. Whilst there was a risk that a small number of these might not progress to legal completion, it was anticipated that the majority would legally complete during the financial year 2024/25. The forecast costs for these 40 properties was lower than the estimated costs and so it was anticipated that more than 100 homes would be acquired within the original budget of £18m. Cabinet was therefore asked to approve a change in the programme target to 'a minimum of 100 homes' rather than

'a maximum of 100 homes', as long as the overall budget provision was not exceeded.

The Council had continued to review its approach to procurement to respond to changes in market conditions and maximise what could be delivered in the current programme timeframe. Based on feedback from extensive market engagement (undertaken in the first half of 2024), and in response to a volatile and uncertain construction sector, the majority of the remaining new build schemes on Council owned sites were to be procured on a two-stage design and build basis. This would allow the Council to review scheme costs before entering into construction contracts, whilst working with contractors to develop the best design solutions to maximise value for money on what were typically constrained brownfield sites. Any sites which were forecast to deliver more than ten homes required separate Cabinet approval (with early forecasts based on indicative site capacity layouts). Several sites had been presented to Cabinet over recent years which had forecast to deliver over ten homes. However, it was not until early design work had been completed and a scheme had been granted planning permission that the number of homes to be delivered on a site was more certain. There was a need for increased flexibility during the 'design stage' to allow appointed contractors to optimise scheme designs and progress schemes more efficiently in to the 'build stage' without undue delay which could contribute to increased costs. Cabinet was therefore asked to approve a change to the requirement for separate Cabinet approval on individual sites from 'more than ten homes' to 'more than fifteen homes'.

During the meeting it was noted how important the Housing Delivery Programme was for the people of Rotherham and how it was making and would continue to make a huge difference to resident's lives.

Resolved:

That Cabinet:

1. Note the significant progress made since 2018 through the implementation of the Housing Delivery Programme, including the completion of the 600th new Council home in September 2024.

2. Approve the purchase of homes from any of the schemes identified in Exempt Appendix 2
.
3. Note that authority to purchase homes in line with the Housing Acquisitions Policy was delegated to the Assistant Director for Housing following Cabinet approval on 16 October 2023.

4. Approve an increase to the number of new homes the Council has authority to purchase under the Housing Acquisitions Policy (utilising the delegations referred to in Recommendation 3) from 'up to 100 homes' to 'a minimum of 100 homes and not exceeding the approved budget'.

5. Approve the proposal to change the requirement for separate Cabinet approval for individual Council housing development sites from 'more than ten homes' to 'more than fifteen homes'.

6. Agree to continue to receive an update on the housing development programme every six months.

121. BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX REPORT 2025-26

Consideration was given to the report submitted which proposed the Council's Budget and Council Tax for 2025/26, based on the Council's Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement for 2025/26, budget consultation and the consideration of Directorate budget proposals. A review of the financial planning assumptions within the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) had been undertaken.

The proposed Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy reflected the Council's priorities as set out in the Council Plan 2022-2025 and Year Ahead Delivery Plan. The development of the Budget proposals for 2025/26 and the further update of the MTFS took into account prevailing economic factors, supplier market factors, demand and complexity of care pressures, and the lasting impact of periods of high inflation during 2023/24. Following the Council's technical MTFS updates, proposed budget decisions within this report and the impact of the Provisional Financial Settlement, the Council had been able to propose a balanced budget for 2025/26 and 2026/27 with a potential £3.2m funding gap in 2027/28.

In setting the proposed 2025/26 budget, Cabinet were asked to recommend to Council a 3% increase in Council Tax, made up of an increase of 1% in the Council's basic Council Tax plus an increase of 2% for the Adult Social Care precept. The Budget also proposed a further year of a Local Council Tax Support Top-up Scheme to operate across 2025/26 to provide further support to low income working age households in the Borough to assist them in managing the impacts of the cost of living crisis and support the most financially vulnerable households.

In introducing the report, the Leader stated that the context for setting the budget had changed for the better since the General Election in July 2024. The Autumn Statement and Policy update, along with the Provisional Financial Settlement, had given the Local Authority sector a much needed boost in terms of the funding package available. The confirmation of £1.3bn additional grant for the sector was much needed, with £0.68bn towards Adult Social Care (£3.8m for RMBC) and £0.7bn to

be provided through the new Recovery Grant allocated on a deprivation basis (meaning £8.7m of new un-ringfenced grant for RMBC). Whilst some smaller grants had been removed to support this £1.3bn national uplift, overall the funding package represented a substantial increase in Local Authority funding. The settlement represented the most significant increase in core funding in the last 15 years and the Council would be around £14m better off in 2025/26 than was expected a year ago.

It was noted that, although the position for Local Authority Funding had shifted positively, the Council remained committed to increasing efficiency and delivering on the priorities of residents. As such, in order to invest in key priorities, this Budget included Budget savings proposals of £2.6m aimed at increasing the efficiency of service delivery and reducing or removing spending on services that were no longer required or could be delivered differently. For example, through maximising grant funding opportunities in Children's Services or route optimisation within Waste Management.

In recognition of escalating cost pressures within Adult Social Care, relating to increased complexity of care and rising demand for the service, market inflation and transitions, the Council would provide for approximately £17m of additional funding to support the delivery of Adult Social Care services. Further investment of £4.3m would also be provided to address unavoidable cost pressures in complying with Home to School Transport requirements and £1.5m for unavoidable Waste Management costs. In addition, the Budget would provide some additional investments to help support people and to support with delivering on the Council's ambitions for the Borough with specific regard to the Council Plan aims.

In concluding, the Leader thanked all those involved in the production of the budget.

Councillor Alam stated that this was a responsible and prudent budget on which the public and partners had been consulted. The results of this consultation were attached at Appendix 5. Councillor Alam referenced the investment proposal that would establish the Street Safe Team to improve feelings of safety in town and village centres (paragraph 2.7.4). In order to encourage more visitors into the town centre, the first hour of parking would be free at Drummond Street, Wellgate North, Wellgate Multi Storey, Douglas Street, Unity Place, Westgate, Clifton Hall, Forge Island and Scala (Monday to Friday inclusive.) The Council was also proposing to invest an additional £100k to improve road markings on the classified road network and in estates as detailed in paragraph 2.7.15 of the report. Councillor Alam also thanked everyone involved in the budget setting process for their input.

Councillor Taylor expressed his support for the positive budget. He also referend the improvement to road markings. The proposed additional investment would allow the service to become proactive in identifying and addressing these issues through creation of an annual programme of road

markings to be refreshed, which would be published and communicated to Councillors and the public. The Employment Solutions Team would have its funding arrangements mainstreamed which would enable a stable programme of support for residents looking to get into or stay in work.

Councillor Sheppard thanked all involved for their hard work on producing the budget. He referenced the investments relating to the "A Cleaner, Greener Local Environment" theme which included proposals to invest £375k in providing modern, efficient and effective plant equipment to undertake grounds maintenance and street cleansing across the borough. It was also proposed to invest £60k per year in establishing a green spaces general maintenance and repair budget. The overflow parking at Clifton Park would be improved and prices on leisure activities at Rother Valley and Thrybergh Country Parks would be frozen. Following the flooding from Storm Babet in 2023, it was proposed to invest £6m in the Catcliffe Village (River Rother) Flood Alleviation Scheme. Councillor Sheppard also referenced the additional support for residents with school uniform costs (paragraph 2.7.19) and the extension of the additional temporary resource for which assisted residents to complete the application process for Pension Credit (paragraph 2.7.20). It was also proposed that enquires take place regarding the expansion of the Food Works offer from Sheffield to Rotherham (paragraph 2.7.21).

Councillor Cusworth explained that, building on the existing programme, the Council would deliver a further investment of £378k as match funding into the in-house residential programme to provide additional complex needs provision for children. This built on the previous phases of development which had seen five children's homes open with a current in house of capacity of 11 beds. Councillor Cusworth also noted that the investment throughout the budget would have a positive impact on families and children across the borough.

This report had been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board as part of the pre-decision scrutiny process and the Board fully supported the recommendations. The main points of discussion centred on:

- The persistent overspend in Children and Young People's Services (although it was noted that a number of contributing factors were outside of the Council's control).
- The conclusion of the Pause programme and provision of support to service users following the conclusion.
- The number of children in care in Rotherham (which was decreasing due to works being undertaken.)
- The savings proposal for Waste Service Route Optimisation.
- The investment proposal for the Street Safe Team.
- The investment proposal within the Employment Solutions Team.

- The hiring of vehicles for the investment proposal relating to Street Cleansing and Fly Tipping Improvements.
- The funding model for the Food Works programme.
- Investment in Customer Services
- Investment in the Capital Programme.

Full details on the discussion of the budget at the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board meeting held on 5 February 2025 can be found in the minutes of that meeting. A number of additional recommendations were presented by OSMB and Cabinet agreed to accept those recommendations.

Councillor Steele wished to place on record his thanks to the Scrutiny Officers for their help in facilitating the scrutiny on the budget.

The Budget and Council Tax Report would be presented for approval at the Council meeting on Wednesday 5 March 2025.

Resolved:

That Cabinet recommend to Council:

1. Approval of the Budget and Financial Strategy for 2025/26 as set out in the report and appendices, including a basic Council Tax increase of 1% and an Adult Social Care precept of 2%.

2. Approval of the extension to the Local Council Tax Support Top Up scheme, that will provide up to £126.12 of additional support to low income households accessing the Council's Council Tax Support scheme. It will support the most financially vulnerable to rising household costs, through reduced Council Tax bills as described in Section 2.5.15.

3. Approve the proposed changes to the Local Council Tax Support scheme as set out at 2.5.10 and proposed changes to Council Tax Premiums as set out in Section 2.5.19.

4. Approval of the updated Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) to 2027/28, as described within Section 2.6.

5. Approval of the Reserves Strategy as set out in Section 2.8 noting that the final determination of Reserves will be approved as part of reporting the financial outturn for 2024/25.

6. To note and accept the comments and advice of the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services (Section 151 Officer), provided in compliance with Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003, as to the robustness of the estimates included in the Budget and the adequacy of reserves for which the Budget provides as set out in Section 2.14.

7. To note the feedback from the public and partners following the public consultation on the Council's budget for 2025/26 which took place from 18 November 2024 to 10 January 2025, attached as Appendix 5.

8. Approval of the proposed increases in Adult Social Care provider contracts and for Personal Assistants as set out in Section 2.4.

9. Approval of the proposed approach and increases in Childrens Social Care costs as set out in Section 2.4.25.

10. Approval of the revenue investment proposals set out in Section 2.7 and Appendix 2.

11. Approval of the proposed revenue savings set out in Section 2.7 and Appendix 4.

12. Approval of the Council Fees and Charges for 2025/26 attached as Appendix 7.

13. Application of the Business Rates Reliefs as set out in Section 2.10, in line with Government guidance.

14. Approval of the proposed Capital Strategy and Capital Programme as presented in Section 2.12 and Appendices 3A to 3F.

15. Approval of the Treasury Management matters for 2025/26 as set out in Appendix 9 of this report including the Prudential Indicators, the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy, the Treasury Management Strategy and the Investment Strategy.

16. Approval that any changes resulting from the Final Local Government Finance Settlement 2025/26 be reflected in the Budget and Council Tax Report to Council on 5th March.

17. Continuation of the principles and measures adopted since April 2020 to make faster payments to suppliers on receipt of goods, works and services following a fully reconciled invoice as described in Section 2.11.

18. Approval of the Budget allocations for the Community Leadership Fund as set out in Section 2.9.

19. Approval that the Capital Programme Budget continues to be managed in line with the following key principles:

i. Any underspends on the existing approved Capital Programme in respect of 2024/25 be rolled forward into future years, subject to an individual review of each carry forward to be set out within the Financial Outturn 2024/25 report to Cabinet.

ii. In line with Financial and Procurement Procedure Rules 7.7 to 7.11 and 8.12, any successful grant applications in respect of capital projects will be added to the Council's approved Capital Programme on an ongoing basis.

iii. Capitalisation opportunities and capital receipts flexibilities will be maximised, with capital receipts earmarked to minimise revenue costs.

That Cabinet accept the additional recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board:

1. That an update on progress following the implementation of Waste Service Route Optimisation programme be brought back to OSMB within twelve months.

2. That an update on the progress following the implementation of the Street Safe Team programme be brought back to OSMB within twelve months.

3. That a report be provided to OSMB within three months detailing the performance information for the Employment Solutions Team.

4. That the Leader liaises with officers regarding the 'Free Courses for Jobs' DfE funding allocated to the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority to consider if this could be utilised for the Employment Solutions Team and feeds back to OSMB.

5. That information be provided to the Chair of OSMB regarding the method of funding for Food Works in Sheffield.

6. That Democratic Services arrange a meeting with Councillors, Steele, Bacon, Blackham, Marshall, and Baggaley along with officers to consider the most appropriate manner to monitor the Capital Programme going forward.

122. STRATEGIC COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)

Consideration was given to the report which provided an update on the application process for Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy (Strategic CIL) funding which had taken place following Cabinet approval in July 2024. The report also set out the findings of the Strategic CIL officer group assessment on submitted projects against relevant criteria to

determine the infrastructure that would most support new growth areas and help bring forward development sites to implement the Local Plan.

The Council had a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) in place for Rotherham which secured contributions from developers towards infrastructure to support growth. CIL payments were required alongside planning permission for certain types of development and worked in tandem with payments negotiated as "Section 106" planning obligations. As of January 2025, the Council held approximately £9.2m in the Strategic CIL fund. The allocation of Strategic CIL funds was a Cabinet decision and funding applications were invited on an annual basis. The overall fund did not need to be used in any one year, it could be rolled forward fully or in part to accumulate with future CIL payments.

In August 2024 a Strategic CIL application pack was sent to over 100 infrastructure contacts responsible for the different types of infrastructure that were reflected in the Infrastructure Delivery Schedule that supported the Local Plan. These types of infrastructure included water, flood risk, broadband & telecommunications, energy, green infrastructure/environment, transport, health, emergency services, cultural & community facilities, education, libraries, and waste. The providers of these different types of infrastructure included external organisations and internal Council services.

Twelve applications were received for Strategic CIL funding through this application round. Seven applications were submitted by the Council's services and five applications by the NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board. The NHS bids were all for similar schemes to improve local primary care facilities at locations around the Borough affected by growth, so were combined into one bid for assessment. This resulted in eight applications in total being assessed using the criteria approved by Cabinet. Details on the CIL eligibility criteria were set out in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.4 of the report.

Applicants were sent a CIL scoring matrix alongside the application form for transparency and clarity. A Strategic CIL officer panel applied the scoring matrix to the eight applications that were submitted. The Panel had carefully considered whether the projects met the important 'Gateway Tests', as set out in paragraph 2.6 of the report, that formed part of the application process. These tests reflected the fundamental role and purpose of Strategic CIL funding, in supporting the delivery of growth as planned for through the Rotherham Local Plan and forming part of the Infrastructure Delivery Schedule.

Out of the eight applications assessed, four potential projects fulfilled the requirements of the Gateway Tests:

- Medical Centre Improvements
- A633 Rotherham to Dearne Valley Bus Priority
- Trans Pennine Trail Community Access
- Rotherham East Sustainable Transport Corridor Extension

Further details on these projects, including information on costs, dates, proposed works, deliverability, funding and benefits. were set out in paragraph 2.8 of the report and at Appendix 1.

Since the submission of CIL bids, the Department of Transport had announced it would develop a new Integrated National Transport Strategy, and it was anticipated a new round of funding would be announced for transport schemes following the Comprehensive Spending Review in late spring 2025. This could allow for transport schemes submitted to CIL to be delivered through external funding. As such, it was not proposed to commit any CIL funding to transport at this time.

The total cost of the eligible projects was £11,737,294. As this exceeded the current Strategic CIL funds and the uncertainty of external funding to transport schemes, preferred options were set out in Section 3 of the report with the
remaining project(s) to be considered for future funding rounds.

The Medical Centres Improvements project and Trans Pennine Trail Community Access project were recommended for support. The A633 Rotherham to Dearne Valley Bus Priority project and Rotherham East Sustainable Transport Corridor Extension project were recommended for consideration in future rounds. Paragraph 2.13 of the report detailed the ineligible projects.

Resolved:

1. That Cabinet approve the allocation of Strategic CIL funds to the following project(s):

    - Medical Centres Improvements
    - Trans Pennine Trail Community Access

2. That Cabinet approves delegation to the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy, to establish the process to release funding to the approved project(s) as set out in Section 5 of the report.

123. CLIMATE EMERGENCY ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Consideration was given to the report which provided an update on the Council's Climate Change activity for the previous year. A full progress report for 2024/25 and an action plan for 2025/26 were appended to the report. Key progress was highlighted in the report with respect to the specific themes of:

- Monitoring and measurement
- Energy decarbonisation
- Transport
- Housing
- Waste
- Built & Natural Environment
- Influence & Engagement (including culture and heritage)
- Adaptation

Nature Recovery was included within the Built & Natural Environment theme to align with existing work streams around tree planting and woodland management.

2025 was highlighted as a key milestone in the Council's original climate declaration, marking five years since Cabinet approved its net zero targets. As such 2025 presented an opportunity to review progress made, consider the challenges experienced and the socioeconomic and political changes observed during this time. It was also an opportunity to reflect on a refined view of the Council's carbon footprint following work to improve this dataset and to consider how these impacted upon the Council's ability to reach its targets. It was therefore proposed that a review
be carried out and an assessment of the recommended approach to the next five years be undertaken. It was also an opportunity, as the Council moved into the final 5 years to improve governance around this programme to enable more focussed progress.

Resolved:

That Cabinet approve the Climate Change Action Plan in Appendix 2, noting the key achievements and opportunities summarised in Appendix 1 and section 2 of this report.

124. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

Consideration was given to the circulated report, the contents of which were included as part of the relevant items and the details included accordingly.

125. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:-

The next meeting of the Cabinet would be held on Monday 17 March 2025, commencing at 10.00am, in Rotherham Town Hall.

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Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Public Report
Council

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting
Council – 05 March 2025

Report Title
Budget and Council Tax 2025/26 and Medium Term Financial Strategy

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?
Yes

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report
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Ward(s) Affected
All

Report Summary
This report proposes the Council's Budget and Council Tax for 2025/26, based on the Council's Final Local Government Finance Settlement for 2025/26, budget consultation and the consideration of Directorate budget proposals. A review of the financial planning assumptions within the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) has been undertaken.

The proposed Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy reflects the Council's priorities as set out in the Council Plan 2022-2025 and Year Ahead Delivery Plan. The development of the Budget proposals for 2025/26 and the further update of the MTFS take into account prevailing economic factors, supplier market factors, demand and complexity of care pressures, and the lasting impact of periods of high inflation during 2023/24. Following the Council's technical MTFS updates, proposed budget decisions within this report and the impact of the Final Financial Settlement, the Council has been able to propose a balanced budget for 2025/26 and 2026/27 with a potential £3.2m funding gap in 2027/28.

The Autumn Statement and Policy update, along with the Final Financial Settlement, have given the Local Authority sector a much needed boost in terms of the funding package available. The confirmation of £1.3bn additional grant for the sector was much needed, with £0.68bn towards Adult Social Care (£3.8m for RMBC) and £0.7bn to be provided through the new Recovery Grant allocated on a deprivation basis (meaning £8.7m of new un-ringfenced grant for RMBC). Whilst some smaller grants have been removed to support this £1.3bn national uplift, overall the funding package represents a substantial increase in Local Authority funding. This settlement

represents the most significant increase in core funding in the last 15 years and the Council will be around £14m better off in 2025/26 than was expected a year ago.

Though the position for Local Authority Funding has shifted positively, the Council remains committed to increasing efficiency and delivering on the priorities of residents. As such, in order to invest in key priorities, this Budget includes Budget savings proposals of £2.6m aimed to increase the efficiency of service delivery and reduce or remove spending on services that are no longer required or can be delivered differently, for example, through maximising grant funding opportunities in Childrens Services or route optimisation within Waste Management.

In recognition of escalating cost pressures within Adult Social Care, relating to increased complexity of care and rising demand for the service, market inflation and transitions, the Council will provide for approximately £17m of additional funding to support the delivery of Adult Social Care services. Further investment of £4.3m will also be provided to address unavoidable cost pressures in complying with Home to School Transport requirements and £1.5m for unavoidable Waste Management costs. In addition, the Budget will provide some additional investments to help support people and to support with delivering on the Council's ambitions for the Borough with specific regard to the Council Plan aims of;

- People are safe, healthy and living well,
- Expanding economic opportunity,
- A cleaner, greener local environment
- One council approach

In setting the proposed 2025/26 budget, Cabinet has recommended to Council a 3% increase in Council Tax, made up of an increase of 1% in the Council's basic Council Tax plus an increase of 2% for the Adult Social Care precept.

The Budget also proposes a further year of a Local Council Tax Support Top-up Scheme to operate across 2025/26 to provide further support to low income working age households in the Borough to assist them in managing the impacts of the cost of living crisis and support the most financially vulnerable households.

Recommendations

That Council

1. Approves the Budget and Financial Strategy for 2025/26 as set out in the report and appendices, including a basic Council Tax increase of 1% and an Adult Social Care precept of 2%.

2. Approves the extension to the Local Council Tax Support Top Up scheme, that will provide up to £126.12 of additional support to low income households accessing the Council's Council Tax Support scheme. It will support the most financially vulnerable to rising household costs, through reduced Council Tax bills as described in Section 2.5.15.

3. Approves the proposed changes to the Local Council Tax Support scheme as set out at 2.5.10 and proposed changes to Council Tax Premiums as set out in Section 2.5.19.

4. Approves the updated Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) to 2027/28, as described within Section 2.6.

5. Approves the Reserves Strategy as set out in Section 2.8 noting that the final determination of Reserves will be approved as part of reporting the financial outturn for 2024/25.

6. Notes and accepts the comments and advice of the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services (Section 151 Officer), provided in compliance with Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003, as to the robustness of the estimates included in the Budget and the adequacy of reserves for which the Budget provides as set out in Section 2.14.

7. Notes the feedback from the public and partners following the public consultation on the Council's budget for 2025/26 which took place from 18 November 2024 to 10 January 2025, attached as Appendix 5.

8. Approves the proposed increases in Adult Social Care provider contracts and for Personal Assistants as set out in Section 2.4.

9. Approves the proposed approach and increases in Childrens Social Care costs as set out in Section 2.4.25.

10. Approves the revenue investment proposals set out in Section 2.7 and Appendix 2.

11. Approves the proposed revenue savings set out in Section 2.7 and Appendix 4.

12. Approves the Council Fees and Charges for 2025/26 attached as Appendix 7.

13. Approves the application of the Business Rates Reliefs as set out in Section 2.10, in line with Government guidance.

14. Approves the proposed Capital Strategy and Capital Programme as presented in Section 2.12 and Appendices 3A to 3F.

15. Approves the Treasury Management matters for 2025/26 as set out in Appendix 9 of this report including the Prudential Indicators, the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy, the Treasury Management Strategy and the Investment Strategy.

16. Approves the continuation of the principles and measures adopted since April 2020 to make faster payments to suppliers on receipt of goods, works and services following a fully reconciled invoice as described in Section 2.11.

17. Approves the Budget allocations for the Community Leadership Fund as set out in Section 2.9.

18. Approves that the Capital Programme Budget continues to be managed in line with the following key principles:

    (i) Any underspends on the existing approved Capital Programme in respect of 2024/25 be rolled forward into future years, subject to an individual review of each carry forward to be set out within the Financial Outturn 2024/25 report to Cabinet.

    (ii) In line with Financial and Procurement Procedure Rules 7.7 to 7.11 and 8.12, any successful grant applications in respect of capital projects will be added to the Council's approved Capital Programme on an ongoing basis.

    (iii) Capitalisation opportunities and capital receipts flexibilities will be maximised, with capital receipts earmarked to minimise revenue costs.

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Background Papers

- Council Tax Base 2025/26 – Officer Delegated Decision record
- HRA Business Plan, Rent Setting and Charges 2025-26 – Cabinet 16 December 2024
- Provisional Local Government Financial Settlement – 18 December 2024
- Final Local Government Financial Settlement – 3 February 2025
- Budget and Council Tax 2024/25 and Medium Term Financial Strategy – Council 12 February 2024, Council 28 February March 2024
- Financial Outturn 2023/24 – Cabinet 29 July 2024
- Treasury Management Outturn 2023/24 – Cabinet 29 July 2024, Audit Committee 30 July 2024
- Medium Term Financial Strategy – Cabinet 16 December 2024
- December Financial Monitoring Report – Cabinet 10 February 2025
- Mid-Year Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators Monitoring Report 2024/25 – Audit Committee 26 November 2024

- CIPFA – The Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities 2011 (as amended 2012) and related Guidance Notes 2013

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel
Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 05 February 2025
Cabinet – 10 February 2025
Council – 05 March 2025

Council Approval Required
Yes

Exempt from the Press and Public
No

Budget and Council Tax 2025/26

1. Background

1.1 The Final Local Government Finance Settlement, published on the 3 February 2025, was a significant moment for authorities like Rotherham. As the best core funding settlement in 15 years, the Council will be around £14m better off in 2025/26, than was expected a year ago. Being the 12th largest percentage increase in funding of all local authorities in the country, this provides valuable resources to support communities and residents across the borough.

1.2 This increase in funding is therefore highly welcome. However, it must be seen in the context of the immense pressures facing local government finances following austerity, inflation and rising demand for services. Since 2010 alone the Council has needed to make and address significant reductions in funding, reductions in expenditure and services provided and deliver significant savings programmes. When taken together this equates to savings in excess of £200m. Throughout this period the Council has needed to make difficult decisions to ensure that vital services to Rotherham residents can be maintained along with a robust financial position to ensure sustainability of those services. Whilst the final settlement means that the Council's financial outlook is better than anticipated, some difficult decisions continue within this year's budget given local pressures and rising demand for services.

1.3 Against a difficult financial backdrop, the Council has remained focused on its largest regeneration programme in a generation. Rotherham town centre is being revitalised and the opening of Arc Cinema and the Travelodge hotel were major milestones. The leisure and visitor economy is being strengthened, with investments in major attractions such as Wentworth Woodhouse and Gulliver's Valley and the Councils events programme, for example, for the first time since the 1970s, a major concert, the Reytons homecoming gig, was held at Clifton Park bringing more than £1 million pounds to the local economy. Meanwhile, town and district centres across the borough are being improved through the Towns and Villages Fund and consultation has been undertaken on the Our Places fund, with residents, to identify several priority areas for improvement. More homes for local people are being created and the Council has delivered 600 of its target of 1,000 new Council homes. Creating a range of opportunities, these developments are supporting the vision of the Council Plan to become a reality.

1.4 Despite the progress made, the need to deliver change and realise these ambitions for the borough remains clear. For many people in Rotherham life is still very hard. Deep structural challenges persist in the area's economy and the high levels of deprivation mean that communities and residents have been particularly impacted by the high cost of living over recent years. The Borough is amongst the 14% most deprived local authority areas in England. 11,100 children live in 'absolute poverty' and the number of children in receipt of free school meals has increased by around 600 or 4.6% in the year to December to c.13,300.

1.5 The pressures being seen by residents, families and businesses across the Borough are also leading to parallel pressures on the Council. Demand for services is rising and the impact of inflation continues to be difficult to predict, along with the financial settlement 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 falling significantly short of mitigating those pressures.

1.6 Set within this context and as the Council Plan refresh is well underway, the vision at the heart of this Plan remains as important as when it was agreed in January 2022. That is to build a borough where opportunity is extended to everyone, where people can grow, flourish and prosper and where no one is left behind.

1.7 Through the investments made in recent years the Council has:

- Delivered more than 600 homes against the target of creating 1,000 new council homes.
- Invested £1.8m to improve libraries across the borough, with the opening of the new library at Swinton in July the most recent example.
- Seen the number of potholes in the borough decline from 33,099 in 2015/16 to 20,130 in 2023/24 representing a decrease of 39.2%, which is testament to the road's investment programme.
- Supported the most vulnerable children and families by providing high quality services and in November services for children and young people with special education needs and abilities (SEND) were awarded the highest rating by Ofsted.
- Began construction of Castle View Day Service and new homes at Canklow started with 'spade in the ground' events held in September and October 2024 to provide day opportunities for people with high support needs.
- Secured more than £100m of Government investment to deliver regeneration and jobs, with Arc Cinema and the Travelodge at the flagship Forge Island development opening last summer.

1.8 Throughout 2025/26 the Council will build on this and go further, making more progress in delivering it's vision by supporting the most vulnerable children and adults, providing high quality services and making the borough an even better place to live, work, visit and invest in.

1.9 A series of budget investment proposals are set out within this document for consideration. Informed by a number of sources including feedback from residents through the Resident Satisfaction Survey, Budget and Council Plan consultations and wider best practice, the Council will:

- Increase investment in adult social care by around £17m on the base budget to meet rising demand and increasingly complex needs. Alongside this, decisions are being taken to uplift fees on care packages.
- Improve feelings of safety in town and village centres by providing a visible, uniformed Council presence through the establishment of the Street Safe Team.

- Create a cleaner and greener borough, investing to improve roadside cleansing and maintenance, more visible road markings and a further freeze on bulky waste charges. In addition, to reduce the impact of flooding through the Catcliffe Village Flood Alleviation Scheme.
- Provide additional support for residents with the high cost of living, by providing increased funding for families to help with school uniform costs. In addition, to continuing to provide additional advice to help eligible residents access benefits like pension credits. Finally, £130k is being provided into additional Council Tax support to better support working people on low incomes, as well as extending the Council Tax Support Top Up Scheme for a further year.
- Ensure neighbourhoods are welcoming and safe, delivering the green spaces repairs programme, improving overflow parking at Clifton Park and freezing leisure activity prices at Rother Valley and Thrybergh Country Parks. In addition to making a further investment of £2m to continue to improve roads and pavements across the Borough, the Council will also invest £600k in improving community facilities to sustain and increase the participation, activities and engagement within them.
- Create a more inclusive economy by making permanent funding available for our Employment Solutions service which will help around a further 1,200 people into work or training up to 2028, and improving our business incubation centres. The Council will also support local businesses and residents by making the first hour free, in town centre off-street parking.
- Deliver high quality services, focused on meeting the needs of all customers across the borough, including reducing wait times for callers to the contact centre.

1.2 Budget Context

1.2.1 The Council set a balanced budget position for 2024/25 as part of the Budget and Council Tax Report 2024/25 approved at Council on 28th February 2024. The MTFS contained within that report included a balanced position for 2024/25 and a funding gap of £6.3m for 2025/26. The Council could not accurately project further than 2025/26 in terms of the MTFS due to the significant uncertainty that existed in the Local Authority funding environment with another single year settlement for 2024/25 and a pending national election. However, the Budget and MTFS position was set based on sound financial assumptions at the time, factoring in funding for service market pressures within Adult Social Care in particular.

1.2.2 During 2024/25 the Council has continued to see rising pressures due to market inflation, demand and the complexity of care packages increasing. At its peak in 2024/25 the Council's Directorate overspend was £17m, made up of social care pressures, Home to School Transport, Homelessness, Wase Management and the impact of the Local Government Pay Award. Whilst the Council anticipated some of these pressures, with £6.9m of Budget Contingencies and £4m of continued

savings in Treasury Management, this still left a pressure of £6.1m. As such the Council has been working hard to reduce this overspend in year through a series of management actions and detailed service reviews to further improve the Council's efficiency and effectiveness across the board.

1.2.3 Despite this challenging environment the Council has continued to set a robust Budget and MTFS and monitor the performance of that Budget effectively. The Council has faced significant challenges in year but has taken swift action to rectify them or set in place clear recovery plans to address those pressures over time. The success of this approach is evident through the Budget and MTFS that the Council now brings forward for approval. Whilst there remain challenges to overcome, the Council has a clear plan and has adequate cover in place for risk. In this Budget and MTFS the Council has not been required to identify an increased call on reserves across 2025/25 and 2026/27.

1.2.4 Looking ahead to 2025/26, Local Authorities must consider their Budget and MTFS amidst ongoing funding uncertainty for the Local Government sector beyond 2025/26, as the Local Government Financial Settlement for 2025/26 was only a one-year allocation. However, there is real positivity from a funding perspective in the sector following confirmation of £1.3bn additional grant for the sector which was much needed, with £0.68bn towards Adult Social Care (£3.8m for RMBC) and £0.7bn to be provided through the new Recovery Grant allocated on a deprivation basis (meaning £8.7m of new un-ringfenced grant for RMBC). Whilst some smaller grants have been removed to support this £1.3bn uplift, overall the funding package represents a substantial increase in Local Authority funding. The settlement, one of the most significant increases in the last 15 years, the Council will be around £14m better off in 2025/26, than was expected a year ago. So, whilst Councils continue to face financial challenges they can do so with a more positive outlook on how Local Authority funding will look for 2026/27 onwards.

1.2.5 Given that the Local Authority sector funding environment has improved and that cost pressures continue it has been an unusual budget setting process compared to recent years. The Council still faces cost pressures but is more appropriately prepared to deal with them. As such the Council has considered a package of savings as well as investments as part of the Budget for 2025/26. The aim of the Council remains to be meeting this challenge whilst protecting the services that the Council provides to residents and businesses within the Borough and whilst providing further support to residents to address the cost of living crisis.

1.2.6 The Council remains committed to protecting the most vulnerable children and adults and to delivering the improved cost effectiveness of these services. CYPS placements remains a budget risk with a projected overspend of £5.2m in 2024/25 due to rising market costs and challenges faced in delivering the in-house residential homes programme. However, the demand pressures that the Council has previously seen have reduced and the Looked After Children numbers continue to fall at a pace greater than forecast when setting the 2024/25 Budget. However, whilst demand

has fallen, cost reductions have been more stubborn, principally due to market pressures which remain a budget risk given the CYPS placement savings. As such, the Council has retained the Social Care Contingency reserve of £3.4m in 2025/26. A benchmarking exercise undertaken against statistical neighbours has shown that the Council's direction of travel on CYPS costs remains positive and projects to put the Council in the middle of the pack within the next few years. As such, the Council needs to continue its direction of travel to achieving this alignment with its statistical neighbours.

1.2.7 Adult Social Care is experiencing significant pressures that are out of the Council's control due to a rise in the complexity of people's needs and an ageing population. The adult care market remains volatile due to rising demand pressures and staff shortages. This pressure has been exacerbated by inflation and the rise in the Real Living Wage meaning the available funding needs to increase to ensure market sustainability. These cost pressures increase the average cost per hour to meet peoples' eligible needs. This is reflected across all service areas. Extensive work is underway to minimise the impact of these rising costs by ensuring the service is running as efficiently as possible.

1.2.8 There is therefore a need to recognise these escalating care complexities, demand and market costs within this budget. This requires the Council to provide for around £17m of additional funding for the delivery of Adult Social Care services in 2025/26 in addition to the £7.5m provided in the 2024/25 Budget. The £17m is made up of an uplift for 2024/25 pressures that are reflected in the current year overspend plus a further uplift for 2025/26. The additional funding will help in supporting the ambition that all workers are paid the Real Living Wage and improve the sustainability of the adult care provider sector to deliver services to Rotherham people. Taking into account the pressures within Adult Social Care demand, this service still represents a significant long term financial risk within the Council's Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy. It is a national issue and the Council welcomes Government's plans to review the Adult Social Care sector.

1.2.9 The additional social care resources provided within the Final Finance Settlement for 2025/26 are welcome, but this level of additional funding falls short of the national social care funding gaps as calculated by the Local Government Association. There is still therefore the need for the Council to continue to establish clear strategies to mitigate the increased market costs in order to maintain effective service provision within the available funding.

1.2.10 Further investment of £4.3m will also be provided to address unavoidable pressures in complying with Home to School Transport requirements and £1.5m required for Waste Management. Home to School Transport has seen continued increases in cost and demand in recent year and whilst the Council has delivered changes to the policy and improved transport efficiency to stem the cost increase, the costs continue to rise. This is a national picture. Waste Management is a growing challenge due to rising staffing costs, vehicle costs, disposal costs and recycling income.

Positively the budget will provide some additional investments to help support with delivering on the Council's ambitions for the Borough with specific regard to the themes within the Council Plans.

1.2.11 Following approval of the 2024/25 Budget the global economic position has improved with inflation easing, reducing from 11.1% October 2022 at its recent peak back down to 1.7% September 2024. Inflation has since started to rise again as the economy has slowed with inflation back at 2.6% in November 2024 highlighting that the economic uncertainty has not yet ended. The Council's base costs have continued to significantly rise across the period of high inflation and need to be factored into the Budget and MTFS moving forwards. Energy prices, whilst also positively reducing, are still projected to cost the Council around 60% more in 2025/26 than the outturn position for 2022/23 prior to the significant inflationary increase.

1.2.12 Although inflation has been easing, the impact of the Local Government Association (LGA) Pay Award 2024/25 was £3m greater than was assumed within the Budget for 2024/25. It is anticipated that this can be funded through temporary savings within Treasury Management for 2024/25 though the ongoing impact has been factored into the Budget and MTFS. Future pay awards remain a key area of uncertainty moving into 2025/26.

1.2.13 Outside of these longer term pressures, the Council is also faced with medium term pressures that have come to light during 2023/24 and 2024/25. The Homelessness service has seen rising demand across the last two years with actual and projected outturns around £1m overspent. This is a result of increased demand, filling the Council's available temporary accommodation and longer stays with the Council leading to the Council needing to utilise larger levels of hotel accommodation at a much greater cost. Reviews of the service operation have been carried out between corporate and service colleagues to identify opportunities to tackle this pressure and clear actions. Through those clear actions increased temporary accommodation capacity has been gained via the Council's HRA stock, hotel usage has been reduced and increased staffing capacity has been provided to support increased preventative measures and more focus on case management. It is expected that these actions, together with increased homelessness grant funding provided as part of the financial settlement will lead to this service being within budget in 2025/26.

1.2.14 The Council continues to make good progress in the delivery of previously approved savings, further details are provided in Section 2.2.

1.3 Revenue Budget Position 2024/25

1.3.1 The December revenue financial monitoring position which was reported to Cabinet on 10 February 2025, on the same agenda as this budget report, shows a forecast year-end overspend of £3.1m. The Council Directorates currently estimate an overspend of £15.2m for the financial year 2024/25. This is largely due to demand led pressures on children's

residential placements, adults social care packages, home to school transport and the impact of the Local Government Pay Award. Whilst the Directorate overspend is concerning, it has reduced from a peak of £17.2m and elements of this overspend were forecast with two key Budget contingencies created as part of setting the Council's Budget and MTFS for 2024/25. The Council set a Social Care Contingency of £3.4m and a Corporate Budget Provision of £3.5m to support anticipated pressures across Social Care and Home to School Transport.

1.3.2 The Council's overspend position at this point is largely due to the following overall issues:

- Placement pressures within Children and Young People's Services (£5.7m) and Adults Social Care (£6.4m).
- Home to School Transport pressures within Regeneration and Environment (£3.2m) and Children and Young People's Services (£0.9m).
- Provider inflation impacting Children and Young People's Services. Fostering allowances and skills payments that have been uplifted based on the national minimum allowance and the estimated impact that these uplifts may have on provider payments for Independent Fostering Agencies and external residential placements.
- Increased costs of homelessness due to increased demand.
- Pressure across waste management on staffing, vehicle costs, disposal costs and related income.
- Impact of the Local Government Association (LGA) Pay Award.

1.3.3 This Budget has considered these pressures and addressed the financial implications of them moving forwards.

1.4 Autumn Statement and Final Local Government Finance Settlement 2025/26

1.4.1 The Autumn Statement was published on 30 October 2024 and provided headline information for local government funding from 2025/26. There were some real positive indications for the Local Authority Sector with the announcement of £1.3bn of additional funding to be directed to Local Authorities, along with confirmation that the Market and Sustainability Funding for Adult Services, initially allocated for 2023/24 and 2024/25 would continue and become part of the core funding assessment for Councils. These were the headlines behind the updates provided within the Autumn Statement:

- The additional funding for adult social care that had been announced as part of the Autumn Statement 2022 which included £1bn in 2023-24 and £1.7 billion in 2024-25, was to continue and become part of the core funding assessment.

- £1.3 billion of new grant funding for local authority services including at least £680million in new grant funding for social care, to be provided through the Social Care Grant. A number of smaller

grants would be removed and rolled into this £1.3bn pot to allow the creation of a £780m Recovery Grant. This was to be allocated on a deprivation basis (meaning £8.7m of new un-ringfenced grant for RMBC).

- £1 billion increase to SEND and Alternative Provision funding, the second biggest ever year-on-year increase. This is an important step in realising the Government's vision to transform England's SEND system to improve outcomes and return local authorities to financial sustainability. For the Council this funding will help manage the pressures on the Dedicated Schools Grant.

- £233 million of additional spending in 2025-26 to prevent homelessness, taking total spending to £1 billion nationally in 2025-26. This will help to prevent rises in the number of families in temporary accommodation and help to prevent rough sleeping.

- The Government is also investing almost £1.6 billion in local roads maintenance and £1.4 billion (an increase of £550 million on this year) to help rebuild schools. The Government is delivering on its other first steps, including supporting recruitment of 6,500 new teachers in England through a £2.3 billion increase to the core schools budget. The settlement also invests £2.1 billion nationally into maintenance for schools (an increase of £300m on 2024/25).

- Council Tax referendum limit to be 3% from April 2025, with Council's also able to levy up to 2% Adult Social Care Precept. Therefore, the Council would be able to increase Council Tax by a maximum of 5% if it so wished.

- The Public Works Loans Board (PWLB) discount for HRA borrowing that currently runs to June 2025 is to be extended to June 2026. This allows councils to access discounted HRA borrowing, at 0.4% below the rate that councils can typically borrow at. At present the rates still aren't attractive to inspire direct borrowing for investment in stock but when the Council does need to borrow to refinance existing debts this rate will be of use to minimise the impact of the current high interest rate market.

- Local Authorities are expected to receive around £1.1 billion of new funding in 2025-26 through the implementation of the Extended Producer Responsibility scheme. For 2025/26 only, this will be a direct payment from the Treasury however moving forwards this income will be collected from waste packaging producers by a Government regulator and then paid across to Local Authorities.

- Employer's NICs to increase from 13.8% to 15% from April 2025. Employer's threshold reduced from £9,100 to £5,000. Estimated General Fund budget impact based on 2023/24 budgets (before application of 2024/25 pay award) was, at the time, expected to be around £4m per annum. Government indication that compensation to public sector organisations would be provided to cover the

impact on Council's. It is worth noting this will also see a knock on impact, as the Council's suppliers will likely look to pass a level of this cost across to the Council through renewed contracts.

- The Household Support Fund is to be extended for 2025/26, though no firm allocations provided at this point, the scheme is not expected to change significantly. In 2024/25 this grant has been used to provide Free School Meals to families during the school holidays as well as funding the Council's Local Council Tax Support Top Up scheme.

1.4.2 The Government published details of the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement on 18 December 2024 and Final Settlement on 3 February 2025. The Strategic Director for Finance and Customer Services submitted the Council's response to the provisional settlement consultation, within the deadline for responses of 15 January 2025.

1.4.3 The key headlines from the Settlement are:

- The basic Council Tax referendum principle for 2025/26 is 3% i.e. a maximum increase of 2.99%.

- In addition, social care authorities will be able to increase their Council Tax by up to 2% (over the basic referendum threshold of 3% referred to above) by means of an Adult Social Care Precept for 2025/26.

- Revenue Support Grant will be inflated for 2025/26 by September CPI, the impact of this for 2025/26 is £524k.

- The previously announced additional £5.8m Market Sustainability & Improvement Fund will continue as a permanent core spending power, with the £3.4m Discharge Funding being rolled into the renamed Local Authority Better Care Fund.

- The confirmation of £1.3bn additional grant for the sector was much needed, with £0.68bn nationally towards Adult Social Care (£3.8m for RMBC) and £0.7bn nationally to be provided through the new Recovery Grant allocated on a deprivation basis (meaning £8.7m of new un-ringfenced grant for RMBC). The Services Grant £0.4m will be removed to support the creation of the Recovery Grant, along with a number of smaller grants.

- The Council will also benefit from funding to support the implementation of the Extended Producer Responsibility impacts on waste management. The Council will receive £6.1m for 2025/26.

- Government have provided some cover for inflationary impacts being felt by councils via funding an inflationary uplift on Business Rates Top Up Grant and S31 grant compensation for the multiplier cap on top-up grant. This is worth an additional £358k to the Council.

- The Government has decided to allocate a further new year of New Homes Bonus in 2025/26, with allocations based on the existing scheme. The Council's one-off allocation for 2025/26 is £1.4m.

- The Public Health Grant allocation for 2025/26 is expected to be confirmed along with the Final Local Government Settlement in February 2025.

- The Final Local Government Finance Settlement 2025/26 is expected to be announced in early February. It is proposed that any changes resulting from the Final Settlement are reflected in the Budget Report to Council on 5th March 2025.

- A new grant is to be provided to Councils to cover the cost of the increases in employers NIC's on Council staff. However, initial review of the proposed calculation suggests that this grant will be £1.4m short, however, the overall uplift in funding across the above grants represents a significant increase for the Council.

1.4.4 The main elements of funding received from Government are in the form of the Settlement Funding Assessment. This is Government Grant in the form of Revenue Support Grant (RSG) and Business Rates Top-up grant. As part of the Assessment, councils retain 49% of locally collected business rates. Details of this local funding are set out later in this report. Details of the Government Grant allocations are set out in Table 1 below.

Table 1 – Settlement Funding Assessment – Government Grants

Government Grants	**2024/25**	**2025/26**	**Difference**
	£'000	**£'000**	**%**
Revenue Support Grant	18,823	19,347	2.8
Business Rates Top-Up Grant	31,000	31,801	2.6
Final Settlement – Government Funding	**49,823**	**51,148**	**2.7**

1.4.5 In addition, the Government compensates councils for years in which they apply an indexation cap, (below the annual increase in the Retail Price Index), on Business Rates and the associated Top-up Grant. This additional grant is £0.3m for 2025/26 based on the indications in the Settlement that compensation for the business rates freeze in 2025/26 will be paid based on the September 2024 CPI rate of increase.

1.4.6 The Government will continue to allow councils to utilise the existing capital receipts flexibilities that allow revenue transformational expenditure to be funded by Capital Receipts, up to 2029/30. The Council's proposed Capital Programme will therefore assume the continued use of these flexibilities where it is most financially advantageous to do so up to and including 2025/26.

1.4.7 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)

1.4.8 The Council also receives funding to deliver education in Rotherham, the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). The 2025/26 DSG (£367.3m) is split into four blocks and each block is determined by a national funding formula.

1.4.9 The 2025/26 Schools Block funding allocation is £261m and is allocated to mainstream schools and academies in the Borough based on pupil numbers taken from the October 2024 census. The allocation is calculated by a national formula based on separate primary and secondary units of funding, plus an amount based on historical information for growth, premises and mobility.

1.4.10 The 2025/26 schools block includes funding for pay and pensions costs that were previously funded through specific grants but has now been rolled into DSG funding. This mainly explains the increase in the schools block funding of £17m compared to 2024/25. This ensures that this additional funding forms part of schools' core budgets going forward.

1.4.11 The 2025/26 ***Early Years Block*** is £42.2m and represents an increase of £11.3m compared to 2024/25 (due to the expansion of the 2 year old and under 2's entitlements). The funding allocation includes funding for free childcare entitlement for eligible children and working parents of 3 & 4 year olds (£17.8m); 2 year olds (£11.1m) and Under 2s (£11.1m) in schools, private, voluntary and independent early years settings.

1.4.12 The early years hourly funding rate per pupil has increased to £5.71 for 3 & 4 year olds, £8.15 for 2 year olds and £11.12 for under 2s. In addition, the Early Years block includes a Maintained School Nursery Supplementary funding allocation of £1.28m, Early Years Pupil Premium of £579k, and Disability Access Fund (DAF) £238k to provide additional support to vulnerable pupils.

1.4.13 The ***High Needs Block*** allocation for 2025/26 is £62.3m and is used to fund education for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) who require specialist education. This is an increase of £4.1m compared to 2024/25 and reflects additional funding provided nationally to support local authorities in meeting the cost pressures in relation to SEND. The High Needs Block funding is calculated using a national funding formula based on the following:

- A basic entitlement factor, which allocates funding using data on the pupil and student numbers in specialist provision. The basic entitlement funding rate will remain at £4,660 per pupil or student for 2025/26;

- A historic spend factor, which was updated in 2022/23, to provide every local authority with a set percentage (50%) of their 2017/18 spending on high needs;

- Allocations using a number of proxy data indicators / factors such as population; free school meals; income deprivation index data (IDACI); disability factor; Key Stage 2 & 4 attainment data, etc.

1.4.14 Requirement for specialist school provision for pupils with SEND has increased, creating further pressure on the system nationally. In Rotherham, the number of children and young people that are receiving additional support via an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has more than trebled since 2014 increasing from 1,101 in December 2014 to 3,603 at December 2024. The increasing number of EHC plans this has led to financial pressures on the High Needs Block (HNB) in Rotherham. To address the cost pressures, the Council implemented a four year DSG Management Plan, covering the period 2022/23 to 2025/26.

1.4.15 The ***Central Services Schools Block*** funding allocation for 2025/26 is £1.8m and comprises of funding for ongoing statutory responsibilities of the local authority in relation to schools. The funding allocation represents an increase of £0.2m compared to the current year.

1.4.16 DSG Safety Valve

1.4.17 In March 2022 the Council entered the DfE's Safety Valve Programme which provides support to local authorities which have large DSG deficits. The work with DfE on the Programme aims to achieve a mutually agreeable solution to eliminating the Council's DSG deficit and to secure a sustainable DSG position by 2025/26.

1.4.18 The Safety Valve agreement provides Rotherham Council with £20.5m cash contribution over the duration of the agreement, with £18.5m received to date (i.e. 2024/25) from the Department for Education. A further planned contribution of £2m is expected from DfE for 2025/26 – which is the last year of the Safety Valve programme.

1.4.19 The DSG accumulated deficit is forecast at £3.3m by the end of 2024/25 and £2.2m by 2025/26 (mainly attributed to SEND/High needs cost pressures). This is adrift of the financial position assumed in the DSG Management plan and Safety Valve Agreement. As part of the conditions of the Safety Valve Agreement the Council submits quarterly updates to the DfE on current progress on the DSG management plan and the financial position of the programme. Corrective actions are being explored to address the forecast deficit position for 2025/26.

1.4.20 Schools Pupil Premium

1.4.21 The Schools Pupil Premium is additional funding provided to schools to improve educational outcomes for disadvantaged pupils. The funding is comprised of the following:

- Disadvantaged Pupil Premium is paid for all pupils who claim free school meals or who have claimed free school meals in the last six years.
- The Pupil Premium Plus, which is paid for every pupil who has left Local Authority care through adoption, a special guardianship order or child arrangement order.

- The Service Premium, for every pupil with a parent serving in the Forces or who is retired on a Ministry of Defence pension.
- The pupil premium amounts for 2025/26 are yet to be confirmed.

1.4.22 Additional Grants to Schools

- Universal Infant Free School Meals Grant supports schools in delivering the legal requirement to offer free school meals to all infant pupils. Each meal taken by an eligible pupil currently attracts £2.58. An allocation assumes that pupils will take 190 school meals over an academic year, providing £490.20 per eligible pupil.
- Year 7 Numeracy and Literacy Catch up premium is an allocation for each pupil underachieving as recorded on census.
- PE and Sport Premium for Primary schools is used for the engagement of all pupils in regular physical activity.

2. Budget 2025/26 and Medium Term Financial Strategy to 2027/28

2.1 Budget Approach

2.1.1 The Council's focus is on delivering the priorities set out within the Council Plan. The Council is also focusing on its leadership role across the borough, particularly where it can have greater influence. Partnership working is recognised across all services as being essential to the future of the borough; combining knowledge, ideas, expertise and resources to deliver tangible improvements, deliver efficiencies and economies of scale, and helping to strengthen communities. The Council Plan was approved at Council on the 12 January 2022, setting out the Councils strategic themes:

- Every neighbourhood thriving
- People are safe, healthy, and live well
- Every child able to fulfil their potential
- Expanding economic opportunity
- A cleaner, greener local environment.

2.1.2 All directorates will continue to work together over the remaining year of the current plan to achieve the commitments set out within each of the themes.

2.1.3 The Council's MTFS update report to Cabinet in December 2024 provided a three-year outlook of the Council's anticipated resources and budget requirement. The report set out a series of technical MTFS adjustments and refinements to bring it up to date and reflect the impact inflation, market pressures and demand were having on the budget position up to 2027/28.

2.1.4 The result of this MTFS review, alongside Financial Monitoring 2024/25 report to Cabinet in December, envisaged a significant financial overspend that would require the use of the Council's reserves to achieve a balanced financial outturn position for 2024/25. The forecast overspend at the time of the MTFS review was £5.3m for 2024/25. However,

Directorates were asked to make every effort to reduce spending where possible to mitigate the financial impact on reserves along with expected improvements following focussed reviews of key spend areas. This has reduced the forecast outturn position to £3.1m so far and is estimated to reduce further before the financial year end. The MTFS included in this report is further updated following the release of the Final Settlement for 2025/26 and funding assumptions for 2026/27 and 2027/28 as Government have not year provided a multi-year settlement.

2.1.5 The Council's Reserves position is set out in detail in Section 2.8. The Council's Budget for 2024/25 assumed the use of £6.3m from reserves, including £4.2m from the Treasury Management Reserve to support the Council's Budget. This reserve was built up in previous years to £12.4m from savings generated through the Council's Treasury Management Strategy. The Treasury Management Strategy is forecast to make significant savings during 2024/25, largely due to the Council carrying temporary cash balances that it has been able to invest for a return in the high interest rate market and latterly in 2024/25 through minimising the need to borrow and borrowing for short periods of time to reduce interest costs. It should be stressed this is not cash that is free to spend, it is simply cash in the Council's bank as a result of the timing between funding/income arriving into the Council's account and being physically spent.

2.1.6 Whilst the Council is carrying out work to reduce the outturn position and tackle the cost pressures faced, it is likely that the Council will have an overspend at outturn that will require funding from reserves. This will come from the Treasury Management Savings Reserve or the Budget and Financial Strategy Reserve. Should the Council not be able to reduce the overspend further by the end of the financial year, the overspend will be funded by one of these two reserves.

2.1.7 Following the technical updates to the Councils MTFS position made to support the MTFS Update for December Cabinet, the Council reported the following budget shortfalls. 2025/26 a budget gap of £6.5m, £7.1m in 2026/27 and £11.6m in 2027/28. These budget gaps were as a result of significant additional demand, complexity and market pressures across a range of services. The most challenging pressures stemming from Adult Social Care where increasing complexity of care packages is driving costs up year on year, along with increases in the Real Living Wage driving up market pressures, leading to a requirement for a £17m uplift in Adults base budgets.

2.1.8 Additionally, a £1.5m pressure across Waste Management Services has been factored in due to increased vehicle costs, agency use, reduced recycling income due to market reductions and penalties for contamination. CYPS placement pressures continue to be hit with increased market costs and Home to School Transport remains a key challenge for the Council with costs exceeding the Budget Contingency by £0.8m (£4.3m in total). Along with pressures from the Local Government Pay Award being higher than anticipated the Council faced some substantial pressures.

2.1.9 However, due to the Council's robust financial management these pressures were identified early, leading to service reviews and mitigation plans being developed. As a result of these actions, over £6m of management actions have been developed to make efficiencies in service budgets. These include maximisation of grant funding, recognising budget reductions due to re-procurement of goods and services and reducing service delivery where possible and efficient to do so. The Council has also been able to soften some of its cost projections on areas such as Energy as the price increases in recent years have started to reduce back down, not to where they once were but an improved position.

2.1.10 Further, Governments Autumn Statement and Autumn Policy update indicated that the Council would receive a positive outcome in the Provisional and Final Financial Settlement. This would include around £10m of new grant funding within the core spending power, along with £6.1m from the Extended Producer Responsibility grant (which wasn't factored into the MTFS position at the December MTFS Update). Whilst these increases wouldn't address all the Council's pressures it would give the Council a much more robust position to operate from. Though this still remains a single year settlement.

2.1.11 The Council's MTFS has been further refined since December 2024 Cabinet to factor in refined inflation, demand and market pressure assumptions. A Social Care Contingency of £5.4m is proposed for 2025/26 to support the further CYPS cost pressures whilst they continue to deliver upon their savings plans. A suite of revenue savings have been developed to support the MTFS Update to December Cabinet of £2.6m. In addition, a series of Revenue Investments totalling £1.9m and Capital Budget investments with associated revenue charges, are proposed as part of this Budget report. A number of Fees and Charges exemptions are requested outside of the normal Fees and Charges 2% uplift, at a cost of £204k.

2.1.12 Contractual inflation has been revised and provision for Adult Care Provider inflation and complexity of care packages demand of £17m has also been included to ensure the Council can meet its contractual arrangements and ensure the Council does not fall behind the curve in terms of what it pays Adult Social Care providers and supporting the sustainability of the provider sector.

2.1.13 The Final Settlement for 2025/26, as detailed in Section 1.4, confirmed many of the Council's resource assumptions around new grants but the level of new funding was larger than expected. This was principally due to the new Recovery Grant which has been allocated on a deprivation basis, meaning this Council has gained a much large proportion of the overall grant. A further year of New Homes Bonus will also help to mitigate the Council's financial cost pressures for 2025/26 only. The positives of the Final Financial Settlement have also allowed the Council to gain greater confidence over the funding position moving forwards, although the Council only has a single year financial settlement, the direction of travel for Local Authority Funding looks positive.

2.1.14 However, the benefits from the Final Settlement are not sufficient to cover all the cost increases and pressures across the full MTFS period at present and as such the Council still has a small funding gap for 2027/28. This gap is not of concern at this point given the time and uncertainty over future years funding for Local Authorities. It is estimated that this position will improve as further clarity on the spending powers of Local Authorities is revealed over the longer term. Government have indicated that a multi-year settlement will be provided for Local Authorities with further information to follow in the summer of 2024. When this is set out the Council will be able to confirm the requirement and timeframe to address any residual budget gaps.

2.1.15 Following factoring in the impact of inflation, demand and cost pressures, MTFS assumptions, the Final Financial Settlement, and the Council's Budget proposals the Council's Funding Gap for the MTFS period is;

Table 2 Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025/26 to 2027/28.

Medium Term Financial Strategy Position	**2025/26**	**2026/27**	**2027/28**
	£000	£000	£000
Budget Gap / Surplus(-)	**0,000**	**0,000**	**3,252**

2.1.16 The Budget and Council Tax Report 2024/25 agreed at Council in February 2024 noted that £9.9m of approved budget savings and cost reductions were still to be delivered. Of these £5.3m remains to be delivered across 2025/26. These approved budget savings are an essential part of the Council's approved MTFS position. Further detail is provided later in this report.

2.1.17 The ongoing financial challenges faced by the Council are similar to those of other local authorities. The financial pressures faced by local authorities are largely as a result of previous reductions to Government funding, funding not keeping up with inflationary pressures, increased demand for social care, market cost pressures and more recently the significant impact of inflation and energy prices. The funding uplift for 2025/26 was therefore welcome by Local Authorities.

2.1.18 These financial challenges mean that the Council must be responsible in its budget setting approach, prioritising investment and savings proposals that best contribute to the Council's priorities as identified within the Council Plan. To ensure that they best meet the needs of Rotherham's residents and ensure that best value is demonstrated across the breadth of Council services. In addition, the Council must consider levels of uncertainty and where possible make provision for risks.

2.1.19 It is also important to underline the spending level of the Council despite the previous funding cuts. With a current proposed revenue budget of

£358.978m in 2025/26 together with proposed capital expenditure of £172.4m for 2025/26, the Council will remain a key lever for growth and investment in Rotherham and the wider Sheffield City Region. The challenge is to ensure the sustainability of the Council to deliver against the Council's stated priorities. This means making carefully considered investment and savings decisions through to 2028. The Capital Programme which has been updated within this report includes a total of £750.1m of planned capital investment across the current year and up to 2027/28.

2.1.20 Looking ahead the Council will need to closely consider the level of prudential borrowing it incurs post the 2025/26 Budget to ensure that the Council's overall debt position is manageable. This is essential to ensure it can be sustainably financed within the Council's Treasury Management Budgets (revenue) and to help guard against interest rate risk.

2.1.21 This budget strategy is set against inflation, increasing complexity of care, demand pressures and cost challenges facing Rotherham. Residents are living longer, but with more long term conditions which is stretching already squeezed health and social care budgets. Rotherham's schools are performing well but there is a strain on school budgets. Much work has been done and continues to develop a sustainable approach for the dedicated schools grant budget which will need to continue if the Council is to make the most of the Safety Valve arrangement and prevent any impact of the pressures from Dedicated Schools Grant deficits impacting the General Fund.

2.1.22 The key aspects of directorate budgets and service delivery and considered as part of the Council's budget and financial strategy are summarised in Appendix 8.

2.2 Budget Savings

2.2.1 The Council's Budget and Council Tax report 2024/25 included the delivery of £9.904m savings, to be delivered across the Directorates as shown below. Financial Monitoring reports to Cabinet during 2024/25 have monitored progress against these savings, at present, £4.571m of delivery has been secured. The biggest challenges at present on delivery relate to CYPS Placement savings which is forecast as a significant cost pressure again in 2024/25 indicating that the Council hasn't fully delivered this savings programme.

2.2.2 The savings programme is held under regular review and the Council believes that this CYPS savings target remains achievable against its key deliverables but it will simply take longer to deliver. One area that has taken longer to deliver for example has been the in-house residential care programme, which aims to move placements from expensive external residential placements to more efficient new internal residential homes. The programme has been more challenging than anticipated to deliver with difficulties locating, acquiring and converting the required properties to the original timeline. All properties are now acquired and progressing.

Table 3 – Progress against £9.9m approved savings

Directorate	2024/25 Saving to be delivered	Secured as at 31st December 2024	Still to be delivered
Finance and Customer Services	238	238	0
Assistant Chief Executive	407	407	0
Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	1,998	1,811	187
Children's and Young Peoples Services	5,850	1,059	4,791
Regeneration and Environment	1,411	1,056	355
Total	**9,904**	**4,571**	**5,333**

2.2.3 It is anticipated that Waleswood additional income savings (£81k) will not be delivered during 2024/25 following assessment of the income forecasts now the main summer season has concluded. However, it is still felt these are achievable by the end of 2025/26 and the capital investment to address the waterlogged areas will support this. The fleet saving (£75k) is still achievable but will now be delivered in 2025/26. The remaining R&E savings are expected to be delivered during the remainder of 2024/25. The review of Housing Related Support (£226k) remains underway as such any savings cannot yet be offered up, however, the remaining savings in ACH&PH are expected to be delivered during the remainder 2024/25.

2.2.4 As part of the Budget and Council Tax Report 2025/26, to support the wider financial challenges facing the Council a series of new savings and efficiencies have been put forward for approval. They are savings that the Council feels it can and should make and so their delivery will help provide a more robust financial position for the Council moving forwards, these savings are detailed later in this report.

2.3 Fees and Charges

2.3.1 The Council has a policy to increase fees and charges to ensure that services which the Council provides are kept broadly in line with increases in the cost of providing those services. The Medium Term Financial Strategy agreed at Council in February 2024 included an assumed increase in fees and charges of 2%, for 2025/26. The updated Medium Term Financial Strategy agreed at Cabinet in December 2024 maintained that position although flagged a significant funding gap from 2025/26 onwards as a result of inflation, demand and market pressures in Social Care and Home to School Transport.

2.3.2 Given the financial challenges that the Council faces as a result of these pressures, consideration has been given to the level of increase that the Council should apply to its own fees and charges for services. The Council is conscious of the impact on residents and it is therefore not proposed to lift fees and charges above the 2% assumed in the MTFS, in order to minimise the impact on residents whilst protecting access to basic services. However, there are some exemptions proposed to increase them above the 2% MTFS assumption in recognition of rising costs that the Council faces in the provision of these services. As such it is proposed that all income budgets for fees and charges which are determined by the Council will be uplifted by 2% except where an exception has been proposed. The majority of these exceptions relate to the following issues:

- A need to freeze charges to maintain or attract new customers.
- Statutory rules that set the charge rates, preventing any increase being made.
- Other proposals to freeze charges linked to specific scenarios such as Markets, given the transition that will take place whilst the project that will re-locate Markets while investment into the regeneration of the market takes place.

2.3.3 The following exemptions are proposed:

- Civic Theatre – The Civic Theatre is seeking an exemption from the annual fees and charges inflation increase, in order to enable it to work towards a self-financing model. Prices will rise but the Council will not increase the income budgets in this area, allowing the service to meet its income budgets. This relates to booking of the venue to put on performances rather than buying event tickets.
- Museums and Libraries photocopying and postage, to freeze the charges to keep them competitive, postage set by Royal Mail.
- Clifton Park Waterplay private hire, increase to bring into line with market price.
- Music Service - The service is seeking an exemption from the annual fees and charges inflation increase, in order to enable it to work towards a self-financing model. Prices will rise but the Council will not increase the income budgets in this area, allowing the service to meet its current income budgets.
- Country Parks (including Waleswood) – price increases above 2% to improve sustainability of business model. Excluding the price freezes on leisure activities below.
- Rother Valley Country Parks and Thrybergh to have price freeze applied for leisure facilities.
- Centenary Market Price Freeze to continue during redevelopment.
- Building Control, Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders – fees increased above 2% to ensure full cost recovery.
- Parking Services - Price freeze to encourage visitors to the town centre at Drummond Street, Wellgate North, Wellgate Multi Storey, Douglas Street, Unity Place, Westgate, Clifton Hall, Forge Island and Scala, ahead of the major developments planned in future years.

- Parking Services – First hour free to encourage visitors to the town centre at Drummond Street, Wellgate North, Wellgate Multi Storey, Douglas Street, Unity Place, Westgate, Clifton Hall, Forge Island and Scala (Monday to Friday inclusive)
- Adult Services care packages customer contributions from those eligible to pay are proposed to be increased to match increased costs seen in recent years.
- School Catering - Food prices and staff costs have risen significantly over the last 24 months and as such the fees charged for the service do not recover the costs of providing the service. This position has improved following a 15% increase in 2024/25 but further increases of between 2% and 10% will be required for 2025/26.
- Cleaning Service – Staff costs have risen sharply in recent years along with material costs as such the service is currently being subsidised by the Council. Therefore, a fees and charges increase of between 7.5% and 10% will be required to start to move the service away from a subsidised position.
- Bereavement Service contract charge is linked to RPI-X February, as such the Council doesn't control the inflation level.
- Crowden Outdoor Learning Facilities, a greater increase in fees is required to cover cost of service provision (9.6% increase required)
- Legal Services require a 4% increase to ensure charges are kept in line with the cost of providing these services.
- HR & payroll system charge to Doncaster MBC, is a service contract charge and is linked to RPI-X February, as such the Council doesn't control the inflation level.

2.3.4 The following exemptions relate to services where statutory rules apply and the impact of these exemptions is factored into the budget.

- Licensing through the 2003 Licensing Act.
- Regulation and Enforcement (Water samples, Fixed Penalty Notices and Pollution Control Permits.
- Planning application fees.
- Blue Badge Scheme.
- Electoral Services – access to electoral register records.
- Registration Services – registrar fees for births, deaths and marriages.
- Highways Inspections - permits.
- Parking Services – charges for untaxed/abandoned vehicles.

2.3.5 All of the above exceptions have been taken into account within the proposed budget. Any alternative decisions will, therefore, have a financial impact on the Councils Budget. The financial impact of the proposals to freeze some fees and charges is £736k after taking account of additional income generated where fees and charges have been increased above 2%.

2.4 Independent Adult Care Sector Provision

2.4.1 Investment into Adult Social Care is a key part of this budget in order to meet the challenges of escalating cost pressures within this service, relating to inflation and rising demand for adult care, the Council will therefore provide around £17m investment in the delivery of Adult Social Care services. This additional budget will also help support the Council's ambition that all workers are paid the Real Living Wage where directly employed or through a commissioned service.

2.4.2 The total uplift proposed for each sector is based on a weighted average cost incorporating the Real Living Wage increase and CPI. A cost of care exercise was undertaken across the range of providers, and this has informed the rates of pay that are being proposed.

2.4.3 The Council consults with providers each year to assess the fees it pays for care services. The following paragraphs provide a summary of the issues facing different segments of the care market as well as the proposed fee uplifts.

2.4.4 Residential and Nursing Care Homes

2.4.5 There are a total of 33 independent sector care homes contracted to support older people in Rotherham, 13 of which provide nursing care.

2.4.6 The independent sector care home market in Rotherham supplies 1,631 beds. In Rotherham, there is a long-term trend moving away from traditional care home provision that mirrors the national picture. People are being supported at home for as long as possible and are entering 24-hour care for the last 2 to 3 years of their life when the complexity of needs has increased, and they are unable to manage their long-term conditions in their own home.

2.4.7 The pressures that the older people's care home market faces are well documented and are highlighted below:

- The lack of nurses and enhanced terms and conditions of employment (pay, pensions, workplace support) offered by the NHS are a challenge for the independent sector market who are not able to compete to attract qualified nurses to work in care homes.
- Increasing use and high cost of agency nurses is having a negative impact on patient flow from the hospital and the ability to continue to provide and maintain a quality service.
- The National Living Wage will increase by 6.7% to £12.21 in April 2025. The Real Living Wage for 2024/25 increased by 5% to £12.60.
- The care market are restricted in their ability to compete financially with the retail and hospitality sector as they are currently offering joining bonuses and increased wage rates.
- A high degree of staff turnover has resulted in a significant increase in recruitment and retention costs.

- Increasing care requirements of residents with complex needs resulting in an intense demand on staff resource.
- The increase in employer's National Insurance contributions will have a significant impact on care home costs moving forward.
- The financial landscape for care homes has changed dramatically due to inflationary pressures, particularly in areas such as staffing, utilities, food, medical supplies and insurance which have significantly increased operational costs.
- The highest cost pressure year on year is the care home workforce with over 70% of costs contributing towards staffing pay and benefits.

2.4.8 The problems cited above are having a particular effect on the nursing home provision. The capacity in nursing Elderly Mentally Infirm (EMI) and nursing care beds has reduced by around 40% in the last five years and this pattern of decline may continue over the next period. Providers have converted nursing EMI beds to residential care and there is a lack of provision of vacant beds in nursing and nursing EMI which is causing delay in hospital discharges, reduces choice and can lead to placing people out of borough at a higher cost.

2.4.9 The following table details the proposed fees for 2025/26. The total increase in fees of 5.5% aims to address the current costs of delivery and provide funding for inflation. This approach aims to ensure a sustainable price for the different types of residential care that the Council purchases.

*Excluding Funded Nursing Care element

2025/26 Proposed Fees	Residential	Residential EMI	Nursing Care*	Nursing EMI*
Rotherham	£689	£718	£754	£837

2.4.10 Home Care

2.4.11 The purpose of a home care and support service is to enable people to remain living at home for as long as possible. The availability of quality home care services is key to supporting people's independence at home in the communities they know.

2.4.12 Around 1,400 people access the Home Care and Support Service, an increase of about 12% from the previous year and approximately 78% of people accessing the service are over the age of 65. Around 19,000 hours of service are delivered per week which makes a major contribution to supporting people to remain in their own homes.

2.4.13 A cost of care exercise to inform the 2025/26 budget setting process took place in Quarter 3 2024/25 and contracted home care providers met with strategic commissioners to discuss the perceived risk/sustainability issues. The following highlights areas of concern:

- The lowering of the threshold for the payment of NI and the increase in the rate of employer contributions.
- The National Living Wage (NLW) increase and the associated wage drift to maintain the expected wage differential for the wider workforce.
- Unsupported costs associated with Government decisions e.g., mandated training, discontinuation of free PPE and future impact of Employment Rights Bill (Statutory Sick Pay and maternity pay) expected in 2025/26.
- Difficulty in maintaining the current terms that support staff retention, continuity of care, and ability to invest in their workforce to ensure high quality provision.
- Additional costs of employment for each care worker e.g., fuel, Personal Protective Equipment, office supplies.

2.4.14 The Home Care and Support Service is provided through a Flexible Purchasing System (FPS). Currently there are 21 providers responding to requests for service.

2.4.15 The current average hourly rate is £24.32. It is proposed that the rates are increased by an average rate of 5.5%. The total increase in fees accounts for the increase in the National Living Wage and inflation.

2.4.16 Independent sector provision – Learning Disability and under 65 Specialist Services

2.4.17 The Council provides financial support to approximately 787 learning disabled people of all ages, with an ageing demographic and increased complexity for young people transitioning into adult services. There are 436 Physically Disabled people (aged 18-64), 272 people with Mental Ill Health (aged 18-64) and 55 (aged 18-64) people whose primary support need is Sensory Impairment, currently receiving Council support.

2.4.18 The pressures that the Learning Disabilities and Under 65's Specialist services face are in line with those faced in Older Peoples services and are highlighted below:

- The lack of nurses and enhanced terms and conditions of employment (pay, pensions, workplace support) offered by the NHS are a challenge for the independent sector market who are not able to compete to attract qualified nurses to work in care homes.
- High cost of agency staff both Carer and Nursing roles.
- The National Living Wage will increase by 6.7% to £12.21 in April 2025. The Real Living Wage for 2024/25 increased by 5% to £12.60.
- Challenges in relation to attracting and retaining staff when pay rates in retail and hospitality are higher for less demanding roles.
- The high degree of staff turnover within the sector results in a significant number of recruitment processes and the costs associated with this.

2.4.19 The costs of services reflect bespoke provision to meet individual needs and have arisen incrementally creating a range of accommodation costs and hourly rates. However, due to pressures such as the increase in the National and Real Living Wage, it is proposed to uplift fees to ensure the continued sustainability of services. The fee uplift for each service is shown below.

Learning Disabilities	**Percentage uplift**
Supported Living	5.5%
Residential Care	5.5%
Day Care	5.5%
Other 18-64	
Care Homes	5.5%
Supported Living	5.5%

2.4.20 **Direct Payments**

2.4.21 Recognising that a significant proportion of people in receipt of Direct Payments exercise choice to directly purchase other services from a range of providers at varying levels of costs, it is proposed to apply a 5.5% increase to the personal budgets. This will continue to support the wider home care and day care market, ensuring that choice is available outside of the Council commissioned services.

2.4.22 Discussions with care providers have highlighted that the ability to pay staff a competitive rate continues to be a key issue, especially in view of the significant wage inflation within retail, hospitality, and the NHS. The purpose of the funding is to support the continued workforce challenges across the Adult Social Care market, by encouraging people to remain in or join the sector with competitive rates of pay.

2.4.23 It is recognised that this will be a particularly difficult year for providers as the increase in employers' NIC and especially the reduction of the threshold at which Employers' NIC becomes payable, will add additional pressure to all care providers.

2.4.24 A Market Sustainability Plan is being developed to monitor the Council's ability to ensure the sufficiency of the market to meet the needs for care and support of adults.

2.4.25 **Children in Care placements inflationary uplift**

2.4.26 A 4% inflation uplift has been assumed in the budget to cover the anticipated inflationary pressures relating to the range of children in care placements. The following summarises the approach that would be taken to determine the inflation uplift costs for the main children social care placements for 2025/26.

2.4.27 **In-house foster and kinship carers**

2.4.28 The Government sets a National Minimum Allowance (NMA) for weekly child maintenance fostering rates based on age bands, which are

increased annually in line with inflation. The Government has announced a 3.55 per cent increase to the national minimum allowance (NMA) for foster carers in England for 2025/26.

2.4.29 The NMA rate is used to calculate payments for in-house foster carer, family & friends (Reg 24 & S38/6) allowance, Special Guardianship Orders (SGO), and Child Arrangement Orders (CAO). Cabinet agreed in October 2022 for increases in foster carers skills payments to be aligned to the annual inflationary uplift in the NMA rate.

2.4.30 **External residential & foster care provision**

2.4.31 The Council has 212 children in care (at December 2024) placed with external residential and independent fostering agencies at a total forecast cost of £23.0m. Since April 2020, Rotherham has called off and used the rates from the White Rose Frameworks for Independent Fostering (IFA) and residential care providers that are in the framework contract. The White Rose Consortium have their own process for reviewing and agreeing price increases for providers. A 3% uplift has been assumed for residential home providers in and outside the framework, pending confirmation of the actual rate increase by the White Rose consortium.

2.4.32 **Care leavers allowances and support**

2.4.33 The Council provides financial support (via the Local Offer) and allowances to care leavers aimed at helping young people transition to independence, to set up their first home, and with education related costs. Given financial support and allowances are meant to support care leavers with living costs, Cabinet recently agreed that these allowances should be uplifted annually in line with the Council's inflation assumption.

2.5 Council Tax Proposals for 2025/26

2.5.1 The Government have confirmed that the basic referendum principle for 2025/26 is 3% i.e. a maximum 2.99% increase in the basic rate of Council Tax. Social Care authorities will also be able to increase their Council Tax by a Social Care precept of up to 2% for 2025/26 (over the basic referendum threshold of 3%). Therefore, the total that the Council could increase Council Tax by is 5%.

2.5.2 The Council is proposing to increase its own Council Tax (i.e. excluding Parish, Fire and Police precepts) by 3%, comprising a 1% increase in the basic rate of Council Tax and a 2% Adult Social Care Precept.

2.5.3 The proposed 1% increase on the basic rate of Council Tax will raise an additional £1.3m in 2025/26. In addition, a 2% increase in the Adult Social Care Precept will raise a further £2.7m in 2025/26 to contribute to funding increased costs of adult social care. The rise in the Council Tax base of 1% also generates a further £1.3m, giving an overall increase in Council Tax income of £5.3m.

2.5.4 A 3% increase on the tax levied in 2025/26 would mean a Band D Council Tax (for the Rotherham Council element only) of £1,870.63. Details of the proposed increases on all Council Tax bandings are set out in Table 4 below. Over 50% of properties in the Borough are Band A.

Table 4 – Council Tax Bands and Amounts (Rotherham Council element only)

Council Tax Band	2024/25 £	2025/26 £
A	1,210.76	1,247.09
B	1,412.56	1,454.93
C	1,614.35	1,662.79
D	1,816.15	1,870.63
E	2,219.73	2,286.32
F	2,623.32	2,702.02
G	3,026.91	3,117.72
H	3,632.29	3,741.26

2.5.5 The budget for 2025/26 also takes account of a planned use of £3m of surplus from the Council's Collection Fund for Council Tax. This is a direct result of the Council continuing to achieve a high performance in collecting Council Tax and minimising cumulative arrears. However, it is considered that the continuing cost of living crisis, impact of high inflation period and wider economic pressures on the Borough into 2025/26 may result in a negative effect on the in-year Council Tax collection rate. Consequently the 96% in-year collection rate budgeted for in 2024/25 has been maintained for the 2025/26 taxbase rather than the 97% rate used in previous years' taxbase calculations, prior to Covid 19.

2.5.6 The proposed increase will help to support the delivery of valuable frontline services, particularly services for vulnerable children and adults at a time when demand for these services continues to increase. This includes some additional investments in services which are set out in Paragraph 2.7.

2.5.7 As required by legislation (the Local Government Finance Act 1992) the Budget Report to Council on 5th March 2025 will include a Statutory Resolution of Council Tax setting out details of the proposed Council Tax calculations for 2025/26 for the Council, Parishes and including the precepts from the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority as advised to the Council.

2.5.8 The annual determination of the Council Tax Base, which is a technical based calculation, is delegated by Council to the Strategic Director – Finance & Customer Services (Section 151 Officer). The Council's Tax Base for 2025/26 has been determined as 73,602.07 Band D equivalent properties, after adjusting for the anticipated rate of collection, the impact of the Council's Local Council Tax Support Scheme and discretionary discounts and exemptions for empty properties and second homes.

2.5.9 Based on the growth in the number of properties in the Tax Base and the proposed increase in Council Tax by 3%, this will generate a total Council Tax of £137.6m available to support the Council to fund services in 2025/26. Details of the Council Tax Base for 2025/26 are set out in Appendix 1.

2.5.10 Council Tax Support Scheme 2025/26

2.5.11 Following a recent public consultation regarding the Council Tax Support scheme it has been decided that changes will be made to the income taper for 2025/26.

2.5.12 The Taper is the rate at which Council Tax Support is reduced for an applicant whose income is above the applicable amount. The applicable amount is the income level that the Government expects the applicant to be able to live on and is the sum of three allowances for claimant/partner, dependent children and any special needs.

2.5.13 In a previous review of the scheme the taper was increased from 20% to 30% for the financial year 2018/19 onwards however from 2025/26 the taper will be reduced back to 20% which it is estimated will be an additional cost to the scheme of £130k.

2.5.14 A reduction in the taper would assist those whose income is slightly above their applicable amount and could incentivise claimants to take up employment or remain in their current employment.

2.5.15 **Local Council Tax Support Top Up Scheme 2025/26**

2.5.16 The Council is aware that residents will still be facing increased household costs as a longer term impact of the period of high inflation and energy prices. In recognition of this the Council proposes to again provide a further Local Council Tax Support Top Up scheme across the financial year 2025/26. The scheme will provide an expected additional award of £126.12 for 2025/26, on top of the 2025/26 Council Tax support to working age claimants provided via the Council's Local Council Tax Support scheme for 2025/26. Based on current caseloads this is expected to provide additional support to approximately 14,400 households. Where a claimant has a bill of £126.12 or less, then the bill will be reduced to zero. This means that for a working age household in receipt of maximum Council Tax support in a non-parished area Band A property, there will be no bill to pay for 2025/26 Council Tax. Based on current caseloads this is estimated to be approximately 11,000 households. The application of the scheme will include all those becoming eligible up to and including 31 March 2026. The precise value of the award will be confirmed once the Police and Fire Precepts are confirmed.

2.5.17 The estimated scheme costs are between £1.7m and £1.9m and will be funded through the Council's Household Support Fund (HSF) allocation for 2025/25. Whilst the allocation for HSF is not yet confirmed it is expected to be sufficient to fund this scheme in full however there is a Local Council Tax Support Grant reserve of £850k that can be used to

support any shortfall in HSF. The actual cost won't be known until the end of the 2025/26 financial year.

2.5.18 The scheme will replicate the criteria implemented in 2024/25. For 2025/26, the scheme will provide an expected £126.12 of additional Council Tax Support (subject to confirmation of the Police and Fire Precepts), based on the following criteria;

- That an expected additional award of £126.12 Council Tax Support will be made to those people of working age who are in receipt of Local Council Tax Support as at 1 April 2025.
- That where a claimant has a Council Tax bill of £126.12 or less, their bill will be reduced to zero.
- That the remaining funding will be utilised to fund the cost of new claimants becoming eligible for Local Council Tax Support including the application of the relevant proportion of the additional expected £126.12 support.
- That the additional support will apply to all those becoming eligible up to and including 31 March 2026.

2.5.19 **Council Tax Premiums**

2.5.20 Rotherham currently charge a 100% empty property premium for properties that have been unoccupied and unfurnished for over 2 years. Legislation to allow Councils further discretion regarding the Premiums is contained within The Levelling up and Regeneration Act which received Royal Assent in October 2023.

2.5.21 The Act allows Government to bring forward regulations excluding properties from a premium where certain conditions are met. Consultation was undertaken by the Government and included several proposed circumstances for which the empty homes and second homes premiums could not be applied. The regulations came into force, and guidance received from Government, on the 1 November 2024.

2.5.22 The changes would mean that;

- The 100% premium could become effective for properties that have been unoccupied and unfurnished for over 1 year.
- Second homes would become eligible for premiums. This does not include those second homes which currently receive a 50% job related discount.

2.5.23 Due to the late timing of the announcement the Council chose not to implement these changes for 2024/25. However, they are proposed to be implemented as part of the Budget report 2025/26. It is expected that the introduction of this premium will generate around £0.5m of additional Council Tax income, though it is only an estimate at this point, the implementation and impact of the scheme will be tracked carefully.

2.5.24 The proposed changes will come into effect from 1 April 2025 providing a Council decision had been made by 5th March 2025. However, the second

home premium would require a decision to be made at least 12 months before it comes into effect which would mean that if approved on the 5th March 2025 it would be implemented from 1 April 2026.

2.6 Proposed Revenue Budget 2025/26 and Medium Term Financial Strategy to 2027/28

2.6.1 The Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) sets out a framework for understanding the challenges the Council faces and supports corporate planning. It helps the Council to shape its finances over the medium term by examining the projected resources available to meet the priorities as set out in its Council Plan.

2.6.2 An update of the MTFS was submitted to Cabinet in December 2024 reflecting the significant budget funding gap for the MTFS period. The MTFS has since been further updated to reflect the outcomes of the Final Local Government Finance Settlement 2025/26 and the budget proposals as set out in this report. It includes funding and expenditure projections up to the 2027/28 financial year which show an effectively balanced position up to 2027/28 where there is a potential funding gap of £3.2m on current service activity and funding assumptions. However, there will be a further Government Spending review before funding allocations for 2027/28 are determined. In addition, the MTFS will be kept under review which will include reflecting the impact of future years' annual Finance Settlements.

2.6.3 Taking into account Government funding notified for 2025/26 within the Final Local Government Finance Settlement, estimates of Government funding for future years and the Council's own resources, the proposed budget for 2025/26 and an updated MTFS over the following two years is set out below in Table 5.

Table 5 - Budget and MTFS 2024/25 to 2025/26

Resources	**2025/26 £000**	**2026/27 Estimated £000**	**2027/28 Estimated £000**
Government Funding			
Revenue Support Grant	19,347	19,347	19,347
Business Rates Top-Up Grant & S31 Grant as compensation for multiplier cap on Top-Up Grant	38,109	38,871	39,649
New Homes Bonus	1,452	0	0
Public Health Grant	19,420	19,808	20,205
Social Care Support Grant	37,419	37,419	37,419
Local Authority Better Care Fund	17,864	17,864	17,864
Recovery Grant	8,771	8,771	8,771
ASC Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund	5,886	5,886	5,886
Extended Producer Responsibility	6,150	4,000	4,000

Children's Social Care Prevention Grant (£250m)	2,083	2,083	2,083
Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Grant	803	803	803
Housing Benefit Admin	863	863	863
NIC Compensation	2,516	2,516	2,516
Core funding indexation	0	1,000	1,000
Total Government Funding	**160,683**	**159,232**	**160,405**
Retained Business Rates & S31 Grants as compensation for Government determined business rates reliefs	57,613	57,765	58,921
Council Tax Collection Fund – annual review and use of surplus	3,000	5,000	5,000
Council Tax and Adult Social Care Precept	137,682	143,189	148,917
Total Council Resources	**198,295**	**205,955**	**212,837**
Total Resources	**358,978**	**365,186**	**373,243**
Expenditure	**2025/26 £000**	**2026/27 Estimated £000**	**2027/28 Estimated £001**
Base Budget Requirement at 2024/25 pay and prices	318,075	321,210	323,541
Provision for pay, price and fees and charges income inflation	15,059	22,074	29,650
Adult Care – care transitions and demand	11,000	12,000	13,000
Home to School Transport (includes £3.5m Budget Contingency previously approved)	4,300	4,300	4,300
Waste service costs and demand	1,500	1,500	1,500
Impact of NIC increase	3,900	3,900	3,900
Children's Social Care Prevention Grant (£250m) - specific commitments	2,083	2,083	2,083
Domestic Abuse Safe accommodation Grant	803	803	803
Revenue budget investment 2025/26	1,945	1,945	1,945
Revenue Savings 2025/26	-2,592	-2,342	-2,342
Capital Investment to 2025/26 – financing costs	923	1,953	2,114
Use of savings and contingencies within Budget/MTFS Strategy :			
Treasury Management Savings	-3,000	-4,240	-4,000
Social Care Contingency	5,400	0	0
Reserve support for Social Care Contingency	-418	0	0

Total Expenditure Budgets	**358,978**	**365,186**	**376,494**
Gap	**0**	**0**	**3,252**

* Notes :

(i) The ASC Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund is now part of the Core Spending Power and targeted towards;

- Increasing fee rates paid to adult social care providers in local areas,
- Increasing adult social care workforce capacity and retention,
- Reducing adult social care waiting times.

2.6.4 Set out below in Table 6 is the proposed Net Revenue Budget for 2025/26 including the Directorate Cash Limit Budgets utilising the available resources and based on approval and implementation of the proposed budget included within this report and detailed above in Table 5. Central Services holds Budget uplifts temporarily like pay award and the proposed uplift on Home to School Transport that will be uplifted at a later date.

Table 6 Net Revenue Budget by Directorate

	Proposed Budget 2025/26
	£'000
Adult Care, Housing & Public Health	135,908
Children & Young People's Service	68,752
Regeneration & Environment Services	48,651
Finance, Customer Services	35,066
Assistant Chief Executive	8,301
Central Services	62,300
TOTAL NET REVENUE BUDGET	**358,978**

2.6.5 The proposed Central Services budget (£62.3m) shown in the table above includes the following key budgets and provisions:

- Levies – Integrated Transport Authority, Coroners, Environment Agency, Apprentice (£13.5m)
- Capital Financing (£26.6m)
- PFI Grants (cr £3.8m)
- Inflation provision for pay, price and fees and charges, (£26m).

2.7 Proposed Budget Investments & New Revenue Savings

2.7.1 Table 7 below sets out the revenue budget investment proposals that total £1.945m for 2025/26 onwards. Further details of all these investment proposals are provided in Appendix 2.

Table 7 Proposed Revenue Budget Investments

Ref per template	Revenue Budget Investments	2025/26 £'000	2026/27 £'000
People are safe, healthy, and live well			
INV1	Street Safe Team	570	570
Expanding Economic Opportunity			
INV2	Employment Solutions Team	718	718
A Cleaner, Greener Local Environment			
INV3	Road Marking	100	100
INV4	Street Cleansing and Fly Tipping Improvements	307	307
One Council Approach			
INV5	Cost of Living Support	188	188
INV6	Customer Services – Call Handlers	62	62
	Total Requirement	**1,945**	**1,945**

2.7.2 **People are safe, healthy and live well**

2.7.3 The consultation on the refresh of the Council Plan highlighted the central importance that respondents attached to wanting to feel safer in the borough. Meanwhile the results of the 2024 Resident Satisfaction Survey highlighted a much lower proportion of respondents felt safer after dark in their local area in Rotherham, compared to the national average (57% in Rotherham compared to 71% nationally). There was also a significant difference between men and women's feelings of safety after dark, with 62% of men reporting feeling 'very safe' or 'fairly safe' compared to only 54% of women. Young people aged 18-24 are least likely to feel safe after dark and those aged 45-54 most likely to feel safe.

2.7.4 To improve feelings of safety and security in town and village centre areas a visible, uniformed Council presence, with a particular focus on high footfall areas and Rotherham Town Centre, will be provided. The new 'Street Safe Team', funded by this investment, will have dedicated resources and the ability to deploy various powers to bolster enforcement. Alongside existing uniformed officers, they will provide a welcoming and reassuring presence in the town centres.

2.7.5 A highly visible team, they will act as the eyes and ears of the Council and will be expected to identify and report issues where they are unable to intervene directly. The team will focus on making best use of intelligence data

and information in order to target resources and problem solve Community Safety issues.

2.7.6 **Expanding Economic Opportunity**

2.7.7 Since being established in 2020, the Employment Solutions team have supported more than 1,250 to get into or stay in work. Initially funded by European Structural and Investment Funds and then, its successor, the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, the team offers an integrated programme of bespoke pre-employment activity. It has been designed to support economically inactive and socially excluded unemployed residents of Rotherham to move towards and access the labour market.

2.7.8 The integrated programme of support will allow seamless progression from significant distance to the labour market into targeted, employment-focused access activity including job and apprenticeship brokerage, sector-specific training with work experience at a pace appropriate for the individual. Residents will be able to enter through a single door where their situation, needs and barriers will be triaged before being directed to the most appropriate support for them.

2.7.9 The programme is flexible, sensitive to individual participant needs (adopting a 'no wrong door' approach to referral and/or support) and is more streamlined/cost-efficient than previous funded programmes.

2.7.10 Having been delivered through short term, grant funding that has included a number of conditions impacting on who can receive support and how this is provided, it is proposed to mainstream the current funding arrangements. This will provide a stable programme of support for residents and when asked about the Council providing support to create new jobs, 90% of respondents in the consultation for the new Council Plan supported this service.

2.7.11 **A Cleaner, Greener Local Environment**

2.7.12 Cleaner streets were highlighted as the second most popular thing that respondents wanted to improve in their area as part of the consultation on the new Council Plan.

2.7.13 It is therefore proposed to create an additional team to complete verge maintenance outside of urban areas. In particular, this will focus on rural verges and key gateways, increasing the regularity of maintenance in priority areas and, where possible, including the provision of road sign cleaning.

2.7.14 To improve the performance and quality of the service through the greater use of data and intelligence it is proposed to introduce two additional roles. Focused on improving the tasking, coordination and monitoring of the delivery of the teams across areas such as street cleansing, ground maintenance, grass cutting, litter clearance and verge maintenance outside of urban areas, the roles will enable the creation of cleaner streets across the borough. They will also provide additional managerial capacity to focus on proactive member engagement, alongside member casework and MP enquiries and other reporting.

2.7.15 The Council is also proposing to invest an additional £100k to improve road markings on the classified road network and in estates. Many of the road markings throughout the Borough are becoming extremely worn and the current budget of £70k is insufficient to address the significant backlog of this asset and only allows for reactive action to address the areas of most significant concern.

2.7.16 This proposed additional investment will allow the service to become proactive in identifying and addressing these issues through creation of an annual programme of road markings to be refreshed, which will be published and communicated to Councillors and the public.

2.7.17 **One Council Approach**

2.7.18 As identified in section one of this report, the high cost of living has had significant impacts on residents across the borough over recent years. Whilst a number of mechanism are already in place to support people and families, this proposal identifies three mechanisms to support people and communities across the borough.

2.7.19 Firstly, this sets out the proposal to double the value of the Council's existing school uniform voucher scheme from £35 to £70 for eligible children. The eligibility criteria will remain the same as under the current scheme and is designed to support residents with the cost of transition years through the education system. Schools – who are responsible for providing vouchers to pupils – will be required to ensure that the vouchers given can be used in multiple retail outlets.

2.7.20 Secondly, following the growth in demand to support residents to complete the application process for Pension Credit, it is proposed to extend the additional temporary resource that had been due to conclude in March 2025. The current support is being funded by the Council and delivered by Citizens Advice Rotherham and District (CARD) and Age UK. Extending the provision of this additional support will mean that more local residents can continue to gain access to the benefits that they are entitled to.

2.7.21 Thirdly, to complement existing provision in the borough, including social supermarkets, it is proposed to explore an expansion of the Food Works offer from Sheffield into Rotherham. Food Works are an established and successful VCS organisation, delivering across eight locations in Sheffield. Their model involves upcycling quality surplus and locally grown ingredients into delicious food and drink, made available on a pay what you feel basis. They also collect and share surplus food, develop hyperlocal food production and empower people with skills, knowledge and support.

2.7.22 By expanding into Rotherham this investment would seek to establish a cafe that will provide affordable food to those in need alongside learning opportunities around cooking, nutrition and budgeting.

2.7.23 Finally, to continue to improve the customer experience for residents, an investment is proposed to further reduce call waiting times for those

telephoning the customer contact centre. Each year the Customer Services contact centre receives, on average, around 300k enquiries. In 2023/24 the Council Plan target of a six minute average wait time per quarter was achieved. The target for 2024/25 is an average wait time of four minutes, with a longer term aim to reduce this even further.

2.7.24 It is therefore proposed to increase the number of call handlers by 2FTE, which will help further reduce call waiting times and improve customer experience.

2.7.25 Table 8 below sets out the revenue budget savings proposals that total £2.592m for 2025/26 onwards. These savings have been developed to support the wider Budget position and acknowledge that some services can be operated more efficiently, be reduced or removed. Further details of all these investment proposals are provided in Appendix 4.

Table 8 Proposed Revenue Savings Proposals

Ref per template	Revenue Budget Savings Proposals	2025/26 £'000	2026/27 £'000
Children and Young People's Services			
CYPS1	Review of support for Change Team (edge of care and therapeutic teams)	350	350
CYPS2	Maximising the use of children services grant funding	420	170
CYPS3	Maximising the centrally retained Early Years DSG funding	150	150
CYPS4	Integration of PAUSE activity into Early Help Services	100	100
CYPS5	Savings from previous years CSC staff changes	282	282
CYPS6	Review of commissioned contracts	70	70
Adult Care, Housing and Public Health			
ACH1	Fee uplifts and review of non-residential charging policy	600	600
Regeneration and Environment			
R&E1	Waste Service Route Optimisation	500	500
R&E2	Mitigation of pressures at Thrybergh Country Park	60	60
R&E3	Mitigation of pressures at Rother Valley Country Park	60	60
	Total Requirement	**2,592**	**2,342**

2.8 Reserves and Balances within the Council's Budget Strategy

2.8.1 In setting the Budget for 2024/25 the Council anticipated that corporate reserves at the 31st March 2024 would be £59.4m. However, following outturn position for 2023/24, the reserves on the 31st March 2024 were £59.0m, a decrease of £0.4m as a greater level of reserves were required to balance the outturn position due to increased social care pressures. However, the Council's overall reserves balance at the end of 2026 is projected to be £6.5m higher than the projection for the same point when setting the 2023/24 Budget. This improved position is due in the main to the following;

- The Council's temporary savings plans in latter half of 2023/24 and 2024/25 reducing the expected call on reserves.

- Further Treasury Management savings generated in year leading to a reduced call on the Treasury Management Reserve.
- New corporate grants, ringfenced and largely linked to Asylum funding programmes.

2.8.2 This improved position places the Council in a more robust financial position to manage the challenges faced during 2024/25 and in setting the Budget for 2025/26.

2.8.3 During 2024/25 whilst the Council has faced significant financial challenges, referenced earlier in this report, the Council has continued to generate significant savings through it's Treasury Management Strategy. These savings have been significant enough to mitigate a large proportion of the pressures in year. However, it is still anticipated that the Council will require additional reserves to balance the outturn position for 2024/25, it is expected this call on reserves will be £3.1m and come from the Budget and Financial Strategy Reserve.

2.8.4 The Council's balance of corporate reserves as at 31st March 2024 was £59.0m. Following a further review of the Reserves Strategy, taking into account the financial outturn for 2023/24, the forecast financial outturn for 2024/25 and the proposed reserves use during 2025/26, 2026/27 and 2027/28, the following updated Reserves Strategy is proposed for reserves movements during the period 2024/25 to 2027/28:

- The Council received £2.8m Local Council Tax Support Grant to mitigate the financial impact of Covid-19 on future Council Tax income. This grant was transferred to reserves in 2021/22 with £1.6m of this reserve used in 2022/23 as planned with the balance of £1.2m earmarked for a Local Council Tax Support Top Up scheme during 2024/25. It is now expected that an estimated £0.9m of this grant can be carried forward into 2025/26 due to utilising the Household Support Fund to cover part of the costs of the LCTS Top Up scheme in 2024/25. As such the grant will remain available to support a Local Council Tax Support Top Up scheme in 2025/26.

- The Spending Review 2021 confirmed Government would compensate local authorities for 75% of irrecoverable losses in Council Tax in respect of 2020/21. From this the Council gained £0.7m that transferred to reserves in 2021/22 and is earmarked for a Local Council Tax Support Top Up scheme during 2024/25.

- A £2m Covid Recovery Fund was created as part of the 2020/21 outturn position. So far, £0.9m of this reserve has been used to provide schemes for residents impacted by the cost of living crisis, helping to fund the Energy Crisis Support Scheme and provide additional funding for discretionary Housing Payments. The remaining £0.1m is approved to be used across 2024/25 for a continuation of the Energy Crisis Support scheme.

- The Corporate Revenue Grants Reserve now stands at £2.5m though it is made up of ringfenced grants that are expected to be used across the MTFS period though at present the Council are unable to project specifically when.

- Treasury Management Savings Reserve has been built up over a number of years where the Council has generated significant savings through its Treasury Management Strategy. The reserve is to be used to support the budget across the medium term as agreed at Council in February 2024. The Council has a current balance of £11.6m, from which it proposes to use £4.4m 2024/25 and £0.4m in 2025/26. A significant use of this improved reserves position is making a temporary social care contingency to provide support for placement and demand overspends.

- There is a Business Rates Reserve of £4m held for any impacts of the Business Rates revaluation process and to cover off any shocks to the Council's Business Rates income as a result of large business failure.

- The Council's Budget and Financial Strategy Reserve stands at £13.9m and it is proposed to be reduced by £3.1m to fund the 2024/25 overspend position and then be retained at this level. The reserve is still required to cover the Council against the significant budget and MTFS pressures that are facing local authorities at present, that have been best illustrated by the number of Council's that have either declared a S114 Notice or have indicated that they are on the edge of declaring one. Also, given the uncertainty around future finance settlements and a new spending review period, the reserve will enable the Council to plan and manage any adverse implications by providing time to full consider any required actions. As such, the Council's Budget and Financial Strategy Reserve will be maintained.

2.8.5 Taken alongside the Council's proposed budget for 2025/26 and the MTFS to 2027/28, this reserves position is considered to be sustainable for the medium term. Future decisions on reserves would then continue be taken as part of the annual budget setting process.

2.8.6 The table below summarises the reserves balances over the medium term and includes the budgeted transfers to and from reserves as outlined in section 2.8.3.

Table 9 – Forecast Balances of Reserves

	Balance as at 31 March 2024	Projected Balance as at 31 March 2025	Projected Balance as at 31 March 2026	Projected Balance as at 31 March 2027
	£m	£m	£m	£m
General Fund Minimum Balance	**25.0**	**25.0**	**25.0**	**25.0**
Corporate Reserves				
Budget and Financial Strategy	13.9	10.8	10.8	10.8
Business Rates	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Corporate Revenue Grants Reserve	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Covid Recovery Fund	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Local Council Tax Support Grant	1.2	0.9	0.9	0.9
Collection Fund Income Guarantee Grant	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Treasury Management Savings	11.6	7.4	7.0	7.0
Total	**34.0**	**25.6**	**25.2**	**25.2**
Total General Fund Reserves	**59.0**	**50.6**	**50.2**	**50.2**

2.8.7 Whilst the proposed Budget and MTFS position proposes a use of £10.0m of reserves across the period 2024/25 to 2027/28, it is also worth noting that the Council's projected balance of reserves as at the end of 2027/28 is £6.5m higher than it was expected to be when the Council agreed its Budget for 2023/24. This improvement, given the significant challenges facing Local Authority finances, is testament to the Councils robust financial management and decision making across this period. It also shows the Councils plans on Reserves and Budgets are holding firm as despite being a further two years on, the Councils reserves are projected to be stronger.

2.9 Community Leadership Fund

2.9.1 As a result of the May 2024 elections a new cycle of Community Leadership Funding commenced. The allocations per member/ward remain on the same basis as previously provided, as set out below.

2.9.2 The 2024/25 Budget approved by Council, included revenue and capital budgets that are devolved to individual Elected Members (Community Leadership Fund) or the ward as a whole (Capital Budget). These are provided to members to deliver revenue and capital projects within their wards during their time in office. As such any unspent balance of CLF or capital can be carried forward at the year end, for all financial years except for local election years. For example, in the current election cycle, these budgets can

only be carried forward at the end of the following years, into the next financial year:

- 2024/25
- 2025/26
- 2026/27

2.9.3 Each Elected Members will receive £1,584 Community Leadership Fund. This is Revenue funding. Two member wards will receive £7,120 Capital Budget. Three member wards will receive £10,680 Capital Budget.

2.9.4 Where carry forward is required those balances will be transferred to the Corporate Revenue Grants Reserve or held within Capital Grants Unapplied.

2.10 Business Rates Reliefs

2.10.1 Revaluation 2023 and Transitional Relief

2.10.2 From 1 April 2023, the rateable values of all non-domestic properties in England were updated by the Valuation Office Agency to reflect the property market as at 1st April 2021. This ensures business rates bills are fairly distributed across all non-domestic properties and reflect changes in market conditions since the last revaluation.

2.10.3 A new Transitional Relief Scheme was introduced in 2023, which continues to provide relief for 2025/26 to help those ratepayers who are facing higher bills as a result of the revaluation.

2.10.4 2025/26 Retail, Hospitality and Leisure (RHL) relief scheme

2.10.5 In the Autumn Statement 2024 the Chancellor announced an extension to the new business rates relief scheme for retail, hospitality, and leisure properties.

- The 2025/26 Retail, Hospitality and Leisure (RHL) relief scheme will provide eligible, occupied, retail, hospitality, and leisure properties with 40% relief, up to a cash cap of £110,000 per business.
- Under the cash cap, no ratepayer can in any circumstances exceed the £110,000 cash cap across all of their hereditaments in England. Where a ratepayer has a qualifying connection with another ratepayer then those ratepayers should be considered as one ratepayer for the purposes of the cash caps.
- The RHL relief scheme guidance provides local authorities with information about the intended operation and delivery of the policy.
- The Government anticipates that local authorities will include details of the relief to be provided to eligible ratepayers for 2025/26 in their bills for the beginning of the 2025/26 billing cycle.

2.10.6 2025/26 Supporting Small Business (SSB) Relief Scheme

2.10.7 In the Autumn Statement 2022 the Chancellor also announced a new Supporting Small Business (SSB) relief scheme which will cap bill increases

at £600 per year for any business losing eligibility for Small Business Rate Relief or Rural Rate Relief at the 2023 revaluation. This relief will continue for 2025/26.

2.10.8 The Government anticipates that local authorities will include details of the relief to be provided to eligible ratepayers for 2025/26 in their bills for the beginning of the 2025/26 billing cycle.

2.10.9 Cabinet recommended to Council that these business rates reliefs are applied for 2025/26 in line with Government guidance. In addition, should Government introduce other rates reliefs, the reliefs will be applied in line with Government guidance. Backdating of applications for discretionary relief will be restricted to the 1st April of the previous financial year from the date the application was received or eligibility became known.

2.11 Procurement – Supplier Faster Payments

2.11.1 Since April 2020 the Council has adopted a range of principles and measures to provide faster payment (i.e. payment earlier than the standard 30 day payment terms) to Suppliers, where invoices have been reconciled, with a targeted approach to support local suppliers and Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs). This was done initially to provide support during the Covid-19 pandemic to ensure cash-flow within businesses was maintained to avoid supply chain collapse and help protect jobs. The Council has however recognised the economy has not recovered or returned to pre-pandemic levels and is now facing other significant financial pressures resulting from rising inflation and energy costs. It is proposed that these principles and measures are maintained for a further 12 month period covering the 2025/26 financial year.

2.12 Capital Strategy/Capital Programme Update

2.12.1 The Capital Strategy and proposed Capital Programme to 2028/29, which sets out the Council's future capital investment plans, will ensure that investment decisions are clearly aligned with the Council's strategic priorities. The Capital Programme covers 2024/25 through 2028/29, so that the Council has a Capital Programme, that covers the Council's MTFS period. For the financial years from 2025/26 to 2028/29 the inclusion of capital grants are largely based on estimates and will be updated as Government confirm annual allocations, in line with the Council Financial & Procurement Procedure Rules.

2.12.2 The Council's Capital Strategy and Capital Programme to 2027/28 was approved by Council in February 2024 within the Budget and Council Tax 2024/25 Report. This has been further refreshed and updated as part of this Budget report and the reporting to Cabinet and Council carried out during 2024/25.

2.12.3 The Financial Outturn 2023/24 report approved by Cabinet in July 2024 set out an updated Capital Programme taking into account slippage on capital schemes during 2023/24 which was mostly re-profiled into future years.

2.12.4 Further individual new capital projects already approved during 2024/25 are incorporated into the updated Capital Programme which is set out in Appendices 3C to 3F.

2.12.5 This report proposes a number of further additions to the Capital Programme to 2028/29 which are set out in Appendix 3A. It is proposed that these priority capital investment schemes will be added to the Council's Capital Programme following Council approval.

2.12.6 **Priority Capital Investment – General Fund**

2.12.7 A number of new capital schemes are being proposed for inclusion into the Capital Programme 2024/25 to 2028/29. A list of the new schemes is provided at Appendix 3A and 3B, along with a summary view of the scheme business case. These new proposals will be funded by £18.187m of corporate resources, with the revenue implications of this built into the Council's proposed Budget and Treasury Management Strategy. They are listed below;

Table 10 Proposed Capital Budget Investments

Directorate	New Capital Proposal	Corporate Resource Required £'000s
Every Child able to Fulfil their Potential		
CAP1	In House Residential Complex Needs provision	378
CAP2	Procurement of new Education System	1,785
Every neighbourhood thriving		
CAP3	Bassingthorpe Farm	250
CAP4	Waleswood drainage works to tent field	63
CAP5	Clifton Park Overflow Car Park and Event Space	33
CAP6	Community Facilities	600
CAP7	Civic Theatre LED Stage Lighting Replacement	64
Expanding economic opportunity		
CAP8	Business Centre Upgrades	899
CAP9	Strategic Acquisitions Fund	2,000
A Cleaner, Greener Local Environment		
CAP10	Catcliffe River Flood Alleviation Scheme	6,000
CAP11	Replacement of Refuse Collection Vehicles	4,000
CAP12	Grounds and Streets Plant Refresh Phase 3	375
CAP13	Green Spaces Capital Repairs Programme	240

One Council Approach		
CAP14	HR System Replacement	1,500
	Total	**18,187**

2.12.8 A Cleaner, Greener Local Environment

2.12.9 Following the devastating floods in October 2023 and the publication of the Section 19 report into these events in summer 2024, it is proposed to invest £6m in the Catcliffe Village (River Rother) Flood Alleviation Scheme. Designed to reduce the risk of future flooding, the proposal focuses on replacing the existing bridge on Treeton Lane.

2.12.10 In addition, it is proposed to invest in new equipment to enable the Council to deliver the ambitions of this theme. This includes investing £4m in replacing half of the Council's Refuse Collection Vehicles, as the current fleet reaches the end of its operational lifespan. In addition, it is proposed to invest £375k in providing modern, efficient and effective plant equipment to undertake grounds maintenance and street cleansing across the borough. Finally, it is proposed to invest £60k per year in establishing a green spaces general maintenance and repair budget.

2.12.11 Following Governments announcement for a further £500m of funding to be provided for investment in the nation's roads and highways, the Council proposes to utilise half of this funding to support investment in the Borough's pathways, expected investment of £1m. The value will be confirmed as greater information is released around the £500m new funding.

2.12.12 Every Neighbourhood Thriving

2.12.13 The Council is making a series of additional investments to ensure that every neighbourhood is thriving, with a particular focus through these proposals on improving and better utilising existing assets. For example, it is proposed to invest £600k over the next two years to improve community facilities across the borough to sustain and increase the participation, community activities and engagement within those facilities. As part of this scheme, a number of improvements have already been identified to facilities across the borough including the Black Hut, Oaklea Retreat and Clifton Learning Centre.

2.12.14 Additionally, investment of £63k is proposed to improve drainage at Waleswood Caravan Park to reduce the likelihood of surface water flooding during heavy rain. £64k is proposed to invest in new stage lighting at the Civic Theatre to replace the current facilities, improving the customer experience.

2.12.15 Bassingthorpe Farm was allocated as a key strategic site for development in 2014 and sits to the north of the Borough, in close proximity to the proposed mainline station and town centre. The site is in multiple ownerships with the Council owning only 25%. However, funding is required to undertake viability assessments, infrastructure and site investigations and develop a

collaborative landowner agreement. The strategic location of the site, its ability to support the town centre, deliver new communities with desirable homes and good local amenities, as well as support the new proposed mainline station leads to the need for public sector intervention and direction, therefore a funding contribution is required to ensure the Regeneration team can develop the project to delivery. It is estimated that the site could bring between 1,750 and 2,500 new housing units forward.

2.12.16 Every Child able to Fulfil their Potential

2.12.17 Building on the existing programme, the Council will deliver a further investment of £378k as match funding into the in-house residential programme to provide additional complex needs provision. This builds on the previous phases of development which has seen five children's homes open with a current in house of capacity of 11 beds.

2.12.18 It is also proposed to invest £1.785m to procure and implement a new education system. This system enables the Council to fulfil its statutory functions. It provides a central database to hold demographic, school and service provision data for all children enrolled in Rotherham Schools and supports various Council services including education, inclusion, and transport. A stakeholder engagement process was undertaken to inform re-procurement planning.

2.12.19 Expanding Economic Opportunity

2.12.20 The Council is currently making significant progress in delivering the largest regeneration programme in a generation. Public control of key land and property assets is essential to secure appropriate development and prevent continued degradation of underutilised, vacant and derelict land and property. A further £2m of investment is proposed in addition to the previous allocation of £3m (over two years) to continue acquiring strategic sites in the town centre and around the proposed mainline station site, with the outcome of progressing the Council's ambitions for regeneration within the town centre and across the Borough. It is also proposed to invest £899k in a two-year programme to upgrade facilities at the five purpose-built business incubation facilities in the borough. The funding will be used to undertake key essential works required for compliance, health and safety and strategic essential refurbishment.

2.12.21 One Council Approach

2.12.22 From 2027/28 there is a need to have replaced the HR Payroll and information system, currently iTrent. The procurement of the HR system will ensure the Council continues to act in accordance with its statutory obligations with regards to paying and contracting employees.

2.12.23 There were a number of project specific changes that have been added to the Capital Programme as part of the Council's December Financial Monitoring report to 10th February Cabinet. However, there is a change to the Council's planned use of corporate borrowing that will require support via this Budget and Council Tax Report with referral onto Council.

2.12.24 **Annual Ongoing Expenditure Commitments - General Fund**

2.12.25 A number of new capital schemes are being added to the Capital Programme 2024/25 to 2028/29 to finance essential annual capital investments. These investments are essential to the Council's operations and therefore are not proposed as investment decisions as they have to take place, for example the Council needs to have IT systems and networks, which make up some of the new capital investment proposals, or the Council needs to maintain the quality of its operational buildings. A list of these essential investments is provided at Appendix 3A. These new proposals will be funded by £13.395m of corporate resources, with the revenue implications of this built into the Council's proposed Budget and Treasury Management Strategy.

2.12.26 With regards to the Council's capital spending plans, the Council will need to closely consider the level of prudential borrowing it incurs moving forwards post the 2025/26 Budget to ensure that the Council's overall debt position is manageable, can be sustainably financed within the Council's Treasury Management Budgets (revenue) and to help guard against interest rate risk. Therefore, moving forwards the Council will need to look to ensure that it's Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP), the process at which the Council sets aside funding for the repayment of debt, exceeds the annual level of borrowing undertaken, so that the total debt position starts to be reduced.

2.12.27 The Council's approach to future borrowing is covered in the Treasury Management Strategy at Appendix 9. It should be noted that this will be a strategy for future rounds of capital investment and Budget setting rather than for the current 2025/26 Budget and MTFS update where the level of capital borrowing has been factored into the revenue budget projections.

2.12.28 **Housing Revenue Account (HRA)**

2.12.29 The Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme has also been updated to 2028/29, in line with the updated HRA Business Plan approved by Cabinet on 16th December and by Council on 15th January 2025. HRA capital programme information is set out in Appendices 3E and 3F.

2.12.30 **Housing Capital Programme**

2.12.31 The Council has a statutory duty to maintain its council stock under the Housing Act 1985. To execute this an annual capital budget is allocated via the HRA Business Plan so that investment can be delivered across the portfolio.

2.12.32 The Council is required to maintain its stock to several different standards, in relation to Asset Management the following key areas must be adhered to:

- Decent Homes Standard
- Various Health and Safety Legislation including but not restricted to:
- Fire Safety
- Gas Safety
- Electrical Safety
- Asbestos Management

In addition to this the aim is to also:

- Improve energy efficiency of our tenants' homes
- Invest in communal and external environment

2.12.33 In 2025/ 26 it is proposed to invest £36.4m in the Councils housing stock. This will pay for items such as new kitchens, bathrooms, boilers and roofs. This will maintain decency and it is more cost effective to do these on a planned programme of works. Investment will also take place to ensure homes are thermally efficient which will result in more homes meeting Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) Band C.

2.12.34 A capital provision of £121m has been included within the 2025/26 HRA Business Plan for 2025/26 to 2028/29. This includes £88m of to deliver the existing pipeline of projects for hundreds of new homes by the end of 2027/28 and a further £33m to ensure the continuation of the Housing Delivery Programme beyond 2027/28. For the purposes of the HRA Business Plan, investment has been assumed to support delivery of an additional 490 new homes from 2025/26 onwards.

2.12.35 A summary of the proposed investment in the 2025-26 Housing capital Programme is shown in the table below. A further, more detailed report on the HRA Programme and the schemes that will be delivered will be presented to Cabinet in March 2025.

Description	**Budget £m**
Housing Revenue Account	72.942
General Fund	1.76
Disabled Facilities Grant	2.797
Total	77.499

2.12.36 The HRA programme for 2025/26 has been included into the capital programme with a more detailed breakdown as shown at Appendix 3E and 3F.

2.12.37 **Capital Strategy**

2.12.38 The Capital Strategy will deliver a Capital Programme that is affordable and sustainable and contributes to the Borough's economic growth. It will also ensure that the Council is able to fully contribute to the delivery of the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) Strategic Economic Plan and maximise the potential for securing capital funding from the SYMCA. The Council will continue to build upon the successes of recent years in the development and approval of funding bids, such as Towns Fund and Levelling Up Fund in order to maximise the impact that the Council can have on the borough through capital investment.

2.12.39 The revenue impact of the Capital Strategy is reflected in this report and the prudential borrowing requirement arising from the Capital Programme is reflected in the Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management and Investment Strategy.

2.12.40 **Proposed Capital Programme 2024/25 to 2028/29**

2.12.41 The Capital Programme is now extended to include 2028/29, to reset the Capital Programme to five years (current year + four years). As a result, the Programme now includes £31.728m of new capital investments proposals to be funded by corporate resources of £31.582 and a contribution from HRA £0.146m that are being proposed for approval as part of this Council's Budget and Council Tax Report 2025/26.

2.12.42 In addition, the Programme will also now include a further year of the HRA programme, £101.375m for 2028/29. Finally, in adding the additional year to the Capital Programme further estimates of capital grant funding have been added. The overall Capital Programme for the period 2024/25 to 2028/29 is now £750.138m, General Fund programme of £401.949m and HRA Programme of £348.189m. The table below indicates the split of the Capital Programme across the Council's Directorates.

Table 11 – Proposed Capital Programme 2024/25 to 2028/29

Directorate	2024/25 Budget £m	2025/26 Budget £m	2026/27 Budget £m	2027/28 Budget £m	2028/29 Budget £m	Total Budget £m
General Fund Capital						
Children and Young People's Services	7.746	22.011	6.360	7.070	6.210	49.397
Regeneration and Environment	77.695	116.084	31.007	7.781	6.131	238.699
Adult Care & Housing	8.998	12.923	5.524	9.569	6.087	43.100
Assistant Chief Executive	0.340	0.210	0.210	0.210	0.210	1.180
Finance and Customer Services	20.357	17.822	7.889	6.148	17.358	69.573
Total General Fund Capital	**115.135**	**169.050**	**50.989**	**30.778**	**35.997**	**401.949**
Total HRA Capital	57.283	72.942	67.436	49.153	101.375	348.189
Total RMBC Capital Programme	**172.418**	**241.993**	**118.425**	**79.931**	**137.371**	**750.138**

2.12.43 **Funding the Capital Programme**

2.12.44 Appendices 3C & 3E shows how the Council proposes to fund the projects and changes to the Capital Programme for which approval is being sought, together with the funding of the existing approved Capital Programme projects. As indicated above, the Council's Revenue Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy contains provision for the revenue implications of the Capital Programme including prudential borrowing costs.

2.12.45 The Council held no General Fund capital receipts and £17.2m of Right to Buy (RTB) receipts as at 31st March 2024. In addition, the Council anticipates further capital receipts to be generated across the Capital Programme period 2024/25 to 2028/29. The total amount of capital receipts planned to support the proposed General Fund Capital Programme including flexible use is £0.5m. The planned use of HRA receipts within the HRA programme is £43.9m, this is based on the continuing sale of properties under RTB, and private sales generated through the Councils new build housing schemes. General Fund capital receipts generated are predominantly used to fund short life assets to minimise short life borrowing.

2.12.46 The table below shows how each year of the Capital Programme will be funded:

Table 12 – Funding of the Proposed Capital Programme 2024/25 to 2028/29

	2024/25 Budget £m	2025/26 Budget £m	2026/27 Budget £m	2027/28 Budget £m	2028/29 Budget £m	Total Budget £m
Grants & Contributions	59.710	89.533	18.128	7.470	7.627	182.468
Unsupported Borrowing	55.292	78.871	32.721	23.165	28.223	218.272
Capital Receipts	0.000	0.509	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.509
HRA Contribution	0.134	0.137	0.140	0.143	0.146	0.700
Total Funding - General Fund	**115.135**	**169.050**	**50.989**	**30.778**	**35.997**	**401.949**
Grants & Contributions	3.779	4.959	2.640	0.816	24.765	36.959
Unsupported Borrowing	9.043	17.457	25.967	11.325	24.316	88.108
Housing Major Repairs Allowance	24.950	36.909	25.256	27.803	28.669	143.587
Capital Receipts	13.541	3.960	5.572	3.208	17.625	43.906
Revenue Contribution	5.970	9.658	8.000	6.000	6.000	35.629
Total Funding - HRA	**57.283**	**72.942**	**67.436**	**49.153**	**101.375**	**348.189**
Total	**172.418**	**241.993**	**118.425**	**79.931**	**137.371**	**750.138**

2.12.47 The Council's funding strategy in respect of the Capital Programme will be based on the following key principles:

(i) Capitalisation opportunities will be maximised, where accounting rules allow.

(ii) The Government's capital receipts flexibilities will be maximised to fund revenue transformational expenditure, if required. As a general principle, capital receipts will be earmarked to minimise revenue costs.

(iii) All decisions on capital financing are delegated to the Council's Section 151 Officer as agreed by Council.

2.13 Treasury Management Issues

2.13.1 Treasury Management is the management of the Council's cash flows, its banking, money market and capital transactions, the effective control of risks associated with these activities and the pursuit of optimum performance associated with those risks.

2.13.2 The Treasury Strategy has associated Prudential Indicators (PIs) which have to be approved by Council prior to 1st April each financial year in order to comply with the various statutory frameworks within which the treasury function has to operate.

2.13.3 The Prudential Code requires the Council to approve and monitor a minimum number of PI's in order to inform the capital decision making process and support capital investment decisions. These PIs are mandatory.

2.13.4 The Capital Finance Regulations 2008 require the Council to approve a Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) statement which sets out the methods the Council will use to determine the appropriate amount of MRP to charge against the revenue budget.

2.13.5 The Treasury Management Strategy is integral to the overall Budget Strategy and to the management of the Capital Programme.

2.13.6 Details of the Treasury Management issues are contained in Appendix 9. However, the key issues that the Council's Treasury Management service will monitor closely is the current increase in the Bank of England Base Rate and its impact on the cost of borrowing. The Council's approach and mitigation of this issue is covered within Appendix 9.

2.14 Report of the Strategic Director - Finance and Customer Services (the Council's Responsible Financial Officer)

2.14.1 Section 25 of The Local Government Act 2003 requires the 'Chief Financial Officer' (The Strategic Director Finance & Customer Services at Rotherham Council) to report to Council on the following matters in making decisions on the budget and financial strategy:

- the robustness of the estimates made for the purposes of the calculations;
- the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves.

2.14.2 In addition, it is recognised as good financial management for the Council to identify target levels for reserves and balances that are based on a thorough understanding of its needs and risks.

2.14.3 The contents of this budget and financial strategy report is the mechanism by which positive assurances are made by the Strategic Director - Finance & Customer Services about the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves.

2.14.4 The Strategic Director Finance & Customer Services gives her assurance that the budget estimates for 2025/26 are robust overall when considered in conjunction with the budget proposals identified in the report, the Reserves Strategy and medium term financial projections. The Council faces significant financial pressures, especially in respect of social care, waste management and home to school transport, along with continuing economic uncertainty. However, the Council has also demonstrated over recent years, an ability to manage difficult financial challenges. Along with managing year on year cost pressures within overall budgets, it has developed a robust Medium Term Financial Strategy which has included rebuilding reserves levels to create a more sustainable financial platform for the future. This means the Council has been able to withstand the huge and unexpected inflationary impact on budgets over the last two years through a combination of active cost reduction measures, the use of some of those accumulated reserves and through its Treasury Management Strategy and with the improved financial settlement is also able to build into its budget the ongoing impact of those. The Council is therefore able to set a balanced budget for 2025/26 without being forced to implement cuts to front line services and hence where reductions have been proposed, these are considered low impact or as a result of alternative means of delivery and are being used in order to fund new priority investment rather than being an unavoidable necessity in isolation. The remaining reserves ensure that the Medium Term Financial Strategy is robust despite the ongoing risk caused by the current economic situation and the exceptional pressures on social care services.

2.14.5 This assurance is predicated on Directorates continuing to progress all appropriate actions to reduce their spending for the remainder of the year, including delivery of the agreed savings and cost reductions, in particular:

- Reducing the number of exceptionally high cost placements and also reducing the unit cost of placements, within Children’s Social Care..

- Successful management of the demand, market and provider pressures in Adult Social Care within the increased budget allocation, ensuring appropriate care and support is in place in accordance with the service development programme.

- A successful management and resolution to the remaining budget pressures within the Regeneration and Environment Directorate.

2.14.6 The key fundamental principles of the report's recommendations which the Strategic Director Finance & Customer Services has considered in giving this assurance are:

- That the budget strategy for 2025/26 is approved as set out in the report.

- That Directorates manage their finances within the clearly defined cash-limits approved as part of this budget. Whilst the budget risk is recognised, Strategic Directors must bring forward options to mitigate any cost overruns in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules in order that formal decisions can be made where necessary.

- That Council approves the updates to the Medium Term Financial Strategy to 2027/28 and agrees to the proposals to manage a balanced budget in 2025/26.

- That the revised Reserves Strategy is approved which will see the General Reserves Minimum Balance remain at £25.0m over the medium term financial strategy period. It is not to be called upon for further purposes save in exceptional circumstances with the agreement of the Leader of the Council, Chief Executive and the Strategic Director Finance & Customer Services and approved by the appropriate body of the Council in accordance with the Constitution.

2.14.7 The reserves position will need to be kept under review to ensure that the Council maintains a robust budget and sound financial base.

2.14.8 The Council continues to operate in a tight financial climate by continuing to exercise tight spending controls including the application of stringent recruitment and procurement controls. A significant degree of the Councils projected outturn position for 2024/25 relates to cost overruns in children's social care (placement costs) and in Home to School Transport (increasing demand). Whilst these are national problems, it is important that the costs are reduced as much as possible if the Council is to remain financially stable and sustainable.

2.14.9 Services have achieved necessary and substantial levels of budget savings and cost reductions in recent years and now need to conclude that delivery for the remaining outstanding items.

2.14.10 Reserves levels, whilst not high, are sufficient to enable the Council to manage its risks over the medium term. Through being aware of the current challenges the Council has been able to plan for and set a budget which retains a sufficient balance in reserves to ensure that the impact of any further unexpected volatility can be mitigated without impact on services to residents.

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

3.1 These are set out in Section 2 above.

4. Consultation on proposal

4.1 From 18th November 2024 to 10th January 2025, the Council held an online consultation which provided broad information on income and expenditure as well as a link to the February 2024 Budget Report. The Council also consulted individually with key partners. There were 54 responses from the public, 1 from key partners. The report on the consultation is attached at Appendix 5.

4.2 The Council's Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) will consider this report including the outcomes of the consultation at its meeting on 5th February 2025.

4.3 With regard to the proposed changes to the Capital Strategy and Capital Programme, consultation has taken place with elected Members and officers engaged in capital projects across Directorates.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

5.1 The Council is required to set its annual budget before the 11 March each year. Strategic Directors are responsible for ensuring the delivery of savings proposals within their Directorate Cash Limit approvals.

5.2 The delivery of savings will be closely monitored through the Council's financial monitoring arrangements and reported to Cabinet throughout the year. Should it be necessary remedial actions to be identified and implemented to maintain spend within the approved budget limit.

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

6.1 The financial implications are set out in detail in Section 2 above.

6.2 In summary, the report recommends a 1% increase in the basic rate of Council Tax (excludes precepting bodies) and a 2% Adult Social Care Precept on Council Tax. The report proposes a General Fund Revenue Budget for the Council for 2025/26 of £358.978m.

6.3 It should be noted that the proposed revenue budget includes:

- Provision for pay awards and major contractual inflation.
- In line with Council policy, it is expected that any other inflationary pressures will be contained within Directorate Cash Limit budgets.
- Income inflation – a 2.0% overall increase to income budgets for Council Fees and Charges in line with the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy.

6.4 Any revenue implications from the approved Capital Programme are fully reflected in the Council's 2025/26 Revenue Budget, its Medium Term Financial Strategy and the Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management and Investment Strategy.

6.5 All procurement activity (revenue and capital) must be procured in compliance with relevant legislation (the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as

amended), the Procurement Act 2023 or the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023) and the Council's own Financial and Procurement Procedure Rules. Consideration must be given through the Council's pre-procurement activity to determine the most appropriate route to market and how the contract will be managed, along with all associated implications that need to be addressed either through the tender process and/or resulting contract which is awarded.

6.6 Treasury Management forms an integral part of the Council's overall financial arrangements. The assumptions supporting the capital financing budget for 2025/26 and for the future years covered by the MTFS of the Council have been reviewed in light of the current economic and financial conditions and the revised future years' Capital Programme.

6.7 The proposed Treasury Management and Investment Strategy is not forecast to have any further revenue consequences other than those identified and planned for in both the Council's 2025/26 Revenue Budget and approved MTFS.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

7.1 When setting the budget, the Council must be mindful of the potential impact on service users. In particular, Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 imposes an obligation on Members to have due regard to protecting and promoting the welfare and interests of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age; disability; gender re-assignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex and sexual orientation). Case law has clarified that there is no obligation on a local authority to carry out an equality impact analysis of the high level strategic budget setting process. Once the budget has been set and as spending decisions are made service by service, and as policies are developed within the constraints of the budgetary framework, proposals will be further considered by Members and will be subject to an appropriate and proportionate assessment of any equality implications.

7.2 In coming to decisions in relation to the revenue budget and Council Tax the Council has various legal and fiduciary duties. The Council is required by the Local Government Act 1992 to make specific estimates of gross revenue expenditure and anticipated income leading to the calculation of the council tax requirement and the setting of the overall budget and Council Tax. The amount of the council tax requirement must be sufficient to meet the Council's legal and financial commitments, ensure the proper discharge of its statutory duties and lead to a balanced budget.

7.3 In exercising its fiduciary duty the Council should be satisfied that the proposals put forward are a prudent use of the Authority's resources in both the short and long term; that the proposals strike a fair balance between the interests of Council Tax payers and ratepayers on the one hand and the community's interests in adequate and efficient services on the other; and that they are acting in good faith for the benefit of the community whilst complying with all statutory duties. Officers have addressed the duty to strike a fair balance between different elements of the community and the interests

of Council Tax and Business Rate payers in developing the budget proposals set out in this report.

7.4 All capital projects require input from Legal Services in relation to contracts. The Council must ensure that robust contractual arrangements are put in place, specifications are clearly defined, and it is clear which project risks are the responsibility of the Contractor and which remain with the Council. This is to avoid potential contractual disputes and limit the financial impact on the Council arising from them.

7.5 It is a requirement that changes to the Council's prudential indicators are approved by Council.

7.6 It is also a requirement that the Council's Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement for each financial year is approved by Council.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

8.1 The Councils headcount has increased during 2023/24 moving from 5006 to 5171 (this figure does not include schools) in line with the expectations set in the previous budget report. The revenue budget investment proposals included within this report may increase the headcount should they be approved.

8.2 Where any savings proposal will have an impact on staff, any change will be subject to the Council's consultation procedures.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

9.1 As detailed within Section 2.

9.2 The Budget proposals continue to support and protect the most vulnerable children and adults in Rotherham and the income generated from the 2% Adult Social Care Precept on Council Tax will be directly allocated to the Adult Social Care budget.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

10.1 The proposals contained within the budget have been developed with the aim of minimising the impact on residents and the services they receive and the impact on the Council's employees.

10.2 As such these additional savings proposals will be considered using their own EIA and following the Council's Human Resource policies and procedures to ensure that appropriate engagement, consultation and support is provided to impacted staff. In addition, any likely impacts on residents will be assessed by individual services to ensure that any that are disproportionate in relation to protected groups, are considered and mitigated against where possible.

11 Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change

11.1 The potential impact on the level of CO2 emissions and climate change of the Council's Budget and in particular the new investments proposed within this report are outlined in appendix 11. Each of the investment proposals will need to consider the impact on CO2 emissions and climate change as the business cases for these investments are developed further.

12 Implications for Partners

12.1 Where the Council is working with partner organisations on specific proposals, for example in Health, the Police and other government agencies, these proposals have been developed in conjunction with these organisations.

13 Risks and Mitigation

13.1 To any extent that approved budget savings or compensating mitigations are not achieved, this will require a drawdown on reserves. The reserves strategy shows that there is a sufficient balance of reserves to mitigate overall budget risk, however, a continued call on the reserves over and above that planned over the medium term would be financially unstainable.

13.2 The Capital Programme is funded through a number of sources: Prudential borrowing, capital grants and contributions, revenue contributions and capital receipts. The Council will need to closely consider the level of prudential borrowing it incurs moving forwards post the 2025/26 Budget to ensure that the Council's overall debt position is manageable, can be financed within the Council's Treasury Management Budgets and to help guard against interest rate risk. There is also potential risk that the future years funding from Government Grants and external sources may vary from that estimated.

13.3 Financial Services work closely with Senior Officers and Project Managers to monitor project expenditure and performance through the Capital Programme Monitoring and Delivery Board (CPM&DB). Improvements, like this, introduced to the Capital Programme governance arrangements and enhanced reporting requirements help to ensure that Members will receive early notice of any specific project issues. This will enable early intervention to take place to bring projects back on timetable and cost, or if necessary, agree an additional capital programme funding approval. Where elements of the Programme are reliant on future grant funding, future projects will be continually reviewed to match the programme against funding availability.

13.4 The proposed Treasury Management and Investment Strategy seeks to minimise the risks inherent in operating a Treasury Management function during these difficult economic and financial conditions.

13.5 Operational Treasury Management guidelines will continue to be kept in place and reviewed to ensure they are appropriate given the circumstances faced, supported by regular monitoring to ensure that any risks and uncertainties are addressed at an early stage and hence kept to a minimum.

14 Accountable Officers

Judith Badger, Strategic Director - Finance and Customer Services
Rob Mahon, Assistant Director - Financial Services

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers:-

	Named Officer	**Date**
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp OBE	24/01/25
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	24/01/25
Assistant Director, Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Phillip Horsfield	27/01/25

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COUNCIL TAX BASE 2025/26

BAND D EQUIVALENT PROPERTIES

AREA	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H	Total	Adjustment for estimated collection rate at 96%	Total (after adjustment for estimated collection rate)
Anston	451.02	1,094.20	442.38	382.53	401.25	218.50	74.20	7.00	3,071.08	122.84	2,948.24
Aston	1,174.50	1,373.37	705.46	644.85	601.88	131.65	24.60	1.00	4,657.31	186.29	4,471.02
Bramley	612.74	414.05	654.34	437.56	227.53	51.24	6.30	1.00	2,404.76	96.19	2,308.57
Brampton Bierlow	581.48	160.42	123.99	293.98	129.77	4.34	2.10	-	1,296.08	51.84	1,244.24
Brinsworth	730.45	1,205.88	351.54	147.63	14.86	4.30	1.70	-	2,456.36	98.25	2,358.11
Catcliffe	289.17	157.56	98.28	56.31	1.20	2.20	-	-	604.72	24.19	580.53
Dalton	1,226.01	430.01	611.88	244.85	295.28	37.23	11.30	1.00	2,857.56	114.30	2,743.26
Dinnington	1,132.76	493.05	371.46	604.42	114.72	62.10	17.90	2.00	2,798.41	111.94	2,686.47
Firbeck	5.79	19.86	21.02	19.00	42.26	40.46	42.74	-	191.13	7.65	183.48
Gildingwells	2.29	0.82	2.49	6.00	12.52	18.40	1.70	-	44.22	1.77	42.45
Harthill	150.02	94.44	108.38	107.15	121.31	128.89	62.11	-	772.30	30.89	741.41
Hellaby	30.13	179.04	22.99	16.75	9.81	-	-	-	258.72	10.35	248.37
Hooton Levitt	4.53	6.05	1.60	3.55	15.28	18.02	6.30	2.00	57.33	2.29	55.04
Hooton Roberts	4.51	2.30	7.42	12.58	27.13	17.36	10.80	-	82.10	3.28	78.82
Laughton	92.02	53.43	44.40	108.53	80.93	69.70	33.77	-	482.78	19.31	463.47
Letwell	1.30	2.10	0.90	4.50	20.80	20.92	19.60	-	70.12	2.80	67.32
Maltby	2,245.25	702.59	680.98	579.09	120.90	33.06	36.30	3.00	4,401.17	176.05	4,225.12
Orgreave	24.27	161.93	21.97	2.00	-	2.90	-	-	213.07	8.52	204.55
Ravenfield	97.25	102.53	287.27	238.56	224.36	106.22	15.83	-	1,072.02	42.88	1,029.14
Thorpe Salvin	11.98	9.10	13.15	28.05	46.71	70.10	44.14	3.00	226.23	9.05	217.18
Thrybergh	645.65	70.37	55.67	60.36	48.58	42.60	21.37	-	944.60	37.78	906.82
Thurcroft	976.55	447.35	335.36	321.67	77.22	46.63	23.80	-	2,228.58	89.14	2,139.44
Todwick	27.66	69.65	80.20	245.64	148.98	64.64	52.50	2.00	691.27	27.65	663.62
Treeton	392.44	230.47	37.06	166.06	141.58	22.00	1.70	4.00	995.31	39.81	955.50
Ulley	9.02	7.20	11.89	8.50	12.80	13.70	9.60	-	72.71	2.91	69.80
Wales	820.61	468.53	454.17	261.46	131.62	89.16	30.04	2.00	2,257.59	90.30	2,167.29
Waverley	101.14	375.26	494.57	527.40	226.21	5.80	-	-	1,730.38	69.22	1,661.16
Wentworth	38.61	104.41	109.00	107.07	112.87	69.36	43.80	10.00	595.12	23.80	571.32
Whiston	349.57	358.25	347.77	127.54	211.48	99.32	56.67	4.00	1,554.60	62.18	1,492.42
Wickersley	200.26	707.54	635.41	284.87	378.44	499.01	370.54	4.00	3,080.07	123.20	2,956.87
Woodsetts	61.37	193.73	132.23	95.75	59.66	36.80	30.40	11.50	621.44	24.86	596.58
Parished	**12,490.35**	**9,695.49**	**7,265.23**	**6,144.21**	**4,057.94**	**2,026.61**	**1,051.81**	**57.50**	**42,789.14**	**1,711.53**	**41,077.61**
Un-Parished	**16,178.91**	**6,338.45**	**5,603.17**	**2,955.66**	**1,798.82**	**734.86**	**240.78**	**29.00**	**33,879.65**	**1,355.19**	**32,524.46**
TOTAL	**28,669.26**	**16,033.94**	**12,868.40**	**9,099.87**	**5,856.76**	**2,761.47**	**1,292.59**	**86.50**	**76,668.79**	**3,066.72**	**73,602.07**

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Appendix 2 Proposed Revenue Budget Investments

Ref per template	Revenue Budget Investments	2025/26 £'000	2026/27 £'000
People are Safe, Healthy, and Live Well			
INV1	Street Safe Team	570	570
Expanding Economic Opportunity			
INV2	Employment Solutions Team	718	718
A Cleaner, Greener Local Environment			
INV3	Road Marking	100	100
INV4	Street Cleansing and Fly Tipping Improvements	307	307
One Council Approach			
INV5	Cost of Living Support	188	188
INV6	Customer Services – Call Handlers	62	62
	Total Requirement	**1,945**	**1,945**

Revenue Investment Plan	
Street Safe Team	
Directorate:	Regeneration & Environment
Service Area:	Community Safety and Street Scene; Regeneration and Neighbourhoods
Director Responsible for Delivery:	Sam Barstow
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Alam
Head of Finance	Chloe Parker
Unique Reference	INV1

Financial Impact		
Costs	**2025/26 Perm**	£570k
	2026/27 Perm	£570k

Details of Proposal (what will be achieved)
This proposal is seeking to improve feelings of safety and security in town and village centre areas by providing a visible, uniformed Council presence, with a particular focus on Rotherham Town Centre and the Principal Towns, alongside the ability to deploy to tackle particular challenges in local communities. As noted under the Council Plan theme 'People are safe, healthy and live well', 'everyone deserves to feel happy, healthy and secure' and reducing crime and the fear of crime is a key area of concern for the community, the Council, and its partners. Negative perceptions of the town centre are seen to have a significant impact on people choosing to spend time in the town centre and when they do, not fully enjoying the experience, which is improving because of the Council's focus on regeneration.

This investment will establish a ‘Street Safe Team’ with dedicated resources and the ability to deploy various powers to bolster enforcement and, alongside existing uniformed presence, provide a welcoming and reassuring presence in town and village centres. As a highly visible presence, the Team will act as the eyes and ears of the Council and will be expected to identify and report issues where they are unable to intervene directly as well as understand thoroughly the areas they are working in and be a familiar face able to advise and engage with members of the public who approach them across the boroughs principle towns and beyond.

The Street Safe Team will focus on making best use of intelligence, data and information in order to target resources and problem solve Community Safety issues. The team will do this by increasing capacity for both preventative and responsive interventions such as building and coordinating local intelligence, dealing with street drinking, anti-social behaviour, parking enforcement, as well as enforcement for issues such as littering and wider environmental issues (commercial waste etc.). With investment in a dedicated team, the aim is to reduce both actual and perceived crime and increase feelings of safety. This was a significant factor in the recent consultation exercise for the Long-Term Plan for Towns submission, and reflected the priority given to the issue in the Council Plan consultation in 2024. The team will also be well briefed in relation to Council functions and services, with the expectation they act as eyes and ears for the Council and other partners in relation to identifying and reporting issues they are unable to deal with directly. The Team will also be well briefed on the areas they are working in and able to assist members of the public who may approach them.

Alongside direct delivery, a communications plan will also be established to promote the investment and refreshed focus as well as routinely promoting the work of the team to improve perceptions of safety.

Specific Duties and Requirements to Include:

- Enforcing the terms of the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) and wider relevant legislation,
- Patrolling the Town Centre within the PSPO boundary,
- Patrolling within other Principal Town Centres - Dinnington, Wath, Swinton and Maltby – with the opportunity to work more widely on a demand-led basis,
- Contribute towards the improvement and feeling of safety in and around the Town Centre, Forge Island and pedestrian areas throughout the town centre,

- Pro-actively address street drinking, substance misuse and anti-social behaviour which may include developing cases for escalated enforcement such as injunctions, CBO's or other,
- Proactively network, support and intelligence gather from other RMBC town centre services and resources,
- Conduct littering enforcement,
- Enforce relevant aspects of the Environmental Protection Act,
- Maximise the proportion of available time providing a visible presence in the target locations, focus upon priorities and determine a working pattern to ensure appropriate coverage for daytime, evening and weekend issues,
- Identify and report issues in the areas the team are deployed,
- Provide advice and guidance when approached by members of the public.

Resource Breakdown front line team of 10

£420k (approx.) – 10 x Band G Enforcement Officers

£57k (approx.) 1 x Band J Principal officer/Supervisor

£93k (20%) for management, administration, uniforms, equipment and associated costs

Total £570,000

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers

Outputs referenced below will be subject to specific targets in relation to use of enforcement powers, which are to be established and agreed.

- Reduction in ASB in town centres
- Increased feelings of safety
- Improved environment
- Reductions in commercial waste presentation issues
- Reduction in littering
- Increased use of Enforcement Powers

Implications on other Services (identify which services and possible impact)
This work will impact across Neighbourhood working, Community Safety and Street Scene, Communications, Planning, Regeneration and Transport as well as Events. All services will need to be involved in the production and delivery of relevant plans and initiatives. The Strategic Town Centre Group will be responsible for overseeing the development of proposals and activities which will be informed also by the Town Centre Operational Group and the Town Centre Community Coordinator. An increase in enforcement activity may impact on Legal services where prosecutions are necessary.

Impact on staffing
This proposal seeks additional staffing which will allow for existing staff to maintain focus on existing key performance indicators.

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
Step 1: Commence Recruitment	7/03/2025
Step 2: Conclude Recruitment	30/04/2025
Step 3: Potential start date (assuming 1 month notice),	31/05/2025
Step 4: Training and onboarding,	01/06/25- 01/07/2025
Step 5: Full implementation, 01/07/2025	01/07/2025

Revenue Investment Plan	
Employment Solutions Team	
Directorate:	Adult Care, Housing & Public Health
Service Area:	Housing Services - Housing Income and Support Service (HISS)
Director Responsible for Delivery:	James Clark
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Robert Taylor
Head of Finance	Gioia Morrison
Unique Reference	INV2

Financial Impact	
2025/26 Perm	£718k
2026/27 Perm	£718k

Details of Proposal (what will be achieved)

The proposal is to mainstream the existing Employment Solutions Team. The team was set up in 2020 to deliver the European Social Fund – Pathways to Work Programme. Subsequently the Council was successful in securing UKSPF funding which will reduce from 31 March 2025. The team have been extremely successful to date and are on target to achieve or exceed contractual outcomes having supported 1,253 people. The table below shows some key outputs achieved and breakdown of outcome area on the UKSPF contract to date:

Outcome	Total achieved to date
Number of economically inactive people engaging with keyworker support services	198
Number of socially excluded people accessing support	418
Number of people supported to access basic skills courses	318
Number of people supported to engage in job- searching	198
Number of people in employment, including self-employment, following support	73
Number of people in education/training following support	48

The employment solutions team will continue to offer an integrated programme of

bespoke pre-employment activity designed to support economically inactive and socially excluded unemployed residents of Rotherham to move towards and access the labour market.

Our approach will ensure provision is flexible to respond to local needs and is one which fundamentally addresses the issues of preparing for and getting into employment for those furthest from the labour market with multiple barriers to address, thereby, adding value to current mainstream services and supporting the hardest to reach economically inactive residents.

The Employment Solutions Team acknowledge the different entry points for residents, depending on (1) the extent of the barriers they face to the labour market, (2) their specific goals, in terms of moving towards and into employment, and (3) any previous support they may have received. Each customer journey from economic inactivity / social exclusion is likely to be different, based multiple influences (e.g. educational attainment, employment record, home/family/economic circumstances, location, health, age, ethnicity).

The integrated programme of support will allow seamless progression from significant distance to the labour market into targeted, employment-focused access activity including job and apprenticeship brokerage, sector-specific training with work experience at a pace appropriate for the individual. Residents will be able to enter through a single door where their situation, needs and barriers and be triaged before being directed to the most appropriate support for them.

The programme is flexible, sensitive to individual participant needs (adopting a ‘no wrong door’ approach to referral and/or support) and is more streamlined/cost-efficient than previous funded programmes.

Participant Entitlement

Each participant, following triage to determine the general nature of their needs, will receive as part of Strand 1:

- Access to a keyworker who will work with them 1:1.
- A recorded whole-person diagnostic of need to understand their current position, barriers and need.
- A personalised action plan which identifies the most relevant support and interventions.
- Continued ongoing support from their keyworker who will be a touch point throughout their journey.
- Support and interventions identified for participants will then be drawn from a suite of activity. Which will feature preparation for employment activity designed to engage target participants and provide employability and holistic support designed to address personal and circumstantial barriers. This will include 1:1 keyworker support, group activity and specialist interventions.

Activity will include:

For adults aged 18+:

- Individual assessments undertaken in non-threatening environments

- Tailored support for communities/individuals with specific barriers (e.g. qualification recognition/ESOL for non-UK nationals).
- Flexible support packages based on individual assessment and co-designed with participants to address specific barriers.
- Confidence-building.
- Barrier-busting wraparound support (e.g. debt/benefits advice, therapy, interview support, childcare, transport, ESOL).
- Volunteering placements.
- Funded training for those ineligible for Adult Education Budget (AEB).
- For some participants, direct progression into employment.
- Post-programme support.

Strand 2 will feature activity designed to help residents access the labour market, to include employer-focused recruitment support and sector-specific training targeted at industries with high numbers of vacancies. The strand will extend support provided to those who are now ready to access work opportunities, while providing an entry-point for more 'job-ready' economically inactive and socially excluded unemployed individuals who are seeking targeted support to gain employment.

Support will focus on equipping candidates with the entry-level skills, employability, knowledge, key competencies, qualifications, licences and/or work experience required to move into employment. Activity will include:

- Employer designed training programmes in vacancy-rich industries, with high levels of demand for staff at entry-level (e.g. construction, retrofitting, care, early years education, logistics, manufacturing, hospitality, business administration) delivered by specialist providers.
- Employability and industry familiarisation – individual and/or tutor-led group activity to prepare jobseekers for roles employers are looking to recruit to. E.g. employer expectations (e.g. attitude, time-keeping, reliability), role specific and transferrable skills, health & safety.
- Funded access to tickets and licences (e.g. Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) Card, Fork-Lift Truck licence) – making provision for sector specific training where AEB cannot be accessed.
- Work experience placements – short placements with employers who are hiring, to cement participants' understanding of job roles and give employers the confidence that the individual is reliable and committed.
- Employer engagement, including individualised job brokerage – to include advocacy with employers, matching candidates to suitable roles, circulation of available vacancies and, where required, interview support (e.g. reasonable adjustments).

Apprenticeship brokerage for all ages

- Industry visits and work taster sessions, to promote employer / workplace familiarisation, instil confidence and generate interest in vacancies.
- In respect of individuals who have become 'job-ready' and wish to pursue self-employment, signposting to business start-up provision, if appropriate.

- Seamless transition from Strand 1 'Ambition' preparation for employment activity, managed by keyworkers, contract managers and support staff at the point participants are ready.

Based on proposed funding and staffing structure for UKSPF the following outputs will be delivered in 2025-26:

Outputs	Apr 25/Mar 26 (12 month cont.)
Number of participants	360
Number of economically inactive people engaging with keyworker support services	160
Number of socially excluded people accessing support	360
Number of people supported to access basic skills (Explore)	40
Number of people receiving support to gain employment	96
Number of people in employment, including self-employment, following support	65
Number of people in education/training	25

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers

1. Economically Inactive Residents

Economically inactive residents – those who are out-of-work and not claiming job-seeking benefits.

Increasing labour market participation is a key strategic objective for the region, particularly in light of increased economic inactivity, in part due to people leaving the labour market due to ill health. Mainstream employment support is not accessible to them on account of the fact they are not engaging (by choice or by exclusion) with Jobcentre Plus.

2. Socially Excluded Unemployed Residents

Unemployed residents who, by virtue of personal or circumstantial barriers to the labour market (which may be multiple and/or complex), require additional support which cannot be accessed through mainstream provision.

Socially excluded unemployed individuals with multiple and/or complex barriers are over-exposed to a cycle of unsuccessful mainstream support engagements, loss of confidence, discouragement, low aspiration and long-term unemployment. This may precede disengagement from active job seeking and/or sanctioning, and ultimately economic inactivity. By providing additional support to the most disadvantaged jobseekers – explicitly on a needs basis, so as not to duplicate

provision the service intends to provide additional support and capacity for the welfare-to-work system, ensuring jobseekers who are furthest away from the labour market do not inadvertently find themselves without support simply because they are claiming jobseeker benefits.

Implications on other Services (identify which services and possible impact)

Regeneration & Environment - Advance Team – referral will continue to be made to Advance for residents already in employment.

Public health – the service will continue to deliver support to residents with dependencies to drugs and alcohol etc. via referrals to and from the Rotherham Drugs and Alcohol Service and Individual Placement Support Team.

CYPS – Support for 16-18 year olds. The project will continue to link with the Youth provision which is delivered by CYPS.

Housing – the project will continue to take referrals from Housing services to support tenants and residents at risk of homelessness irrespective of tenure where there is potential to increasing earnings or ensure they remain in employment.

The funding bid does not seek funding for employment services that sit outside of the core Employment solutions team i.e. Individual Placement Support, Advance, Youth Provision or Supported employment provision.

Impact on staffing

There are currently 17 staff (15.45 fte) across the existing UKSPF programme. Of these 13 are employed on permanent contracts and 4 on temporary contracts until end of March 2025. It is the intention going forward that all existing staffing provision would be maintained with a slight change to what have been interim management arrangements. Currently 1 x Band I Team Leader has been paid an honorarium at Band K to manage the Employment Solutions service. Going forward it is proposed to make this arrangement permanent. The investment bid reflects this change to management arrangements.

The investment bid also includes 15% contribution to the costs of Head of Head of Housing Income and Support Services who is responsible for delivery of the Employment Solutions service.

The investment bid does not include any costs for overheads such as office costs, IT or back office support such as finance, procurement or legal etc. If grant funding was secured these costs would be eligible expenditure.

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
Step 1: Project continuation	April 2025
Step 2: First participants recruited to Programme	April 2025
Step 3: Programme evaluation	April 2026

Revenue Investment Plan	
Road Marking	
Directorate:	Regeneration & Environment
Service Area:	Community Safety and Street Scene - Highways
Director Responsible for Delivery:	Sam Barstow
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Taylor
Head of Finance	Chloe Parker
Unique Reference	INV3

Financial Impact	
2025/26 Perm	£100k
2026/27 Perm	£100k

Details of Proposal (what will be achieved)

This proposal is for an additional investment of £100k to improve road markings on the classified road network and in estates.

Many of the road markings throughout the Borough are becoming extremely worn and the current budget of £70k is insufficient to address the significant backlog and only allows for reactive action to address the areas of most significant concern. This proposal recognises that tired and worn road markings can have an impact on the sense of pride within communities and general feelings in relation to the wider environment. Worn road markings are also likely reduce the effectiveness of those markings.

This proposed additional investment will allow the service to become proactive in identifying and addressing these issues through creation of an annual programme of road markings to be refreshed, which will be published and communicated to Councillors and the public.

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers

Refresh of road markings has been shown to ‘lift’ areas with a positive impact on the highway and general street scene. Clearly visible road markings are more effective in assisting managing traffic flows and the safe use of the highway generally. This proposal would also likely have a positive effect on residents and customers' views in relation to investment in their local area.

Implications on other Services (identify which services and possible impact)
There may be minor impact on the assessment and design team as there may be a need to assess current lining and surfacing in areas where refreshing of the asset is planned.

Impact on staffing
Minor impact on staffing as a programme of work will need detailing and planning for delivery.

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
Step 1: Develop, agree and publish a forward plan for the 2025/26 financial year	April 2025
Step 2: Quarter of spend achieved / quarter of programme delivered + 2 major junctions re-lined / surfaced	June 2025
Step 2: Half of spend / delivery + 1 further junction re-lined / surfaced	September 2025
Step 3: Three quarters of spend / delivery + 1 further junction re-lined / surfaced. Ensure forecast to full year delivery and full year spend is delivered.	December 2025

Revenue Investment Plan	
Street Cleansing and Fly Tipping Improvements	
Directorate:	Regeneration & Environment
Service Area:	Community Safety and Street Scene
Director Responsible for Delivery:	Sam Barstow
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Alam
Head of Finance	Chloe Parker
Unique Reference	INV4

Financial Impact	
2025/26 Perm	£307k
2026/27 Perm	£307k

Details of Proposal (what will be achieved)

This proposal continues to invest in driving environmental improvements and builds upon the recent investments in CCTV and ICT. This proposal will increase frontline resources and provide management capacity to make best of the improved data and intelligence provided by the recent investments in CCTV and ICT to enable a more co-ordinated and targeted approach.

The frontline capacity is in addition to recent investments in high footfall areas and will enable a focus on key local priorities such as litter clearance and verge maintenance on road sides away from local centres. This increased frontline resource will have a remit to provide increased capacity on roads away from local centres and undertake activity such as street cleansing, ground maintenance, litter clearance, verge maintenance and where possible road sign cleaning.

Management use of data and tasking will mean that the increased frontline resources can be directed to address issues of concern and that through the more effective and co-ordinated use of data and CCTV surveillance increased activity can be focused on prevention, deterrent and prosecution. It will also enable greater engagement with key partners, ward members and local communities.

In relation to the management and coordination of the service, this proposal seeks to introduce two additional Band J positions who will:

- Analyse data for hotspot areas for grounds and streets in each zone deploying resources, developing proactive proposals for prevention and deterrent and working with enforcement services on prosecutions.

- Use the improvements in CCTV and ICT to determine cycles of activity so that reactive and regular activity can take place.

Alongside the above, this proposal seeks to increase front line resources by introducing a further roadside cleansing and maintenance team. This will double the existing resource and enable:

- Increase cleansing on 326 sites that require traffic management.
- Proactively pick up fly tipping in locations away from local centres and log to support investigation and prosecution.
- Potential to also complete cleansing and grubbing of central reservation walk over areas across the Borough.
- This team would consist of 1 Band D, 3 x Band C.
- Where required, 2 would perform traffic management duties and 2 would perform cleansing operations on roads that require traffic management, on other verges all would complete cleansing duties.
- The team would require 2 vehicles, as if a road closure is in place 1 vehicle would be at one end and the other. Also, the amount potential litter/fly tipping collected could be large and only using 1 vehicle with a crew cab would limit time on sites due to tip visits.

Finance impact for Roadside Cleansing and Maintenance:

£ 123,112 (Approx) Roadside cleansing team (4 operatives)

£ 32k (Approx) Vehicle Hire costs x 2

£ 46,533 (30%) for management, administration, uniforms, equipment and tipping associated costs.

Finance impact for additional management capacity:

£ 105,078 (Approx) 2 x Band J posts

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers

Outputs referenced below will be subject to specific service targets, which are to be established and agreed.

- Completion of 326 areas (460km) of litter picks in traffic management areas (Scheduled).
- Completion of additional litter picks on traffic management sites identified via data (Scheduled).
- Gateway cleansing scheduled developed and delivered.
- Ad-hoc cleansing operations particularly in more rural areas.
- Proactive fly tipping jobs in rural areas, logged and complete.
- Improved Environment.

- Improvements in member engagement, casework and MP responses.
- Reductions in members caseworks.
- Reduction in MPs enquires.

- Reduction in littering.
- Very visible in rural areas and on key gateway areas.

Implications on other Services (identify which services and possible impact)
This proposal will impact on Community Safety as the data gathered can be used by CPU colleagues to increase covert/overt CCTV operations/ signage or patrols and the ability to take forward prosecutions. Positive impact on Neighbourhoods as extra cleansing operations will help meet the area agree ward priorities.

Impact on staffing
This proposal seeks additional staffing which will allow for existing staff to maintain focus on existing key performance indicators and will enable the service to deliver a cleaner and greener environment.

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
Step 1: Commence Recruitment	**7/03/2025**
Step 2: Conclude Recruitment	**30/04/2025**
Step 3: Potential start date (assuming 1 month notice),	**31/05/2025**
Step 4: Training and onboarding,	**01/06/25- 01/07/2025**
Step 5: Full implementation, 01/07/2025	**01/07/2025**

Revenue Investment Plan	
Cost of Living Support	
Directorate:	Assistant Chief Executive
Service Area:	PPI and Neighbourhoods
Director Responsible for Delivery:	Jo Brown
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Sheppard
Head of Finance	Natalia Govorukhina
Unique Reference	INV5

Financial Impact	
2025/26 Perm	£188k
2026/27 Perm	£188k

Details of Proposal (what will be achieved)

<u>Increasing the School Uniform Voucher Scheme</u>

The Council is currently providing financial support to families struggling with the cost of school uniforms. This support is given in the form of vouchers, via schools.

The scheme is targeted at pupils who are entitled to benefits-eligible Free School Meals (including those who have been auto-enrolled) and who are in in the key years of transition. Eligible year groups are:

- children moving from foundation to reception (FS2),
- children moving from an Infant to a separate Junior school (year 2 to year 3),
- children moving from primary to secondary school (year 6 to year 7).

Currently budgeted for at £65k to the Council per annum for the last three years, this provides a £35 voucher to pupils who meet the above eligibility criteria.

Within the current budget, this enables vouchers to be provided to around 1,850 pupils each year.

Based on information available online of how similar schemes are operating, it is proposed to increase the value of the vouchers, particularly given the impact of inflation and the cost of living increases on residents.

The Council currently provides funding to individual schools who subsequently provide vouchers to pupils. As part of this proposal schools would be required to ensure that the vouchers given can be used in multiple outlets.

Costs: £65k additional budget, to double the value of the current voucher to £70

Pension Credit Advisor Extension

The Council is currently temporarily funding the provision of additional advice services through Citizens Advice Rotherham and District (CARD) and Age UK, to support residents in completing applications to receive Pension Credits. Due to run until the end of March 2025 (6 month funding), this is currently providing:

- Via CARD: two additional drop-in sessions per week at a cost of £15,000.
- Via AGE UK: up to 40 hours per week of additional advisor time within the team at a cost of £13,536 per quarter.

The most recent monitoring data from CARD shows that since this additional provision was introduced, the organisation has dealt with 86 issues relating to pension credit. This has included 41 eligibility checks and the completion of 21 applications so far. To put this into context, in 2023 CARD saw 19 pension credit issues in total which included 11 eligibility checks and 3 pension credit applications.

On this basis it is therefore proposed to extend the availability of this additional support to enable full-year support in 2025/26. Consideration may also be given to if as time progresses elements of this capacity could be used to support other benefit take-up beyond Pension Credit, in consultation with VCS partners.

The proposal is to fund £55k to enable Age UK to provide additional advisor time across the full year and £38k to CARD to enable a full-time advisor resource (or equivalent) for the year.

Cost: £93k subject to negotiations

Food Works – Developing a Rotherham Offer

£30k Investment required, match funded (in kind) by Food Works.

Food Works are an established and successful VCS organisation, delivering across 8 locations in Sheffield. Their model involves upcycling quality surplus and locally grown ingredients into delicious food and drink, made available on a pay what you feel basis. They also collect and share surplus food, develop hyperlocal food production and empower people with skills, knowledge and support.

Over the last couple of years conversations have been taking place between Food Works, RMBC Public Health and Voluntary Action Rotherham (VAR) to explore an expansion of their Sheffield offer into Rotherham. Funding has remained a barrier and this investment will provide the opportunity for the Council (in partnership with VAR), to progress with developing Food Works' presence in Rotherham, with a view to establishing a cafe that will provide affordable food to those in need alongside learning opportunities around cooking, nutrition and budgeting thus creating a base to further develop activity around the topic of food and inclusivity.

This proposal would complement our existing crisis food model and would also contribute to the objectives of the Rotherham Food Network, the Humanitarian & Communities Group (focused on tackling Cost of Living) and has the potential to link in with employment programs such as Pathways to Work.

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers
The proposals set out are designed to support vulnerable residents when they need it the most. The range of options set out have been designed to support a range of different circumstances and different protected characteristics.

Implications on other Services (identify which services and possible impact)
No impacts identified

Impact on staffing
No additional Council staffing, nor any impacts.

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
Step 1: School unform vouchers to be in place to support those transitioning for the next school year in September 2025 (note that for primary school, data is received from schools in September and paid in October).	From April 2025 onwards
Step 2: For CARD and Age UK, funding to be in place by April 1st to enable continuation of provision.	From April 2025 onwards
Step 3: For the Food Works funding, work to be undertaken during the financial year, to enable a suitable model for Rotherham to be implemented in year and working towards a sustainable Food Waste Cafe.	By March 2026

Revenue Investment Plan	
Customer Services – Call Handlers	
Directorate:	Finance & Customer Services
Service Area:	Customer Information & Digital Services
Director Responsible for Delivery:	Judith Badger
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:	Leader
Head of Finance	Natalia Govorukhina
Unique Reference	INV6

Financial Impact	
2025/26 Perm	£62k
2026/27 Perm	£62k

Details of Proposal (what will be achieved)

The Customer Services Contact Centre receives around 300k enquiries each year providing Rotherham residents with support by telephone 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

The number of people choosing to self-serve online continues to grow. Over time this is likely to reduce the number of people calling with simple/transactional enquiries. This does, however, also mean that the calls the Contact Centre are routinely dealing with are increasingly those of a more complex/emotive nature which take more time to deal with.

In 2023/24 the Council Plan target of 6 mins average wait time per quarter was achieved. The target for 2024/25 is an average wait time of 4 mins; with a longer-term aim to reduce this even further.

This proposal seeks additional revenue investment to increase the number of call handlers by 2 FTE, which will help further reduce call waiting times and improve customer experience.

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers

Impact will be positive.

The Council is committed to providing a high-quality customer service that is modern, efficient and easy for customers to access.

This investment will increase call handler capacity over peak periods of call demand, which will reduce the amount of time customers are waiting and provide a better experience.

The Contact Centre currently uses around 777 hours of staff time per week devoted to call handling. During these hours staff handle around 5735 calls per week, which is approximately 298,220 per year.

On average a call handler answers approximately 7 calls per hour. This is dependent on the types of calls they take and how complex they are. The two extra call handlers would be expected to process around 24,864 calls per year between them. This will have a positive impact on the reduction of call wait times. It is difficult to equate this improvement to an exact reduction in call wait times as they already vary considerably, dependent upon the service type and time of day. There is also lots of seasonal call handling such as during bad weather. However, it will be possible to see the positive impact these resources will have on call wait times through the quarterly reported statistics.

Implications on other Services (identify which services and possible impact)

Impact will be positive.

Customer Services act as the first point of contact for a wide range of services including Housing, Streetpride, and Waste Management.

Being able to respond to customer enquiries swiftly presents a positive image both for the Council and for the departments Customer Services represent.

Impact on staffing

The investment will be used to fund an additional 2 FTE Band D Customer Service call handlers.

Timeframe for delivery

Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
Step 1: Commence Recruitment Process	6 March 2025
Step 2: Staff in post (based on regular turnover and recruitment cycle)	1 April 2025
Step 3:	

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Proposed Capital Investments Summary 2024/25 to 2028/29

	2024/25 £'000s	2025/26 £'000s	2026/27 £'000s	2027/28 £'000s	2028/29 £'000s	Corporate Resource Required £'000s	Existing Corporate Resources £'000s	Match Funding £'000s	Total Budget £'000s
Priority Capital Investment – General Fund									
Assistant Chief Executives									
HR System Replacement	0	0	0	500	1,000	**1,500**			**1,500**
Children & Young People's Services									
In House Residential Complex Needs provision	0	378	0	0	0	**378**		**378**	**756**
Procurement of new Education System	0	1,140	645	0	0	**1,785**			**1,785**
Regeneration and Environment									
Bassingthorpe Farm	0	250	0	0	0	**250**			**250**
Business Centre Upgrades	0	577	322	0	0	**899**			**899**
Catcliffe River Flood Alleviation Scheme	0	350	500	1,150	4,000	**6,000**			**6,000**
Strategic Acquisitions Fund	0	1,000	1,000	0	0	**2,000**			**2,000**
Waleswood drainage works to tent field	0	63	0	0	0	**63**			**63**
Civic Theatre LED Stage Lighting Replacement	0	64	0	0	0	**64**			**64**
Replacement of Refuse Collection Vehicles	0	2,000	2,000	0	0	**4,000**			**4,000**
Grounds and Streets Plant Refresh Phase 3	0	375	0	0	0	**375**			**375**
Clifton Park Overflow Car Park and Event Space	0	33	0	0	0	**33**			**33**
Green Spaces Capital Repairs Programme	0	60	60	60	60	**240**			**240**
Finance & Customer Services									
Community Facilities	0	300	300	0	0	**600**			**600**
Total Priority Capital Investment	**0**	**6,590**	**4,827**	**1,710**	**5,060**	**18,187**	**0**	**378**	**18,565**
Further Years Annual Ongoing Expenditure Commitments to 2028/29									
Assistant Chief Exectuive									
Ward Budgets	0	0	0	0	210	**210**			**210**
Regeneration and Environment									
Capitalisation Lighting	0	0	0	0	150	**150**			**150**
Cap benches signs bollards	0	0	0	0	75	**75**			**75**
Capitalise obsolete street lighting replacements	0	0	0	0	40	**40**			**40**

Proposed Capital Investments Summary 2024/25 to 2028/29

	2024/25 £'000s	2025/26 £'000s	2026/27 £'000s	2027/28 £'000s	2028/29 £'000s	Corporate Resource Required £'000s	Existing Corporate Resources £'000s	Match Funding £'000s	Total Budget £'000s
Capitalisation carriageways	0	0	0	0	500	**500**			**500**
Multi hog patching works capitalisation	0	0	0	0	300	**300**			**300**
Capitalisation - public rights of way	0	0	0	0	34	**34**			**34**
Route Optimisation	0	0	0	0	12	**12**			**12**
Damaged litter bins	0	0	0	0	86	**86**			**86**
Leisure pfi lifecycle	0	0	0	0	500	**500**			**500**
Waste Bins (Cyclical investment rather than member decision)	490	375	375	375	375	**1,990**			**1,990**
Adult Care & Housing									
Furnished Homes	0	0	0	0	1,600	**1,600**			**1,600**
Furnished Homes Replace CPTL	0	0	0	0	160	**160**			**160**
Assistive Technology	0	0	0	0		**0**			**0**
REWS	0	0	0	0		**0**			**0**
Children & Young People									
Adaptations Foster Carers	0	0	0	0	640	**640**			**640**
Schools pfi lifecycle	0	0	0	0	2,270	**2,270**			**2,270**
Finance & Customer Services									
Finl Systms Upgrdes-ICT2	0	0	0	0	0	**0**			**0**
ICT Digital Strategy	0	0	0	0	700	**700**			**700**
Computer refresh	0	0	0	0	764	**764**		**146**	**910**
Network equipment refresh programme	0	0	0	0	630	**630**			**630**
Storage & Compute increase for 2023/24	0	0	0	0	650	**650**			**650**
Operational buildings	0	0	0	0	2,010	**2,010**			**2,010**
Commercial property	0	0	0	0	75	**75**			**75**
Total Ongoing Expenditure Commitments	**490**	**375**	**375**	**375**	**11,780**	**13,395**	**0**	**146**	**13,541**
Total Capital Investment	**490**	**6,965**	**5,202**	**2,085**	**16,840**	**31,582**	**0**	**524**	**32,106**

New Budget Proposals 2025-26 to 2028-29

Project	**Capital Budget (£m)**	**25/26**	**26/27**	**27/28**	**28/29**	**Total**
Procurement of new HR System	Capital Expenditure	0.000	0.000	£0.500	£1.00	£1.500
Directorate	Capital Funding (other than corporate resources)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Assistant Chief Executive's	**Net (Corporate Resources)**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**£0.500**	**£1.000**	**£1.500**

Project Description
Replacement of the HR Payroll and information system (HRIS), currently iTrent, which will be subject to full retender. Soft market testing has not been initiated and therefore costs are indicative and will be revised over the coming 2-year period.
Outputs and Outcomes
Procure a HR system to ensure the council continues to act in accordance with its statutory obligations with regards to paying and contracting employees.
Financial Implications
Financial implications are based on current system costs and includes an uplift to account for inflation in accordance with Bank of England projections. At present time the HR system is a shared cost between RMBC and CDC. Negotiations will be initiated to understand if this shared service agreement will continue that will affect costings.
Risks
Failure to procure and successfully implement a new HRIS will result in significant manual processes and the requirement to exponentially increase the number of officers employed by the HR Service to comply with our statutory obligations of payment for hours worked.

Project	**Capital Budget (£m)**	**25/26**	**26/27**	**27/28**	**28/29**	**Total**
In House Residential Complex Needs Provision	Capital Expenditure	0.756	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.756
Directorate	DfE Capital grant funding (amount to be match-funded by the LA)	0.378	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.378
CYPS	**Net (Corporate Resources)**	**0.378**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.378**

Project Description

The in-house residential programme forms part of the Looked After Children and Care Leavers Sufficiency Strategy which was approved by Cabinet in October 2022. The Strategy was developed in line with the duty to provide or procure placements for Looked After Children (LAC) by the Local Authority.

The proposed project would be part of the latest round of the CYPS in house residential programme. This builds on the previous phases of development which has seen 5 children's homes open with a current in house of capacity of 11 beds. An update report on the Looked After Children Sufficiency Strategy was received by Cabinet in November 2024.

In October 2024 the Department for Education launched the latest round of capital funding via the Open Childrens Home programme, the scheme provides capital funding to Local Authorities wishing to develop their own in-house residential provision. Rotherham have previously been successful with funding under previous rounds; this has provided match funding for two properties, one of which is currently awaiting registration with the other being a new build property which is scheduled to be completed in Quarter 4.

The latest round of Department for Education funding is providing an opportunity for Local Authorities to apply for matching funding to develop homes specifically for Young People with Complex Needs, including those who have suffered significant trauma. The deadline for applications is February 2024 with the DfE expecting successful projects to be notified in May 2025.

The CYPS Transformation Team are currently completing a needs analysis and feasibility both from a capital and service delivery perspective with the intention of seeking approval to submit an application via the Council's Grants Approval Process. This would be subject to the following next steps and activity:

- Completion of the needs analysis from the Project Team.
- Completion of the Grants approval process.
- Integrated Care Board (ICB) confirmation of support.
- Identification of suitable property for the provision including identification of required level of adaptation to meet the needs of young people in line with the application criteria.

- Successful application to the Department for Education.

Outputs and Outcomes

The project will provide a 1 bed residential provision as part of the in-house residential programme. The project if approved to progress and delivered successfully will meet a gap within the existing residential portfolio and provide an available home for a young person with complex needs. The additional capital investment will ensure that the home is fitted out appropriately to both Ofsted standards but also with the additionality to meet the needs of young people with complex needs.

The initial needs analysis has shown a shortage of this sort of provision locally, either in house or via the private sector. As such placements of this nature are often at greater distance, at a higher unit cost rate and do not always achieve stronger outcomes when compared to provision that can be created locally.

The project requires formal support from the Integrated Care Board, this will help improve the wraparound support offer for the home and support it being able to meet the needs of young people as outlined in the Department for Education grant guidance.

Financial Implications

The requested corporate investment of £378k could be match funded by the Department for Education subject to an application being made by CYPS and this being successful. The costs identified are based on a tender return from a current in-house scheme with additional funds to cover a higher level of fit out to meet the needs of young people who will access the provision. The level of fit out is consistent with the guidance issued by the Department for Education.

If the scheme is successfully implemented, revenue savings would be achieved when compared to an out of borough placement in the private sector. A significant complex need placement in the private or independent sector could cost between £12,000 to £17,000 per week (net of any health / education contribution). The annual payback period on the capital investment is less than 1.5 years at the lower end of costs.

Risks

- There is a risk that the application to the Department for Education is unsuccessful.
- There is a risk that a suitable property is not able to be located particularly one where the required level of fit out is necessary to meet both service and Ofsted requirements.

- There is a risk of unknown costs or an increase in costs that are discovered during the feasibility and needs analysis process.

All risks associated with the project will be monitored through established governance arrangements via the Looked After Children Sufficiency Board and CYPS Transformation Board.

New Budget Proposals 2025-26 to 2028-29

Project	**Budget (£m)**	**25/26**	**26/27**	**27/28**	**28/29**	**Total**
Procurement of new Education System	Expenditure	1.140	0.645	0.000	0.000	**1.785**
Directorate	Grant funding / contributions	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
CYPS	**Net (Corporate Resources)**	**1.140**	**0.645**	0.000	0.000	**1.785**

Project Description

The Council's Children's and Young People Services (CYPS) directorate currently use the incumbent provider's system as a central database to hold demographic, school and service provision data for all children enrolled in Rotherham Schools and supports various Council services including education, inclusion, and transport. The Education services using the education system fulfil statutory functions for the Council as follows:

- Access to Education ensure statutory responsibility is met ensuring that every Rotherham child who needs one has access to a school place. The service support the planning and allocation of school places and the Elective Home Education, Children Missing Education and Exclusion teams ensure that responsibilities in relation to Children Missing Education are fulfilled. The Child Employment team ensure that statutory duties are met in relation to their specific area of work.
- The School Attendance Matters Pathway (SAMP) is Rotherham's structured and consistent pathway for enforcement action where this is needed for poor school attendance. The SAMP is the local welfare-based pathway which meets the Local Authorities statutory duty of enforcement action for poor school attendance under the provision of the Education Act 1996.
- Education Health and Care Planning Team has a statutory role within the Local Authority. Its purpose is to co-ordinate statutory processes under The Children & Families Act 2014 and The Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice 2015, to coordinate statutory assessment and maintains Education, Health and Care (EHC) plans for children and young people aged 0 – 25; arrange placements and SEN provision including personalised budgets cited in EHC Plans; monitors and reviews specialist placements both inside and outside of the Local Authority; ensures statutory annual reviews take place.
- The Virtual Headteacher meets the statutory duties under the Promoting the education of looked-after and previously looked-after children 2018, including ensuring that arrangements are in place, monitored and evaluated to improve the educational experiences and outcomes of the authority's looked-after children, including those placed out-of-authority; ensure effective systems are in place to maintain an up-to-date roll of its looked-after children in school or college settings, and gather information about their education placement, attendance and educational progress and ensure up-to-date, effective and high quality Personal Education Plans (PEP) that focus on educational outcomes, and that all looked-after children, wherever they are placed, have such a Personal Education Plan.

- The Transport Service has a statutory obligation under the Council's home to school transport policy to transport children & young people meeting eligibility criteria to educational providers and other establishments as necessary.

The current education system supports delivery of functions under these duties and responsibilities by effectively tracking children through the school admissions system, in and out of placements and ensuring that no child is lost from statutory process.

Systems support the Local Authority discharge of statutory duty in relation to Children Missing Education but any additional functionality that could be offered in this respect or for Elective Home Education and Child Employment would be welcomed and would strengthen lines of assurance.

The current education system provides attendance data from schools to the service supporting the school attendance matters pathway; however, enforcement action is not recorded on any of the CYPS systems at this time.

To support statutory SEND processes the incumbent provider provides a basic case management system to input basic information to inform involvements of services and data systems and reporting on statutory processes. For Education Health and Care Planning this has to be supplemented with an additional digital platform supporting engagement, contributions, and collaboration on EHC assessments, new referrals, plans and reviews including consultation with settings. It offers complete transparency for families, professionals and education settings as information is visible to those working with the child. The Hub supports the statutory timeframes for EHCP processes as well as reporting (e.g. caseloads, settings).

The current ePEP system supports the Virtual Headteacher in tracking and monitoring of attendance, exclusions, part time timetables, attainment and progress of our children in and out of authority. Virtual school also access Social Care systems (Liquid Logic) to support ensuring sharing of information and to tracking and monitoring for the extended role around children with a social worker. Virtual School updates school placement details on the education management system.

The Transport Service requires a database and data logging system which links to various other departments & agencies. The requirement to route optimisation as part of this database will ensure efficiency, functionality which is not currently available.

The data is updated on a regular basis by data held in individual schools, management information systems. **The current 4-year contract with the incumbent provider ends on 31 March 2025.**

For the last 12 months, following a change in the systematic transfer of data between schools and the incumbent provider there have been significant issues with the electronic transfer of pupil data. This has resulted in poor data quality and an insurmountable increase in data conflicts, which presents risks to the council including impacting sufficiency planning, damage to Council reputation and could result in safeguarding issues if inaccurate pupil information is held. Significant resource and challenge from ICT, Commissioning, Education and Performance has not resulted in an improved situation.

In preparation for the end of the current 4-year contract a stakeholder engagement exercise was completed to inform re-procurement planning. The stakeholder engagement identified opportunities for a more favourable case management system for education and inclusion services. Alternative systems are favourable due to ease of use and functionality in addition to the benefits to aligning the case management system for Education and Inclusion and Home to School Transport to the case management for Children's Early Help Family Support, Children's Social Care and Adults Social Care.

The case management system (including third party payment system) will be re-procured with a contract to 31st March 2035. Work has been completed to identify all available routes to market capable of delivering the solution.

A dedicated project team will be required (for 18 months) to implement the new system from June 2025, including the smooth transfer and data migration from the incumbent system.

Capital investment is required to cover the one-off implementation costs of the new Education Case Management System, as well as the capitalisation cost of the proposed project implementation team.

Outputs and Outcomes

The procurement and implementation of a new system will complement the existing Childrens and Adults Social Care and Early Help Case Management Systems (LCS/LAS/EHM) and will start to bring together children and young people's data that currently sits across different systems.

This improved system functionality will improve operational activity to meet the statutory responsibilities associated with Access to Education, Elective Home Education, Children Missing Education and Exclusion, Child Employment, School Attendance Education Health, and Care Planning, The Virtual Headteacher and Home to School Transport.
Migration of all education data (including pupil data via electronic transfer from schools) will result in a significant improvement in data quality and will reduce safeguarding and reputational risks. This will improve efficiency and accuracy in the production of statutory returns.

In order to ensure the smooth transfer between suppliers, a dedicated project team will be required.

Financial Implications

The following summarise the expected capital cost of implementing a new education Case Management System:

	Year 1 2025/26	Year 2 2026/27	Total
System Implementation costs	352,319	-	352,319
Project Implementation team costs	787,860	644,791	1,432,651
TOTAL	**1,140,179**	**644,791**	**1,784,970**

(1) System implementation costs

The one-off system implementation costs (in the first year) is estimated at £352,319, comprised of core system costs (£118,800) and costs of implementing the various modules / portals (e.g. early years, admissions & appeals, virtual school, EHC plan, etc) as required (£233,519). It should be noted that the overall costs depends on the number of modules agreed for implementation. The cost estimates are based on direct award via the YPO framework as quoted on 30/06/2024 and on a single implementation and go live. It should be noted that any changes to the modules or portals required would impact on the overall estimated cost.

(2) Project implementation team costs

A dedicated project team will be required (for 18 months) to implement the new system from April 2025, including the smooth transfer and data migration from the existing system. Advice has been sought from potential suppliers on the level of project implementation capacity expected of the council to ensure a successful implementation and migration from the existing system. It is expected to require around £1,432,651 of project team costs across the delivery phase.

Revenue Implications

Annual IT licence and maintenance costs would be incurred by the council and payable to the system supplier for operating the system. The annual cost of a new system compared to existing cost of the incumbent system – based on a like for like comparison of the core system and associated modules / portals is expected to see a £40k additional revenue costs that will be covered within CYPS revenue budgets.

Risks

Implementation of a new case management system would be a significant transformation project. Delays to procurement and/ or implementation would pose significant risks to the Council's compliance with procurement legislation and the ability of Council services to deliver statutory duties and/ or responsibilities associated with Early Years & Child Care, Children's Centres, Early Help for children Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)/ Youth Justice, Education and Inclusion, Home to School Transport, Children's Early Help Family Support, Children's Social Care and Adults Social Care.

Poorly resourced implementations can often fail and incur additional expense later down the line, in addition there is a risk that this may

have an impact on reputation and the outcome of an inspection.

Alignment and connectivity with functionality currently provided by smaller bespoke systems (in addition to the three main suppliers and systems) needs to be considered to ensure that functionality is not lost.

New Capital Budget Proposals 2025-26 to 2028-29

Project	**Capital Budget (£m)**	**25/26**	**26/27**	**27/28**	**28/29**	**Total**
Bassingthorpe Farm	Capital Expenditure	0.250	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.250
Directorate	Capital Funding (other than corporate resources)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Regeneration & Environment	**Net (Corporate Resources)**	**0.250**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.250**

Project Description

Bassingthorpe Farm was allocated as a key strategic site for development in 2014 and sits to the north of the Borough, in close proximity to the proposed mainline station and town centre. The site is in multiple ownerships with the Council owning only 25%. However, funding is required to undertake viability assessments, infrastructure and site investigations and develop a collaborative landowner agreement.

The strategic location of the site, its ability to support the town centre, deliver new communities with desirable homes and good local amenities, as well as support the new proposed mainline station leads to the need for public sector intervention and direction, therefore a funding contribution is required to ensure the Regeneration team can develop the project to delivery.

Outputs and Outcomes

Between 1,750 and 2,500 new housing units.

Financial Implications

The long-term financial implications of moving the site into delivery are as yet unknown as the delivery vehicle is still to be determined and negotiated, however the long-term economic benefits to the Borough are significant.

Capital is required to drive forward negotiations and bring the site to delivery – MHCLG funding is being sought in parallel to Council capital, however without this initial funding the scheme will not progress. Capital is required to secure the necessary specialist legal and commercial advisors to advise the Council on a complex transaction between landowners and subsequently a private sector delivery partner. Technical work to inform any assessment of scheme viability and the structure of any negotiations and land transaction, together with some land acquisition to assemble the site are also requirements of this investment. There is also a requirement to resource the project within the Council with a project manager and resource from a range of support services including Estates, Legal and Finance. Currently, there is a capital allocation of £328,993 but this will be insufficient to progress the project now momentum has been re-established with the majority landowner.

Risks
Without adequate funding and the Council driving forward the delivery of the site the land will remain undeveloped, or developed with a lower quality product, thus failing to deliver further economic growth in the Borough. Delivery is reliant upon the agreement of the majority landowners. Public intervention is required to ensure this happens and development of the project will be closely managed to manage the Council's expenditure exposure.

New Capital Budget Proposals 2025-26 to 2028-29

Project	**Capital Budget (£m)**	**25/26**	**26/27**	**27/28**	**28/29**	**Total**
Business Centre Upgrades	Capital Expenditure	0.577	0.322	0.000	0.000	0.899
Directorate	Capital Funding (other than corporate resources)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
R&E	**Net (Corporate Resources)**	**0.577**	**0.322**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.899**

Project Description

Rotherham Investment and Development Office manage a network of five purpose-built incubation facilities to support the creation and growth of new businesses and jobs in Rotherham. The centres offer over 250 small offices, workshops and lab spaces for rent to start-up, early stage and small businesses and are highly successful.

The centres are designed to be financially sustainable in the long term, generating an annual revenue surplus for the Council, but ageing building stock requires continued investment to maintain facilities to ensure they continue to be fit for purpose to meet the needs of private sector occupants and achieve economic impact. Rental fees are at the high end of the Rotherham property market and this creates an expectation from paying occupants for RMBC to maintain the buildings to a high standard and in a timely manner.

This proposal outlines key essential works required for compliance, health and safety and strategic essential refurbishment.

Outputs and Outcomes

The priority outcome is to ensure the continued sustainability and economic impact from these purpose-built incubation centres where it is essential to maintain a high-quality offer for private sector occupants and ensure compliance with regulations.

Project	**Description**
Matrix @ Dinnington Business Centre biomass store decommissioning	Matrix Business Centre has a disused biomass heating system that hasn't been used for 14 years due to economic and reliability issues. This includes a biomass pit that is flooded with stagnant black standing water that extends into the plant room. This project is to remove equipment, fill in and make safe the pit, reinstating the plant room floor to remove the contaminated water.

CFL lighting replacement with LEDs	Project to renew lighting with LEDs in various areas within the business centres that still use fluorescent lighting, where fixtures have reached end of life and are obsolete, including emergency lighting. This includes some communal areas where the Council will see budget savings in energy and maintenance, but the majority are in offices and workshops rented to businesses that will in turn receive the benefit from reduced electricity usage costs, and provide improved lighting levels, some of which are below required standards due to ageing fixtures. This investment will decrease maintenance / caretaking pressure and ensure workspace lighting is compliant with regulations. Matrix @ Dinnington Business Centre - communal areas, offices, workshops Fusion @ Matrix Business Centre - communal toilet facilities, offices, workshops Century Business Centre – workshops
Century Business Centre toilet block refurbishment	25-year-old toilet facilities at Century Business Centre need complete refurbishment across the building, including 4 blocks. This project has been scheduled after completion of the roofing works due to ongoing water ingress damage. Following the opening of Century 2 Business Centre, this work is required to bring Century Business Centre up to the standards expected by occupant businesses to ensure it continues to be a thriving business community.
Century Business Centre boiler replacement	Century Business Centre relies on 25-year-old obsolete boilers, where maintenance engineers have reported that key parts are no longer possible to source (ignition assemblies etc.). In the event of an irreparable breakdown, a like-for-like replacement boiler no longer exists for direct replacement, risking prolonged repairs and major operational problems for the service and occupant businesses, along with potentially high reactive maintenance costs. Failure of the heating system would cause serious disruption to onsite businesses and create health and safety risks. In the long term, addition of an air source heating system has been proposed as viable for the office areas, as specified in an unsuccessful Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) bid in 2024. The earliest this bid may be resubmitted is 2026-27 but does not include workshop areas with roller shutters (due to incompatible heat losses), so the building will fully or partially rely on gas heating for the foreseeable future. As such, replacement boilers would still be required in the longer term, albeit operating at less capacity with redundancy. A challenge has been highlighted by the Energy Team that investing in replacement boilers for the short term may affect the ability to secure funding to decarbonise the building. However, operating a facility with 40+ businesses on site with heating that cannot be maintained is a significant risk to the service. It is noted that the new Century 2 Business Centre was designed with low carbon air source heating in for office and communal areas but still utilises a pair of gas boilers for heating workshops similar to the proposed solution at Century Business Centre due to the heating losses associated with light industrial workshop units.

Firestopping works at Matrix, Fusion and Century	Fire stopping at Matrix Business Centre was recently identified during maintenance works as missing in one area. A compartmentation survey was then commissioned for the whole facility that highlighted remedial actions. Fusion and Century are also identified as requiring work on fire stopping, and surveys will be undertaken to establish the level of work required to meet fire safety and insurance standards. The value is a ballpark estimated budget cost for remedial work, to be confirmed in consultation with surveyors in Asset Management to establish a more accurate budget cost and evaluate priorities in line with building fire strategies. Ensuring the integrity of fire compartmentation is a priority for compliance with fire regulations, and in case of fire minimise risk to life and slow spread of fire to protect the premises.
Budget for routine capital spend	On an annual basis the Business Centres undertake a variety of essential reactive and planned maintenance work. This funding is to be utilised for small renewal projects across all 5 Business Centres and for essential maintenance projects.
Century electric gate	This project will install an electric gate to bring Century up to the standard of the adjacent new Century 2 Business Centre for increased security out of hours and assist in maintaining the centre as an attractive, secure place to locate a business. The centre currently relies on the last occupant to leave shutting and locking the manual gate, but this is inconsistent, and has regularly been requested by occupant businesses.

Financial Implications

Project	Budget estimate	2025-26	2026-27	Total
Matrix @ Dinnington Business Centre biomass store decommissioning	Estimate £23,245.61 inclusive of 15% fees Jun 2024. Budget ask is incremented to include 10% contingency and 5% inflation.	£ 26,849		**£ 26,849**
CFL lighting replacement with LEDs	Estimate £114,166.25 inclusive of fees and 10% contingency Oct 2024. Incremented 5% for inflation.	£ 119,875		**£ 119,875**
Century Business Centre toilet block refurbishment	Estimate £259,000 inclusive of 15% fees, Oct 2024. 5% increment for inflation to push into 26-27 year.		£ 272,048	**£ 272,048**
Century Business Centre boiler replacement	Budget estimate £80k including fees, contingency and legals from Russell Phillips, based on the outturn of a recent similar project.	£ 80,000		**£ 80,000**

Firestopping works at Matrix, Fusion and Century	Survey undertaken at Matrix, guide estimate for remedial works £70k. Budget estimate ballpark including Century and Fusion, pending accurate forecasts.	£	250,000			**£**	**250,000**
Budget for routine capital spend	Based on previous year end spend with provision for additional small renewal projects.	£	50,000	£	50,000	**£**	**100,000**
Century electric gate	Estimate at current prices £40k + fees and contingency.	£	50,000			**£**	**50,000**
	Total:	**£**	**576,723**	**£**	**322,048**	**£**	**898,771**

Risks

If this work is not completed and the buildings are allowed to deteriorate, the following outlines a number of risks:

- Compliance with regulations, e.g. health and safety, fire, standing water, lighting levels.
- Loss of current occupants and the inability to attract future occupants.
- Reduced licence fee revenues through reduced numbers and decreased perceived value (the Council charges premium rents for a high-quality property offer).
- Increasingly expensive maintenance.
- Risk to the long-term sustainability of the service and delivery of RMBC corporate priorities to create new businesses and jobs.
- Moorgate Crofts is the flagship office building for the Town Centre and degradation would lead to fewer businesses locating in the area
- Loss of reputation for the Business Centres, RiDO and RMBC.
- Occupants demanding compensation for services that fail for prolonged periods.

New Capital Budget Proposals 2025-26 to 2028-29

Project	**Capital Budget (£m)**	**25/26**	**26/27**	**27/28**	**28/29**	**Total**
Catcliffe Village (River Rother) Flood Alleviation Scheme	Capital Expenditure	0.350	0.500	1.150	4.000	6.000
Drainage Team	Capital Funding (other than corporate resources)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Regeneration and Environment	**Net (Corporate Resources)**	**0.350**	**0.500**	**1.150**	**4.000**	**6.000**

Project Brief

Following the flooding in October 2023 (Storm Babet), Catcliffe suffered severe flooding from the River Rother. As part of the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) duties a Section 19 flood investigation was carried out by the Council. Contained in the Section 19 report were “Catcliffe and Treeton next steps” which identified three options the Council could investigate to help reduce the risk of future flooding in this area.

Whilst flood risk management of main rivers is the responsibility of the Environment Agency (EA), the Council recognises the devastation and hardship experienced by residents affected by flooding and has engaged its staff in evaluating these three options. Following the initial evaluation, there is a key area of focus emerging for the Council in relation to seeking to alter the existing bridge on Treeton Lane to improve the flow path of the River Rother, which this bid therefore focusses on. Whilst this bid is specifically in relation to the bridge, work will continue in relation to the development of upstream storage of storm water through working with the Environment Agency and neighbouring local authorities, alongside further consideration of any change to the Environment Agency’s existing flood defences in the area provided by the flood wall.

Bridge alteration evaluation – Initial hydraulic modelling shows that a reduction in the thickness of the existing bridge deck at Treeton Lane can improve conveyance in the River Rother. This would result in removing the existing bridge and replacing it with a new one built to modern design standards, allowing a greater distance between the bridge deck and the river.

- Costs are estimated to be around £6m. Delivery of the scheme, if approved through all appropriate stages, would take around 3 to 5 years. The initial modelling shows that a thinner bridge deck - allowing a greater flow of water beneath it - increases the standard of protection of the current flood defence wall from 1 in 75 to greater than 1 in 100. However, further modelling is required to determine the exact increase in benefit.

- In addition, more detailed modelling is required to demonstrate that it is not increasing flood risk further downstream.

Outputs and Outcomes

This proposed Capital bid is to provide the funds required to fully investigate, design and construct a new bridge on Treeton Lane. If funding is secured the projected timescale for completion is 3 to 5 years.

The outcome of discussions and any further evaluation will be presented in June 2025.

Financial Implications
It is proposed to carry out more detailed modelling of this option to confirm the suggested benefit of the initial basic model. This modelling is required to show that any alteration to the bridge does not increase flood risk downstream. The Environment Agency would have to approve the proposal. If all permissions are granted there is the potential for partnership funding through Grant in Aid from DEFRA. Opportunities to access funding via DEFRA would be explored. Any funding obtained would reduce the final amount required directly from the Council.
Risks
The EA holds the responsibility for managing flood risk from main rivers. The Council has been proactive following the widespread flooding that occurred in 2019. There is a risk that all the optioned “next steps” schemes may not be financially viable and / or the necessary permissions cannot be obtained from the Environment Agency. This would mean the communities in Catcliffe and Treeton would remain with the same risk of future flooding. The cost of the Council’s response to Storm Babet was around £1m. Even though the responsibilities for flood risk from main rivers is with the Environment Agency, the Council is keen to progress improvements to reduce flood risk as quickly as possible.

New Capital Budget Proposals 2025-26 to 2028-29

Project	**Capital Budget (£m)**	**25/26**	**26/27**	**27/28**	**28/29**	**Total**
Strategic Acquisitions Fund	Capital Expenditure	1.000	1.000	0.000	0.000	2.000
Directorate	Capital Funding (other than corporate resources)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Regeneration & Environment	**Net (Corporate Resources)**	**1.000**	**1.000**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**2.000**

Project Description

The Council's regeneration programme is now well underway, facilitated through central Government and Council funding. Public control of key land and property assets is essential to secure appropriate development and prevent continued degradation of underutilised, vacant and derelict land and property.

Over the last three years the Council has used a combination of its own capital and Government grant to facilitate the acquisition of buildings in the town centre, many of which have been demolished or prepared for redevelopment. Public sector control of property along Corporation Street, the former Boots building and land fronting the river has all been enabled by the Council's interventions.

A further £2m is sought on top of the previous allocation of £3m (over two years) to continue acquiring strategic sites in the town centre and around the proposed mainline station site, with the outcome of progressing the Council's ambitions for regeneration within the town centre and across the Borough.

Outputs and Outcomes

Another allocation to a Strategic Acquisition Fund will allow the Council to respond to opportunity acquisitions as and when strategic sites are presented to market by willing sellers. The fund being provided by the Council, as opposed to a central funding body, gives additional flexibility and allows the Council to move at pace when the opportunity to acquire is presented.

Financial Implications

Revenue liabilities result from potential holding costs while awaiting redevelopment or future occupation. Feasibility Fund has been allocated to accommodate these costs and as properties are brought forward as capital schemes these revenue costs may be capitalised.

Acquisition of tenanted properties will likely result in a revenue benefit.

As with previous year's allocation the Strategic Acquisition budget will be managed within the Regeneration team

Risks
In acquiring property, the Council becomes responsible for its maintenance and security. Properties will be managed through the Corporate Landlord function with support from revenue grants. Where appropriate, demolition or temporary occupation will be sought to limit liability. Where unavoidable, holding costs can be accommodated within revenue grant specifically allocated for this purpose.

New Capital Budget Proposals 2025-26 to 2028-29

Project	**Capital Budget (£m)**	**25/26**	**26/27**	**27/28**	**28/29**	**Total**
Waleswood drainage works to tent field	Capital Expenditure	0.063	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.063
Directorate	Capital Funding (other than corporate resources)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Regeneration and Environment	**Net (Corporate Resources)**	**0.063**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.063**

Project Description

An area at Waleswood Caravan park is designated for camping from April - October. During construction, value engineering meant that appropriate drainage was excluded, with the consequence that the area floods in heavy rains and can take weeks and months to recover.

This has happened to a significant extent in the past two years, resulting in the area being unusable into July in these years. This represents a loss in revenue of bookings to >c. £30k, per annum, but also in secondary revenue, with campers spending significantly more than the average, possibly up to £20k.

Site management is awaiting a report from the RMBC drainage teams on solutions to alleviate this flooding more easily by enabling water to run off site more effectively, allowing the site to dry out and be used as intended and protect revenue.

Outputs and Outcomes

The project will enable the campsite to open on time each year and grow revenue, which has been curtailed in the past two years due to intense winter and spring rainfall. This is alongside other works to repair pitches, which have been repaired and improved cyclically since opening to protect capacity on site. It will improve revenue on site and enable users, a majority of whom are local to have an improved experience.

It is intended to deliver the works in late Spring/early Summer 2025 in advance of the main holiday season. However, this is dependent upon the ground being dry enough in April/May to deliver the works in advance of the peak season. If this is not possible, the works will have to be pushed back to September/October.

It is forecast that the cost of the works will be paid back within three years through increased revenue.

Financial Implications
Not undertaking some works will risk this part of the site remaining unusable for extended periods of time, losing revenue and regular customers and damaging reputation. This bid includes a small contingency and management fee to ensure works can be completed without requirement for additional investment. There will be some small income loss for the period that the drainage works take place.
Risks
Not doing so will lose revenue after intense seasonal weather events.

New Capital Budget Proposals 2025-26 to 2028-29

Project	**Capital Budget (£m)**	**25/26**	**26/27**	**27/28**	**28/29**	**Total**
Civic Theatre LED Stage Lighting Replacement	Capital Expenditure	0.064	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.064
Directorate	Capital Funding (other than corporate resources)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Regeneration & Environment	**Net (Corporate Resources)**	**0.064**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.064**

Project Description

Project Overview: LED Stage Lighting Replacement

Theatre productions rely heavily on high-quality stage lighting to enhance visual storytelling and create immersive experiences for audiences. The theatre's current LED stage lights, purchased in 2016, were designed with an expected lifespan of 50,000 hours. However, these fixtures have now been operational for over 100,000 hours, double their intended usage period. This has led to a noticeable decline in performance, including reduced output and inconsistent colour reproduction. Such issues compromise the visual quality of productions, undermining the theatre's ability to deliver the professional standards audiences expect. The issue has also been raised by visiting touring productions. This could lead to productions opting to tour to competitors or requested a higher share of income to reflect the costs they need to incur in hiring in better quality lighting for their productions.

Beyond aesthetics, there are critical health and safety implications to consider. A failure in lighting during live performances could result in hazards for performers and crew, as well as disruptions to the show that could frustrate and endanger audiences.

This project proposes replacing the outdated LED fixtures with modern, high-efficiency models to restore lighting quality, improve reliability, and ensure compliance with health and safety standards. With over 295 performances per year upgrading the lighting system is essential for preserving the theatre's reputation and income, enhancing productions, and safeguarding performers, crew, and patrons alike.

Outputs and Outcomes

The LED stage lighting replacement project will deliver a fully modernised lighting system featuring energy-efficient, high-performance fixtures. Physically, this will restore optimal light output and colour consistency, ensuring professional-grade visual quality for all theatre productions. The upgraded system will enhance operational reliability, significantly reducing the risk of failures during performances and improving health and safety for performers, crew, and audiences.

Wider outcomes align with the Cultural Strategy in enabling the theatre to contribute to its aims of "Thriving Neighbourhoods" and "A Vibrant Economy." High-quality productions will enhance the cultural appeal of the theatre, attracting more visitors and bolstering the local economy

through increased footfall in nearby businesses. Additionally, replacing outdated lights with energy-efficient models supports the Council's sustainability goals under the "Better Places to Live" theme by reducing energy consumption and the theatre's carbon footprint, promoting environmentally responsible practices in the community.

Financial Implications

The total cost of the LED stage lighting replacement project is detailed as follows:

36 Chauvet Colo Rado 2 Quad Zooms: £43,550

2 LDR Astro Followspots: £13,000

Replacement DMX and Power Cables: £1,500

Half Coupler Clamps and Safety Bonds: £1,000

Delivery Costs: £500

The combined subtotal is £59,550. To account for potential price increases before the project begins, a 10% contingency has been added, totalling £4,955. This brings the full project cost to £64,505.

There are no anticipated revenue implications or additional income generated as the purpose of the project is solely to replace existing lighting to maintain the current level of service. This ensures the continued high quality of productions and safeguards health and safety standards, rather than creating new revenue streams or expanding services. The investment is essential to uphold operational standards and mitigate reputational or safety risks.

Risks

The LED stage lighting replacement project faces several potential risks. Cost increases remain a significant concern, with potential rises in material or shipping costs due to market fluctuations. While a 10% contingency has been included in the budget, unforeseen cost escalations could strain financial resources.

Supply chain disruptions are another risk, including delays in manufacturing or shipping the lighting fixtures, accessories, or replacement parts. These delays could push back the project timeline, potentially affecting scheduled theatre productions.

Additionally, there is a risk of technical challenges during installation, such as incompatibilities with existing systems or unforeseen infrastructure issues. These could increase installation time and costs.

To mitigate these risks, proactive measures include securing supplier agreements early, building flexibility into timelines, and ensuring contingency funds are sufficient. Regular monitoring of supply chains and close collaboration with suppliers and contractors will help minimise potential disruptions.

New Budget Proposals 2025-26 to 2028-29

Project	**Capital Budget (£m)**	**25/26**	**26/27**	**27/28**	**28/29**	**Total**
Replacement of Refuse Collection Vehicles	Capital Expenditure	2.000	2.000	0.000	0.000	4.000
Directorate	Capital Funding (other than corporate resources)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Regeneration and Environment	**Net (Corporate Resources)**	**2.000**	**2.000**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**4.000**

Project Description

The Council owns 32 Refuse Collection Vehicles (RCV). Of these 32, 16 were purchased in 2016 and have been nearing the end of their operational lifespan with increasing faults and breakdowns creating operational impacts. As a result of these impacts, some budget was provided in order to refurbish the vehicles, expanding their lifespan to 2026. These vehicles will now need replacing in order to manage the risk associated with the ageing fleet both in respect of costs for repair and maintenance, and also the cost of hire vehicles for when vehicles are not operational.

Outputs and Outcomes

The Council currently faces significant operational challenges in relation to the ageing vehicles which leads to increased maintenance costs and down time. These impacts translate into additional costs and also require additional hire vehicles which currently cost over £500k per annum.

A modern and well-maintained refuse collection fleet also limits the Council's carbon impacts by ensuring the vehicles meet the most modern emission standards.

Financial Implications

Average cost of a diesel fuelled RCV to purchase is circa £250,000. For 16 vehicles the total anticipated cost is £4m, this would be spread over two years.

Risks

Risks associated with delivery are largely in relation to price increases for vehicles combined with ensuring appropriate resourcing across the relevant services.

New Budget Proposals 2025-26 to 2028-29

Project	**Capital Budget (£m)**	**25/26**	**26/27**	**27/28**	**28/29**	**Total**
Grounds and Streets Plant Refresh Phase 3	Capital Expenditure	0.375	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.375
Directorate	Capital Funding (other than corporate resources)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Regeneration and Environment	**Net (Corporate Resources)**	**0.375**	**0.00**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.375**

Project Description

This project aligns with providing a cleaner and greener environment across the Borough, by providing modern, efficient and effective plant equipment to perform numerous grounds and cleansing activities.

The plant equipment used within grounds maintenance and street cleansing is vital to maintaining the upkeep of the Borough within desired standards. The various types of equipment are used daily, so require updating every few years to help maintain standards in an efficient and effective manner.

By updating the plant machinery, we are also ensuring the service has the correct/equipment to deliver the best works possible.

The service has undertaken a full review of all plant equipment and have put together a strategic replacement programme based on the longevity, maintenance, breakdowns, and performance of the equipment. This has enabled the project to spread the procurement and costs over an initial 2-year period (2023-2024, 2024-2025). These stages, plant refresh phase 1 is complete and phase 2 is about to be awarded. These initial 2 phases have spent/will spend around £1.3m and have been delivered on schedule.

Stage 3 is the plant equipment that is outstanding for purchase in 2025-2026 and is required to deliver a modern and efficient service.

Outputs and Outcomes

Financial Implications

The remaining equipment to purchase is outlined below with an estimate purchase cost for each item.

Description	Amount Of Item	Roadworthy	2025 Required	Cost Paid 2018	Total 2018	Cost Poss 2025	Phase 3
Tomlin Slitter	2		Yes	£2,750.00	£2,750.00	£3,429.46	£3,429.46
Wessex RMX500 Batwing	2		Yes	£22,895.00	£45,790.00	£30,600.00	£61,200.00
Water Bowser	2		Yes	£1,500.00	£3,000.00	£1,762.00	£3,524.00
Ransomes TG4560 Hydraulic Gangs	2		Yes	£24,375.00	£48,750.00	£30,468.75	£60,937.50
Bomford Wren 3.5m	2		Yes	£8,565.05	£17,130.10	£9,953.00	£19,906.00
McConnell PA5455 Flail (Large)	1		Yes	£14,408.00	£14,408.00	£21,750.00	£21,750.00
Kubota M5 - 091 36*36 Gearbox	4	Yes	Yes	£33,955.00	£135,820.00	£39,999.00	£159,996.00
Case Farnall 95A	1	Yes	Yes	£36,450.00	£36,450.00	£45,000.00	£45,000.00
					£304,098.10		£375,742.96

The plant refresh items will come with a 1+ years warranty package but will require ongoing maintenance over the term of the capital payment period. This is estimated over 7 years.

Risks

There are various risks in the delivery of this scheme these are:

- Not supplying the plant equipment would compromise the grounds maintenance activities within the Borough for both scheduled and seasonal work. The service has standards it must achieve and by having the right equipment to perform the tasks is vital to maintaining those standards.
- The above items are vital to grass cutting, shrub and hedgerow maintenance which we perform on a schedule and seasonal.
- New equipment is more efficient and effective and will help the service increase productivity as the old equipment is less reliable and coming towards the end of its life cycle.

New Capital Budget Proposals 2025-26 to 2028-29

Project	**Capital Budget (£m)**	**25/26**	**26/27**	**27/28**	**28/29**	**Total**
Clifton Park Overflow Car Park and Event Space	Capital Expenditure	0.033	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.033
Directorate	Capital Funding (other than corporate resources)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Regeneration and Environment	**Net (Corporate Resources)**	**0.033**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.033**

Project Description

The Reytons concert at Clifton Park in 2024 showed that there was an appetite for well-run large scale events at Clifton Park and that this event could be built upon to provide economic advantage for the park, town centre, Borough and region.

The stage area and immediate environs did not stand up well to the deconstruction phase of the event owing to poor weather immediately after the event. The soft ground became churned up owing to heavy machinery and required reinstatement, which had a knock-on effect on parking income for the rest of the year. This remains a risk for future staged events. In normal operation, the space is used for summer overflow car parking so could be made more capable of providing a sustainable space through the construction of a grid and gravel parking system which would be able to bare the weight and traffic during construction, use and deconstruction phases of a staged event as well as normal parking operations.

Outputs and Outcomes

A reinforced car park system consisting of plastic cells containing pea gravel to provide a surface complementary to the Grade 2 listed park landscape as well as providing an area capable of being used for staging large scale events, and summer parking. This replaces the existing light weight grass reinforcing that is only suitable for summer overflow parking with light vehicles.

Financial Implications

The provision of an area suitable for staging large events has been shown to be required for the future. The Reytons event was shown to have provided an extra £1m to Rotherham's economy and £1.36m to South Yorkshire.

Once installed there are unlikely to be any ongoing maintenance costs and would provide some small-scale maintenance savings.

This bid contains a 10% contingency and a standard 15% management fee to ensure the impact and outcomes can be successfully delivered without requirement for further funding.

Risks
Risk of inflation in the project have been built into the project cost considerations. Not providing a sustainable surface may jeopardise any opportunity to build on the success of the 2024 Reytons concert. Car parking income at Clifton Park dropped by £40k in 2024, owing to the loss of parking spaces in the overflow car park due to surface reinstatement of the soft landscape.

New Capital Budget Proposals 2025-26 to 2028-29

Project	**Capital Budget (£m)**	**25/26**	**26/27**	**27/28**	**28/29**	**Total**
Green Spaces Capital Repairs Programme	Capital Expenditure	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.060	0.240
Directorate	Capital Funding (other than corporate resources)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Regeneration and Environment	**Net (Corporate Resources)**	**0.060**	**0.060**	**0.060**	**0.060**	**0.240**

Project Description

Green Spaces manages three Country Parks, 12 urban parks and 45 woodlands alongside smaller community pocket parks, the Council's tree stock and a range of play equipment. Whilst it is encouraging to see more residents spending time outdoors and active in line with the Cultural Strategy goals, it does bring increased pressure to the service in terms of managing the general maintenance and repair of sites.

Across the service maintenance and repair budgets are stretched and there are areas that have become worn through general wear and tear, weather damage or anti-social behaviour. Throughout the year the service also receives a high volume of Member and MP Casework from residents raising specific issues which could range from antisocial behaviour to off-road bikes. In each case a solution is found but brings an additional pressure to the revenue budgets as these enquiries cannot be predicted at the start of the year and can range in cost from £500 up to £5,000 for new gates, fencing, boulders and tree management. As there is no allocated budget to support this work the service has on occasion been unable to provide a solution to these issues.

Outputs and Outcomes

Capital investment in previous years has provided the service a budget to undertake a programme of general maintenance and repair across its portfolio including:

- Replacement of worn fencing
- Replacement of rusted gates
- Proactive management of trees and hedges
- Replacement of pavements
- Repair of damage across sites caused by weather, wear and tear and antisocial behaviour
- Small scale local improvements

In addition to the programme of proactive maintenance this investment will also create an opportunity for the service to respond to reactive casework from Members and MPs to support enquiries and issues raised by residents. These requests are in the majority of cases for physical improvements to prevent or discourage anti-social behaviour affecting residents in a specific ward. The service would like to be able to respond more favourably to more of these requests as relatively small investments can significantly improve the quality of life for residents.

The investment meets a number of needs for Rotherham residents, with the focus on local people feeling more connected to their community and that people trust the Council to deliver on its commitments as well as developing a positive environment.
Financial Implications
Green Spaces does not have specific budgets for casework requests, and maintenance and repair budgets only allow for the very minimum of works to be undertaken to make sites safe rather than to proactively care for these sites. The financial implication of this is a pressure on Revenue budgets each year across the service. Capital investment would allow the service to not only reduce this revenue pressure, but to also proactively maintain sites which is likely to reduce the volume of requests from casework, further reducing the likelihood of a pressure on revenue budgets.
Risks
Not investing in casework support could have the following risks: • Reduced physical and mental health of people living adjacent to affected green spaces. • Increased crime levels in residential neighbourhoods. • Reduced property values • Weaker community cohesion. • Reputational damage to the Council • Loss of confidence from investors and funding bodies • Loss of accreditation e.g. Green Flag Award

New Capital Budget Proposals 2025-26 to 2028-29

Project	**Capital Budget (£m)**	**25/26**	**26/27**	**27/28**	**28/29**	**Total**
Investment in Community Facilities	Capital Expenditure	0.300	0.300	0.000	0.000	0.600
Directorate	Capital Funding (other than corporate resources)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Finance and Customer Services	**Net (Corporate Resources)**	**0.300**	**0.300**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.600**

Project Description

The Council currently owns a number of Community Facilities across the Borough that are either directly operated by Council Services or are operated by the Third Sector. These facilities support a range of community activities which include, but are not limited to: youth clubs, healthy eating clubs, community meetings, sports and recreation activities for various groups, centres for adults with learning disabilities and Autism, Friends Groups and Local History Groups.

The project will be to identify Community Facilities that are already in use but would benefit from investment to sustain and increase the participation, community activities and engagement within those facilities. Through working with the Property and the Neighbourhoods teams a number of facilities have already been identified that would benefit from investment. However additional buildings are being reviewed across the Borough to determine a broader and more planned approach to investment in the Council's Community Facilities.

Those already identified include:

The Black Hut – improvements to the building to bring it up to full compliance and including repair to dance/meeting room floor, roof work, external windows and general decorations. Improvements to access to ensure DDA (Equality Act) compliance.

Oaklea Retreat – internal and external works to include signage, decoration and rainwater goods, refurbishment of rooms within the building, opening up better usage and greater space. Improvements to access to ensure DDA (Equality Act) compliance.

Clifton Learning Centre – Replacement windows, signage and decorations, Repairs to paths and carparking areas, improvements to access to ensure DDA (Equality Act) compliance.

The Meeting Place (at Wingfield) - General improvements across the building, including painting signage and Net Zero works.

Artworks, Brook Hill – Investment in the external appearance of the building, rainwater goods, sound proofing and Net Zero improvements.

All schemes will include improvements that will support the Council's Carbon Net Zero targets, through the provision of LED lighting and roof and wall insulation.

As mentioned further facilities are currently being reviewed and this will filter into the project plan of works, subject to funding. A further review of buildings will also be carried out over the next 12 months, and a more detailed long term investment plan will be produced from 2027/28 onwards.

Outputs and Outcomes

The project will deliver against a number of outcomes include ward priorities:

- *Improvements to community facilities and expansion of activities for local residents*
- *Addressing Environmental Issues and Making Good Use of Green Spaces/Community Assets for Everyone*
- *Support Opportunities for Bringing People Together,*
- *Enhancing Community Spirit and Support the Communities and its Groups to Thrive*
- *Supporting your community*
- *Improve facilities for young people and their quality of life*
- *Improving the environment and enhancing community facilities*

By improving the Council's Community Facilities, it will ensure that the buildings are fit for purpose and compliant and continue to deliver key services to our residents across the Borough. The planned work will also include a series of Net Zero improvements which will assist the Council in meeting its Net Zero 2030 and 2040 targets.

Financial Implications

The buildings identified (community buildings) are either owned and operated by the Council or leased out to charity or community groups. In both cases there is no rental income generated.

Once completed, the buildings that are leased, will require the tenants to continue to maintain and manage those buildings at their own cost. Where those buildings are operated by the Council, the operating cost will not increase but are likely to reduce where net Zero Measures are completed.

Risks

Through review and survey of buildings it could be identified that some buildings require more investment than required. Where this is the case, priority will be given to structural or/and compliance work.

The budget is finite, and not all buildings will be able to benefit from the investment being made, a wider programme of investment will be identified through following years, subject to funds.

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Capital Programme General Fund 2024/25 to 2028/29

Directorate	Current Year Budget (£)	2025/26 Budget (£)	2026/27 Budget (£)	2027/28 Budget (£)	2028/29 Budget (£)	Total Project Budget (£)
Adult Care & Housing	8,997,772	12,922,631	5,523,540	9,568,596	6,087,280	43,099,819
Assistant Chief Executive	339,657	210,040	210,040	210,040	210,040	1,179,817
Children & Young Peoples Serv	7,746,164	22,011,474	6,360,000	7,069,757	6,210,000	49,397,395
Finance & Customer Services	20,356,849	17,822,058	7,888,692	6,147,844	17,357,937	69,573,380
Regeneration & Environment	77,694,761	116,084,273	31,007,216	7,781,300	6,131,300	238,698,850
Total	**115,135,203**	**169,050,476**	**50,989,488**	**30,777,537**	**35,996,557**	**401,949,261**

Funding:

Funding Stream	Current Year Budget (£)	2025/26 Budget (£)	2026/27 Budget (£)	2027/28 Budget (£)	2028/29 Budget (£)	Total Project Budget (£)
2) Capital Receipts GF	0	58,951	0	0	0	58,951
3) Capital Receipts HRA	0	450,000	0	0	0	450,000
4) Grants and Contributions	59,709,682	89,533,417	18,128,290	7,469,697	7,627,280	182,468,366
6) Revenue Contributions	134,000	137,000	140,000	143,000	146,000	700,000
7) Unsupported Borrowing-C	40,873,537	71,016,428	28,803,820	21,316,640	25,823,881	187,834,306
8) Unsupported Borrowing-S	14,417,984	7,854,680	3,917,378	1,848,200	2,399,396	30,437,638
Total	**115,135,203**	**169,050,476**	**50,989,488**	**30,777,537**	**35,996,557**	**401,949,261**

Capital Programme General Fund 2024/25 to 2028/29

Directorate	Service	Service Area	Sub Service	Project	Current Year Budget (£)	2025/26 Budget (£)	2026/27 Budget (£)	2027/28 Budget (£)	2028/29 Budget (£)	Total Project Budget (£)
Adult Care & Housing	Adult Services	Adult Services	Assistive Technology	Assistive Technology Equipment	680,000	680,000	680,000	680,000	0	2,720,000
				Rothercare Digital Switchover	675,000	1,025,000	0	0	0	1,700,000
				Sub-Service Total	**1,355,000**	**1,705,000**	**680,000**	**680,000**	**0**	**4,420,000**
			Extra Care Housing	Castle View Adult Care Units	762,828	1,934,873	19,725	0	0	2,717,426
				Castle View Day Care Centre	2,011,856	4,463,958	76,815	0	0	6,552,629
				LD accommodation	0	0	0	4,141,596	0	4,141,596
				Sub-Service Total	**2,774,684**	**6,398,831**	**96,540**	**4,141,596**	**0**	**13,411,651**
			REWS Equipment	REWS Capital	190,000	190,000	190,000	190,000	0	760,000
				Sub-Service Total	**190,000**	**190,000**	**190,000**	**190,000**	**0**	**760,000**
			Specialist Equipment	Webroster & associated equipmt	21,553	0	0	0	0	21,553
				Sub-Service Total	**21,553**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**21,553**
			Service Area Total		**4,341,237**	**8,293,831**	**966,540**	**5,011,596**	**0**	**18,613,204**
		Service Total			**4,341,237**	**8,293,831**	**966,540**	**5,011,596**	**0**	**18,613,204**
	Neighbourhood Capital Programm	Fair Access to All	Aids and Adaptations (Private	Adapts - LOT1 - Private Majr	550,000	0	0	0	0	550,000
				Adapts - LOT1 - Private Minr	280,000	0	0	0	0	280,000
				Adapts - LOT2 - Private Majr	450,000	0	0	0	0	450,000
				Adapts - LOT2 - Private Minr	250,000	0	0	0	0	250,000
				Adapts - OTHERS - Private Majr	630,000	0	0	0	0	630,000
				Adapts Extensions PRIVATES	637,000	0	0	0	0	637,000
				Private Adaps Bud Unall	0	2,797,000	2,797,000	2,797,000	2,797,000	11,188,000
				Sub-Service Total	**2,797,000**	**2,797,000**	**2,797,000**	**2,797,000**	**2,797,000**	**13,985,000**
			Service Area Total		**2,797,000**	**2,797,000**	**2,797,000**	**2,797,000**	**2,797,000**	**13,985,000**
		Neighbourood Regeneration & Re	Affordable Housing	Warden St Leasehold Titles	99,535	0	0	0	0	99,535
				Sub-Service Total	**99,535**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**99,535**
			HRA Non Dwellings	HRA Play Areas	80,000	80,000	0	0	0	160,000
				Sub-Service Total	**80,000**	**80,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**160,000**
			Monksbridge Demolition	Monksbridge, Dinnington	0	71,800	0	0	0	71,800
				Sub-Service Total	**0**	**71,800**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**71,800**
			Service Area Total		**99,535**	**71,800**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**331,335**
		Service Total			**2,896,535**	**2,868,800**	**2,797,000**	**2,797,000**	**2,797,000**	**14,476,335**
	Neighbourhood Improvements - N	Neighbourhood Improvements Non	Furnished Homes CPTL	Furnished Homes New CPTL	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	8,000,000
				Furnished Homes Replace CPTL	160,000	160,000	160,000	160,000	160,000	800,000
				Sub-Service Total	**1,760,000**	**1,760,000**	**1,760,000**	**1,760,000**	**1,760,000**	**8,800,000**
			N'bourhood Grants Unallocated	N'Hoods Grants Unallocated	0	0	0	0	1,530,280	1,530,280
				Sub-Service Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,530,280**	**1,530,280**
			Service Area Total		**1,760,000**	**1,760,000**	**1,760,000**	**1,760,000**	**3,290,280**	**10,330,280**
		Service Total			**1,760,000**	**1,760,000**	**1,760,000**	**1,760,000**	**3,290,280**	**10,330,280**
	Directorate Total				**8,997,772**	**12,922,631**	**5,523,540**	**9,568,596**	**6,087,280**	**43,099,819**
Assistant Chief Executive	Assistant Chief Exec	Assistant Chief Exec	Assistant Chief Exec	Aston & Todwick	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	35,600
				Aughton & Swallownest	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	35,600
				Bramley & Ravenfeild	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	35,600
				Brinsworth	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	35,600
				Capt'l Inv't Ward Anst wdsetts	10,680	10,680	10,680	10,680	10,680	53,400
				Capt'l Inv't-Ward - Bostn Ctle	10,680	10,680	10,680	10,680	10,680	53,400
				Capt'l Inv't-Ward - Dinnington	10,680	10,680	10,680	10,680	10,680	53,400
				Capt'l Inv't-Ward - Hoober	10,680	10,680	10,680	10,680	10,680	53,400
				Capt'l Inv't-Ward - Keppel	10,680	10,680	10,680	10,680	10,680	53,400
				Capt'l Inv't-Ward - Roth East	10,680	10,680	10,680	10,680	10,680	53,400
				Capt'l Inv't-Ward - Roth West	10,680	10,680	10,680	10,680	10,680	53,400
				Capt'l Inv't-Ward - RotherVale	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	35,600
				Capt'l Inv't-Ward - Sitwell	10,680	10,680	10,680	10,680	10,680	53,400

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Directorate	Service	Service Area	Sub Service	Project	Current Year Budget (£)	2025/26 Budget (£)	2026/27 Budget (£)	2027/28 Budget (£)	2028/29 Budget (£)	Total Project Budget (£)
				Capt'l Inv't-Ward - Wales	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	35,600
				Capt'l Inv't-Ward - Wath	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	35,600
				Dalton & Thrybergh	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	35,600
				Greasborough	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	35,600
				Hellaby & Maltby West	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	35,600
				Hoober CIL	10,710	0	0	0	0	10,710
				Keppel - CIL	101,050	0	0	0	0	101,050
				Kilnhurst & Swinton East	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	35,600
				Maltby East	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	35,600
				Rawmarsh East	6,312	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	34,792
				Rawmarsh West	6,312	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	34,792
				Rotherham East - CIL	3,000	0	0	0	0	3,000
				Swinton Rockingham	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	35,600
				Thurcroft & Wickersley South	7,411	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	35,891
				Wickersley North	10,680	10,680	10,680	10,680	10,680	53,400
				Sub-Service Total	**323,475**	**210,040**	**210,040**	**210,040**	**210,040**	**1,163,635**
			Service Area Total		**323,475**	**210,040**	**210,040**	**210,040**	**210,040**	**1,163,635**
		Service Total			**323,475**	**210,040**	**210,040**	**210,040**	**210,040**	**1,163,635**
	Democratic Services	Democratic Services	Democratic Services	Badsley More Lane Pr Comm Hub	16,182	0	0	0	0	16,182
				Sub-Service Total	**16,182**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**16,182**
			Service Area Total		**16,182**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**16,182**
		Service Total			**16,182**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**16,182**
	Directorate Total				**339,657**	**210,040**	**210,040**	**210,040**	**210,040**	**1,179,817**
Children & Young Peoples Serv	CYPS - RMBC	Other CYPS	Children & Families	Adaptations - Foster Care	640,000	726,778	640,000	997,060	640,000	3,643,838
				CYPS RESI DFE PH IV Osprey	36,794	0	0	0	0	36,794
				CYPS RESI DFE PH IV Rowan	634,159	0	0	0	0	634,159
				CYPS Resi Home Unallocated	0	188,645	0	0	0	188,645
				CYPS RESI PH II Middle Lane	150,000	0	0	0	0	150,000
				CYPS RESI PH III Sitwell	21,331	0	0	0	0	21,331
				CYPS RESI PH III Walnut Drive	15,000	147,010	0	0	0	162,010
				CYPS RESI PH III-Mair Ct, Mgte	527,019	0	0	0	0	527,019
				CYPS RESI PH III-Woodclose, Ra	513,509	0	0	0	0	513,509
				Family Hub & Start for Life	62,626	0	0	0	0	62,626
				In House Chld's Resi-vehicles	0	140,000	0	0	0	140,000
				In House Resi Complex Needs	0	378,000	0	0	0	378,000
				Wraparound Childcare grants	335,000	203,652	0	0	0	538,652
				Sub-Service Total	**2,935,438**	**1,784,085**	**640,000**	**997,060**	**640,000**	**6,996,583**
			Service Area Total		**2,935,438**	**1,784,085**	**640,000**	**997,060**	**640,000**	**6,996,583**
		Schools	Schools - Capitalised Enh	Badsley Moor PR New Boiler	18,000	160,708	0	0	0	178,708
				Blackburn Pr Fire Alarm	3,143	0	0	0	0	3,143
				Bramley S'side Fire Alarm	4,553	0	0	0	0	4,553
				Bramley S'side Jnr Sch Ceiling	26,312	0	0	0	0	26,312
				Brinsworth Manor Fence& Access	37,884	0	0	0	0	37,884
				Broom Valley Concrete rep ph 2	95,000	0	0	0	0	95,000
				Broom Valley Pri Concrete Rep	80,611	0	0	0	0	80,611
				Capitalised Enhancements Unall	4,093	261,534	300,000	253,030	150,000	968,657
				CEN Asbestos removal works	20,405	0	0	0	0	20,405
				CEN FWT Remedials CNTL CPTL	40,000	0	0	0	0	40,000
				Eastwood Village Latent Defect	0	127,748	0	0	0	127,748
				Hutton Park Roof Repairs	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000
				Minor Works Less than £10,000	15,069	15,000	0	0	0	30,069
				Newman Drainage Imps	6,823	0	0	0	0	6,823
				RACC Inspection&remedial work	330	0	0	0	0	330
				Rawmarsh Aspire Partia reroof	75,000	0	0	0	0	75,000

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Directorate	Service	Service Area	Sub Service	Project	Current Year Budget (£)	2025/26 Budget (£)	2026/27 Budget (£)	2027/28 Budget (£)	2028/29 Budget (£)	Total Project Budget (£)
				Rawmarsh Aspire Pru New boiler	0	43,950	0	0	0	43,950
				Rawmarsh Thorogate New bolier	478	0	0	0	0	478
				R'hillFenc,Drainage,SportsHall	91,596	0	0	0	0	91,596
				Todwick Pri Fencing	6,977	0	0	0	0	6,977
				Wales Primary Fire Safety imps	15,000	0	0	0	0	15,000
				Wales Priy Sch - Fence car par	9,200	0	0	0	0	9,200
				Sub-Service Total	**560,474**	**608,940**	**300,000**	**253,030**	**150,000**	**1,872,444**
			Schools - Prims - Major	Waverley Jnr Primary Sch Ph II	1,872,195	654,382	0	0	0	2,526,577
				Waverley New Primary School	39,765	0	0	0	0	39,765
				Sub-Service Total	**1,911,960**	**654,382**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2,566,342**
			Schools - Secs - Major	Brinsworth Acd- add places	0	1,686,731	0	0	0	1,686,731
				Maltby Academy-Contrib	37,388	0	0	0	0	37,388
				Secondary BUDGET UNALLOC	0	3,770,778	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	6,770,778
				Sub-Service Total	**37,388**	**5,457,509**	**1,000,000**	**1,000,000**	**1,000,000**	**8,494,897**
			Schools - Spcls - Major	SEND PH III Dinnington Adaptat	3,414	0	0	0	0	3,414
				SEND Ph IV - Brin Acad Res Cen	0	399,850	0	0	0	399,850
				SEND Ph IV - Dinn Sec Res Cen	0	399,850	0	0	0	399,850
				SEND Ph IV - Maltby Res Cen	316,440	0	0	0	0	316,440
				SEND Ph IV - Resource Centres	0	456,324	0	0	0	456,324
				SEND Ph IV - St Pius Res Cen	0	386,760	0	0	0	386,760
				SEND Ph IV - Thurcroft Res Cen	217,928	0	0	0	0	217,928
				SEND Ph IV - Wales Res Cen	0	404,763	0	0	0	404,763
				SEND Ph IV - W'hill Res Cen	386,760	0	0	0	0	386,760
				SEND Ph IV- Mainstream Sch Acc	532,277	961,000	0	0	0	1,493,277
				SEND Ph IV Newman Lower School	0	2,516,000	0	0	0	2,516,000
				SEND Ph IV- Special Sch Acc	444,000	449,779	0	0	0	893,779
				SEND Ph IV -Whitehall Res Cen	151,296	0	0	0	0	151,296
				SNED Ph III Newman Upper Schoo	72,144	0	0	0	0	72,144
				Special BUDGET UNALLOC	0	2,140,095	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	8,140,095
				Sub-Service Total	**2,124,259**	**8,114,421**	**2,000,000**	**2,000,000**	**2,000,000**	**16,238,680**
			Schools PFI Life Cycle Program	Schools PFI Life Cycle Program	0	5,242,137	2,270,000	2,270,000	2,270,000	12,052,137
				Sub-Service Total	**0**	**5,242,137**	**2,270,000**	**2,270,000**	**2,270,000**	**12,052,137**
			Service Area Total		**4,634,081**	**20,077,389**	**5,570,000**	**5,523,030**	**5,420,000**	**41,224,500**
		Service Total			**7,569,519**	**21,861,474**	**6,210,000**	**6,520,090**	**6,060,000**	**48,221,083**
	DFC	DFC - RMBC	DFC - RMBC all	DFCG Unallocated	176,645	150,000	150,000	549,667	150,000	1,176,312
				Sub-Service Total	**176,645**	**150,000**	**150,000**	**549,667**	**150,000**	**1,176,312**
			Service Area Total		**176,645**	**150,000**	**150,000**	**549,667**	**150,000**	**1,176,312**
		Service Total			**176,645**	**150,000**	**150,000**	**549,667**	**150,000**	**1,176,312**
	Directorate Total				**7,746,164**	**22,011,474**	**6,360,000**	**7,069,757**	**6,210,000**	**49,397,395**
Finance & Customer Services	Bereavement Services	Bereavement Services	Bereavement Services	Bereavement Services Invest'nt	8,255	0	0	0	0	8,255
				Independent Expert Review	20,000	0	0	0	0	20,000
				Install Benches Various sites	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000
				Maltby Cemetery Lychgate	4,867	0	0	0	0	4,867
				R'marsh Gr'brough Ln Cem Fence	10,587	0	0	0	0	10,587
				R'marsh High St Ln Cem Fence	5,937	0	0	0	0	5,937
				Sub-Service Total	**59,646**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**59,646**
			Service Area Total		**59,646**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**59,646**
		Service Total			**59,646**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**59,646**
	F&CS (DUMMY)	F&CS	F&CS - REFCUS	Capital Inflation Contingency	0	0	0	0	11,382,937	11,382,937
				Sub-Service Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**11,382,937**	**11,382,937**
			Service Area Total		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**11,382,937**	**11,382,937**
		Service Total			**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**11,382,937**	**11,382,937**
	ICT	ICT 2	ICT 2	Archives & Studies D'tal Upgra	22,000	0	0	0	0	22,000
				Comm Safe&SS-Cust &DigitalPlan	70,000	675,000	0	0	0	745,000

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Directorate	Service	Service Area	Sub Service	Project	Current Year Budget (£)	2025/26 Budget (£)	2026/27 Budget (£)	2027/28 Budget (£)	2028/29 Budget (£)	Total Project Budget (£)
				Education System Replacement	0	1,140,000	645,000	0	0	1,785,000
				Finl Systms Upgrdes-ICT2	341,208	1,550,000	750,000	0	0	2,641,208
				Fleet of MFD printers	45,000	54,635	0	76,500	0	176,135
				HR System Replacement	0	0	0	500,000	1,000,000	1,500,000
				HR System Upgrades-ICT2	282,206	0	0	0	0	282,206
				Sub-Service Total	**760,414**	**3,419,635**	**1,395,000**	**576,500**	**1,000,000**	**7,151,549**
			Service Area Total		**760,414**	**3,419,635**	**1,395,000**	**576,500**	**1,000,000**	**7,151,549**
		ICT Refresh	ICT Refresh	Computer Refresh	1,150,000	1,518,119	910,000	910,000	910,000	5,398,119
				EDRMS Roll Out	40,000	45,000	0	0	0	85,000
				Hybrid Cloud Computing	0	1,808,951	0	0	0	1,808,951
				ICT Digital Strategy	398,303	1,101,697	800,000	1,296,344	700,000	4,296,344
				Libraries Network	600	140,245	0	0	0	140,845
				Network Equipment Refresh Proj	720,000	568,412	448,692	630,000	630,000	2,997,104
				Replacement of server equip	9,000	943,105	950,000	650,000	650,000	3,202,105
				Sub-Service Total	**2,317,903**	**6,125,529**	**3,108,692**	**3,486,344**	**2,890,000**	**17,928,468**
			Service Area Total		**2,317,903**	**6,125,529**	**3,108,692**	**3,486,344**	**2,890,000**	**17,928,468**
		Service Total			**3,078,317**	**9,545,164**	**4,503,692**	**4,062,844**	**3,890,000**	**25,080,017**
	Property & Facilities	Corp Property Unit	Corporate Property Cap Proj	AllSaintsChurchPathways	34,725	0	0	0	0	34,725
				Aston JSC Air Conditioning	194,000	0	0	0	0	194,000
				Bailey House Condition+	59,028	0	0	0	0	59,028
				Bailey Hse Extnl Works &Lights	267,418	0	0	0	0	267,418
				Barbers Avenue Security Works	5,490	0	0	0	0	5,490
				Barbot Hall Ind	2,500	0	0	0	0	2,500
				BarbotHallIndEst-Cliff face	50,345	0	0	0	0	50,345
				Building Decarbonisation	5,138,617	4,200,000	0	0	0	9,338,617
				C' Theatre LED StageLighting R	0	64,000	0	0	0	64,000
				C.Theatre - Flat Roof Repairs	195,000	0	0	0	0	195,000
				ChathamVillas1,2,3-W'dows/Roof	138,552	0	0	0	0	138,552
				CliftonParkMuseum-BuildWork	56,499	0	0	0	0	56,499
				CliftonParkMuseum-FireAlarm	72,225	0	0	0	0	72,225
				CliftonParkMuseum-Replace Hsys	30,000	0	0	0	0	30,000
				Commercial Property Cap	406,677	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	706,677
				Community Facilities	0	300,000	300,000	0	0	600,000
				Conway Crescent (Canopy)	3,979	0	0	0	0	3,979
				Corp Landlord Furn. Replacem.	89,765	0	0	0	0	89,765
				Cranworth Hse Structural Works	0	49,311	0	0	0	49,311
				Crowden - OutdoorStorageR'ment	97,587	0	0	0	0	97,587
				Customer Digitalisation - AM	81,960	0	0	0	0	81,960
				Davies Court - Kitchenettes	76,656	0	0	0	0	76,656
				Davies Court Fire Alarm	60,000	0	0	0	0	60,000
				Davies Court New Curtains	60,000	0	0	0	0	60,000
				Demo of units 86-102 Wellgate	397,545	0	0	0	0	397,545
				Electric Vehicle Charge Infras	250,000	1,040,000	0	0	0	1,290,000
				ElecVeh ChargingInfraExpansion	748,574	162,912	0	0	0	911,486
				Energy Saving Measure (B)	0	205,201	0	0	0	205,201
				Eric Manns New Boiler	80,000	0	0	0	0	80,000
				Hellaby depot floor décor &oil	64,687	0	0	0	0	64,687
				Kimberworth The Place Air cond	118,491	0	0	0	0	118,491
				Kiveton Park CCTV	8,000	0	0	0	0	8,000
				Kiveton Pk Security DepotWorks	40,000	0	0	0	0	40,000
				LA Energy Saving Measures-(A)	82,044	0	0	0	0	82,044
				Lord Hardy Court - Windows	319,707	0	0	0	0	319,707
				Miscellaneous Minor Works	250,000	0	0	0	0	250,000
				Moorgate Crofts- Roof Repairs	346,528	0	0	0	0	346,528
				MowbrayGarden Library Openplus	3,000	0	0	0	0	3,000

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Directorate	Service	Service Area	Sub Service	Project	Current Year Budget (£)	2025/26 Budget (£)	2026/27 Budget (£)	2027/28 Budget (£)	2028/29 Budget (£)	Total Project Budget (£)
				Munsbro DO - Fire Alarm/Roof	885	0	0	0	0	885
				Oaks Day Centre Demo	3,800	0	0	0	0	3,800
				Oaks Lane Depot Security	32,000	0	0	0	0	32,000
				Ops Buildings Cap Inv	1,473,091	210,000	2,010,000	2,010,000	2,010,000	7,713,091
				Rawmarsh FireDoors	5,730	0	0	0	0	5,730
				Renewable Energy Proof of Conc	31	970,470	0	0	0	970,501
				Riverside Replacement of UPS	17,419	0	0	0	0	17,419
				Rockingham PDC FireAlarm	3,596	0	0	0	0	3,596
				Rother Valley - Toilet Upgrade	85,984	0	0	0	0	85,984
				RsideHouse Furniture Replacemt	11,239	0	0	0	0	11,239
				R'sideHouse-Fire Stopping	119,231	0	0	0	0	119,231
				RsideHse-FM200GasSupCanisters	18,000	0	0	0	0	18,000
				RVCP - CCTV Cameras	24,428	0	0	0	0	24,428
				RVCP - Replacement Windows	5,382	0	0	0	0	5,382
				Signage	25,313	0	0	0	0	25,313
				StHelensTreetonChurchyard-Path	34,000	0	0	0	0	34,000
				StLeonardChurch Din-Bound Wall	24,373	0	0	0	0	24,373
				Strategic Acquisitions Fund	1,416,421	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	0	3,416,421
				Swinton Community Centre Roof	40,784	0	0	0	0	40,784
				Swinton TC Development	7,626	0	0	0	0	7,626
				Townhall replacement projector	21,586	0	0	0	0	21,586
				Vic Park-Drainage	50,000	0	0	0	0	50,000
				Walesw'd C'vanPark ReplaceDoor	6,464	0	0	0	0	6,464
				Walesw'd C'vanPitch Repairs	33,289	0	0	0	0	33,289
				WaleswoodCvanPark - subsidence	79,012	0	0	0	0	79,012
				Waverley Medical Centre	3,720,780	0	0	0	0	3,720,780
				Wellgate Retaining Wall	124,337	0	0	0	0	124,337
				WIFICorpLandlordBldgs-wiring	4,486	0	0	0	0	4,486
				Sub-Service Total	**17,218,886**	**8,276,894**	**3,385,000**	**2,085,000**	**2,085,000**	**33,050,780**
			Service Area Total		**17,218,886**	**8,276,894**	**3,385,000**	**2,085,000**	**2,085,000**	**33,050,780**
		Service Total			**17,218,886**	**8,276,894**	**3,385,000**	**2,085,000**	**2,085,000**	**33,050,780**
	Directorate Total				**20,356,849**	**17,822,058**	**7,888,692**	**6,147,844**	**17,357,937**	**69,573,380**
Regeneration & Environment	Community Safety &Street Scene	Comm Safety Resilience & EP	Comm Safety Resilience & EP	CCTV Upgrade&EnhanceCapabilty	105,594	0	0	0	0	105,594
				Rural Fly Tipping measures	11,372	0	0	0	0	11,372
				Sub-Service Total	**116,966**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**116,966**
			Service Area Total		**116,966**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**116,966**
		Network Management	Drainage	Catcliffe Pumping Station	630,736	0	0	0	0	630,736
				Culverts Renewal Programme	64,282	0	0	0	0	64,282
				Highway Drainage Repairs	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	0	1,200,000
				Minor Works Schemes - Drainage	13,024	0	0	0	0	13,024
				Parkgate & Rawmarsh FAS	1,615,478	0	0	0	0	1,615,478
				Roth Ren. and Kilnhurst FAS	459,533	0	0	0	0	459,533
				Unallocated Flood Alleviation	289,999	8,550,000	2,100,000	1,150,000	4,000,000	16,089,999
				Whiston FAS	597,165	0	0	0	0	597,165
				Sub-Service Total	**3,970,217**	**8,850,000**	**2,400,000**	**1,450,000**	**4,000,000**	**20,670,217**
			Highways Delivery	2020-2024 RoadsProgramme £24m	4,624,592	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	0	13,624,592
				Additional Pothole Funding	687,993	0	0	0	0	687,993
				Cap Rights of way	46,059	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000	182,059
				Capitalisation Carriageways	547,244	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	2,547,244
				DfT LTP CarriagewayResurfacing	4,160,757	3,342,800	0	0	0	7,503,557
				DFT Pothole Grant	396,542	0	0	0	0	396,542
				Multi Hog Works	304,322	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	1,504,322
				Network North Fund	1,161,992	0	0	0	0	1,161,992
				Pavement Improvements	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	0	4,800,000

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				Pothole Funding 21/22	221,850	0	0	0	0	221,850
				Sub-Service Total	**13,351,351**	**8,376,800**	**5,034,000**	**5,034,000**	**834,000**	**32,630,151**
			Parking Services	Wellgate Cpark Ret. Wall	34,260	0	0	0	0	34,260
				Sub-Service Total	**34,260**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**34,260**
			Street Lighting	Cap benches signs bollards	81,327	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	381,327
				Capitalisation Lighting	720,952	920,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	2,090,952
				Replace Obsolete Strt Lighting	45,353	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	205,353
				St Lighting LTP 15/16 - 19/20	241,484	230,800	0	0	0	472,284
				Sub-Service Total	**1,089,116**	**1,265,800**	**265,000**	**265,000**	**265,000**	**3,149,916**
			Service Area Total		**18,444,944**	**18,492,600**	**7,699,000**	**6,749,000**	**5,099,000**	**56,484,544**
		Regulation & Enforcement	Regulation & Enforcement	Carhill Landfill Site	45,000	0	0	0	0	45,000
				Sub-Service Total	**45,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**45,000**
			Service Area Total		**45,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**45,000**
		Street Scene Services	Community Delivery	Addit'nal ZonalCleansingVehs	210,000	0	0	0	0	210,000
				Cap damaged litter bins	109,600	85,600	85,600	85,600	85,600	452,000
				Equipment & Bins	4,224	0	0	0	0	4,224
				Handheld Equip Grounds M'ten	6,892	0	0	0	0	6,892
				Plant Equipment Refresh G&S	1,365,567	375,000	0	0	0	1,740,567
				Street Scene - Zonal Working	114,750	0	0	0	0	114,750
				Street Scene Equip / Vehicles	171,178	0	0	0	0	171,178
				Sub-Service Total	**1,982,211**	**460,600**	**85,600**	**85,600**	**85,600**	**2,699,611**
			Corporate Transport	Fleet Asset Improvements	660,000	0	0	0	0	660,000
				Fleet Mgt System	30,309	18,000	0	0	0	48,309
				Fleet Mgt Vehicle Purchase	38,174	7,520,362	4,145,678	0	0	11,704,214
				Route Optimisation - ITS	78,300	11,700	11,700	11,700	11,700	125,100
				Sub-Service Total	**806,783**	**7,550,062**	**4,157,378**	**11,700**	**11,700**	**12,537,623**
			Waste Management	Bins	558,145	375,000	375,000	375,000	375,000	2,058,145
				H'hold Waste Rec Cents-Valves	13,686	0	0	0	0	13,686
				HWRCs	250,000	100,000	829,533	0	0	1,179,533
				Narrow Access Vehicles Waste	326,298	0	0	0	0	326,298
				Sub-Service Total	**1,148,129**	**475,000**	**1,204,533**	**375,000**	**375,000**	**3,577,662**
			Service Area Total		**3,937,123**	**8,485,662**	**5,447,511**	**472,300**	**472,300**	**18,814,896**
		Service Total			**22,544,033**	**26,978,262**	**13,146,511**	**7,221,300**	**5,571,300**	**75,461,406**
	Culture, Sport & Tourism	Creative Prog and Engagement	Green Spaces	Ash Dieback Mitigation - Trees	80,000	420,000	500,000	0	0	1,000,000
				Barkers Park Changing Rooms Re	0	9,779	0	0	0	9,779
				BoroughWide Tree Planting Prog	103,749	0	0	0	0	103,749
				Clifton Park Watersplash Repla	15,000	885,000	0	0	0	900,000
				CliftonPark GardenBldg Bar-ITS	0	25,000	0	0	0	25,000
				Coronation Park Play Equip	32,471	0	0	0	0	32,471
				Country Parks Bun Code	0	96,000	0	0	0	96,000
				Green Spaces Bun Code	0	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	240,000
				Play Equip Replacement Prog	60,000	628,190	258,000	0	0	946,190
				RM&Casework-Parks & Green Sp	83,878	0	0	0	0	83,878
				RVCP Automated Parking	77,093	0	0	0	0	77,093
				RVCP Safety Boats	2,200	0	0	0	0	2,200
				Strathmore Gardens	10,605	0	0	0	0	10,605
				Thrybergh CP Paths Improvement	100,000	225,000	0	0	0	325,000
				Treeton St Helen Church Yard	632,569	0	0	0	0	632,569
				Ulley CP - Club House	50,000	191,319	0	0	0	241,319
				Sub-Service Total	**1,247,565**	**2,540,288**	**818,000**	**60,000**	**60,000**	**4,725,853**
			Heritage Services	Keppel's Column Preservation	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000
				Waterloo Kiln Preservation	228,189	0	0	0	0	228,189
				Sub-Service Total	**238,189**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**238,189**
			Service Area Total		**1,485,754**	**2,540,288**	**818,000**	**60,000**	**60,000**	**4,964,042**

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Directorate	Service	Service Area	Sub Service	Project	Current Year Budget (£)	2025/26 Budget (£)	2026/27 Budget (£)	2027/28 Budget (£)	2028/29 Budget (£)	Total Project Budget (£)
		Ops and Business Transformatio	Libraries	Lib&NeighHub-Kiveton Park Lib	0	1,281	0	0	0	1,281
				Lib&NeighHub-Mowbray Lib	0	1,035	0	0	0	1,035
				Lib&NeighHub-Swinton Lib	4,886	10,716	0	0	0	15,602
				Lib&NeighHub-ThorpeHesley Lib	0	118,915	0	0	0	118,915
				Lib&NeighHub-Thurcroft Lib	0	13,612	0	0	0	13,612
				Lib&NeighHub-Wath Lib&NeighHub	0	4,299	0	0	0	4,299
				Sub-Service Total	**4,886**	**149,858**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**154,744**
			Service Area Total		**4,886**	**149,858**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**154,744**
		Projects and Partnerships	Leisure and Sport	Leisure PFI lifecycle	811,080	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	2,811,080
				Sub-Service Total	**811,080**	**500,000**	**500,000**	**500,000**	**500,000**	**2,811,080**
			Service Area Total		**811,080**	**500,000**	**500,000**	**500,000**	**500,000**	**2,811,080**
		Service Total			**2,301,720**	**3,190,146**	**1,318,000**	**560,000**	**560,000**	**7,929,866**
	Planning, Regen & Transport	Changing Places Fund	Changing Places Fund	Clifton Park Museum CPF	49,332	0	0	0	0	49,332
				Gullivers Valley CPF	1,359	0	0	0	0	1,359
				Magna CPF	6,225	0	0	0	0	6,225
				RUFC CPF	8,333	0	0	0	0	8,333
				RVCP CPF	57,650	0	0	0	0	57,650
				Thrybergh CP CPF	57,635	0	0	0	0	57,635
				Sub-Service Total	**180,534**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**180,534**
			Service Area Total		**180,534**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**180,534**
		RIDO	Business Growth	Business Centre Upgrades	0	577,000	322,000	0	0	899,000
				Century 1 - Roof Replacement	600,000	0	0	0	0	600,000
				Rural Business Support	205,711	0	0	0	0	205,711
				Supporting Business Centres	200,000	0	0	0	0	200,000
				Sub-Service Total	**1,005,711**	**577,000**	**322,000**	**0**	**0**	**1,904,711**
			Inv & Economic Initiatives	Acq. of Riverside Precinct	1,768	0	0	0	0	1,768
				Bassingthorpe Farm	328,993	250,000	0	0	0	578,993
				Bassingthorpe Farm Land Acq	489,816	0	0	0	0	489,816
				Forge Island Flood Defence	464,875	0	0	0	0	464,875
				HEHub&Rain - Aqu and Demo	88,402	0	0	0	0	88,402
				Pithouse West Investigations	11,117	0	0	0	0	11,117
				Public Realm Effingham Street	0	345,522	0	0	0	345,522
				RhamMarkets Redev (incCommHub)	12,585,201	18,298,538	6,009,415	0	0	36,893,154
				Riverside Gardens	580,000	7,845,749	0	0	0	8,425,749
				R'sidePrec't&Chantry Bldg Demo	1,363	0	0	0	0	1,363
				Swinton Library Demo	73,100	0	0	0	0	73,100
				Town Centre Investment	483,849	0	0	0	0	483,849
				Town Centre Masterplan Imp	4,774	0	0	0	0	4,774
				Sub-Service Total	**15,113,258**	**26,739,809**	**6,009,415**	**0**	**0**	**47,862,482**
			RIDO	Corporation St Ph 2	613,348	4,999,999	0	0	0	5,613,347
				Corporation Street	38,559	1,545,366	0	0	0	1,583,925
				Dinnington RG	1,300,000	6,754,495	3,729,236	0	0	11,783,731
				Eldon Road Play Area	153,880	0	0	0	0	153,880
				Forge Island Comm Dev	8,096,497	0	0	0	0	8,096,497
				Gullivers Skills Village	240,007	0	0	0	0	240,007
				Magna	50	0	0	0	0	50
				Mainline Station	1,922,815	8,375,230	0	0	0	10,298,045
				Matlby Academy	802,830	0	0	0	0	802,830
				Osoldo	188,926	1,676,061	2,294,431	0	0	4,159,418
				Riverside Acquisitions	26,523	1,093,854	0	0	0	1,120,377
				RotherValley CP	2,339,182	6,515,016	0	0	0	8,854,198
				Snail Yard	300,000	322,786	0	0	0	622,786
				Templeborough	570,886	4,894,636	80,052	0	0	5,545,574

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Directorate	Service	Service Area	Sub Service	Project	Current Year Budget (£)	2025/26 Budget (£)	2026/27 Budget (£)	2027/28 Budget (£)	2028/29 Budget (£)	Total Project Budget (£)
				Thrybergh CP	6,500	783,373	0	0	0	789,873
				Unallocated Levelling Up	3,373	0	0	0	0	3,373
				Water Lane Public Realm	3,422,851	2,242,878	0	0	0	5,665,729
				Wath RG	438,489	5,366,914	4,107,571	0	0	9,912,974
				Wentworth Woodhouse	2,631,431	0	0	0	0	2,631,431
				Sub-Service Total	**23,096,147**	**44,570,608**	**10,211,290**	**0**	**0**	**77,878,045**
			Service Area Total		**39,215,116**	**71,887,417**	**16,542,705**	**0**	**0**	**127,645,238**
		Towns & Villages Fund	Towns & Villages Fund	Aston/Todwick	114,893	0	0	0	0	114,893
				Aughton & Swallownest	1,806	0	0	0	0	1,806
				Boston Castle - Wellgate	51,691	0	0	0	0	51,691
				Brinsworth Lane	89,084	0	0	0	0	89,084
				Greasbrough Green Link	781	0	0	0	0	781
				Keppel	71,775	0	0	0	0	71,775
				Kilnurst/Swinton East	60,936	0	0	0	0	60,936
				Maltby East	100,000	709,373	0	0	0	809,373
				Our Places Fund	500,000	1,500,000	0	0	0	2,000,000
				Rawmarsh East	26,139	0	0	0	0	26,139
				Rother Vale	91,893	0	0	0	0	91,893
				Rotherham East	148,446	0	0	0	0	148,446
				Sitwell -Whiston Village Green	143,334	0	0	0	0	143,334
				Thurcroft& Wickersley West	1,194	0	0	0	0	1,194
				Towns & Villages Fund Unall	146,933	0	0	0	0	146,933
				Wales	78,118	0	0	0	0	78,118
				Wickersley North	31,832	0	0	0	0	31,832
				Sub-Service Total	**1,658,855**	**2,209,373**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3,868,228**
			Service Area Total		**1,658,855**	**2,209,373**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3,868,228**
		Transportation & Highways	Bridges	Centenary Viaduct Strenghening	1,195,099	0	0	0	0	1,195,099
				Eastwood Bridge	250,000	0	0	0	0	250,000
				Manvers Way Footbridge	477	0	0	0	0	477
				Old Flatts Bridge	50,000	920,710	0	0	0	970,710
				Packman Road	808,641	0	0	0	0	808,641
				Steadfolds Lane Retaining Wall	190,958	0	0	0	0	190,958
				Structures Capital Programme	300,000	1,009,403	0	0	0	1,309,403
				West Bawtry Road Embankment	261,618	0	0	0	0	261,618
				Sub-Service Total	**3,056,793**	**1,930,113**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**4,986,906**
			Connectivity	A6109 Meadowbank Rd pedxing	4,349	0	0	0	0	4,349
				A629WrtlyRd Grt Prk Rd Pedxing	210,277	0	0	0	0	210,277
				Cortonwood Pedestrian Crossing	224,193	0	0	0	0	224,193
				Morthen Rd Nrthfld Ln Ped xngs	5,000	189,464	0	0	0	194,464
				SwallownestPedestrianCrossing	418,401	0	0	0	0	418,401
				Traffic Management Act Part 6	155,000	198,295	0	0	0	353,295
				Wath Road Brampton Crossing	20,000	205,000	0	0	0	225,000
				Sub-Service Total	**1,037,220**	**592,759**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,629,979**
			CRSTS Local block funded	Collision Investigation & Surv	3,627	174,222	0	0	0	177,849
				LNRS Bun Code	86,913	0	0	0	0	86,913
				LNRS1 - 009D GREASBROUGH	50,000	108,853	0	0	0	158,853
				LNRS1 - BRAMLEY 022A	15,000	90,368	0	0	0	105,368
				LNRS1 - BROOM VALLEY 023A	7,000	110,532	0	0	0	117,532
				LNRS1 - CORTONWOOD 001B	18,000	57,428	0	0	0	75,428
				LNRS1 - HARTHILL & T SALVIN 03	30,000	72,148	0	0	0	102,148
				LNRS1 - HIGHTHORNE RD KILNHURS	89,000	10,262	0	0	0	99,262
				LNRS1 - MALTBY CTR 020E	45,000	62,314	0	0	0	107,314
				LNRS1 - SWINTON 003F	90,491	0	0	0	0	90,491
				LNRS1 - WICKERSLEY WOOD 022B	118,749	0	0	0	0	118,749

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				LNRS1 - WOODSETTS 032F	25,000	86,142	0	0	0	111,142
				LNRS1 -KILNHURST RD RMARSH 006	20,000	74,344	0	0	0	94,344
				LNRS1 -MASBORO & BRADGATE 016C	15,000	98,571	0	0	0	113,571
				LNRS2 BRINSWORTH	200	7,600	0	0	0	7,800
				LNRS2 ASTON & TODWICK	120,000	0	0	0	0	120,000
				LNRS2 AUGHTON & SWALLOWNEST	9,487	0	0	0	0	9,487
				LNRS2 DALTON & THRYBERGH	6,850	0	0	0	0	6,850
				LNRS2 DINNINGTON	6,850	0	0	0	0	6,850
				LNRS2 KEPPEL	17,700	0	0	0	0	17,700
				LNRS2 RAWMARSH WEST	6,800	0	0	0	0	6,800
				LNRS2 ROTHER VALE	120,000	0	0	0	0	120,000
				LNRS2 ROTHERHAM EAST	1,800	15,900	0	0	0	17,700
				LNRS2 SITWELL	500	6,350	0	0	0	6,850
				LNRS2 WICKERSLEY NORTH	17,700	0	0	0	0	17,700
				Minor Works - Signing	8,033	0	0	0	0	8,033
				Minor Worls - Lining	27,961	0	0	0	0	27,961
				Operational Activity BUN	6,038	0	0	0	0	6,038
				Scheme Development	30,000	115,098	0	0	0	145,098
				Sub-Service Total	**993,699**	**1,090,132**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2,083,831**
			Legacy Projects	A6123 GreatEasternWay pedxing	0	23,386	0	0	0	23,386
				Bus Service Improvements	50,000	281,000	0	0	0	331,000
				Canklow Rotherway metering	0	2,064	0	0	0	2,064
				College Road NPIF	12,257	0	0	0	0	12,257
				Fenton Rd Shared Cycle Footway	4,070	0	0	0	0	4,070
				Green Arbour Rd Laughton Com R	14,245	0	0	0	0	14,245
				Neighbourhoods Road Safety Mea	2,097	0	0	0	0	2,097
				Sub-Service Total	**82,669**	**306,450**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**389,119**
			Local Safety Schemes	Small Intervention Schemes	166,000	235,998	0	0	0	401,998
				Sub-Service Total	**166,000**	**235,998**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**401,998**
			Major Schemes	A6022 Swinton to Doncaster	20,000	728,820	0	0	0	748,820
				CAZ - Bellows Road	0	147,829	0	0	0	147,829
				Clean Air Zones Elec Chrg Pts	0	939,742	0	0	0	939,742
				CRSTS Broom Wickersley Corrido	350,000	1,130,691	0	0	0	1,480,691
				CRSTS Fitzwilliam Corridor	850,000	1,350,946	0	0	0	2,200,946
				Greasbrough The Whins	0	185,876	0	0	0	185,876
				Ickles Roundabout improvement	50,000	1,000,000	0	0	0	1,050,000
				O0047 Broom Road AT	200,000	380,181	0	0	0	580,181
				T0004 A6178(PT) - Sheffield Rd	3,091,842	899,538	0	0	0	3,991,380
				T0005 A631 aka Maltby Bus Corr	884,972	0	0	0	0	884,972
				T0022 Manvers Way	43,910	0	0	0	0	43,910
				Traff Signal renewal Prog	345,128	500,000	0	0	0	845,128
				Traffic Signal Refurb Prog	594,270	0	0	0	0	594,270
				Sub-Service Total	**6,430,122**	**7,263,623**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**13,693,745**
			Network Management	Mushroom Roundabout	28,000	0	0	0	0	28,000
				Unallocated Network Man	0	400,000	0	0	0	400,000
				Sub-Service Total	**28,000**	**400,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**428,000**
			Service Area Total		**11,794,503**	**11,819,075**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**23,613,578**
		Service Total			**52,849,008**	**85,915,865**	**16,542,705**	**0**	**0**	**155,307,578**
	Directorate Total				**77,694,761**	**116,084,273**	**31,007,216**	**7,781,300**	**6,131,300**	**238,698,850**
General Fund Total					**115,135,203**	**169,050,476**	**50,989,488**	**30,777,537**	**35,996,557**	**401,949,261**

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Directorate	Current Year Budget (£)	2025/26 Budget (£)	2026/27 Budget (£)	2027/28 Budget (£)	2028/29 Budget (£)	Total Project Budget (£)
HRA	57,283,057	72,942,122	67,435,745	49,153,186	101,374,892	348,189,002
Total	**57,283,057**	**72,942,122**	**67,435,745**	**49,153,186**	**101,374,892**	**348,189,002**

Funding:

Funding Stream	Current Year Budget	2025/26 Budget	2026/27 Budget	2027/28 Budget	2028/29 Budget	Total Project Budget
3) Capital Receipts HRA	13,541,388	3,959,676	5,571,994	3,208,219	17,624,798	43,906,075
4) Grants and Contributions	3,779,222	4,958,805	2,639,970	816,312	24,764,618	36,958,927
5) Housing Major Repairs Allow	24,949,557	36,908,952	25,255,962	27,803,485	28,669,155	143,587,111
6) Revenue Contributions	5,970,000	9,658,000	8,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000	35,628,000
8) Unsupported Borrowing-S	9,042,890	17,456,689	25,967,819	11,325,170	24,316,321	88,108,889
Total	**57,283,057**	**72,942,122**	**67,435,745**	**49,153,186**	**101,374,892**	**348,189,002**

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Directorate	Service	Service Area	Sub Service	Project	Current Year Budget (£)	2025/26 Budget (£)	2026/27 Budget (£)	2027/28 Budget (£)	2028/29 Budget (£)	Total Project Budget (£)
HRA	Neighbourhood Capital Programm	Fair Access to All	Aids and Adaptations (Public S	Adapts - LOT1 - Public Major	791,000	0	0	0	0	791,000
				Adapts - LOT1 - Public Minor	125,000	0	0	0	0	125,000
				Adapts - LOT2 - Public Major	773,000	0	0	0	0	773,000
				Adapts - LOT2 - Public Minor	143,000	0	0	0	0	143,000
				Adapts - OTHERS - Public Major	500,573	0	0	0	0	500,573
				Adapts Extensions PUBLICS	267,427	0	0	0	0	267,427
				Public Adaps Bud Unall	0	3,259,157	3,365,305	3,253,865	3,349,791	13,228,118
				Sub-Service Total	**2,600,000**	**3,259,157**	**3,365,305**	**3,253,865**	**3,349,791**	**15,828,118**
		Neighbourood Regeneration & Re	HRA Non Dwellings	HRA Play Areas	80,000	80,000	0	0	0	160,000
				Sub-Service Total	**80,000**	**80,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**160,000**
			Service Area Total		**2,680,000**	**3,339,157**	**3,365,305**	**3,253,865**	**3,349,791**	**15,988,118**
		Improving Council Housing & Ho	Asbestos	Asbestos-Testing & Removal	300,000	300,000	0	0	0	600,000
				Sub-Service Total	**300,000**	**300,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**600,000**
			District Heating	District Heating Conversions	300,000	310,000	0	0	0	610,000
				Sub-Service Total	**300,000**	**310,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**610,000**
			Electricals	Electricals	350,000	360,000	0	0	0	710,000
				Sub-Service Total	**350,000**	**360,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**710,000**
			Environmental Programme	Arcon Place Paths	5,072	0	0	0	0	5,072
				Barber Balk Road Kim Park Pat	50,500	0	0	0	0	50,500
				Environmental Bud Unall	578	800,000	0	0	0	800,578
				Fenton Way Greasbrough Path	34,017	0	0	0	0	34,017
				Fitzwilliam Square Fencing	47,000	0	0	0	0	47,000
				Guest Place Paths, bin stores	108,600	0	0	0	0	108,600
				Hurley Croft, Brampton Bierlow	12,500	0	0	0	0	12,500
				Lodge Way, Brinsworth	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000
				Mekyll Close Parking Area	88	0	0	0	0	88
				Misc Enviro Projects (<£5k)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000
				Mowbray Gardens East Herr Pla	10,027	0	0	0	0	10,027
				Rosehill House Rawmarsh Car P	51,000	0	0	0	0	51,000
				Roughwood Way, Rockingham	25,000	0	0	0	0	25,000
				Sellars Road Kim Park Paths	105,000	0	0	0	0	105,000
				St Johns Green Princint	40,000	0	0	0	0	40,000
				St Marys and Ash View Paths	275,280	0	0	0	0	275,280
				West Vale Grove, Thrybergh	15,000	0	0	0	0	15,000
				Woodway etc Paths	338	0	0	0	0	338
				Sub-Service Total	**800,000**	**800,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,600,000**
			External Insulation	Thermal Improvments	550,000	1,300,000	0	0	0	1,850,000
				Sub-Service Total	**550,000**	**1,300,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,850,000**
			Garage Site Investment	Garages Investment	100,000	100,000	0	0	0	200,000
				Sub-Service Total	**100,000**	**100,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**200,000**
			General Structures	Capital Structural Work	1,000,000	1,020,000	0	0	0	2,020,000
				Sub-Service Total	**1,000,000**	**1,020,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2,020,000**
			HRA support Properties	PW2C - 14 Greenwood Road	99,129	0	0	0	0	99,129
				PW2C - 18 Elliott Drive	106,922	0	0	0	0	106,922
				PW2C - 5 ALPHA ROAD	12,947	0	0	0	0	12,947
				PW2C - 8 Cawthorne Close	75,428	0	0	0	0	75,428
				PW2C 65 Park Road	83,739	0	0	0	0	83,739
				Sub-Service Total	**378,165**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**378,165**
			IHMS (IT System)	ICT Hardware & Software	489,557	500,000	1,051,657	1,084,621	0	3,125,835
				Sub-Service Total	**489,557**	**500,000**	**1,051,657**	**1,084,621**	**0**	**3,125,835**
			Improving Council Housing	Improving Council Housing	154,750	3,328,543	24,090,000	24,800,000	26,080,000	78,453,293

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Directorate	Service	Service Area	Sub Service	Project	Current Year Budget (£)	2025/26 Budget (£)	2026/27 Budget (£)	2027/28 Budget (£)	2028/29 Budget (£)	Total Project Budget (£)
				Sub-Service Total	**154,750**	**3,328,543**	**24,090,000**	**24,800,000**	**26,080,000**	**78,453,293**
			Major Voids Capital Prog	Lot 2 - Major Voids	2,700,000	2,136,000	0	0	0	4,836,000
				Mears - Major Voids	4,100,000	4,430,000	0	0	0	8,530,000
				Sub-Service Total	**6,800,000**	**6,566,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**13,366,000**
			Refurbishments	Catcliffe Flood Works	1,200,000	0	0	0	0	1,200,000
				Communal Walkways	69,000	0	0	0	0	69,000
				Communals	120,000	0	0	0	0	120,000
				Dalton Externals	2,390,000	0	0	0	0	2,390,000
				Damp & Mould Eradication Work	500,000	500,000	0	0	0	1,000,000
				Design & Appraisal	50,000	50,000	0	0	0	100,000
				East Herringthorpe Ext Ph 1	160,000	0	0	0	0	160,000
				Fire Doors Replacement	350,000	0	0	0	0	350,000
				Maltby Phase 2 Externals	927,000	0	0	0	0	927,000
				Mears - Internals	2,000,000	2,000,000	0	0	0	4,000,000
				Other Housing Capital Works	211,000	0	0	0	0	211,000
				Refurb Bud Unall	0	10,955,098	14,999,651	14,972,590	15,981,713	56,909,052
				Site Prelims	450,000	450,000	0	0	0	900,000
				SwinFitzw Concrete Structworks	1,800,000	0	0	0	0	1,800,000
				Thurcroft&Laughton Phse1	2,250,000	0	0	0	0	2,250,000
				Windows/Doors & Fire Doors	550,000	550,000	0	0	0	1,100,000
				Sub-Service Total	**13,027,000**	**14,505,098**	**14,999,651**	**14,972,590**	**15,981,713**	**73,486,052**
			Replacement of Central Heating	Lot 2 - Ad Hoc Boiler Repl'ts	2,350,000	2,480,000	0	0	0	4,830,000
				Lot 2 -Boilers Scheme 1	2,000,000	2,000,000	0	0	0	4,000,000
				Sub-Service Total	**4,350,000**	**4,480,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**8,830,000**
			Service Area Total		**28,599,472**	**33,569,641**	**40,141,308**	**40,857,211**	**42,061,713**	**185,229,345**
		New Housing Provision	New Growth New Build	Boswell Street	150,000	5,623,159	7,928,084	2,364,926	0	16,066,169
				Bushfield Road Site B	150,000	680,044	553,363	0	0	1,383,407
				Denman Road Site A	150,000	1,264,030	942,687	0	0	2,356,717
				Est Herrigthpe Small Sites	280,398	0	0	0	0	280,398
				Grayson Road Greasboro	118,505	1,906,733	1,371,155	0	0	3,396,393
				Occupation Road Broom	150,000	1,066,702	811,134	0	0	2,027,836
				Princess Street Site A	362,373	1,164,424	0	0	0	1,526,797
				Princess Street Site B	179,230	582,448	0	0	0	761,678
				Ship Inn Swinton	144,388	951,657	0	0	0	1,096,045
				Symonds Avenue Site A	150,000	264,873	276,582	0	0	691,455
				Symonds Avenue Site B	150,000	1,134,089	856,060	0	0	2,140,149
				Tenter Street Thornhill	104,816	3,149,697	2,199,798	0	0	5,454,311
				Thrybergh Small Sites	0	617,328	0	0	0	617,328
				Valley Drive Site C	150,000	586,762	491,174	0	0	1,227,936
				Warden Street Hsg Development	508,280	2,065,787	653,421	0	0	3,227,488
				Sub-Service Total	**2,747,990**	**21,057,733**	**16,083,458**	**2,364,926**	**0**	**42,254,107**
			Strategic Acquisitions	Beaumont Grange SA	1,275,641	0	0	0	0	1,275,641
				Brampton Vale SA	1,500,000	1,656,329	1,084,977	1,769,864	933,300	6,944,470
				Brecks Lane SA	2,475,280	0	0	0	0	2,475,280
				Development budgets unallocate	0	0	0	0	55,030,088	55,030,088
				Hillside Green	490,400	0	0	0	0	490,400
				Infirmary Road, Parkgate	1,584,550	0	0	0	0	1,584,550
				Kirkstead Gardens Strat Acq	543,364	0	0	0	0	543,364
				LAHF Acquisitions	2,936,000	0	0	0	0	2,936,000
				Laughton Gate 42 units	0	1,688,758	515,018	303,679	0	2,507,455
				Lodge Lane SA 15 units	1,718,474	0	0	0	0	1,718,474
				Market Acquisitions Phase 1	4,264,000	1,800,000	0	0	0	6,064,000

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Directorate	Service	Service Area	Sub Service	Project	Current Year Budget (£)	2025/26 Budget (£)	2026/27 Budget (£)	2027/28 Budget (£)	2028/29 Budget (£)	Total Project Budget (£)
				Market Acquistions Phase 2	0	7,500,000	1,500,000	0	0	9,000,000
				North Farm Close	858,002	0	0	0	0	858,002
				Poppyfields Ravenfield SA	0	1,332,696	1,308,799	603,641	0	3,245,136
				Rivelin Way, Waverley 3C	229,284	0	2,179,552	0	0	2,408,836
				Sorby Park Waverley P3	3,180,000	997,808	1,257,328	0	0	5,435,136
				Station Road, Wath	1,793,250	0	0	0	0	1,793,250
				Wentworth View Strategic Acq	382,350	0	0	0	0	382,350
				Sub-Service Total	**23,230,595**	**14,975,591**	**7,845,674**	**2,677,184**	**55,963,388**	**104,692,432**
			Town Centre Development	Millfold Site	25,000	0	0	0	0	25,000
				Sub-Service Total	**25,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**25,000**
			Service Area Total		**26,003,585**	**36,033,324**	**23,929,132**	**5,042,110**	**55,963,388**	**146,971,539**
		Service Total			**57,283,057**	**72,942,122**	**67,435,745**	**49,153,186**	**101,374,892**	**348,189,002**
	Directorate Total				**57,283,057**	**72,942,122**	**67,435,745**	**49,153,186**	**101,374,892**	**348,189,002**
HRA Total					**57,283,057**	**72,942,122**	**67,435,745**	**49,153,186**	**101,374,892**	**348,189,002**

Ref per template	Revenue Savings Proposals	2025/26 £'000	2026/27 £'000
Children and Young People's Services			
CYPS1	Review of Support for Change Team (edge of care and therapeutic teams)	350	350
CYPS2	Maximising the use of children services grant funding	420	170
CYPS3	Maximising the centrally retained Early Years DSG funding	150	150
CYPS4	Integration of PAUSE activity into Early Help Services	100	100
CYPS5	Savings from previous years CSC staff changes	282	282
CYPS6	Review of commissioned contracts	70	70
Adult Care, Housing and Public Health			
ACH1	Fee uplifts and review of non-residential charging policy	600	600
Regeneration and Environment			
R&E1	Waste Service Route Optimisation	500	500
R&E2	Mitigation of pressures at Thrybergh Country Park	60	60
R&E3	Mitigation of pressures at Rother Valley Country Park	60	60
	Total Requirement	**2,592**	**2,342**

Budget Report Location	Appendix 4 Proposed Revenue Savings
Unique Reference:	CYPS1

Revenue Savings Plan		
Review of Support for Change Team (edge of care and therapeutic teams)		
Directorate:	Children & Young People Services	
Service Area:	Directorate Wide	
Director Responsible for Delivery:	Nicola Curley	
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Victoria Cusworth	
Head of Finance	Joshua Amahwe	
Financial Impact		
Financial Saving to be achieved	**2025/26 Perm**	£350k
	2026/27 Perm	£350k

Details of Proposed Saving Plan

The 2024/25 net budget for the Support to Change service is £765k (net of grant funding income) and is made up of the following teams:

1. Edge of Care Team (£327k) - has offered structured direct support to young people and their families in crisis, to enable them to remain within their immediate or wider extended family and therefore help to reduce CIC numbers and the cost of placements.

2. Therapeutic team (£438k) – provides specialised therapeutic interventions and support to children in care, aimed at reducing placement breakdowns, supports retention in more cost-effective care settings and reduces the need for high-cost placements. The team also works to support the reunification of children with their birth families – thereby reducing time spent in care and associated costs.

3. Special Guardianship Orders (SGO) Support Team - which undertakes SGO assessments in respect to accessing support via the Adoption Support Form (ASF) and offers a range of support to SGO Carers, which includes training and group support.

The review of the Support for Change teams is one part of a range of interventions / investments as part of the wider Looked after Children Sufficiency Strategy. The Strategy seeks to deliver better outcomes for children in care by reducing the number of children in care settings through an 'invest to save' approach.

The review considered the present service model, alongside other services that are in operation i.e. Engage to avoid any duplication of service delivery to families. The clarity of the amended service offer will enable a more effective pathway to access services and a clear identity on the role of Support for Change moving forward which is responsive to need. As outlined, there will be a prioritisation on supporting children in care to maintain placements and avoid placement breakdowns. In addition, the service will support children in care returning safely to their birth families by working with children and young people and parents/family members. This will include supporting carers to build effective strategies and resilience in responding to young people's behaviours. This will have an impact on placement costs, both by maintaining placements and avoiding increased costs in placement moves, ceasing placements in a timely manner where the plan is for reunification and as a result free up internal placements to return children in care from out of area placements.

We will ensure that support to SGO carers remains in place and will finalise plans in respect to these following discussions with our Fostering Service and One Adoption South Yorkshire (OASY). This will enable us to create the capacity whilst making savings to deliver on the new service objectives.

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers

It is envisaged that the review would have positive impacts on service provision and children and families as follows:

1. Early intervention work would be more coordinated and seamlessly delivered. Access to support would be quick and efficient, with the right support provided to children / families avoiding placement breakdown.
2. Support will be provided to enable children to return to their families where it is safe to do so. Interventions and support will be targeted at both parents and children and young people to enable reunification.
3. Common objectives and goals, ensuring that interventions provided are cohesive – where underlying issues are addressed at the same time.

Impact on staffing

The outcome of the review will lead to a change in the way the service is delivered to ensure that children and families receive an efficient and effective service.

This will require some restructure of the teams and roles within the service areas. RMBC policies and procedures will be followed to ensure profiles are redesigned, evaluated, and consulted on supported by HR.

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
Staff consultation concluded in respect to proposed restructure and feedback on proposal given on the 21/01/25. New structure still proposed for implementation on the 28/04/25.	28/04/2025.

Budget Report Location	Appendix 4 Proposed Revenue Savings
Unique Reference:	CYPS2

Revenue Savings Plan		
Maximising the use of children services grant funding		
Directorate:		Children & Young People Services
Service Area:		Early Help
Director Responsible for Delivery:		Nicola Curley
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:		Councillor Victoria Cusworth
Head of Finance		Joshua Amahwe
Financial Impact		
Financial Saving to be achieved	**2025/26 Temp**	£250k
	2025/26 Perm	£170k
	2025/26 Perm	£170k

Details of Proposed Saving Plan

The Government's 2024 autumn budget statement and the recent published local government finance policy statement (November 2024) provided confirmation of a number of CYPS grant funding streams beyond 31 March 2025. The confirmed funding in 2025/26 for the following programmes provides opportunities to drive value in how these funding are applied and to redirect funding to maximise the council's budget position:

1) Supporting Families (£170k savings): - The current SF funding allocation is £1.691m. This funding underpins the council's Early Help provision, which support families facing, multiple, interconnected problems, including poor school attendance, mental and physical health problems, involvement in crime and antisocial behaviour and children in need of help and protection. The programme has helped improve outcomes for families with multiple needs and to prevent high-cost statutory intervention.

   The SF grant will continue and be baselined from 2025/26 (based on 2024/25 grant levels). In addition, the payment by results (PBR) requirement will be removed - which means an element of the grant will no longer be aligned to the delivery of outcomes. The table below shows the

uncommitted funding balance for 2025/26, after allowing for pay, NI costs increases and other commitments:

	2025/26 £m
RMBC Grant Allocation (based on 24/25)	1.691
Proposed budget Plan	-1.637
PBR contingency (no longer required)	0.116
Uncommitted SF grant funding	**0.170**

The proposal to baseline the SF funding from 2025/26 provides an opportunity for the funding to be optimised and for the uncommitted resources (£170k) to be released as permanent savings.

2) Family Hubs & Start for Life (£250k savings): - is a 3 year funded programme (ceasing in March 2025) aimed at improving outcomes for children, young people and families by improving access to services. Family hubs serve as a central point for families to access a range of support, including parental advice, mental health services, and childhood development resources. Whilst the Start for Life element of the programme focuses on the early days of a child's life, offering services like breastfeeding support, perinatal mental health care, and parenting guidance.

   The Council's family hub revenue grant allocation for 2024/25 is £1.139m, which mainly funds time limited transformation activities and delivery of the programme. See table below:

Budget plan	**2024/25 (£)**
Transformation Staff	526,845
Delivery (including staff costs)	546,748
Resources	23,676
System (licence costs)	40,500
Other costs	2,000
Total Revenue Costs	**1,139,769**

   The Government has committed (£69m) to continue the delivery of a network of Family Hubs beyond March 2025 (for one year only) – still awaiting LA allocations for 2025/26 and the grant terms & condition. It is anticipated that allocations for 25/26 would exceed ongoing programme commitments / costs (as existing staff costs / liabilities are not expected to continue beyond March 2025). Work has commenced to confirm the ongoing commitments / requirements for the programme in light of the funding announcements.

The continuation of the family hub funding has only been confirmed for 2025/26 – this mean that any resources released or redirected can only be temporary (i.e. one year only).

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers

The release of any uncommitted funding on both grant funded programmes in 2025/26 would not adversely hamper or affect the continued delivery of the programmes and outcomes.

Impact on staffing

The supporting families savings proposal has no impact on staffing posts or resources.

Timeframe for delivery

Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones

Formal confirmation of grant funding for 2025/26 (supporting families and family hubs.	Dec 2024 & Jan 2025
Review temporary staff contracts (expiring at 31 March 2025) and agree extensions where required.	By March 2025
Publication of grant conditions and requirements (including memorandum of understanding).	March 25
Agree delivery and spend plan and obtain Cabinet approval (forward plan report).	April 25

Budget Report Location	Appendix 4 Proposed Revenue Savings
Unique Reference:	CYPS3

Revenue Savings Plan		
Maximising the centrally retained Early Years DSG funding		
Directorate:		Children & Young People Services
Service Area:		Education (Early Years)
Director Responsible for Delivery:		Nicola Curley
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:		Councillor Victoria Cusworth
Head of Finance		Joshua Amahwe
Financial Impact		
Financial Saving to be achieved	**2025/26 Perm**	£150k
	2026/27 Perm	£150k

Details of Proposed Saving Plan

The Early Years Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) funding is provided to local authorities to support early years education and childcare for children aged 2,3 and 4 years old. Total EY funding provided to Rotherham in 2024/25 is £29m. This funding covers:

1. Free childcare and nursery education entitlements for eligible children, including 15 or 30 hours per week.
2. Support for disadvantage children and those with additional needs through supplements like the Early Years Pupil Premium and the Disability Access Fund.
3. Lump sum funding for maintained nursery schools.

The early years funding is expected to increase further in 2025/26 to reflect the full year impact of the expansion in the entitlements implemented in September 2024 i.e. extension of the 15 hours per week entitlement for eligible working parents of children from 9 months to 2 years old.

Local authorities are required (by DfE) to pass-through a minimum percentage of the early years funding to early years providers (e.g. private / independent nurseries, schools with early years provision and childminders). For most years the

pass-through requirement has been set at 95%, meaning that local authorities can retain up to 5% of the funding for central administration costs and support services (for delivering the programme).

However, from 2025/26, the amount that local authorities can retained centrally has been reduced to 4%, with the intention to reduce further to 3% in future years. This rule is designed to ensure that the majority of funding reaches the frontline providers delivering early education and childcare. The reduction in the retained rate is not expected to affect LAs adversely due to the increase in funding expected in 2025/26.

The table below shows the estimated centrally retained EY funding aligned to the budgeted cost of the EY central team.

Early Years Funding	**2025/26**
	£'000
Early Years team costs*	**1,049**
Funded from:	
3 & 4 year old (4% retained)	752
2 year old / under 2s (3% retained)	447
Total available central budget	**1,199**
	150

*EY central team costs include 2% pay award and NI cost increases for 25/26

It is proposed for 2025/26, that the council centrally retain 4% (3 & 4 year old) and 3% (2 year old and under 2s) of the early years funding streams respectively to fund the EY central team costs. The balance of DSG funding (£150k) would be re-directed and released as recurrent savings.

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers

The above proposal would not impact negatively on the delivery of the early years childcare entitlement to eligible children, as the central admin costs for 2025/26 include additional staffing capacity to meet the increased workload (from the expanded entitlement).

Also, the level of funding pass through to early years providers would be higher than the minimum requirement – as 3% of the 2 year old funding would be retained centrally as opposed to the maximum 4% rate.

Impact on staffing

Under the above proposal, staffing capacity in the Early Years central team would be increased accordingly to reflect the increased workload and expanded entitlements.

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
• Proposals presented to DLT. • Consultation on Inclusion Support Grant (Rotherham Special Educational Needs Inclusion Funding). • Consultation on EE formula with early education providers. • EE formula proposals presented to Schools Forum 2025/26 funding rates confirmed to early education providers. • Early Years Budget Grants distributed to schools / providers.	January 2025 January 2025 January 2025 30 January 2025 February 2025 28 February 2025

Budget Report Location	Appendix 4 Proposed Revenue Savings
Unique Reference:	CYPS4

Revenue Savings Plan		
Integration of PAUSE activity into Early Help Services		
Directorate:	Children & Young People Services	
Service Area:	Children Social Care	
Director Responsible for Delivery:	Nicola Curley	
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Victoria Cusworth	
Head of Finance	Joshua Amahwe	
Financial Impact		
Financial Saving to be achieved	**2025/26 Perm**	£100k
	2026/27 Perm	£100k
Details of Proposed Saving Plan		

The PAUSE' Service was created within Children's Social Care to support women who have experienced multiple removals of their children into care by buying into a national model which is licensed. The programme aims to give these women the opportunity to take a break ("pause") from the cycle of pregnancies, removals, and trauma, and to make long-term changes in their lives, reducing the likelihood of future children being taken into care and improving their overall quality of life. The service was developed through partnering with the national PAUSE organisation which for a cost allows access to an evidenced based practice model.

Children's Social Care have reviewed the development of the service to identify given the national changes to family help and support, the best way to embed support for women who may wish to access the services provided through 'PAUSE'.

The programme has contributed to preventing some pregnancies during the intervention period, which directly reduces the number of infant children who might otherwise have been taken into care. The review concluded that the impact of PAUSE was positive for the very small number of women who were able to access services, but to make the most effective use of the types of support offered, this needed to be embedded into the way women are supported as part of family help. This will mean more women will be offered services and current service users will

continue to receive direct support. This can be achieved whilst reducing operating costs through integrating the service into the family help and support provided by Early Help Services.

The current operational budget of the team is detailed below and consists of 1 x practice lead (grade L), 3 x Pause Practitioners (grade G) and a Pause Coordinator (grade D).

PAUSE 2024/25 Budget Summary	
Staffing	198,972
General	27,547
Subscription	25,000
CHC Contribution	-52,000
Summary	**199,519**

Whilst continuing to run the activity it is proposed to cease to partner with PAUSE from March 2025.

Through integration and retention of 50% (IRO £100K) of the current funding this will enable continued activity across a wider cohort with an ambition to see an improved impact across a wider demographic of children, young people, and families.

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers

Rotherham PAUSE team have engaged with 139 women since the programme commenced in 2018 with a varying degree of intensity and have 21 women currently open to services; 2 of these women will end in a planned way by February 2025. The programme of work is designed to last 18 months with each woman and this is a part of the defined PAUSE model of intervention.

There are themed concerns and issues with a sizeable cohort of the women engaging services. Several of the women engaging in services have issues that pertain to drug misuse, insecure living arrangements or temporary accommodation, poor mental health, survivors of child sexual abuse or have chronic experiences of relationships themed around violence and abuse.

What the review highlighted was that Children's Social Care operating PAUSE has unintentionally led to the PAUSE practitioners absorbing work that is ordinarily facilitated and led by other agencies and partners. Part of the navigation function of Family Help will be to ensure that local services are well understood and will act as a conduit to ensure service access for vulnerable women is maximised. Further to this, Children's Social Care Locality Services will review the pre-birth pathway to ensure this includes a pre-birth intervention model that delivers intensive interventions with families where we have an unborn subject to pre-proceedings specifically where the parent has had previous child(ren) removed from their care and lean into the beneficial learning from the PAUSE programme. This will be defined into a clear model of intervention and practice standards. This will enable women who have had children removed from their care to access intense

interventions to address parenting challenges prior to care planning decisions being made in relation to subsequent children. That said, we will also be able to use the intervention techniques for women who are on their first pregnancy where there are concerns.

Women currently supported by PAUSE will be able to access a transitional service which will be operated by the Family Help service. This will see the women offered tailored support services which will focus on their unique needs and offer allyship and signposting. Alongside the current cohort of PAUSE women, this revised operating model will enable Family Help to reach a much larger cohort of women who would not meet the PAUSE criteria. Whilst the licensed arrangements with PAUSE will end, the view is that the service delivery reach will be enhanced.

Staff currently operating within the PAUSE practice will be supported into vacancies in this service area (or other intervention service where there are vacancies) and likely be the sector experts in pre-birth planning and support interventions. The revised service delivery model will have a greater deal of control about which individuals are worked with and how services are operated without alignment to the Pause model; this will be based within our new Family Help service. The criteria of women engaged can be expanded and will enable us to work with women who are already considered to have pregnancies where there are active and tangible concerns which may lead to a child entering care.

Impact on staffing
The intervention team consists of 1 x practice lead (grade L), 3 x Pause Practitioners (grade G) and a Pause Coordinator (grade D). With the cessation of a separate PAUSE Team staff would be redeployed to vacancies within wider staffing establishment.

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
Step 1: Recommendations agreed.	March 2025
Step 2: Integration of services	April 2025
Step 3: Evaluation of impact	April 2027

Budget Report Location	Appendix 4 Proposed Revenue Savings
Unique Reference:	CYPS5

Revenue Savings Plan		
Savings from previous years CSC staff changes		
Directorate:		Children & Young People Services
Service Area:		Children Social Care
Director Responsible for Delivery:		Nicola Curley
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:		Councillor Victoria Cusworth
Head of Finance		Joshua Amahwe
Financial Impact		
Financial Saving to be achieved	**2025/26 Perm**	£282k
	2026/27 Perm	£282k

Details of Proposed Saving Plan

A budget realignment undertaken as part of the budget setting process for 2024/25 identified several uncommitted resources within children's social care. These have arisen on the back of various staff changes implemented in children's social care in the past year to align social care teams.

Some of the implemented staff changes were aimed at aligning social care staffing levels to changes in caseloads, activity and service demand. Released resources in 2023/24 were used to manage in-year cost pressures. The following shows the breakdown of the released resources:

Service area / Team	24/25 budget (£)
Operational Safeguarding Unit	19,946
Locality Project Team*	113,384
Contact Worker Team**	110,639
CIN Team 7***	54,198
House Project	7,809
RTT	14,000
Resources applied in 24/25	-37,976

Net available budget	282,000

*FY savings from aligning / streamlining the CIN locality teams in 2023/24;
** FY savings from restructuring the FAB team in 2023/24
***AP post transferred back from UASC

The above resources have been used in 2024/25 to alleviate current cost pressures across CYPS (and included in the submitted budget recovery plan for 2024/25).

Further work has commenced to review staff structures in children's social care that will consider demand and caseload levels, which is aimed at further alignment of the Children in Need Locality and Duty Teams. It is envisaged that any resources released as a result would be used to strengthened certain areas of the service to improve outcomes and enhance quality of practice.

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers

No impact on current service provision as the identified resources relates to staff changes implemented in previous year(s).

Impact on staffing

No impact on current staffing levels or numbers.

Timeframe for delivery

Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones

• Confirm 24/25 CSC staffing budgets are aligned to approved implemented staff structures. • Confirm level of uncommitted staffing resources within CSC budgets. • Align CSC staff budgets accordingly as part of budget setting process for 2025/26.	October 2024 October 2024 December 2024

Budget Report Location	Appendix 4 Proposed Revenue Savings
Unique Reference:	CYPS6

Revenue Savings Plan		
Review of commissioned contracts		
Directorate:	Children & Young People Services	
Service Area:	Commissioning, Performance & Quality	
Director Responsible for Delivery:	Nicola Curley	
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Victoria Cusworth	
Head of Finance	Joshua Amahwe	
Financial Impact		
Financial Saving to be achieved	**2025/26 Perm**	£70k
	2026/27 Perm	£70k
Details of Proposed Saving Plan		

The outcome of recent procurement events has identified opportunities for recurrent savings from the following contracts:

- **Junction Project (£45k savings)**: supports children/young people who have committed sexual offences, sexually abused others, or exhibited significant inappropriate sexual/harmful behaviour. The decision was made by DLT (June-2023) not to renew this contract under a long-standing strategic partnership with Barnardo's, with the contract coming to an end in Oct 2023. The Youth Justice Service continue to support social workers/practitioners across CYPS with low level sexual behaviour through their prevention model providing resources for the social workers/practitioners to work directly with the children/young people.

- **Young Carers (£28k savings)**: An increase in the contract value was agreed by DLT for 2024/25 to £128k pending undertaking a competitive procurement process. The new tendered contract, which would be effective April 2025 will be at a reduced contract value (£100k). Market testing has provided assurance the reduced advocacy budget is sufficient to continue and improve the service. The service would support young carers to reduce their caring role where this is having a negative impact on them physically or emotionally. This will be a small part of the wider 'Borough that Cares'

work/Action Plan for carers in Rotherham. Further work could be developed to coordinate either an in-house or a commissioned service around (a) identification of young carers via schools and GP's and other partner agencies and (b) information and advice service for parents and other partners professionals.

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers
The proposal would not impact negatively on residents/ customers as the change is to service provider rather than delivery, and efficiencies are achieved without reduction to service delivery.

Impact on staffing
There is no impact on staffing.

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
A timeline has been developed in partnership with Procurement as follows:	
Contract evaluation and moderation.	Sept 2024
New contract awarded.	Nov 2024
Contracts to be signed.	Jan 2025
Contract mobilisation.	Mar 2025
Contract go-live.	April 2025

Budget Report Location	Appendix 4 Proposed Revenue Savings
Unique Reference:	ACH1

Revenue Savings Plan		
Fee uplifts and review of non-residential charging policy		
Directorate:		ACH&PH
Service Area:		Adult Care
Director Responsible for Delivery:		Ian Spicer
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:		Cllr Baker-Rogers
Head of Finance		Gioia Morrison
Financial Impact		
Financial Saving to be achieved	**2025/26 Perm**	£600k
	2026/27 Perm	£600k

Details of Proposed Saving Plan

Review of charging policy to ensure RMBC benchmarks with other LA's and income recovery is applied equitably.

There are two elements to this proposal.

The first would be to increase chargeable rate above the standard 2%annual uplift to better reflect the costs that are being paid to providers. One example is that the homecare charge rate is currently at £19.40 an hour and has not been increased in line with the uplift in the fees we pay for homecare. We pay on average £24.31 per hour, 26% higher. This would only affect people who are assessed as being able to afford this increased level of fees, through means testing. Estimates of eligible people suggest this could bring in £600k in 25/26. The average increase per person affected would be £45 a week.

The second element would be to review the non-residential charging policy. This policy was last reviewed in 2019 and will be subject to a separate cabinet decision.

This would focus on ensuring ongoing compliance with charging regulations and proposal to remove discrepancies which lead to some residents paying less than is set out in statute for their care and support services and further subsidy by the Council. Examples include charging without an upper limit on what someone could pay, charging for the true costs of services and ensuring all available assets and resources are fully considered within the financial assessment process. The

numbers that would be affected are small, but each one could bring in significant additional income. Estimates for removal of the cap on fees alone could raise another £200k a year.

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers
Some people will pay more for the services they currently receive. This is likely to affect between 250 – 300 existing people with care and support needs who already receive services plus any new people who have sufficient assets to pay for the cost of their services. However, it will address inequalities within the process whereby everyone, regardless of their level of assets, is asked to contribute to their care costs.

Impact on staffing
No direct impact.

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
Will require detailed work on proposals, potential consultation and Cabinet approval, along with implementation.	June 2025

Budget Report Location	Appendix 4 Proposed Revenue Savings
Unique Reference:	R&E1

Revenue Savings Plan		
Waste Service Route Optimisation		
Directorate:	Regeneration and Environment	
Service Area:	Community Safety and Street Scene	
Director Responsible for Delivery:	Andrew Bramidge	
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Alam	
Head of Finance	Chloe Parker	
Financial Impact		
Financial Saving to be achieved	**2025/26 Perm**	£500k
	2026/27 Perm	£500k

Details of Proposed Saving Plan

Following route optimisation work which has been undertaken over the last year, designed to increase the efficiency of the service, it is anticipated that the Council will be able to reduce the number of rounds in operation which would reduce hire costs relating to a Refuse Collection Vehicle as well as associated staffing costs. One of the objectives is to reduce the reliance on agency staff.

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers

The service will operate more efficient rounds.

Impact on staffing

Any change which increases demands on existing staffing would need to be carefully managed to ensure no adverse service impacts. No reduction in staff numbers is proposed, but it is intended to reduce the need for agency workers.

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
Step 1: Conclude route optimisation work and recommendations.	01/12/24
Step 2: Agree options with members.	31/01/25
Step 3: Implementation.	01/04/25

Budget Report Location	Appendix 4 Proposed Revenue Savings
Unique Reference:	R&E2

Revenue Savings Plan		
Mitigation of pressures at Thrybergh Country Park		
Directorate:		Regeneration and Environment
Service Area:		Commercial Development and Visitor Experience
Director Responsible for Delivery:		Andrew Bramidge
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:		Cllr Sheppard
Head of Finance		Chloe Parker
Financial Impact		
Financial Saving to be achieved.	**2025/26 Perm**	£60k
	2026/27 Perm	£60k

Details of Proposed Saving Plan

Mitigation of pressures at Thrybergh Country Park, including avoidance of any increase in in-year pressures.

Improve car parking revenue through:-
- Increased enforcement on site.
- Review pricing outside structures of Fees and Charges (exemption).
- Increase revenue with benefit from VAT exemption established.

Enhanced Food and beverage offer through:-
- Review of margin, supply and pricing.
- Improved offer after redevelopment of lakeside café .

Review staffing model at Soft play/Tutti in light of changes to catering offer.

Other revenue:-
- Investigate alternative income generating opportunities to mitigate against Caravan Park revenue budget. rental/open air cinema etc.
- Marketing post investment (play café, paths) to drive visits.

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers
Improved food and beverage offer for residents and customers. Improved range of events and activities available to the public. Modest increases to car parking fees, and food and beverage prices in the café, coinciding with improved facilities.

Impact on staffing
No impact on staffing as a result of these actions.

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
Step 1: Car parking enforcement	01/09/2024
Step 2: Café pricing and margin review (biannual)	01/10/2024
Step 3: >2% fee adjustments parking (exemptions)	01/11/2024
Step 5: Resolve staffing	01/04/2025
Step 6: Operationalise new café and offer	01/06/2025
Step 4: Ongoing Marketing activity to include play/café/access	01/06/2025

Budget Report Location	Appendix 4 Proposed Revenue Savings
Unique Reference:	R&E3

Revenue Savings Plan		
Mitigation of pressures at Rother Valley Country Park		
Directorate:		Regeneration and Environment
Service Areas		Commercial Development and Visitor Experience
Director Responsible for Delivery:		Andrew Bramidge
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:		Cllr Sheppard
Head of Finance		Chloe Parker
Financial Impact		
Financial Saving to be achieved.	**2025/26 Perm**	£60k
	2026/27 Perm	£60k

Details of Proposed Saving Plan

Mitigation of pressures at Rother Valley Country Park, including avoidance of any increase in in-year pressures.

Improve car parking revenue through:-
- Use technology/training to minimise loss from queuing/late departures.
- Review pricing outside structures of Fees and Charges (exemption).
- Increase revenue with benefit from VAT exemption established.

Enhanced Food and beverage offer through:-
- Review of margin, supply and pricing.
- Construction of new lakeside café and enhanced offer.
- Recalibration of current profitable café to grab'n'go/shop.

Review staffing model.

Revisit offer to schools with new recruitment.
- Marketing to corporates, groups, schools and colleges.
- New product development on site.
- Staff development, including National Governing Body, in-house and instructor training.
- Enhanced oversight of Centre Activities.

Improve revenue through:-

- Develop events/train.
- Improved play offer through Capital and LUF investment.
- Maximise benefit from VAT free status in cycling and water sports.

Explore additional revenue streams with opportunity from new internal space/enhanced parking post LUF development and linked to redevelopment plan.

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers

The above proposal will improve services to customers and residents through:

- Improved catering offer at Rother Valley Country Park.
- A relaunched engagement programme with local schools, enabling more young people to visit as part of an organised school group.
- Improved events and recreational experiences at Rother Valley.

There will be a small increase to carparking fees, above the corporate agreement, proposed via an exemption as part of the Council's annual Fees and Charges process.

Impact on staffing

Staff will have the increased training and development opportunities to enable them to work with schools, children, corporate clients via watersports, cycling and outdoor learning activities.

New staff will need to be appointed as part of the café development.

Timeframe for delivery

Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
Step 1: Car parking charging enhancements	01/10/2024
Step 2: Café pricing review (biannual)	01/09/2024
Step 3: >2% fee adjustments parking (exemptions)	01/11/2024
Step 4: Marketing and events development	01/10/2025
Step 5: Development officer and education offer	01/04/2025
Step 6: Operationalising new café offer	01/11/2025

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TITLE:	**Budget Consultation 2025-26**
Background	
1.	Consultation on the 2025-26 Council budget was conducted via an online form, with feedback also invited via social media. In addition, a letter was sent to key partners seeking their views.
Online Consultation	
2.	The online consultation was open from 18 November 2024 to 10 January 2025. The online form had five questions, which allowed for "free text" responses: 1. What would be your spending priorities for the Council? 2. Where would you suggest the Council could reduce spending? 3. Do you have any concerns about the Council's current budget? 4. Council Plan budget priorities 5. Do you have any other thoughts on the budget? Question four was sub-divided into five separate questions, with respondents asked to give their comments on the five themes in the Council Plan: • Every neighbourhood thriving • People are safe, healthy and live well • Every child able to fulfil their potential • Expanding economic opportunity • A cleaner, greener local environment A total of 54 people completed the online consultation, this represented a significant decrease in the number of responses that were received on the budget consultation in the previous year (112). A summary of responses is set out below. **What would be your spending priorities for the Council?** A total of 29 different spending priorities were identified, spread across a wide range of themes. o The most frequently mentioned spending priority was the maintenance of roads and pavements (23 mentions), with comments mostly related to repairing potholes and improving the general condition of roads and pavements. A number of respondents (5) made specific references to parking and road safety issues and 4 respondents made negative comments about either cycle or bus lanes. o The second most frequently mentioned spending priority was street cleanliness / waste management (17 mentions). o The third most frequently mentioned spending priority was the regeneration of Rotherham (11 mentions) with 5 of these comments specifically mentioning the town centre. o Also mentioned frequently were priorities relating to community safety and tackling crime/ASB (10), improving housing, including repairs (8) education/schools (7 mentions with a further 3 respondents specifically referencing SEND provision), children's social care (7), adult social care (6) and general mention of social care (6).

Where would you suggest the Council could reduce spending?
A total of 12 areas for spending reductions were identified, spread across a wide range of themes.

- Adjusting service offers was the main category of saving suggestions (22 mentions). Comments included reducing spend on outsourced services by bringing them in-house, focussing on core services, scrutinising spend, and finding efficiencies via automation and better systems.
- Sixteen respondents were not supportive of spending on bus and cycle lanes.
- Nine respondents suggested reducing salaries, benefits, expenses or staffing levels. Of these 9 responses, 6 specifically mentioned elected members and 3 mentioned senior management.
- Nine respondents specifically mentioned reducing spending on 'wasteful or vanity projects'.
- Eight respondents made suggestions around selling off or reducing costs associated with council buildings/properties.

Do you have any concerns about the Council's current budget?
Just over 75% of respondents (42) raised a concern in response to question 3. Fourteen concerns related generally to stopping waste, ensuring value for money, good financial management, and efficiency. Themes included:

- Avoiding waste and careful budgeting around projects – in particular regeneration projects.
- A focus on debt collection and debt management.
- Using budgets fairly and intelligently.

Other relatively frequent responses related to service priorities (11) including managing the high cost of social care for both adults and children.

Do you have any other thoughts on the budget?
Around fifty-nine percent (32) of respondents provided additional comments in response to this question. Again, there was a wide spread of topics, and many served to reinforce points made in response to previous questions. The main comments were focussed on:

- *Service specific suggestions* - for example bringing more services in-house, generating rental income through more council homes and investment in specific service areas.
- *Ensuring value for money* – comments focussed on cutting waste, tightening finances and increasing efficiency.
- *Spending on the right things* – comments focussed on spending money on services that really matter to people and make a difference to their lives. Some comments were critical of spend on 'pet' or 'vanity' projects.

Council Plan themes
Respondents' views on budget priorities for the five Council Plan themes are summarised below.

Every neighbourhood thriving (45 respondents provided comments in response to this question)
There was some scepticism about this theme with around half of respondents who provided a comment stating that they were unsure what it meant, that it didn't resonate with their experience of their own neighbourhood, or critical of the theme in general, whereas only around 15% of respondents were positive about the theme. 'Local priorities', comprising suggestions for spend in a particular part of Rotherham, or a more equal share

	of spend across the borough received 8 responses. The other most frequently mentioned topics were the need to encourage residents to have pride in their local area by getting involved or volunteering, the need for more community facilities, and the need to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in neighbourhoods. Funding inequalities between different areas (examples included limiting additional funding for deprived areas and too much focus on the town centre) were raised as an issue by some. Some respondents commented that many parts of the borough looked run down and improvements need to be made to the street scene and general cleanliness in their local area. *People are safe, healthy and live well* (47 respondents provided comments) Crime and anti-social behaviour had the most mentions within this theme (18). Accessibility to health services also featured in multiple responses, with specific mentions of difficulty accessing GPs, mental health services and dentists. The need to improve street lighting so people feel safe in their local areas received several mentions. Other topics receiving more than one mention included mental health, better homes, cost of living, and the ability to take individual responsibility for health matters. *Every child able to fulfil their potential* (41 respondents provided comments) There was a focus on good quality education, guidance and support (9) in the responses to this theme, as well as specific mentions of better support and funding for children with special educational needs. Additional topics mentioned were parental responsibility, more activities for children and young people and the provision of out of school hours care and activities (including breakfast clubs). *Expanding economic opportunity* (37 respondents provided comments) About a third of respondents were critical of, or sceptical about this theme with most comments relating to a perceived lack of opportunities available in the town. Support for businesses (e.g. supporting small, local businesses and attracting private sector investment) received 8 comments. Job creation (attracting/growing businesses) was mentioned in 7 responses. Other topics with several mentions included support to remove barriers to work (including helping people get into work and off benefits), workforce engagement/development, local issues and town centre investment/improvement. *A cleaner, greener local environment* (45 respondents provided comments) Issues relating to waste collections, litter and fly-tipping were predominant (18 mentions). Other topics mentioned several times were the importance of protecting green belt and farmland from development, more planting (of both trees and wild flowers), maintenance and access to green spaces, recycling facilities, road/traffic issues, improving the street scene, a need for better public transport (especially buses), and renewables/net zero.
Social Media Engagement	
3.	The budget consultation was publicised widely to different audiences using the Council's main communications channels, as set out below. • Media – press release issued and picked up by a number of local outlets, including the Rotherham Advertiser. • Social media – regular posts on the main corporate Twitter and Facebook accounts: • Total number of posts: 16 • Overall views and reach: 41,149 • Average percentage of non-followers the posts have reached: 15.2%

	• Average percentage of followers the posts have reached: 84.8%
	• Link clicks generated to the consultation page: 421
	• Residents were asked some of the budget questions on social media such as "What would your spending priorities be" to encourage comments on posts and link clicks
	• Please note, additional posts were also shared on LinkedIn and Instagram.
	
	Comments on posts
	A small number of comments were made in response to the social media posts, including:
	
	• Expressing concerns around a lack of street lighting and street cleaning
	• Calling for footpath and road repairs and improved properties
	• Calling for improved drainage and flood defences at locations across the borough
	• Mentioning money on street cleanliness and waste management in local areas
	• Expressing concerns around active travel schemes
	
	The budget consultation was promoted through the Council's email bulletins, which were issued to those people on the Council's database who have consented to receive information directly:
	
	• Rotherham Round-Up newsletter, issued 6 December 2024 to 10,919 subscribers
	• News from your Neighbourhood newsletters, issued throughout December 2024 to 11,843 subscribers
	  ○ Total link clicks generated (including consultation home page): 44
	  ○ Total direct consultation link clicks: 42

Other responses	
4.	**Partners** One response was received to the letter sent to key partners. This was from Voluntary Action Rotherham. The response welcomed the collaborative multi-agency and partnership approach to ensure that the voluntary and community sector is engaged and able to contribute to Rotherham's needs.
Recommendations	
5.	To note and consider the findings as part of the overall budget discussions.

Budget 2025/26

Net Budget Requirement to be met by Council Tax

Statutory Resolution

Summary

This Appendix sets out details of the calculation of the Council Tax for Rotherham's parished and unparished areas for the financial year 2025/26 including the Mayoral Police and Crime Commissioner's and the Fire and Rescue Authority's Precepts as well as Parish Councils' Precepts.

The Council's proposed Net Revenue Budget for 2025/26 of £358,978,077 includes a 3.0% increase for Council Tax, comprising a 1.0% increase in the basic rate of Council Tax and a 2.00% Adult Social Care Precept (ASC Precept).

The 3.0% increase plus the impact of the 1% rise in the Council Tax Base will raise £5.3m overall and will add £54.48 to a Band D Council Tax Bill for 2025/26.

In accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority has notified its precept for 2025/26 with a Band D Council Tax at £90.05 (an increase of £5.00 or 5.88%) and The South Yorkshire Mayoral Police and Crime Commissioner has notified their precept for 2025/26 with a Band D Council Tax of £265.04 (a £14 increase which is 5.58%).

For those areas of the Borough which have a Town or Parish Council, the Town and Parish Council Precepts for 2025/26 detailed in Annex A total £4,235,135.12, which results in an average Town and Parish Council Band D Council Tax of £103.10, a decrease of 2.01%. This overall average decrease has arisen due to Waverley Parish Precept reducing to £0 from £434,068.55 (£288.45 per Band D) in 2024/25.

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

Annex A - Council Tax Calculations

1. **a**. That it be noted that on 8th January 2025, the Strategic Director – Finance & Customer Services (S151 Officer), under delegated powers, determined that the Council Tax Base for the financial year 2025/26 is 73,602.07 Band D Equivalent Properties. Being the amount calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended) (the Act).

b. And for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish Precept applies, the Tax Bases are as set out in the table below:

Parished Area	Tax Base	Total Precept £
Anston	2,948.24	£420,767.00
Aston-Cum-Aughton	4,471.02	£439,903.00
Bramley	2,308.57	£189,580.00
Brampton Bierlow	1,244.24	£99,377.00
Brinsworth	2,358.11	£532,197.60
Catcliffe	580.53	£86,955.00
Dalton	2,743.26	£230,958.00
Dinnington St Johns	2,686.47	£326,933.00
Firbeck	183.48	£12,000.00
Gildingwells	42.45	£0.00
Harthill-with-Woodall	741.41	£84,000.00
Hellaby	248.37	£13,265.30
Hooton Levitt	55.04	£0.00
Hooton Roberts	78.82	£1,600.00
Laughton-En-Le Morthen	463.47	£49,500.00
Letwell	67.32	£8,540.00
Maltby	4,225.12	£373,046.00
Orgreave	204.55	£12,932.33
Ravenfield	1,029.14	£53,496.69
Thorpe Salvin	217.18	£15,626.00
Thrybergh	906.82	£105,000.00
Thurcroft	2,139.44	£213,081.00
Todwick	663.62	£68,670.00
Treeton	955.50	£70,000.00
Ulley	69.80	£9,091.20

Wales	2,167.29	£350,000.00
Waverley	1,661.16	£0.00
Wentworth	571.32	£25,300.00
Whiston	1,492.42	£111,913.00
Wickersley	2,956.87	£250,000.00
Woodsetts	596.58	£81,403.00
TOTAL	**41,077.61**	**£4,235,135.12**

2. That it be noted that the calculation of the Council Tax Requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2025/26 (excluding Parish Precepts), as outlined in the Budget and Council Tax 2025/26 Report is £137,682,237.85.

3. That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2025/26 in accordance with sections 31 to 36 of the Act.

a. £363,613,212.00 being the net aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils (£4,235,135.12).

(Gross Council Expenditure less income and Specific Grants other than the Business Rates Retention Scheme, Settlement Funding Assessment Grants and other non-ringfenced grants).

b. £218,695,838.88 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its General Fund in respect of the Business Rates Retention Scheme, Settlement Funding Assessment grants and other non-ringfenced grants and use of reserves, set out in 31A (3) of the Act.

c. £3,000,000 being the amount which the Council estimates will be payable in the year from its Collection Fund to its General Fund in accordance with section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Council Tax Balance).

d. £141,917,373.12 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3a above exceeds the aggregate of 3b and 3c above, calculated by the Council in accordance with section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year.

e. £1,928.1709 being the amount at 3d above divided by Item 1a above calculated by the Council in accordance with section 31B of the Act as the relevant basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts).

f. £4,235,135.12 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish Precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act as per section 1b above.

g. £1,870.6300 being the amount at 3e above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3f above by the figure at 1a above calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the relevant basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no parish Precept relates. (Band D Council Tax for Rotherham MBC services).

h. Parish Areas The following amounts calculated by the Council as the relevant basic amounts of Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate, being the amounts given by adding the amount at 3g above to the amount of the special items, are shown in annex B section 1, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act (rounded to the nearest penny):

Parished Area	**Band D**
Anston	2,013.35
Aston-Cum-Aughton	1,969.02
Bramley	1,952.75
Brampton Bierlow	1,950.50
Brinsworth	2,096.32
Catcliffe	2,020.42
Dalton	1,954.82
Dinnington St Johns	1,992.33
Firbeck	1,936.03
Gildingwells	1,870.63
Harthill-with-Woodall	1,983.93
Hellaby	1,924.04
Hooton Levitt	1,870.63
Hooton Roberts	1,890.93
Laughton-En-Le Morthen	1,977.43
Letwell	1,997.49
Maltby	1,958.92
Orgreave	1,933.85
Ravenfield	1,922.61
Thorpe Salvin	1,942.58
Thrybergh	1,986.42
Thurcroft	1,970.23
Todwick	1,974.11
Treeton	1,943.89

Ulley	2,000.88
Wales	2,032.12
Waverley	1,870.63
Wentworth	1,914.91
Whiston	1,945.62
Wickersley	1,955.18
Woodsetts	2,007.08

4 That it be noted that for 2025/26 the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority has indicated and the South Yorkshire Mayoral Police and Crime Commissioner has confirmed the following Precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area, as indicated in the table below.

Tax Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
South Yorkshire Mayoral Police & Crime Commissioner*	176.69	206.14	235.59	265.04	323.94	382.84	441.73	530.08
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority*	£60.03	£70.04	£80.04	£90.05	£110.06	£130.07	£150.08	£180.10

*Precept expected to be approved by a mayoral decision record on 28th February 2025.

*Precept confirmed following the SYFRA meeting on 17th February 2025.

5. That the Council in accordance with Sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate Council Tax Requirement for unparished areas (rounded to the nearest penny) shown in the table below and in Annex B (for those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate) as the amounts of Council Tax for 2025/26 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

Tax Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council	1,042.46	1,216.20	1,389.95	1,563.69	1,911.17	2,258.66	2,606.15	3,127.38
RMBC Adult Social Care Precept	204.63	238.73	272.84	306.94	375.15	443.36	511.57	613.88
Total for Rotherham MBC Only	**1,247.09**	**1,454.93**	**1,662.79**	**1,870.63**	**2,286.32**	**2,702.02**	**3,117.72**	**3,741.26**
South Yorkshire	176.69	206.14	235.59	265.04	323.94	382.84	441.73	530.08

Mayoral Police & Crime Commissioner								
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority *	£60.03	£70.04	£80.04	£90.05	£110.06	£130.07	£150.08	£180.10
Aggregate Council Tax Requirement (unparished areas)	**1,483.81**	**1,731.11**	**1,978.42**	**2,225.72**	**2,720.33**	**3,214.93**	**3,709.53**	**4,451.44**

6. That, in accordance with the principles determined by the Secretary of State and set out in the Referendums Relating to Council Tax Increases (Principles) (England) Report 2025/26, it be determined that Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council's relevant basic amount of Council Tax for the year 2025/26 (as defined by Section 52ZB of the 1992 Local Government Finance Act as amended by Section 41 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014) is not excessive.

Annex B – Council Tax Requirement for Parished Areas

1. Basic Amount of Council Tax by Band for Parished Areas

That the amounts below, being the amounts shown in Annex A Section 3h as the relevant basic amount of Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of the Council's area to which Parish Precepts relate and the amount at Annex A 3g (the relevant basic amount of Council Tax including Adult Social Care "Precept" for those parts the Council's areas to which no parish precepts relate), then multiplied by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation Band D, (rounded to the nearest penny) calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

Council Tax in Parished Areas (excluding Police and Fire Precept)

Tax Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Rotherham Council areas (except those below which have a parish)	1,247.09	1,454.93	1,662.79	**1,870.63**	2,286.32	2,702.02	3,117.72	3,741.26
Anston	1,342.24	1,565.93	1,789.65	**2,013.35**	2,460.75	2,908.17	3,355.58	4,026.70
Aston-Cum-Aughton	1,312.68	1,531.46	1,750.25	**1,969.02**	2,406.57	2,844.14	3,281.70	3,938.04
Bramley	1,301.84	1,518.80	1,735.79	**1,952.75**	2,386.69	2,820.64	3,254.59	3,905.50
Brampton Bierlow	1,300.34	1,517.05	1,733.79	**1,950.50**	2,383.94	2,817.39	3,250.84	3,901.00
Brinsworth	1,397.55	1,630.47	1,863.40	**2,096.32**	2,562.16	3,028.01	3,493.87	4,192.64
Catcliffe	1,346.95	1,571.43	1,795.93	**2,020.42**	2,469.39	2,918.38	3,367.36	4,040.83
Dalton	1,303.22	1,520.41	1,737.63	**1,954.82**	2,389.22	2,823.63	3,258.04	3,909.64
Dinnington St Johns	1,328.22	1,549.58	1,770.96	**1,992.33**	2,435.06	2,877.80	3,320.55	3,984.65
Firbeck	1,290.69	1,505.80	1,720.93	**1,936.03**	2,366.26	2,796.49	3,226.72	3,872.06
Gildingwells	1,247.09	1,454.93	1,662.79	**1,870.63**	2,286.32	2,702.02	3,117.72	3,741.26

Harthill-with-Woodall	1,322.62	1,543.05	1,763.50	**1,983.93**	2,424.79	2,865.67	3,306.55	3,967.86
Hellaby	1,282.70	1,496.47	1,710.27	**1,924.04**	2,351.60	2,779.17	3,206.74	3,848.08
Hooton Levitt	1,247.09	1,454.93	1,662.79	**1,870.63**	2,286.32	2,702.02	3,117.72	3,741.26
Hooton Roberts	1,260.62	1,470.72	1,680.83	**1,890.93**	2,311.13	2,731.34	3,151.55	3,781.86
Laughton-En-Le Morthen	1,318.29	1,538.00	1,757.73	**1,977.43**	2,416.86	2,856.29	3,295.73	3,954.87
Letwell	1,331.66	1,553.60	1,775.55	**1,997.49**	2,441.37	2,885.26	3,329.15	3,994.97
Maltby	1,305.95	1,523.60	1,741.27	**1,958.92**	2,394.23	2,829.55	3,264.87	3,917.84
Orgreave	1,289.24	1,504.10	1,718.99	**1,933.85**	2,363.59	2,793.34	3,223.09	3,867.71
Ravenfield	1,281.74	1,495.36	1,709.00	**1,922.61**	2,349.85	2,777.11	3,204.36	3,845.22
Thorpe Salvin	1,295.06	1,510.89	1,726.75	**1,942.58**	2,374.26	2,805.95	3,237.64	3,885.16
Thrybergh	1,324.28	1,544.99	1,765.71	**1,986.42**	2,427.84	2,869.27	3,310.70	3,972.84
Thurcroft	1,313.49	1,532.39	1,751.32	**1,970.23**	2,408.05	2,845.88	3,283.71	3,940.45
Todwick	1,316.08	1,535.41	1,754.77	**1,974.11**	2,412.79	2,851.49	3,290.18	3,948.22
Treeton	1,295.93	1,511.91	1,727.91	**1,943.89**	2,375.86	2,807.84	3,239.82	3,887.78
Ulley	1,333.92	1,556.23	1,778.56	**2,000.88**	2,445.51	2,890.15	3,334.80	4,001.75
Wales	1,354.75	1,580.53	1,806.34	**2,032.12**	2,483.70	2,935.29	3,386.87	4,064.24
Waverley	1,247.09	1,454.93	1,662.79	**1,870.63**	2,286.32	2,702.02	3,117.72	3,741.26
Wentworth	1,276.61	1,489.37	1,702.15	**1,914.91**	2,340.44	2,765.98	3,191.53	3,829.83
Whiston	1,297.08	1,513.25	1,729.45	**1,945.62**	2,377.97	2,810.34	3,242.70	3,891.24
Wickersley	1,303.46	1,520.69	1,737.94	**1,955.18**	2,389.66	2,824.15	3,258.63	3,910.36
Woodsetts	1,338.06	1,561.06	1,784.08	**2,007.08**	2,453.09	2,899.11	3,345.14	4,014.16

2. Aggregate Council Tax Requirements

That the amounts shown in the table below are set by the Council in accordance with Sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as the aggregate Council Tax Requirement for those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate as the amounts of Council Tax for 2025/26 for each of the categories of dwellings.

Appendix 6
Statutory Resolution of Council Tax 2025/26

Aggregate Council Tax in Parished Areas (including Police and Fire Precept)

Tax Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Rotherham Council areas (except those below which have a parish)	1,483.81	1,731.11	1,978.42	**2,225.72**	2,720.32	3,214.93	3,709.53	4,451.44
Anston	1,578.96	1,842.11	2,105.28	**2,368.44**	2,894.75	3,421.08	3,947.39	4,736.88
Aston-Cum-Aughton	1,549.40	1,807.64	2,065.88	**2,324.11**	2,840.57	3,357.05	3,873.51	4,648.22
Bramley	1,538.56	1,794.98	2,051.42	**2,307.84**	2,820.69	3,333.55	3,846.40	4,615.68
Brampton Bierlow	1,537.06	1,793.23	2,049.42	**2,305.59**	2,817.94	3,330.30	3,842.65	4,611.18
Brinsworth	1,634.27	1,906.65	2,179.03	**2,451.41**	2,996.16	3,540.92	4,085.68	4,902.82
Catcliffe	1,583.67	1,847.61	2,111.56	**2,375.51**	2,903.39	3,431.29	3,959.17	4,751.01
Dalton	1,539.94	1,796.59	2,053.26	**2,309.91**	2,823.22	3,336.54	3,849.85	4,619.82
Dinnington St Johns	1,564.94	1,825.76	2,086.59	**2,347.42**	2,869.06	3,390.71	3,912.36	4,694.83
Firbeck	1,527.41	1,781.98	2,036.56	**2,291.12**	2,800.26	3,309.40	3,818.53	4,582.24
Gildingwells	1,483.81	1,731.11	1,978.42	**2,225.72**	2,720.32	3,214.93	3,709.53	4,451.44
Harthill-with-Woodall	1,559.34	1,819.23	2,079.13	**2,339.02**	2,858.79	3,378.58	3,898.36	4,678.04
Hellaby	1,519.42	1,772.65	2,025.90	**2,279.13**	2,785.60	3,292.08	3,798.55	4,558.26
Hooton Levitt	1,483.81	1,731.11	1,978.42	**2,225.72**	2,720.32	3,214.93	3,709.53	4,451.44
Hooton Roberts	1,497.34	1,746.90	1,996.46	**2,246.02**	2,745.13	3,244.25	3,743.36	4,492.04
Laughton-En-Le Morthen	1,555.01	1,814.18	2,073.36	**2,332.52**	2,850.86	3,369.20	3,887.54	4,665.05
Letwell	1,568.38	1,829.78	2,091.18	**2,352.58**	2,875.37	3,398.17	3,920.96	4,705.15
Maltby	1,542.67	1,799.78	2,056.90	**2,314.01**	2,828.23	3,342.46	3,856.68	4,628.02
Orgreave	1,525.96	1,780.28	2,034.62	**2,288.94**	2,797.59	3,306.25	3,814.90	4,577.89
Ravenfield	1,518.46	1,771.54	2,024.63	**2,277.70**	2,783.85	3,290.02	3,796.17	4,555.40
Thorpe Salvin	1,531.78	1,787.07	2,042.38	**2,297.67**	2,808.26	3,318.86	3,829.45	4,595.34
Thrybergh	1,561.00	1,821.17	2,081.34	**2,341.51**	2,861.84	3,382.18	3,902.51	4,683.02

Thurcroft	1,550.21	1,808.57	2,066.95	**2,325.32**	2,842.05	3,358.79	3,875.52	4,650.63
Todwick	1,552.80	1,811.59	2,070.40	**2,329.20**	2,846.79	3,364.40	3,881.99	4,658.40
Treeton	1,532.65	1,788.09	2,043.54	**2,298.98**	2,809.86	3,320.75	3,831.63	4,597.96
Ulley	1,570.64	1,832.41	2,094.19	**2,355.97**	2,879.51	3,403.06	3,926.61	4,711.93
Wales	1,591.47	1,856.71	2,121.97	**2,387.21**	2,917.70	3,448.20	3,978.68	4,774.42
Waverley	1,483.81	1,731.11	1,978.42	**2,225.72**	2,720.32	3,214.93	3,709.53	4,451.44
Wentworth	1,513.33	1,765.55	2,017.78	**2,270.00**	2,774.44	3,278.89	3,783.34	4,540.01
Whiston	1,533.80	1,789.43	2,045.08	**2,300.71**	2,811.97	3,323.25	3,834.51	4,601.42
Wickersley	1,540.18	1,796.87	2,053.57	**2,310.27**	2,823.66	3,337.06	3,850.44	4,620.54
Woodsetts	1,574.78	1,837.24	2,099.71	**2,362.17**	2,887.09	3,412.02	3,936.95	4,724.34

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Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Adult Services	Adult Services	Domiciliary Care	Per Hour	19.40			25.52			31.5%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Adult Services	Adult Services	Day Care	Per session	36.60			73.50			100.8%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Adult Services	Adult Services	Transport to day centre	Return journey	6.30			6.43			2.1%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Adult Services	Adult Services	Community Alarms (Rothercare)	Per Week	3.50			4.50			28.6%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Adult Services	Adult Services	Residential Care - Older People	Per Week	708.30			722.47			2.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Adult Services	Adult Services	Residential Care - Learning Disabilities	Per Week	795.30			811.21			2.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Adult Services	Adult Services	Respite Care - Learning Disabilities	Per Week	1,669.30			1,702.69			2.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Adult Services	Adult Services	Extra Care Housing	Per Week	35.30			36.01			2.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Adult Services	Adult Services	Deferred Payments - Set up fee	one -off	142.90			145.76			2.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Adult Services	Adult Services	Deferred Payments - Property Valuation (initial)	one -off	244.20			249.08			2.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Adult Services	Adult Services	Deferred Payments - Property Valuation (Full)	one -off	610.50			622.71			2.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Adult Services	Adult Services	Deferred Payments - Annual Management fee	Per annum	30.50			31.11			2.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Adult Services	Adult Services	Deferred Payments - Closure Fee	One -off	73.30			74.77			2.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	HRA Standard Rent	Per Week		60.52	151.52		62.15	155.61	2.7%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Shared Ownership Properties	Monthly		67.15	413.67		69.30	495.99	3.2%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Affordable Rent	Per Week		89.92	180.83		92.35	185.71	2.7%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Furnished Homes: Carpets only	Per Week	11.57			11.88			2.7%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Furnished Homes: Washer only	Per Week	3.30			3.39			2.7%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Furnished Homes: Dryer only	Per Week	2.43			2.50			2.9%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Furnished Homes: Washer and Dryer	Per Week	5.73			5.88			2.6%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Furnished Homes: Combi Washer/Dryer	Per Week	6.53			6.71			2.8%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Furnished Homes: Bronze only	Per Week	10.73			11.02			2.7%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Furnished Homes: Bronze + carpets	Per Week	22.30			22.90			2.7%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Furnished Homes: Silver only	Per Week	16.95			17.41			2.7%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Furnished Homes: Silver + carpets	Per Week	28.53			29.30			2.7%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Furnished Homes: Gold only	Per Week	27.43			28.17			2.7%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Furnished Homes: Gold + carpets	Per Week	39.00			40.05			2.7%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Furnished Homes: Platinum only	Per Week	38.71			39.76			2.7%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Furnished Homes: Platinum + carpets	Per Week	50.29			51.65			2.7%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Garage Rent / Car Park space - Council tenant	Per Week	5.96			6.56			10.1%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Garage Rent / Car Park space - Non Council tenant or council Tenants with more than one garage	Per Week	7.16			7.88			10.1%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Surface Garage plot	Per annum	71.86			79.05			10.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Non-surface Garage plot	Per annum	64.67			71.14			10.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Warncliffe Flats car park space	Per Week	7.82			7.98			2.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Hot Water charge	Per Week	2.32			2.37			2.2%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Cooking Gas	Per Week	1.07			1.09			1.9%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Community Facility	Per Week	5.67			5.78			1.9%

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Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Communal Block - additional bedroom charge	Per week	24.76			25.26			2.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Laundry Facility	Per Week	1.90			1.94			2.1%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	District Heating Unit Charge	Per unit of heat	0.15			0.1309			-14.3%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	District Heating - Bedsit	Per Week	9.50			8.50			-10.5%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	District Heating - 1 bed	Per Week	16.50			13.50			-18.2%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	District Heating - 2 bed	Per Week	20.50			17.50			-14.6%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	District Heating - 3-4 bed	Per Week	26.50			21.50			-18.9%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Contents Insurance	Per Week	Full Cost Recovery						N/A
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Acquired Ground Rent	Per Week	6.91			7.60			10.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Acquired Estate Fee	Per Week	3.81			3.91			2.6%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Commercial hire of Neighbourhood Centre	Per Hour	11.24			11.46			2.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Community or Voluntary hire of Neighbourhood Centre	Per Hour	7.53			7.68			2.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Non resident charge to attend activity at Neighbourhood Centre	Per Session	0.56			0.57			1.8%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Estate Service Charge Eligible	Per month	Full Cost Recovery						N/A
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Block Service Charge Eligible	Per month	Full Cost Recovery						N/A
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Property Service Charge Eligible	Per month	Full Cost Recovery						N/A
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Leasehold Mgmt	Per annum	Full Cost Recovery						N/A
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Leasehold Admin Fee	Per annum	Full Cost Recovery						N/A
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Leasehold Mgmt Fee VPC	Per annum	Full Cost Recovery						N/A
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Leasehold Mgmt Fee LTA	Per annum	Full Cost Recovery						N/A
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Leasehold Court Costs	Per annum	Full Cost Recovery						N/A
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Leasehold Capital	Per annum	Full Cost Recovery						N/A
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Leasehold Grd Rent	Per annum	Full Cost Recovery						N/A
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Leasehold Bldg Ins	Per annum	Full Cost Recovery						N/A
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Leasehold Cleaning	Per annum	Full Cost Recovery						N/A
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Leasehold Admin	Per annum	Full Cost Recovery						N/A
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Leasehold R&M	Per annum	Full Cost Recovery						N/A
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Sales/Resales - Landlords Enquiries (Flats)	AD-HOC	159.00			159.00			0.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Sales/Resales - Landlords Enquiries (houses with services)	AD-HOC	159.00			159.00			0.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Sales/Resales - Landlords Enquiries (houses no services)	AD-HOC	159.00			159.00			0.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Processing resales - shared ownership	AD-HOC	212.00			212.00			0.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Staircasing fees	AD-HOC	212.00			212.00			0.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Remortgage Applications	AD-HOC	79.50			80.00			0.6%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Further advance applications	AD-HOC	79.50			80.00			0.6%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Notice of transfer	AD-HOC	79.50			80.00			0.6%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Notice of charge	AD-HOC	63.60			60.00			-5.7%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Deed of covenant	AD-HOC	79.50			80.00			0.6%

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Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Copy lease (from Land Registry)	AD-HOC	31.80			30.00			-5.7%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Copy of lease if held on file	AD-HOC	26.50			20.00			-24.5%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Insurance policy document	AD-HOC	26.50			20.00			-24.5%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Standard valuation fee (basic market valuation)	AD-HOC	212.00			216.00			1.9%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Lease extension/enfranchisement valuations	AD-HOC	424.00			430.00			1.4%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Lease extension admin fee	AD-HOC	212.00			216.00			1.9%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Enfranchisement admin fee (per unit)	AD-HOC	159.00			160.00			0.6%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Home improvements / alterations (permission request - basic)	AD-HOC	63.60			60.00			-5.7%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Home improvements / alterations (permission request - complex)	AD-HOC	127.20			120.00			-5.7%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Home improvements (Surveyor report)	AD-HOC	127.20			130.00			2.2%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Retrospective consent for alterations	AD-HOC	159.00			160.00			0.6%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Deed of postponement	AD-HOC	63.60			60.00			-5.7%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Deed of variation/rectification administration fee	AD-HOC	127.20			125.00			-1.7%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Equity loan transfers, licence to assign and lease extensions	AD-HOC	212.00			216.00			1.9%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Certificate of compliance	AD-HOC	53.00			50.00			-5.7%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Copy of Service Charge account	AD-HOC	26.50			20.00			-24.5%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Additional copies of correspondence	AD-HOC	26.50			20.00			-24.5%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Issue of Notice of Forfeiture	AD-HOC	127.20			125.00			-1.7%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Landlords Notice for Mortgage Application	AD-HOC	53.00			50.00			-5.7%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Landlords Approval for new mortgage	AD-HOC	53.00			50.00			-5.7%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Supply of Fire Risk Assessment	AD-HOC	53.00			50.00			-5.7%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Landlords Reference	AD-HOC	53.00			50.00			-5.7%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Surrender & Regrant of Lease	AD-HOC	371.00			375.00			1.1%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Copy Fire Risk Assessment	AD-HOC	26.50			20.00			-24.5%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Right of First Refusal Discharge Certificate	AD-HOC	53.00			50.00			-5.7%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Change of Name - fee plus legal fees	AD-HOC	53.00			20.00			-62.3%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Notice Seeking Possession	AD-HOC	53.00			50.00			-5.7%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Breach of lease	AD-HOC	26.50			25.00			-5.7%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Letter 3 on arrears/approaching lender	AD-HOC	26.50			25.00			-5.7%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Temporary accommodation	Per night	32.89			33.55			2.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Replacement Alleygate Keys - Council Tenant	AD-HOC	10.60			14.00			32.1%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Replacement Alleygate Keys - Non Council Tenant	AD-HOC	12.72			16.80			32.1%
Assistant Chief Executive Directorate	Democratic Service	Democratic Service	Room Hire - Town Hall - before 5.30	Per hour	89.40			91.20			2.0%
Assistant Chief Executive Directorate	Democratic Service	Democratic Service	Room Hire - Town Hall - after 5.30	Per hour	89.40			91.20			2.0%
Assistant Chief Executive Directorate	Democratic Service	Democratic Service	Catering - Tea & Coffee Only	Per person	2.10			2.15			2.4%
Assistant Chief Executive Directorate	HR&Payroll	HR&Payroll	HR & Payroll SLA Fee charged to Academies and External Companies	BACS Fee plus charge per capita		477.00	2,414.00		525.00	No Max	N/A
Assistant Chief Executive Directorate	HR&Payroll	HR&Payroll	HR & Payroll SLA Fee charged to LA maintained schools	BACS Fee plus charge per capita		160.00	16,425.00		521.50	No Max	N/A
Assistant Chief Executive Directorate	HR&Payroll	HR&Payroll	Fee's charged for Elections payroll (DMBC, SCC)	BACS Fee plus charge per capita	5,301.00				178.05	No Max	N/A

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Assistant Chief Executive Directorate	HR&Payroll	HR&Payroll	Charge to Doncaster CC as part of HR&P Shared Service	Per Annum	Commercially Confidential			Commercially Confidential			N/A
Assistant Chief Executive Directorate	HR&Payroll	HR&Payroll	Fee charged for HR Consultancy Service SLA to schools and academies	Per Annum		666.20	26,045.30		679.50	No Max	2.0%
Assistant Chief Executive Directorate	HR&Payroll	HR&Payroll	Fees charged for External Recruitment Adverts on RMBC website	Per advert	128.70				57.50	333.00	N/A
Assistant Chief Executive Directorate	HR&Payroll	HR&Payroll	DBS Checks for External Customers (other than DMBC)	Per check	11.60			11.85			2.2%
Children & Young People	Early Years Services	Early Years Services	Childcare workforce	Childcare workforce	39.35			40.14			2.0%
Children & Young People	Early Years Services	Early Years Services	Childcare workforce	Childcare workforce	65.20			66.50			2.0%
Children & Young People	Education Psychology	Education Psychology	Option 1 Annual Contract (5 days -10 sessions per year)	Option 1 Annual Contract (5 days -10 sessions per year)	2,215.00			2,265.00			2.3%
Children & Young People	Education Psychology	Education Psychology	Option 2 Annual Contract (7.5 days -15 sessions per year)	Option 2 Annual Contract (7.5 days -15 sessions per year)	3,315.00			3,390.00			2.3%
Children & Young People	Education Psychology	Education Psychology	Option 3 Annual Contract (10 days -20 sessions per year)	Option 3 Annual Contract (10 days -20 sessions per year)	4,410.00			4,500.00			2.0%
Children & Young People	Education Psychology	Education Psychology	Option 4 Annual Contract (20 days -40 sessions per year)	Option 4 Annual Contract (20 days -40 sessions per year)	8,660.00			8,840.00			2.1%
Children & Young People	Education Psychology	Education Psychology	Option 5 Annual Contract (40 days -80 sessions per year)	Option 5 Annual Contract (40 days -80 sessions per year)	17,120.00			17,480.00			2.1%
Children & Young People	Education Psychology	Education Psychology	Option 6 Annual Contract (60 days -120 sessions per year)	Option 6 Annual Contract (60 days -120 sessions per year)	25,620.00			26,160.00			2.1%
Children & Young People	Education Psychology	Education Psychology	Option 7 Sessional costs per day (2 sessions) for requests received after 31st March 2019.	Option 7 Sessional costs per day (2 sessions) for requests received after 31st March 2019.	675.00			690.00			2.2%
Children & Young People	Leaving Care	Leaving Care	Hollowgate - 1 Bed Flat	Hollowgate - 1 Bed Flat	222.29			226.74			2.0%
Children & Young People	Leaving Care	Leaving Care	Hollowgate - 2 Bed Flat	Hollowgate - 2 Bed Flat	233.99			238.67			2.0%
Children & Young People	Leaving Care	Leaving Care	Disbursed Property	Disbursed Property	79.78			81.38			2.0%
Children & Young People	Outdoor Education	Outdoor Education	Outdoor Learning and Educational Visits Service	Outdoor Learning and Educational Visits Service	1.87			1.91			2.1%
Children & Young People	Outdoor Education	Outdoor Education	Duke of Edinburgh Award - Special school	Duke of Edinburgh Award - Special school	371.00			378.42			2.0%
Children & Young People	Outdoor Education	Outdoor Education	Outdoor Learning Facilities (Crowden Outdoor Educational Centre) Rotherham Schools and Groups	Outdoor Learning Facilities (Crowden Outdoor Educational Centre) - Rotherham Schools and Groups	96.76			106.05			9.6%
Children & Young People	Outdoor Education	Outdoor Education	Outdoor Learning Facilities (Crowden Outdoor Educational Centre) Non Rotherham Schools and Groups	Outdoor Learning Facilities (Crowden Outdoor Educational Centre) - Non Rotherham Schools and Groups	96.76			106.05			9.6%
Children & Young People	READ (Dyslexia Support)	READ (Dyslexia Support)	Outreach support for children with Dyslexia (One Hour per week for 12 week block.)	Outreach support for children with Dyslexia (One Hour per week for 12 week block.)	860.00			878.00			2.1%
Children & Young People	READ (Dyslexia Support)	READ (Dyslexia Support)	Outreach support for children with Dyslexia (Two Hours per week for 12 week block.)	Outreach support for children with Dyslexia (Two Hours per week for 12 week block.)	1,720.00			1,756.00			2.1%
Children & Young People	READ (Dyslexia Support)	READ (Dyslexia Support)	Outreach support for children with Dyslexia (Three Hours per week for 12 week block.)	Outreach support for children with Dyslexia (Three Hours per week for 12 week block.)	2,580.00			2,634.00			2.1%
Children & Young People	READ (Dyslexia Support)	READ (Dyslexia Support)	Outreach support for children with Dyslexia (Four Hours per week for 12 week block.)	Outreach support for children with Dyslexia (Four Hours per week for 12 week block.)	3,440.00			3,512.00			2.1%

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						Minimum Charge 2024/25 £	Maximum Charge 2024/25 £		Proposed Minimum Charge 2025/26 £	Proposed Maximum Charge 2025/26 £	
Children & Young People	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Service	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Service	Children Centres, Special Schools and Primary schools up to a PAN of 30	Children Centres, Special Schools and Primary schools up to a PAN of 30	551.00			562.00			2.0%
Children & Young People	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Service	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Service	Primary Schools up to a PAN of 45	Primary Schools up to a PAN of 45	759.00			774.00			2.0%
Children & Young People	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Service	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Service	Primary Schools up to a PAN of 60	Primary Schools up to a PAN of 60	861.00			878.00			2.0%
Children & Young People	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Service	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Service	Primary Schools up to a PAN of 90	Primary Schools up to a PAN of 90	990.00			1,010.00			2.0%
Children & Young People	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Services including Radiation Protection Advisory Service	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Services including Radiation Protection Advisory Service	Secondary Schools up to a PAN of 210 (incl. £300 CLEAPPS)	Secondary Schools up to a PAN of 210 (incl. £300 CLEAPPS)	2,327.00			2,374.00			2.0%
Children & Young People	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Services including Radiation Protection Advisory Service	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Services including Radiation Protection Advisory Service	Secondary Schools up to a PAN of 260 (incl. £300 CLEAPPS)	Secondary Schools up to a PAN of 260 (incl. £300 CLEAPPS)	3,069.00			3,130.00			2.0%
Children & Young People	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Services including Radiation Protection Advisory Service	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Services including Radiation Protection Advisory Service	Secondary Schools with a PAN above 261 (incl. £300 CLEAPS)	Secondary Schools with a PAN above 261 (incl. £300 CLEAPS)	3,429.00			3,498.00			2.0%
Children & Young People	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Services including Radiation Protection Advisory Service	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Services including Radiation Protection Advisory Service	Secondary Schools up to a PAN of 140 (incl. £300 CLEAPPS)	Secondary Schools up to a PAN of 140 (incl. £300 CLEAPPS)	1,850.00			1,887.00			2.0%
Children & Young People	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Services including Radiation Protection Advisory Service	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Services including Radiation Protection Advisory Service	Cleapps and RPA advisor membership	Secondary out of district per school	535			546			2.1%
Children & Young People	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham Hall (Capacity 107) per day (Monday to Friday)	Rockingham Hall (Capacity 107) per day (Monday to Friday)	307.40			313.55			2.0%
Children & Young People	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham Hall (Capacity 107) per day (Saturday to Sunday)	Rockingham Hall (Capacity 107) per day (Saturday to Sunday)	336.02			342.74			2.0%
Children & Young People	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham Hall (Capacity 107) per Half day/Twilight Session (Monday to Friday)	Rockingham Hall (Capacity 107) per Half day/Twilight Session (Monday to Friday)	147.23			150.17			2.0%
Children & Young People	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham Hall (Capacity 107) Evening Session (Monday to Friday)	Rockingham Hall (Capacity 107) Evening Session (Monday to Friday)	153.91			No longer provide evening sessions			N/A
Children & Young People	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham PDC	Meeting rooms (Fitzwilliam,Wharncliffe,Wentworth, Fullerton) (capacity 30- 36) per day (Monday to Friday)	Meeting rooms (Fitzwilliam,Wharncliffe, Wentworth, Fullerton) (capacity 30- 36) per day (Monday to Friday)	225.78			230.30			2.0%
Children & Young People	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham PDC	Meeting rooms (Fitzwilliam, Wharncliffe,Wentworth, Fullerton) (capacity 30-36) per day (Saturday to Sunday)	Meeting rooms (Fitzwilliam, Wharncliffe,Wentworth, Fullerton) (capacity 30-36) per day (Saturday to Sunday)	244.86			249.76			2.0%
Children & Young People	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham PDC	Meeting rooms (Fitzwilliam,Wharncliffe, Wentworth, Fullerton) (capacity 30-36) per Half day /Twilight Session	Meeting rooms (Fitzwilliam,Wharncliffe, Wentworth, Fullerton) (capacity 30-36) per Half day /Twilight Session	110.13			112.33			2.0%
Children & Young People	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham PDC	Meeting rooms (Fitzwillaim, Wharncliffe, Wentworth, Fullerton) (capacity 30-36) per Evening Session	Meeting rooms (Fitzwillaim, Wharncliffe, Wentworth, Fullerton) (capacity 30-36) per Evening Session	116.81			No longer provide evening sessions			N/A
Children & Young People	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham PDC	Meeting rooms (Sitwell and Keppel) per day (Monday to Friday)	Meeting rooms (Sitwell and Keppel) per day (Monday to Friday)	184.23			187.91			2.0%
Children & Young People	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham PDC	Meeting rooms (Sitwell and Keppel) per day (Saturday to Sunday)	Meeting rooms (Sitwell and Keppel) per day (Saturday to Sunday)	244.86			249.76			2.0%
Children & Young People	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham PDC	Meeting rooms (Sitwell and Keppel) per Half day/Twilight Session	Meeting rooms (Sitwell and Keppel) per Half day/Twilight Session	97.73			99.68			2.0%

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Children & Young People	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham PDC	Meeting rooms (Sitwell and Keppel) per evening Session	Meeting rooms (Sitwell and Keppel) per evening Session	104.52			No longer provide evening sessions			N/A
Children & Young People	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham PDC	Meeting room (Milton) per day (Monday to Friday)	Meeting room (Milton) per day (Monday to Friday)	110.13			112.33			2.0%
Children & Young People	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham PDC	Meeting room (Milton) per day (Saturday to Sunday)	Meeting room (Milton) per day (Saturday to Sunday)	246.08			251.00			2.0%
Children & Young People	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham PDC	Meeting room (Milton) per Half day/Twilight Session	Meeting room (Milton) per Half day/Twilight Session	62.91			64.17			2.0%
Children & Young People	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham PDC	Meeting room (Milton) per Hour	Meeting room (Milton) per Hour	19.10			19.48			2.0%
Children & Young People	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham PDC	Meeting rooms per hour (Fitzwilliam, Wharncliffe, Wentworth, Fullerton, Sitwell and Keppel)	Meeting rooms per hour (Fitzwilliam, Wharncliffe, Wentworth, Fullerton, Sitwell and Keppel)	32.60			No longer provide per hour for these rooms			N/A
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Subscription service	Subscription service	30.35			30.96			2.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Package A Base Rate plus £5.50 per pupil	Package A Base Rate plus £5.50 per pupil	1,966.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Package B Base Rate plus £5.50 per pupil	Package B Base Rate plus £5.50 per pupil	3,090.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Package C Base Rate plus £5.50 per pupil	Package C Base Rate plus £5.50 per pupil	4,775.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG - Curriculum Core Offer	PAYG - Curriculum Core Offer	2,022.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Curriculum Impact Review	Curriculum Impact Review	2,360.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Developing Curriculum Leadership	Developing Curriculum Leadership	1,011.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Enhanced Curriculum Leadership & CPD	Enhanced Curriculum Leadership & CPD	2,022.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Subject Leader networks - per subject	Subject Leader networks - per subject	506.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Imagine Rotherham membership	Imagine Rotherham membership	337.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Emotional Health & Wellbeing Core Offer	Emotional Health & Wellbeing Core Offer	2,022.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Anti-Bullying & Relationships	Anti-Bullying & Relationships	2,022.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Healthy Schools Accreditation	Healthy Schools Accreditation	281.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Governance Core Offer	Governance Core Offer	1,124.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Developmental Governance Review	Developmental Governance Review	2,022.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Statutory Assessment	Statutory Assessment	590.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Executive Leader Well-Being Package	Executive Leader Well-Being Package	2,022.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Executive Leader Coaching	Executive Leader Coaching	2,022.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Enhanced New or Aspiring HT Package	Enhanced New or Aspiring HT Package	2,697.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Evaluation & Review Core Offer	Evaluation & Review Core Offer	1,124.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Evaluation & Review Audit	Evaluation & Review Audit	2,022.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Pre-Ofsted Support	Pre-Ofsted Support	674.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Enhanced Pre-Ofsted Support	Enhanced Pre-Ofsted Support	2,022.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Whole School Developmental Review	Whole School Developmental Review	2,022.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Executive Leader Support	Executive Leader Support	2,360.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	External Adviser for Executive Leader's Appraisal	External Adviser for Executive Leader's Appraisal	1,348.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Bespoke Support	Bespoke Support	674.00						-100.0%

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Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Artsmark	Artsmark	674.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Children's University - sign up	Children's University - sign up	337.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Children's University - membership	Children's University - membership	112.40						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Disadvantage or SEND or Attendance or Safeguarding Audit	Disadvantage or SEND or Attendance or Safeguarding Audit	2,022.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Executive Leader Recruitment	Executive Leader Recruitment	3,371.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	OLEVI	OLEVI	3,371.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Outdoor Learning	Outdoor Learning	1,011.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Picture This!	Picture This!	674.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	School Business Leader Support	School Business Leader Support	2,697.00						-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Nursery, Special/PRU & Secondary	Nursery, Special/PRU & Secondary	-			3,570.00			N/A
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Individual Primary School: Option A	Individual Primary School: Option A	-			30.96			N/A
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Individual Primary School: Option B	Individual Primary School: Option B	-			3,060.00			N/A
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	MAT: 10+ academies	MAT: 10+ academies	-			1,530.00			N/A
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	MAT: Less than 10 academies	MAT: Less than 10 academies	-			3,060.00			N/A
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Secondary English (Rotherham)	PAYG: Secondary English (Rotherham)	-			510.00			N/A
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Secondary English (non-Rotherham)	PAYG: Secondary English (non-Rotherham)	-			714.00			N/A
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Secondary Maths (Rotherham)	PAYG: Secondary Maths (Rotherham)	-			510.00			N/A
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Secondary Maths (non-Rotherham)	PAYG: Secondary Maths (non-Rotherham)	-			714.00			N/A
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Associate Leader Support	PAYG: Associate Leader Support	-			663.00			N/A
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: EYFS Support & Training	PAYG: EYFS Support & Training	-			1,020.00			N/A
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: External Adviser for Headteacher's Appraisal	PAYG: External Adviser for Headteacher's Appraisal	-			1,224.00			N/A
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Formal Agreement Statutory Assessment	PAYG: Formal Agreement Statutory Assessment	-			535.50			N/A
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Headteacher Recruitment	PAYG: Headteacher Recruitment	-			2,040.00			N/A
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Picture This!	PAYG: Picture This!	-			255.00			N/A
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: PSHE & RHSE Support & Training	PAYG: PSHE & RHSE Support & Training	-			606.90			N/A
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Rotherham (& friends!) Loves Reading	PAYG: Rotherham (& friends!) Loves Reading	-			100.98			N/A
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Rewilding Rotherham (& Beyond!)	PAYG: Rewilding Rotherham (& Beyond!)	-			25.50			N/A
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Workshops to support the curriculum & personal wellbeing	PAYG: Workshops to support the curriculum & personal wellbeing	-			96.90			N/A
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Subject Leader Network Meetings (full)	PAYG: Subject Leader Network Meetings (full)	-			2,040.00			N/A
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Subject Leader Network Meetings (per subject)	PAYG: Subject Leader Network Meetings (per subject)	-			510.00			N/A
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Core: The Anti-Bullying Company	Bespoke Core: The Anti-Bullying Company	-			510.00			N/A
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Core: Governance	Bespoke Core: Governance	-			612.00			N/A
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Governance	PAYG: Governance	-			1,224.00			N/A
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Core: Healthy Schools	Bespoke Core: Healthy Schools	-			153.00			N/A

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Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Healthy Schools	PAYG: Healthy Schools	-			306.00			N/A
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Rotherham Children's University (start-up)	PAYG: Rotherham Children's University (start-up)	-			306.00			N/A
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Core: Rotherham Children's University (membership)	Bespoke Core: Rotherham Children's University (membership)	-			102.00			N/A
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Rotherham Children's University (membership)	PAYG: Rotherham Children's University (membership)	-			153.00			N/A
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: CPD Delegate	PAYG: CPD Delegate	-			96.90			N/A
Children & Young People	School Admissions & Appeals	School Admissions & Appeals	Admission and appeals service with a max of 20 appeals - NEW CHARGE 2024-25	£9.18 x Pupils numbers on roll (spring term census)	9.18			9.36			2.0%
Children & Young People	School Admissions & Appeals	School Admissions & Appeals	Appeals over 20 for academies for appeal administration only. NEW CHARGE 2024-25	£160 to charge for appeals over 20	160.00			164.00			2.5%
Children & Young People	School Admissions & Appeals	School Admissions & Appeals	Appeals over the 20 for academies for Presenting Officer/statement of case. - NEW CHARGE 2024-25	£30 to charge for appeals over 20	30.00			31.00			3.3%
Children & Young People	Specialist Inclusion Support Service		Option 1 - Platinum Package A - 114 Hours	Option 1 - Platinum Package A - 114 Hours	8,967.00			9,146.00			2.0%
Children & Young People	Specialist Inclusion Support Service		Option 2 - Premium Gold Package B - 84 Hours	Option 2 - Premium Gold Package B - 84 Hours	6,796.00			6,932.00			2.0%
Children & Young People	Specialist Inclusion Support Service		Option 3 - Gold Package C - 60 Hours	Option 3 - Gold Package C - 60 Hours	4,922.00			5,021.00			2.0%
Children & Young People	Specialist Inclusion Support Service		Option 4 - Silver Package D - 36 hours	Option 4 - Silver Package D - 36 hours	2,994.00			3,054.00			2.0%
Children & Young People	Specialist Inclusion Support Service		Option 5 -Bronze Package E - 20 Hours	Option 5 -Bronze Package E - 20 Hours	1,709.00			1,744.00			2.0%
Children & Young People	Specialist Inclusion Support Service		Option 6 - Package F - Hourly Rate (for specially arranged package)	Option 6 - Package F - Hourly Rate (for specially arranged package)	86.00			88.00			2.3%
Children & Young People	Specialist Inclusion Support Service		Option 7 - Package G - Hourly Rate (Further hours through the school year in addition to options 1 to 6 above, these will be charged at the higher hourly rate.	Option 7 - Package G - Hourly Rate (Further hours through the school year in addition to options 1 to 6 above, these will be charged at the higher hourly rate.	94.00			96.00			2.1%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Bereavement Services	Bereavement Services	Contractual Fixed Amount - Dignity Contract	Per annum	Contract Defined			Contract Defined			N/A
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Bereavement Services	Bereavement Services	Contract Charges (Performance) - Dignity Contract	Per failure event	Variable			Variable			N/A
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Customer Services	Customer Services	Blue Badge applications	Per badge	10.00			10.00			0.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Electoral Services	Electoral Services	Overseas electors (paper - per constituency)	Per 100 entries (or part of) plus £10 fixed admin fee		15.00	No Max	5.00	15.00	No Max	0.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Electoral Services	Electoral Services	Overseas electors (electronic format - per constituency)	Per 100 entries (or part of) plus £20 fixed admin fee		21.50	No Max	1.50	21.50	No Max	0.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Electoral Services	Electoral Services	Open and full electoral register (paper format - per constituency)	Per 1000 entries (or part of) plus £10 fixed admin fee	5.00	15.00	No Max	5.00	15.00	No Max	0.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Electoral Services	Electoral Services	Open and full electoral register (electronic format - per constituency)	Per 1000 entries (or part of) plus £20 fixed admin fee		21.50	No Max	1.50	21.50	No Max	0.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Electoral Services	Electoral Services	Marked station and absent vote lists from an election (paper)	Per 1,000 entries (or part of) plus £10 admin fee		12.00	No Max	2.00	12.00	No Max	0.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Electoral Services	Electoral Services	Marked station and absent vote lists from an election (electronic)	Per 1,000 entries (or part of) plus £10 fixed admin fee		11.00	No Max	1.00	11.00	No Max	0.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Information Governance	Information Governance	Freedom of Information	Per Hour	30.00			31.00			3.3%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Legal Services	Legal Services	External legal work	Per Hour	77.30			80.40			4.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Legal Services	Legal Services	Work for academies	Per Hour	77.30			80.40			4.0%

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Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Legal Services	Legal Services	Advice to Primary and Special Schools	Per annum	257.50			268.00			4.1%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Legal Services	Legal Services	Advice to Secondary Schools	Per annum	450.00			468.00			4.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Legal Services	Legal Services	Pay as Used advice to schools	Per Hour		47.00	53.00		49.00	55.00	4.3%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Legal Services	Legal Services	Section 106	A minimum amount of £1,100 for a straightforward agreement or higher (subject to negotiation), dependant on level of complexity	1,110.00			1,155.00			4.1%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Legal Services	Legal Services	Section 38 & 278 Highway Improvement	Per application		615.00	930.00		640.00	967.00	4.1%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Ceremony Booking/Admin Fee	Per event	39.00			40.00			2.6%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Statutory Marriage Riverside House	Per ceremony	57.00			56.00			-1.8%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Attendance at Register office for Civil Partnership Schedule Signing (Riverside House)	Per signing				56.00			N/A
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Statutory Marriage Civil Partnership Clifton Park Museum	Per event	57.00			Service now ceased			N/A
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Basic Marriage Civil Partnership Clifton Park Museum	Per ceremony	180.00			184.00			2.2%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Enhanced Marriage Civil Partnership Clifton Park Museum	Mon - Thurs	290.00			300.00			3.4%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Premium Marriage Civil Partnership Ceremony Clifton Park Museum	Saturday	330.00			337.00			2.1%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Naming Renewal of Vows Clifton Park Museum	Mon - Thurs	310.00			317.00			2.3%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Naming Renewal of Vows Clifton Park Museum	Friday	365.00			375.00			2.7%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Naming Renewal of Vows Clifton Park Museum	Saturday	365.00			375.00			2.7%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Private Citizenship Clifton Park Museum	Mon - Fri	180.00			185.00			2.8%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Marriage Civil Partnership Approved Venue	Mon - Fri	375.00			383.00			2.1%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Marriage Civil Partnership Approved Venue	Saturday	415.00			430.00			3.6%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Marriage Civil Partnership Approved Venue	Sunday	425.00			430.00			1.2%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Marriage Civil Partnership Approved Venue	Bank Hol / 6pm - 8pm	550.00			550.00			0.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Naming Renewal of Vows Approved Venue	Mon - Fri	375.00			383.00			2.1%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Naming Renewal of Vows Approved Venue	Saturday	415.00			430.00			3.6%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Naming Renewal of Vows Approved Venue	Sunday	425.00			430.00			1.2%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Naming Renewal of Vows Approved Venue	Bank Hol / 6pm - 8pm	550.00			550.00			0.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	NEW SERVICE - Bespoke Ceremony	Per event	-			460.00			N/A
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Priority Certificate	Per application	35.00			38.50			10.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Closed register certificate	Per application	11.00			12.50			13.6%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Open register certificate	Per application	11.00			12.50			13.6%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Issue of certificate of baptism where child's name altered or given	Per application				1.50			N/A
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Time of registration certificate	Per application	11.00			12.50			13.6%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	General search of indexes hed by the Superintendent Registrar	Per application				20.00			N/A
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Request for correction to register entry to Local Registration Service	Per application	75.00			83.00			10.7%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Request for correction to register entry to General Register Office	Per application	90.00			99.00			10.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Request for approval of foreign divorce documents as evidence for notice of marriage to Local Registration Service	Per application	50.00			55.00			10.0%

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Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Request for approval of foreign divorce or dissolution documents as evidence for notice of marriage to General Register Office	Per application	75.00			83.00			10.7%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Request to change of forename within 12 months of birth registration	Per application	40.00			44.00			10.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Request to waive statutory marriage or civil partnership notice period	Per application	60.00			66.00			10.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Application to register a building for worship	Per application	29.00			32.00			10.3%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Application to register a place of religious worship for marriage between a man and a woman	Per application	123.00			136.00			10.6%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Application to add same/opposite sex marriages to a place of worship who currently has only one type of marriage permitted	Per application				71.00			N/A
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Application to register a place of religious worship for marriage between a same sex couple not already registered	Per application				136.00			N/A
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Notice of marriage or civil partnership	Per application	35.00			42.00			20.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Notice of marriage or civil partnership for persons subject to immigration control	Per application				57.00			N/A
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Attending to take notice of marriage or civil partnership for a housebound person	Per application	47.00			57.00			21.3%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Attending to take notice of marriage or civil partnership for a detained person	Per application	68.00			82.00			20.6%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Attendance at a marriage solemnized on the authority of the Registrar General's licence by a Superintendent Registrar	Per application				2.50			N/A
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Attendance at a marriage solemnized on the authority of the Reistrar General's licence by a Registrar	Per application				2.50			N/A
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Entry of notice of marriage to be solemnized on the authority of the Registrar General's license	Per application				4.00			N/A
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Attendance of Civil Partnership Registrar in who's presence the Registrar Generals license is signed	Per application				2.50			N/A
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Attendance of Civil Partnership Registrar in who's presence the Registrar Generals license is signed	Per application				2.50			N/A
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Marriage or civil partnership by Registrar Generals Licence	Per application	15.00			18.00			20.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Attending the marriage or civil partnership of a housebound person	Per application	84.00			101.00			20.2%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Attending the marriage or civil partnership of a detained person	Per application	94.00			113.00			20.2%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Conversion of a civil partnership to marriage one stage procedure	Per application	45.00			50.00			11.1%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Conversion of a civil partnership to marriage two stage procedure	Per application	118.00			131.00			11.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Conversion of a civil partnership to marriage for a housebound person	Per application	99.00			109.00			10.1%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Conversion of a civil partnership to marriage for a detained person	Per application	117.00			129.00			10.3%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Conversion of a civil partnership to marriage by special procedure	Per application	15.00			18.00			20.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	The first stage of the procedure for conversion of civil partnership in accordance with the two stage procedure for conversion on secular premises	Per application				30.00			N/A
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Attending to register a marriage at a place of religious worship	Per application	86.00			104.00			20.9%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Attending to register the religious marriage or civil partnership of a housebound person	Per application	81.00			98.00			21.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Attending to register the religious marriage or civil partnership of a detained person	Per application	88.00			106.00			20.5%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Certificate of no impediment to civil partnership	Per application				38.50			N/A
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Certificate of no impediment to marriage	Per application	35.00			42.00			20.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	PD2 Application (Passport Name Change)	Per application	16.00			17.00			6.3%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Weekend Notice Fee (charged on top of stat fee) Non refundable	Per couple	30.00			31.00			3.3%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Birth Certificate Wallet	Per wallet	1.00			1.20			20.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Registration Service	Registration Service	Signed for postage	Each	2.75			2.87			4.4%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Revenues & Benefits	Revenues & Benefits	Free school meals administration	Per child	6.30			6.50			3.2%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Revenues & Benefits	Revenues & Benefits	Court Fees (Summonses for non payment)	Per Summons	54.00			56.00			3.7%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Revenues & Benefits	Revenues & Benefits	Liability Orders (Council Tax and Business Rates)	Per Liability Order	26.00			26.00			0.0%

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Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Academies	Service retainer - including Helpdesk and Online support	Per annum	1,646.20			2,189.00			33.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Academies	FMS chart of accounts/coding structure set up	Per Set-up	835.30			1,111.00			33.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Academies	Financial Support onsite visit - ad hoc	Per Visit	240.60			320.00			33.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Academies	Financial Support onsite visit - termly	For 3 visits	490.80			653.00			33.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Academies	Financial Support onsite visit - half termly	For 6 visits	983.70			1,308.00			33.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Academies	Financial Support onsite visit - monthly	For 10 visits	1,628.20			2,166.00			33.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Academies	Provision of financial management training session	Per 1/2 day	240.60			320.00			33.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Academies	Assistance with recruitment of finance staff	Per 1/2 day	240.60			320.00			33.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Academies	Attendance at Governing Body meetings	Per 1/2 day	240.60			320.00			33.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Academies	Provision of cover in the event of staff absence	Per 1/2 day	240.60			320.00			33.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Early Years	L.A.	Per annum	3,750.30			4,988.00			33.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Early Years	Temly	Per annum	3,968.60			5,278.00			33.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Early Years	1/2 Termly	Per annum	4,177.50			5,556.00			33.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Early Years	Monthly	Per annum	4,496.50			5,980.00			33.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Early Years	Fortnightly	Per annum	5,456.90			7,258.00			33.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Early Years	Weekly	Per annum	7,367.00			9,798.00			33.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Primary	L.A.	Per annum		1,986.40	3,041.10		2,642.00	4,045.00	33.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Primary	Termly	Per annum		2,201.60	3,221.30		2,928.00	4,284.00	33.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Primary	1/2 Termly	Per annum		2,407.30	3,432.30		3,202.00	4,565.00	33.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Primary	Monthly	Per annum		2,728.40	3,753.50		3,629.00	4,992.00	33.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Primary	Fortnightly	Per annum		3,690.90	4,711.70		4,909.00	6,267.00	33.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Primary	Weekly	Per annum		5,604.20	6,630.30		7,454.00	8,818.00	33.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Secondary	Core	Per annum	2,938.30			3,908.00			33.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Secondary	Core + Visits (6)	Per annum	3,322.00			4,418.00			33.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Secondary	Additional Visit - Early Years/Primary/Special	Per visit	122.40			163.00			33.2%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Secondary	Sickness Cover - Early Years/Primary/Special	Per visit	243.80			324.00			32.9%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Secondary	Additional Visit - Secondary	Per visit	147.30			196.00			33.1%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Secondary	Sickness Cover -Secondary	Per visit	243.80			324.00			32.9%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Special	L.A.	Per annum		2,716.80	4,619.50		3,613.00	6,144.00	33.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Special	Termly	Per annum		2,928.80	3,565.80		3,895.00	4,743.00	33.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Special	1/2 Termly	Per annum		3,151.40	5,042.40		4,191.00	6,706.00	33.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Special	Monthly	Per annum		3,467.30	5,363.60		4,612.00	7,134.00	33.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Special	Fortnightly	Per annum		4,419.10	4,419.10		5,877.00	5,877.00	33.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Special	Weekly	Per annum		6,332.40	6,332.40		8,422.00	8,422.00	33.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Asset Management	Asset Management	All Commercial Fees, Leases and Time charges	By Negotiation	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Asset Management - Estates Team	Asset Management - Estates Team	Assignments (under £10k p.a)	For activity	685.00			700.00			2.2%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Asset Management - Estates Team	Asset Management - Estates Team	Assignments (over £10k p.a)	For activity	920.00			940.00			2.2%

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Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Asset Management - Estates Team	Asset Management - Estates Team	Underlettings	For activity	375.00			385.00			2.7%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Asset Management - Estates Team	Asset Management - Estates Team	Compound Licence	Per licence	570.00			580.00			1.8%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Asset Management - Estates Team	Asset Management - Estates Team	Retrospective Consents (Commercial)	For activity	920.00			940.00			2.2%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Asset Management - Estates Team	Asset Management - Estates Team	Retrospective Consents (Residential)	For activity	500.00			510.00			2.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Asset Management - Estates Team	Asset Management - Estates Team	Negotiation of early termination	For activity	500.00			510.00			2.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Asset Management - Estates Team	Asset Management - Estates Team	Enfranchisement	For activity	920.00			940.00			2.2%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Asset Management - Estates Team	Asset Management - Estates Team	Landlords Consent	For activity	630.00			645.00			2.4%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Asset Management - Estates Team	Asset Management - Estates Team	Landlords Consent (Short Notice)	For activity	920.00			940.00			2.2%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Asset Management - Estates Team	Asset Management - Estates Team	Restrictive Covenants	For activity	685.00			700.00			2.2%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Asset Management - Estates Team	Asset Management - Estates Team	External Asset Valuation - Minimum Fee	For activity	630.00			645.00			2.4%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Asset Management - Estates Team	Asset Management - Estates Team	Asset Transfer Lease (Surveyors Fees)	For activity	1,250.00			1,275.00			2.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Asset Management - Estates Team	Asset Management - Estates Team	School Caretakers Properties - Rents	Various	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Aset Management - Climate Change Team	Aset Management - Climate Change Team	Electric Vehicle Charging Points - Fast Charging	per kWh	0.50			0.51			2.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Aset Management - Climate Change Team	Aset Management - Climate Change Team	Electric Vehicle Charging Points - Rapid Charging	per kWh	0.65			0.66			1.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	The price charged by the school meals service are commercially confidential. The service needs to remain price competitive to compete with other external providers	Per meal, per pupil		120.00	240.00	Building Control Charges under review.			-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	The price charged by the cleaning service are commercially confidential. The service needs to remain price competitive to compete with other external providers		63.00			Charges to be set to reflect full cost recovery.			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Domestic Work. Category 1 - Erection or extension of a detached/attached domestic garage or car port up to 50m2	Per application	450.00						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Domestic Work. Category 1 - REGULARISATION Erection or extension of a detached/attached domestic garage or car port up to 50m2	Per application	750.00						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Domestic Work. Category 2 - Any extension with a total floor area which does not exceed 40m2	Per application	720.00						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Domestic Work. Category 2 - REGULARISATION Any extension with a total floor area which does not exceed 40m2	Per application	1,200.00						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Domestic Work. Category 3 - Any extension with a total floor area exceeding 40m2 but not exceeding 60m2	Per application	840.00						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Domestic Work. Category 3 - REGULARISATION Any extension with a total floor area exceeding 40m2 but not exceeding 60m2	Per application	1,400.00						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Domestic Work. Category 4 - Any extension with a total floor area exceeding 60m2 but not exceeding 100m2	Per application	1,020.00						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Domestic Work. Category 4 - REGULARISATION Any extension with a total floor area exceeding 60m2 but not exceeding 100m2	Per application	1,700.00						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Other Domestic Work. Category 5 - The provision of one or more rooms in a roof space	Per application	780.00						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Other Domestic Work. Category 5 - REGULARISATION The provision of one or more rooms in a roof space	Per application	1,300.00						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Other Domestic Work. Category 6 - Conversion of a garage to a habitable room	Per application	450.00						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Other Domestic Work. Category 6 - REGULARISATION - Conversion of a garage to a habitable room	Per application	750.00						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Other Domestic Work. Category 7 -The replacement of windows, roof lights, roof windows and external doors in an existing dwelling.	Per application	330.00						-100.0%

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Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Other Domestic Work. Category 7 - REGULARISATION The replacement of windows, roof lights, roof windows and external doors in an existing dwelling.	Per application	550.00						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fees for Other Domestic Work. Category 8 - Re-roof of a conservatory.	Per application	420.00						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fees for Other Domestic Work. Category 8 - REGULARISATION Re-roof of a conservatory.	Per application	700.00						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Other Domestic Work. Category 8 - Re-roof of a domestic dwelling or external wall insulation cladding	Per application	330.00						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Other Domestic Work. Category 8 - REGULARISATION Re-roof of a domestic dwelling or external wall insulation cladding	Per application	550.00						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Other Domestic Work. Category 9 - Installation of Solid Fuel Burning appliance	Per application	Price on Application						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Other Domestic Work. Category 9 - REGULARISATION Installation of Solid Fuel Burning appliance	Per application	Price on Application						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Other Domestic Work. Category 10 -Installation of controlled domestic electrical installation (by non-competent person scheme)	Per application	Price on Application						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard Charge for new dwellings for Other Category 1 - Number of dwellings-1	Per application	1,140.00						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard Charge for new dwellings for Other Category 1 - REGULARISATION - Number of dwellings-1	Per application	1,700.00						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard Charges for all other work Category 1 - Charge based on estimated cost of work £0 - £1000	Per application	450.00						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard Charges for all other work Category 1 - REGULARISATION Charge based on estimated cost of work £0 - £1000	Per application	750.00						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard Charges for all other work Category 2 -Charge based on estimated cost of work £1001 - £10 000	Per application	570.00						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard Charges for all other work Category 2 - REGULARISATION Charge based on estimated cost of work £1001 - £10 000	Per application	950.00						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard Charges for all other work Category 3 - Charge based on estimated cost of work £0 - £5 000	Per application	930.00						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard Charges for all other work Category 3 - REGULARISATION Charge based on estimated cost of work £5 001 - £15 000	Per application	1,550.00						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard Charges for all other work Category 4 - Charge based on estimated cost of work £15 001 - £35 000	Per application	930.00						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard Charges for all other work Category 4 - REGULARISATION Charge based on estimated cost of work £35 001 - £80 000	Per application	1,750.00						-100.0%
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Catering & Facilities Services	School Meals	The price charges by the school meals service are commercially confidential. The service needs to remain price competitive to compete with other external providers	Per meal, per pupil	Commercially confidential			Commercially confidential			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire	Performance for Professional Company - one day hire for one performance for 8 hours total (2 tech staff, 1 duty Manager and box office for performance)(Additional performances negotiable with Theatre Manager)	per performance	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire	Per hour daytime	per hour	215.00			215.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire	All professional performances incur per ticket booking fee	Per ticket	1.60			1.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Additional Rooms	Annexe Lister Hall *External hire none show related*	per session	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Additional Rooms	The Lister Hall *Subject to availability price per hour or part of*	per hour	20.00			20.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Additional Rooms	The White Room	per hour	15.00			15.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Additional Staffing	Follow Spot Operator / Additional Stage Hand	per hour	22.50			22.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Additional Staffing	Additional Specialist Technician / Staff Member *Sound Operator/ AV tech (Subject to availability)*	per hour	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Additional Staffing	Theatre staff as Specialist Speakers	per hour	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Amateur and Charitable Organisations	Off Peak Weekday Performance Evenings - (6pm -10.30pm Mon-Thurs)(2 crew, 1 duty Manager, 1 box office)	per performance	510.00			510.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Amateur and Charitable Organisations	On Peak Weekend Performance Evenings - Where % occupancy exceeds 70% - (6pm -10.30pm Fri - Sun)(2 crew, 1 duty Manager, 1 box office)	per performance	510.00			510.00			0.0%

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Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Amateur and Charitable Organisations	On Peak Weekend Performance Evenings - Where % occupancy is less than 70% - (6pm -10.30pm Fri - Sun)(2 crew, 1 duty Manager, 1 box office)	per performance	545.00			545.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Amateur and Charitable Organisations	Matinee Performances - Underplaying an Evening (2 crew, 1 duty Manager, 1 box office)	per performance	450.00			450.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Amateur and Charitable Organisations	Bank Holiday performance - (6pm -10.30pm)(2 crew, 1 duty Manager, 1 box office)	per performance	600.00			600.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Amateur and Charitable Organisations	6% Commission of ticket sales (an average of 6 complimentary tickets per performance are exempt from commission)	% total sales	6% Commission			6% Commission			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Commissions	Programme Sales	per item	15%			15%			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Commissions	Merchandise	per item	15%			15%			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Deposits / Cancellations FOR HIRERS	Deposit for Hirers *(Payable on confirmation of dates)*	Per booking	20%			20%			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Deposits / Cancellations FOR HIRERS	Cancellation Fee within 4 months *(of core charges)*	Per booking	50%			50%			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Deposits / Cancellations FOR HIRERS	Cancellation Fee within a month (of core charges)	Per booking	80%			80%			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Deposits / Cancellations FOR HIRERS	Cancellation Fee within a week *(of core charges)*	Per booking	100%			100%			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	The Orchestra Pit *(when installed prior to hire)*	per use	65.00			65.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Projector Hire (Single Performance) *(Includes rigging and de-rigging)*	per day	40.00			40.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Projector Hire (Week long run of performances)*(Includes rigging and de-rigging)*	Per Week	120.00			120.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Yamaha Baby Grand Concert Piano	per use	66.00			66.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Piano Tuning	Cost + 25%	Cost Recovery plus 25%			Cost Recovery plus 25%			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Follow spot *Operator costs see above(per day)*	per day	22.00			22.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Follow spot *Operator costs see above(per week)*	Per Week	55.00			55.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Mirror Ball	per use	22.00			22.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	UV Lamps	per day	22.00			22.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	UV Lamps	Per Week	42.00			42.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Strobe	per day	28.00			28.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Strobe	Per Week	71.00			71.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Hire of Intelligent Lighting system *x 4 intelligent lights (subject to availability*)	per day	140.00			140.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Hire of Intelligent Lighting system *x 4 intelligent lights (subject to availability*)	Per Week	335.00			335.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Drape Hire *When not as part of standard black box set up.*	per day	22.00			22.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Drape Hire *When not as part of standard black box set up.*	Per Week	54.00			54.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Repair of Drapes *(when repairable)*	cost + 25%	Cost recovery plus 25%			Cost recovery plus 25%			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Replacement Drapes *(when irreparable)*	cost + 25%	Cost recovery plus 25%			Cost recovery plus 25%			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Star Cloth	per day	28.00			28.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Star Cloth	Per Week	71.00			71.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Smoke Machine	per day	17.00			17.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Smoke Machine	Per Week	45.00			45.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Smoke Fluid per 0.5ml *(consumption monitored)*	per 0.5ml	Cost Recovery plus 25%			Cost Recovery plus 25%			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Haze Machine	per day	25.00			25.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Haze Machine	Per Week	60.00			60.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Haze Fluid per 0.5ml *(consumption monitored)*	per 0.5ml	Cost Recovery plus 25%			Cost Recovery plus 25%			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Mini Mist smoke machine	per day	16.50			16.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Mini Mist smoke machine	Per Week	43.00			43.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Mini mist canister	Cost + 25%	Cost recovery plus 25%			Cost recovery plus 25%			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Radio Mic	per use	39.00			39.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Generic mic	per use	8.25			8.25			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Pyrotechnic Detonation System	per day	17.00			17.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Pyrotechnic Detonation System	Per Week	45.00			45.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Gaffer Tape	Cost + 25%	Cost recovery plus 25%			Cost recovery plus 25%			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Local Businesses and Dance Schools	Off Peak Weekday Performance Evenings - (6pm -10.30pm Mon-Thurs)(2 crew, 1 duty Manager, 1 box office)	per performance	725.00			725.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Local Businesses and Dance Schools	On Peak Weekend Performance Evenings - Where % occupancy exceeds 70% - (6pm -10.30pm Fri - Sun)(2 crew, 1 duty Manager, 1 box office)	per performance	725.00			725.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Local Businesses and Dance Schools	On Peak Weekend Performance Evenings - Where % occupancy is less than 70% - (6pm -10.30pm Fri - Sun)(2 crew, 1 duty Manager, 1 box office)	per performance	780.00			780.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Local Businesses and Dance Schools	Matinee Performances - Underplaying an Evening (2 crew, 1 duty Manager, 1 box office)(access 1.5 hrs prior to curtain up)	per performance	645.00			645.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Local Businesses and Dance Schools	Bank Holiday performance - (6pm -10.30pm)(2 crew, 1 duty Manager, 1 box office)	per performance	860.00			860.00			0.0%

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Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Local Businesses and Dance Schools	10% commission of ticket sales on all tickets (an average of 6 complimentary tickets per performance are exempt from commission)	% total sales	10%			10%			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Annexe Lister Hall	per hour	22.00			22.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Annexe Lister Hall	Per half day (4 Hours)	75.00			75.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Annexe Lister Hall	Per Day (8 Hours)	120.00			120.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	The Den	per hour	19.00			19.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	The Den	Per half day (4 Hours)	64.00			64.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	The Den	Per Day (8 Hours)	105.00			105.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Bar	per hour	22.00			22.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Bar	Per half day (4 Hours)	75.00			75.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Bar	Per Day (8 Hours)	120.00			120.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Auditorium with 2 technicians and DM	per hour	210.00			210.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Auditorium with 2 technicians and DM	Per half day (4 Hours)	795.00			795.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Auditorium with 2 technicians and DM	Per Day (8 Hours)	1,165.00			1,165.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Full Front of House Aea	per hour	53.00			53.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Full Front of House Aea	Per half day (4 Hours)	125.00			125.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Full Front of House Aea	Per Day (8 Hours)	210.00			210.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Auditorium with 2 technicians and DM & FOH areas	per hour	265.00			265.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Auditorium with 2 technicians and DM & FOH areas	Per half day (4 Hours)	925.00			925.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Auditorium with 2 technicians and DM & FOH areas	Per Day (8 Hours)	1,375.00			1,375.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Digital Screen	Per Day	53.00			53.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Box Office Service	Per booking	53.00			53.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Tech support	per hour	21.00			21.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Refreshments	per head	On request			On request			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Miscellaneous	set up costs for external events	per event	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Miscellaneous	Ticket printing *(For non theatre events)*	Per ticket	0.35			0.35			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Miscellaneous	External Advertising	Cost + 25%	Cost recovery plus 25%			Cost recovery plus 25%			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Pre Production	Saturday / Sunday Get In and Rehearsal - First eight hours or part thereof -	per session	725.00			725.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Pre Production	Saturday / Sunday Get In and Rehearsal - Hour and part hour after the first eight hours - Price Per Hour	per hour	82.50			82.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Pre Production	Weekday Get In and Rehearsal - First eight hours or part thereof	per session	725.00			725.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Pre Production	Weekday Get In and Rehearsal - Hour and part hour after the first eight hours - Price Per Hour	per hour	82.50			82.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Pre Production	Rehearsal Evenings - When part of a longer hire - Maximum 5 hours	per session	725.00			725.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Pre Production	Bank Holiday Rehearsal - When part of a longer hire - Maximum 5 hours	per session	860.00			860.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Pre Production	Blank Night Retainer - When theatre is unoperational due to hirer occupancy	per session	725.00			725.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Pre Production	Saturday / Sunday Get In and Rehearsal - First eight hours or part thereof -	per session	510.00			510.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Pre Production	Saturday / Sunday Get In and Rehearsal - Hour and part hour after the first eight hours - Price Per Hour	per hour	80.00			80.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Pre Production	Weekday Get In and Rehearsal - First eight hours or part thereof	per session	510.00			510.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Pre Production	Weekday Get In and Rehearsal - Hour and part hour after the first eight hours - Price Per Hour	per hour	80.00			80.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Pre Production	Rehearsal Evenings - When part of a longer hire - Maximum 5 hours	per session	510.00			510.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Pre Production	Bank Holiday Rehearsal - When part of a longer hire - Maximum 5 hours	per session	600.00			600.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Pre Production	Blank Night Retainer - When theatre is unoperational due to hirer occupancy	per session	510.00			510.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Ticket sales	Concessionary discount of £1-£2 per ticket for qualifying guests currently. Students, Under 16, registered disabled, Rothercard, Tickets for Good	per ticket (Price varies)							N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Ticket sales	Pay what you can at certain shows agreed with production teams	per ticket (Pay what you can)							N/A
Finance & Customer Services Directorate	Cleaning	Cleaning	The price charges by the cleaning service are commercially confidential. The service needs to remain price competitive to compete with other external providers		Commercially confidential						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	10% discount on coffee for Rothercard/NHS Discount Card/ Blue Light card	on coffee for Rothercard/NHS Discount Card/ Blue Light card	10% discount							N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Enquiries and research service*	Staff time for carrying out research service enquiries (research, transcription, photocopying, printing, digital image retrieval, scanning) per 15 mins	£7.65 per 15 minutes, minimum charge 30 minutes	17.00			17.00			0.0%

FEES AND CHARGES
PROPOSALS 2025/26

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Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Enquiries and research service*	Staff time for Electoral Register search and providing a letter confirming addresses if required (customer must be present for Registers under 10 years old) per 15 mins	7.65 per 15 minutes, minimum charge 30 minutes	17.00			17.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - International Standard - Europe *	Small letter up to 100g	Each	2.10			2.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - International Standard - Europe *	Large letter (A4 sheets) up to 100g, max thickness 2.5cm	Each	3.40			3.50			2.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - International Standard - Europe *	Large letter (A4 sheets) up to 250g, max thickness 2.5cm	Each	4.80			4.90			2.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - International Standard - Europe *	Parcels	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - International Standard - World Zone 1	Small letter up to 100g	Each	3.20			3.30			3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - International Standard - World Zone 1	Large letter (A4 sheets) up to 100g, max thickness 2.5cm	Each	4.20			4.30			2.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - International Standard - World Zone 1	Large letter (A4 sheets) up to 250g, max thickness 2.5cm	Each	6.30			6.40			1.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - International Standard - World Zone 1	Parcels	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - International Standard - World Zone 2	Small letter up to 100g	Each	3.20			3.30			3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - International Standard - World Zone 2	Large letter (A4 sheets) up to 100g, max thickness 2.5cm	Each	4.80			4.90			2.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - International Standard - World Zone 2	Large letter (A4 sheets) up to 250g, max thickness 2.5cm	Each	7.30			7.40			1.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - International Standard - World Zone 2	Parcels	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - UK Standard *	Small letter up to 100g 1st class	Each	0.95			1.00			5.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - UK Standard *	Small letter up to 100g 2nd class	Each	0.85			0.90			5.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - UK Standard *	Large letter (A4 sheets) up to 100g, max thickness 2.5cm 2nd class	Each	1.40			1.40			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - UK Standard *	Large letter (A4 sheets) up to 250g, max thickness 2.5cm 2nd class	Each	1.90			1.90			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - UK Standard *	Large letter (A4 sheets) up to 500g, max thickness 2.5cm 2nd class	Each	2.20			2.20			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - UK Standard *	Large letter (A4 sheets) up to 750g, max thickness 2.5cm 2nd class	Each	3.10			3.20			3.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Photocopying per page*	A4 black and white	Each	0.75			0.75			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Photocopying per page*	A4 colour	Each	2.30			2.30			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Photocopying per page*	A3 black and white	Each	1.20			1.20			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Photocopying per page*	A3 colour	Each	3.40			3.40			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Photography by customer*	Digital photograph using own camera, per image taken	Each	1.10			1.10			0.0%

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Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Photography by customer*	Permit to take a larger quantity of photographs on a single day (conditions apply)	Each	12.70			12.70			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Photography by customer*	Advanced permit, as above but with photographer bringing in own additional equipment e.g. tripod (conditions apply; pre-booking essential)	Each	35.00			35.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Coffee loyalty scheme	Buy 8 get one free for card holders	Each (Loyalty Discount)							N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Commission:	Conservation Lab hire	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Commission:	Hired Equipment	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Commission:	Use of Hired Van	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Commission:	Commission on Sales (Art/Craft/Exhibits)	Each		20%			20%		0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Digital image (A&LS/Collections)*	Supply of single digital image	Each	2.10			2.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Digital image (A&LS/Collections)*	Supply of single digital image (where original image needs to be copied) includes staff time	£1.00 + min of 15 minutes staff time £7.65	10.60			10.80			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Digital image (A&LS/Collections)*	One CD-Rom	Each	2.10			2.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Fees for Consultancy Work*:	Unskilled staff per day	Each	138.00			140.00			1.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Fees for Consultancy Work*:	Skilled staff per day	Each	320.00			325.00			1.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Fees for Consultancy Work*:	Professional staff per day	Each	560.00			570.00			1.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Fees for Consultancy Work*:	Publicity & Promotion of Booked Events at request of hirer per advert minimum (Inc. design, advert space and handling charge)	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Fees for Consultancy Work*:	Storage Charge (for equipment, scenery, costumes, materials, etc.) per day per 10m²	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Fees for Consultancy Work*:	Box fees for deposition of Archaeological Archives at Clifton Park Museum	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Miscellaneous	Display Cases	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Miscellaneous	Transport of Display Cases	cover costs + min. of 20%	Cost recovery plus minimum of 20%			Cost recovery plus minimum of 20%			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Miscellaneous	Display Boards	cover costs + min. of 20%	Cost recovery plus minimum of 20%			Cost recovery plus minimum of 20%			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Object Identification/Research Enquiries*:	Archives research charge	£7.65 per 15 minutes, minimum charge 30 minutes	17.00			17.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Room Bookings	Hire of Museum (Special Conditions apply)	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Room Bookings	Gallery Hire during normal Museum public opening hours (Mon-Fri) per hour	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Room Bookings	Gallery Hire during normal Museum public opening hours (Mon-Fri) per hour over 6 hours	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Room Bookings	Ceremony Room for ceremonies to include photos in the room and maintenance	Each	39.00			40.00			2.6%

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Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Room Bookings	Gallery Hire Saturday and Sunday	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Room Bookings	Caretaking cost per hour CPM/BC	Each	20.00			20.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Room Bookings	Hire of Boston Castle (Special Conditions apply)	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Room Bookings	Boston Castle Earl's Room during normal opening hours	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Room Bookings	Boston Castle Earl's Room Saturday and Sunday and outside normal opening hours	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Room Bookings	Use of Gallery/roof at Boston Castle for background wedding/ceremony photos	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Room Bookings	Note room hire/photography outside normal opening hours incur a caretaking charge on top of the rates listed above - per hour	Per Hour	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Room Bookings	Hospitality/Refreshments	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	**School Sessions delivered at the Museum venues for a full day visit (this includes all materials and resources)	Each	7.50			7.70			2.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	**School Sessions delivered at the Museum venues for a half day (this includes all materials and resources)	Each	5.50			5.60			1.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	**School based sessions inclusive of travel expenses	Each	6.50			6.60			1.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Minimum charge for school session at Heritage Service venues for 27 pupils or less for full day	Each	200.00			205.00			2.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Up to one hour online session for schools	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Minimum for standard school sessions at Heritage Service Venues for Half day for 27 pupils or less	Each	150.00			155.00			3.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Minimum charge for school in School/Outreach venue for 27 pupils or less	Each	175.00			180.00			2.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Activity Box hire for self guided sessions (Museum or Park use only)	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Adult Workshops/event tours/courses	Variable at least to cover all delivery costs + min of 20%	Cost recovery plus minimum of 20%			Cost recovery plus minimum of 20%			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Childrens activities (family fun days, craft activities, toddler sessions etc.)	Each	Pay what you can			Pay what you can			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Adult Care Home sessions (outreach venues)	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Hire of memory boxes for Care Homes (to be collected and returned by hirer)	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	General Museum and Gallery Tour (minimum of 10 adults)	Each	5.30			5.40			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Keppel's Column Tour	Each	5.50			5.60			1.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Talk by staff (non-VAT) (up to 2 hours including preparation) at Heritage Service Venue	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Talk by staff (non-VAT) (up to 2 hours including preparation) at outreach Venue	Each + Travel @ RMBC Rates	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A

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Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Uses by a commercial or profit-making institution or person:	Single use in one book, e-book, journal, CD-Rom, film, exhibition or display	Each	40.30			41.00			1.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Uses by a commercial or profit-making institution or person:	Unlimited use in one book, e-book, journal, CD-Rom, film, exhibition or display	Each	61.50			63.00			2.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Uses by educational or non-profit making institution or person:	Single use in one book, e-book, journal, CD-Rom, film, exhibition or display	Each	14.80			15.00			1.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Uses by educational or non-profit making institution or person:	Unlimited use in one book, e-book, journal, CD-Rom, film, exhibition or display	Each	31.80			32.00			0.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Full Class school workshop (30 pupils) FULL DAY RATE £240 (£8 per pupil)	Each				240.00			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Small Class school workshop (20 pupils and below) FULL DAY RATE £170 (£8.5 per pupil) * minimum cost	Each				170.00			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Full Classschool workshop (30 pupils) HALF DAY RATE £180 (£6 per pupil)	Each				180.00			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Small Class school workshop(20 pupils and below) HALF DAY RATE £130 (£6.50 per pupil) * Minimum cost	Each				130.00			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Outreach school workshop (30 Pupils) FULL CLASS (30 pupils) - £270 FULL DAY (£9 per pupil)	Each				270.00			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Outreach school workshop HALF DAY RATE £240	Each				240.00			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Additional children to Class sizes we would be charged per pupil rate for each workshop	Each							N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	SEN and Home Schooling POA.	Each				POA			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Community Services	Bulky Waste CAT A and B (DIY) Waste	Household Garden and Recreational Maximum 9 Items	1-3 items	16.50			16.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Community Services	Bulky Waste CAT A and B (DIY) Waste	Revised Pricing Structure - Price per Additional Item	4 items +	5.30			5.30			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Community Services	Bulky Waste CAT A and B (DIY) Waste	Household Garden and Recreational Maximum 9 Items with Rothercard 50% discount	1-3 items	10.00			10.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Community Services	Bulky Waste CAT A and B (DIY) Waste	Revised Pricing Structure - Price per Additional Item	4 items +	5.00			5.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Dog Warden	Retrieval of Stray Dogs Fees and Kennels Charge	First Night	67.00			Subject to new contract			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Dog Warden	Retrieval of Stray Dogs Fees and Kennels Charge	Subsequent Night	14.00			Subject to new contract			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Events Team	Events	Car Parking fee at Herringthorpe Playing Fields for Rotherham Show	Per Car Per Day	3.00			3.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Events Team	Events	Car Parking fee at Herringthorpe Playing Fields for Rotherham Show (Rothercard Discount)	Per Car Per Day	3.00			3.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Events Team	Events	Event Application Form Administration Charge	Per Event	25.50			26.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Events Team	Events	Event Application Form Administration Charge (Registered Charity Rate)	Per Event	20.50			21.00			2.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Events Team	Events	Charity trade pitch at Rotherham Show (5mx5m)	Per Stall	200.00			205.00			2.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Events Team	Events	Commercial trade pitch at Rotherham Show (5mx5m)	Per Stall	290.00			295.00			1.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Events Team	Events	Commercial trade pitch at Rotherham Show (10mx10m)	Per Stall	500.00			510.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Arena Hire full day (7 hours)	Per booking	452.00			460.00			1.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Arena hire half day (3.5 hours)	Per booking	227.00			230.00			1.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Arena Hire (per hour)	Per booking	77.00			80.00			3.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Athletics Full Price	Per person	5.00			5.10			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Athletics Concessionary Price	Per person	4.00			4.10			2.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Athletics - Junior Rothercard Price	Per person	3.30			3.40			3.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Season Ticket - Monthly (Full Price)	Per person	28.00			29.00			3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Season Ticket - Monthly Concessionary Price)	Per person	21.50			22.00			2.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Season Ticket - Monthly (Junior Rothercard Price)	Per person	14.00			14.20			1.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Season Ticket - Family Monthly Full	Per person	46.50			47.00			1.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Season Ticket - Family Monthly - Concessionary/Rothercard	Per person	34.50			35.00			1.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Track Centre Pitch with changing, toilets and showers	Per match	113.50			116.00			2.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Track Centre Pitch and toilets only - New	Per match	92.00			94.00			2.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Track Centre Pitch with lights	Per match	145.00			148.00			2.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Single 5-a-side Pitch	Per booking	46.50			47.00			1.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	1/4 Pitch without lights (training)	Per booking	29.00			29.50			1.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	1/4 Pitch with lights (training)	booking	35.00			36.00			2.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Single 5-a-side Pitch with lights	Per booking	60.00			61.00			1.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Multi-sports - Full Price	Per person	5.00			5.10			2.0%

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Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Multi-sports - Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per person	4.00			4.10			2.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Multi-sports - Junior Rothercard Price	Per person	3.20			3.30			3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	In2Athletics - Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per person	4.30			4.40			2.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	In2Athletics - Junior Rothercard Price	Per person	3.80			3.90			2.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	School Visits (per pupil)	Per person	4.00			4.10			2.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Birthday Party (max. 15 kids, 1.5 hours)	Per party	72.00			73.00			1.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Training/Meeting Room (per hour)	Per booking	18.50			19.00			2.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Training/Meeting Room (per hour) with refreshments	Per booking	33.00			33.50			1.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Training/Meeting Room (per hour) commercial rate	Per booking	33.00			33.50			1.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Training/Meeting Room (per hour) commercial rate with refreshments	Per booking	40.00			41.00			2.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Cancellation of Room/Hall bookings: - Charge for room booking cancelled on day	100%	100% of cost			100% of cost			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Cancellation of Room/Hall bookings: - Charge for booking cancelled within the week	80%	80% of cost			80% of cost			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Cancellation of Room/Hall bookings: - Charge for booking cancelled within the month	50%	50% of cost			50% of cost			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Cancellation of Track and centre pitch bookings: - Cancellation of Room/Hall bookings: - Charge for room booking cancelled on day	100%	100% of cost			100% of cost			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Charge for booking cancelled on day - Cancellation of Room/Hall bookings: - Charge for booking cancelled within the week	50%	50% of cost			50% of cost			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Highway Asset & Drainage - Adoptions	Adoptions	Pre - Application Fee in respect of Highways act 1980 s38 agreements and adoptions done under section 220	Per application	-			2,500.00			
Regeneration & Environment	Highway Asset & Drainage - Adoptions	Adoptions	Charges are for Highways act 1980 s38 agreements and adoptions done under section 220 (price agreed on application, based on percentage of development)	Variable	6.50%			7,5%			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Highway Asset & Drainage - Adoptions	Adoptions	Charges are for Highways act 1980 s38 agreements and adoptions done under section 220 (price agreed on application, based on percentage of development)	Variable	6.50%			7,5%			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Highway Asset & Drainage - Adoptions	Adoptions	Adoption Searches	Per order	49.00			50.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highway Asset & Drainage - Drainage	Drainage	Charges for emptying Cesspool & Septic Tanks - Please see detail on '3b Exceptions 24-25 (stat)' tab	Variable	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Highway Asset & Drainage - Drainage	Drainage	Charges for cleansing works	Variable	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Highway Asset & Drainage - Public Rights of Way	Public Rights of Way	The making of a temporary traffic regulation order to lawfully regulate traffic during planned activities on or near the highway	Per order	1,170.00			1,190.00			1.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Highway Asset & Drainage - Public Rights of Way	Public Rights of Way	The making of an emergency traffic regulation order to lawfully regulate traffic during unplanned activities on or near the highway	Per order	905.00			920.00			1.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Highway Network Management - Street Lighting	Street Lighting	Design of street lighting for external developers 1-9 units	Per design	305.00			1,000.00			227.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Highway Network Management - Street Lighting	Street Lighting	Design of street lighting for external developers 10+ units	Per design	604.00			2,000.00			231.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Highway Network Management - Street Lighting	Street Lighting	Approval of a street lighting design 1-9 units	Per approval	305.00			1,000.00			227.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Highway Network Management - Street Lighting	Street Lighting	Approval of a street lighting design 10+ units	Per approval	604.00			2,000.00			231.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Highway Network Management - Street Lighting	Street Lighting	Admin and supervision of street lighting installation on developments	% on cost of quotation	25%			25%			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences	License for placement of a builder's skip /container on the highway - Section 139 License	Per license	26.50			27.00			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences	Retrospective license for skip /container if placed without permission following site investigation / inspection - Retrospective Section 139 Licence.	Per license	82.00			84.00			2.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences	License for the making of an excavation in the highway for the installation and maintenance of apparatus - Section 50 License.	Per license	685.00			700.00			2.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences	License for a trial hole in the highway - Section 171 License.	Per license	563.00			575.00			2.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences	License for the construction of permanent vehicle access crossings in the highway - Section 184 (1) (a) License.	Per license	137.00			140.00			2.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences	License for the construction of temporary vehicle access crossings in the highway - Temporary section 184 (3) (a) License.	Per license	1,000.00			1,020.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences	License for the installation of scaffolding and hoarding in the highway - Section 169 License.	Per license	220.00			225.00			2.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences	The making of a temporary traffic regulation order to lawfully regulate traffic during planned activities on or near the highway	Per order	1,172.00			1,245.00			6.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences	The making of an emergency traffic regulation order to lawfully regulate traffic during unplanned activities on or near the highway	Per order	904.00			970.00			7.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences - Street Works Permit Scheme. Road Category 0, 1, 2 and 3 and 4 Designated Traffic Sensitive	Provisional Advance Authorisation	Per Permit	105.00			105.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences - Street Works Permit Scheme. Road Category 0, 1, 2 and 3 and 4 Designated Traffic Sensitive	Major Activity Permit (1 to 3 days duration)	Per Permit	65.00			65.00			0.0%

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Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences - Street Works Permit Scheme. Road Category 0, 1, 2 and 3 and 4 Designated Traffic Sensitive	Major Activity Permit (4 to 10 days duration)	Per Permit	130.00			130.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences - Street Works Permit Scheme. Road Category 0, 1, 2 and 3 and 4 Designated Traffic Sensitive	Major Activity Permit (11 days or more duration) and all major activities requiring a traffic regulation order	Per Permit	240.00			240.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences - Street Works Permit Scheme. Road Category 0, 1, 2 and 3 and 4 Designated Traffic Sensitive	Standard Activity Permit	Per Permit	130.00			130.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences - Street Works Permit Scheme. Road Category 0, 1, 2 and 3 and 4 Designated Traffic Sensitive	Minor Activity Permit	Per Permit	65.00			65.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences - Street Works Permit Scheme. Road Category 0, 1, 2 and 3 and 4 Designated Traffic Sensitive	Immediate Activity Permit	Per Permit	60.00			60.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences - Street Works Permit Scheme. Road Category 3 and 4 Designated Non-Traffic	Provisional Advance Authorisation	Per Permit	73.00			75.00			2.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences - Street Works Permit Scheme. Road Category 3 and 4 Designated Non-Traffic	Major Activity Permit (1 to 3 days duration)	Per Permit	45.00			45.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences - Street Works Permit Scheme. Road Category 3 and 4 Designated Non-Traffic	Major Activity Permit (4 to 10 days duration)	Per Permit	75.00			75.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences - Street Works Permit Scheme. Road Category 3 and 4 Designated Non-Traffic	Major Activity Permit (11 days or more duration) and all major activities requiring a traffic regulation order	Per Permit	136.00			150.00			10.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences - Street Works Permit Scheme. Road Category 3 and 4 Designated Non-Traffic	Standard Activity Permit	Per Permit	75.00			75.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences - Street Works Permit Scheme. Road Category 3 and 4 Designated Non-Traffic	Minor Activity Permit	Per Permit	45.00			45.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences - Street Works Permit Scheme. Road Category 3 and 4 Designated Non-Traffic	Immediate Activity Permit	Per Permit	40.00			40.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Clifton Park - Car Parking (15th July to 8th September)	Car Parking - Up to 1 hour	Per Vehicle	1.60			1.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Clifton Park - Car Parking (15th July to 8th September)	Car Parking - Up to 2 hours	Per Vehicle	2.90			3.00			3.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Clifton Park - Car Parking (15th July to 8th September)	Car Parking - Up to 3 hours	Per Vehicle	3.90			4.00			2.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Clifton Park - Car Parking (15th July to 8th September)	Car Parking - Up to 4 hours	Per Vehicle	5.30			5.50			3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Clifton Park - Car Parking (15th July to 8th September)	Car Parking - Up to 5 hours	Per Vehicle	6.60			7.00			6.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Clifton Park - Car Parking (15th July to 8th September)	Car Parking - All Day	Per Vehicle	8.00			8.20			2.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Clifton Park - Car Parking (1st April to 14th July and 9th September to 31st March)	Car Parking - Up to 1 hour	Per Vehicle	1.60			1.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Clifton Park - Car Parking (1st April to 14th July and 9th September to 31st March)	Car Parking - Up to 2 hours	Per Vehicle	2.70			2.80			3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Clifton Park - Car Parking (1st April to 14th July and 9th September to 31st March)	Car Parking - Up to 3 hours	Per Vehicle	3.70			3.80			2.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Clifton Park - Car Parking (1st April to 14th July and 9th September to 31st March)	Car Parking - Up to 4 hours	Per Vehicle	4.60			4.70			2.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Clifton Park - Car Parking (1st April to 14th July and 9th September to 31st March)	Car Parking - Up to 5 hours	Per Vehicle	5.80			6.00			3.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Clifton Park - Car Parking (1st April to 14th July and 9th September to 31st March)	Car Parking - All Day	Per Vehicle	6.90			7.00			1.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Clifton Park Car Parking other	Blue Badge Holders	Per Vehicle	-						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Clifton Park Car Parking other	Mini Buses (Charged as Car)	Per Vehicle	-						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Clifton Park Car Parking other	Term Time Only Season Ticket (Charged Monthly)	Per Vehicle	307.00			Remove Charge			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Discount at coffee kiosk	10% off coffee for Rothercard	Per Person							N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Bowls*	Season Ticket (April-September) Full Price	Per Person	92.00			Remove Charge - No longer provided			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Bowls*	Season Ticket (April-September) Concessionary Price	Per Person	59.00			Remove Charge - No longer provided			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Bowls*	Season Ticket (April-September) Junior Rothercard Price	Per Person	51.00			Remove Charge - No longer provided			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Bowls*	Opponents fee - matches (per match)	Per Team Per Match	17.00			Remove Charge - No longer provided			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Bowls*	Day ticket / Match ticket Full Price	Per Person Day Ticket	6.80			Remove Charge - No longer provided			N/A

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Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Bowls*	Day ticket / Match ticket Concessionary Price	Per Person Day Ticket	4.50			Remove Charge - No longer provided			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Bowls*	Day ticket / Match ticket Junior Rothercard Price	Per Person Day Ticket	3.90			Remove Charge - No longer provided			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Outdoor Games	Toddler Splash Sessions	Per Person	3.40			3.50			2.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Outdoor Games	Pétanque/Bowls/Tennis Racquet/Chess Refundable Deposit **(non-VAT)**	Deposit	10.00			Remove Charge - No longer provided			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Outdoor Games	Water Play exclusive use outside normal operation (per hour)*	Per Hour	145.00			175.00			20.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Clifton Bowls Pavilion (per hour)	Per Hour	17.40			18.00			3.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Clifton Garden Room (per hour) RMBC Internal bookings 9am to 5pm	Per Hour	28.00			29.00			3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Clifton Garden Room (per hour)	Per Hour	39.00			40.00			2.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Clifton Garden Room and Sunspace (per hour)	Per Hour	44.00			45.00			2.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Clifton Garden Room and Sunspace block bookings of 6 or more as above	Per Hour	15% discount on the above						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Clifton Garden Room and Sunspace (per hour - bookings over 6 hours per day)	Per Hour	39.00			40.00			2.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Clifton Garden House Courtyard (per hour - when additional to room booking)	Per Hour	32.00			33.00			3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Clifton Garden House Courtyard (per hour - when hired without indoor space)	Per Hour	49.00			50.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Children's Parties (under 14 years) (3 hour booking)	Three Hours	177.00			180.00			1.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Pre-Wedding Henna Celebration (3 hour booking)	Three Hours	177.00			180.00			1.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Excess charge for off-site catering	Per Event/Booking	42.00			43.00			2.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Clifton Garden House Courtyard Marquee (per day)	Per Day	494.00			505.00			2.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Clifton Garden House Courtyard Marquee (per day - extra consecutive days)	Per Day	70.00			71.00			1.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Outdoor Electricity (per day)	Per Day	16.00			16.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Caretaking costs outside normal building operation times (per hour)	Per Hour	20.00			20.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Celebratory room hire excess (not Children's Parties) - Refundable Deposit	Per Event/Booking	325.00			330.00			1.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Hire of outdoor chairs and tables (6 tables & 24 chairs) for courtyard (per day)	Per Day	60.00			61.00			1.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Hire of 3m x 3m Gazebo (per day)	Per Day	35.00			36.00			2.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Hire of 3m x 6m Gazebo (per day)	Per Day	60.00			61.00			1.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Tea/Coffee per person (with room hire) (INTERNAL HIRE)	Per Person	1.10			1.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Tea/Coffee per person (with room hire)	Per Person	1.70			1.70			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Commission on sales	Commission on sales	% of sales	0.25			0.30			20.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Discarded Library Books/CDs/Videos	Children's Hardback & Paperback (or 15% original price whichever is greatest)	Per Item	55%			55%			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Discarded Library Books/CDs/Videos	Adult Fiction hardback (or 15% original price whichever is greatest)	Per Item	1.10			1.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Discarded Library Books/CDs/Videos	Adult non-fiction hardback & paperback (or 15% original price whichever is greatest)	Per Item	1.20			1.20			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Discarded Library Books/CDs/Videos	Adult Fiction paperbacks	Per Item	0.55			0.60			9.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Hire of Rooms (Greasbrough, Maltby, Mowbray, Swinton, Wath)	In opening hours per hour	Per Hour	11.90			12.00			0.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Hire of Rooms (Greasbrough, Maltby, Mowbray, Swinton, Wath)	Outside opening hours per hour + Caretaking Costs	Per Hour + Caretaking Costs	-						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Hire of Rooms (Greasbrough, Maltby, Mowbray, Swinton, Wath)	Promotional Displays per month (insurance)	Per Month	14.70			15			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Hire of Rooms (Greasbrough, Maltby, Mowbray, Swinton, Wath)	Promotional Displays per week	Per Week	5.30			5.40			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Hire of Rooms (Greasbrough, Maltby, Mowbray, Swinton, Wath)	Commercial	Negotiable	By Negotiation			By Negotiation			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Hire of Rooms (Greasbrough, Maltby, Mowbray, Swinton, Wath)	Concessionary rate for local and community groups	Negotiable	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A

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Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	ICT Equipment Hire	Micro-Bits kits	Per Unit	-			Remove - Service no longer provided			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	ICT Equipment Hire	Overdue Charges per day per microbit kit (Under 18s and over 60s exempt)	Per Day	0.30			Remove - Service no longer provided			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	ICT Equipment Hire	Overdue Charges maximum per microbit kit (Under 18s and over 60s exempt)	N/A	6.60			Remove - Service no longer provided			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	IT Facilities	Printing Black & White per copy A4	Per Page	0.20			0.20			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	IT Facilities	Printing Colour per copy A4	Per Page	0.70			0.70			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	IT Facilities	Printing Black & White per copy A3	Per Page	1.10			1.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	IT Facilities	Printing Colour per copy A3	Per Page	2.10			2.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	IT Facilities	Internet user Library Member	Per Hour	-						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	IT Facilities	Internet User Non-Library member	Per Hour	-						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Library Service Books (non-VAT)	Overdue Charges per day open (Under 18s and over 60s exempt)	Per Day	-						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Library Service Books (non-VAT)	Overdue Charges maximum (Under 18s and over 60s exempt)	N/A	-						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Library Tickets	Lost Library Tickets: (non-VAT)	Per Item	1.60			1.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Lost & Irreparably Damaged Books, etc.	Lost books/non-books - a suitable replacement copy provided by the borrower may be accepted as a replacement, If no replacement following charges apply	Per Item	-						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Lost & Irreparably Damaged Books, etc.	Adult Fiction Paperback	Per Item	8.25			8.40			1.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Lost & Irreparably Damaged Books, etc.	Adult Fiction Hardback	Per Item	8.25			8.40			1.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Lost & Irreparably Damaged Books, etc.	Adult Non-Fiction	Per Item	8.25			8.40			1.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Lost & Irreparably Damaged Books, etc.	Children's Fiction	Per Item	5.95			6.10			2.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Lost & Irreparably Damaged Books, etc.	Children's Non-Fiction	Per Item	5.90			6.00			1.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Lost & Irreparably Damaged Books, etc.	Microbit kit	Per Item	16.90			17.00			0.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Lost/Irreparably Damaged Talking Books (non-VAT)	Abridged Version	Per Item	8.25			8.40			1.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Lost/Irreparably Damaged Talking Books (non-VAT)	Unabridged Version	Per Item	25.00			26.00			4.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Photocopying Black & White	A4	Per Page	0.20			0.20			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Photocopying Black & White	A3	Per Page	1.15			1.15			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Photocopying Colour	A4	Per Page	0.65			0.65			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Photocopying Colour	A3	Per Page	2.20			2.20			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Reservations	Book per item (in stock within Rotherham Libraries)	Per Item	-						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Reservations	Book per item (not in stock within Rotherham Libraries)	Per Item	-						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Riverside House Library, Heritage and Arts Space	Commission on sales	Various	0.25			0.30			20.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Riverside House Library, Heritage and Arts Space	Gallery Hire (minimum 3 week hire for approved exhibitions)	Negotiable	By Negotiation			By Negotiation			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Riverside House Library, Heritage and Arts Space	Publicity & Promotion of Booked Events at request of hirer per advert minimum (Inc. design, advert space)	Negotiable	By Negotiation			By Negotiation			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Riverside House Library, Heritage and Arts Space	Projector	Negotiable	By Negotiation			By Negotiation			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Riverside House Library, Heritage and Arts Space	Display cases	Negotiable	By Negotiation			By Negotiation			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Riverside House Library, Heritage and Arts Space	Hire of Steinway piano (on site)	Negotiable	By Negotiation			By Negotiation			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	School Library Service	Gold - School Library Service plus Museum Loans Service	Fixed plus per pupil	910.00			930.00			2.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	School Library Service	Gold - School Library Service plus Museum Loans Service	per pupil	8.00			8.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	School Library Service	Silver - School Library Service	Fixed plus per pupil	750.00			765.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	School Library Service	Silver - School Library Service	per pupil	8.00			8.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	School Library Service	Bronze - Museum Loans Service	Per school	750.00			765.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Talking Books (non-VAT)	Overdue Charges per day per title (Under 18s and over 60s exempt)	Per Day	-						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Talking Books (non-VAT)	Overdue Charges maximum (Under 18s and over 60s exempt)	Per Day	-						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Use of ICT Centres	Band A (libraries that can accommodate 12+ learners)	Various	31.00			32.00			3.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Use of ICT Centres	Band B (libraries that can accommodate 6-11 learners)	Various	16.20			17.00			4.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Use of ICT Centres	Band C libraries that can accommodate up to 6 learners)	Various	9.00			9.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Workshops/Holiday Activities (other than Summer Reading Challenge)	Storystop/Activities/Events/Author Events	Variable Per Child	Price on Application						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Driver Licence	Disclosure and Barring Service Enhanced check	Per application	58.00			Stat Fee			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	DBS check admin Fee	Separate Admin Charge (Payable in addition to DBS application fee set and charged by DBS) - New Charge	Per application				28.00			
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Driver Licence	Replacement licence	Per license	20.00			20.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Driver Licence	Replacement ID badge	Per application	20.00			20.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Taxi and Private Hire	Approval of advertisement	Per application	41.00			42.00			2.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Taxi and Private Hire	Approval of trailer for attachment to licensed vehicle	Per application	40.00			41.00			2.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Taxi and Private Hire	Replacement Hackney Carriage door signs	Per application	7.00			7.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Driver Licence	Application fee - one year licence	Per application	86.00			88.00			2.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Driver Licence	Application fee - three year licence	Per application	157.00			160.00			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Driver Licence	Knowledge test	Per application	32.00			33.00			3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Driver Licence	Safeguarding awareness training	Per application	34.00			35.00			2.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Driver Licence new grant (1 year)	DBS enhanced check	Per application	58.00			Remove - Included Above			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Driver Licence new grant (1 year)	**Total Fee**	Per application	210.00			Remove - Included Above			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Driver Licence new grant (3 years)	**Application fee**	Per application	157.00			Remove - Included Above			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Driver Licence new grant (3 years)	Knowledge test	Per application	32.00			Remove - Included Above			N/A

FEES AND CHARGES
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Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Driver Licence new grant (3 years)	Safeguarding awareness training	Per application	34.00			Remove - Included Above			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Driver Licence new grant (3 years)	DBS enhanced check	Per application	58.00			Remove - Included Above			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Driver Licence new grant (3 years)	**Total Fee**	Per application	281.00			Remove - Included Above			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Driver Licence renewal (1 year)	application fee	Per application	86.00			Remove - Included Above			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Driver Licence renewal (1 year)	**Total Fee**	Per application	86.00			Remove - Included Above			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Driver Licence renewal (3 year)	application fee	Per application	157.00			Remove - Included Above			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Driver Licence renewal (3 year)	**Total Fee**	Per application	157.00			Remove - Included Above			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Safeguarding awareness assessment	Assessment only - also payable by people resitting assessment after previous attendance on course	Per test	13.00			13.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Licence variation fee	Change detail on driver licence (inc change of dates, change of name etc) - New Charge	Per licence				28.00			
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Miscellaneous Licensing	Miscellaneous Licence Fees	Sex establishment licence	Per license	1,900.00			1,938.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Miscellaneous Licensing	Miscellaneous Licence Fees	Scrap Metal Dealer Collectors Licence (3 years)	Per license	233.00			238.00			2.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Miscellaneous Licensing	Miscellaneous Licence Fees	Scrap Metal Dealer Site Licence (3 years)	Per license	467.00			476.00			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Miscellaneous Licensing	Miscellaneous Licence Fees	Marriage Act Approved Premises Application Fee	Per application	1,800.00			1,836.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Miscellaneous Licensing	Miscellaneous Licence Fees	Marriage Act Approved Premises Transfer Fee	Per application	37.00			38.00			2.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Miscellaneous Licensing	Miscellaneous Licence Fees	Marriage Act Approved Premises Variation Fee	Per application	335.00			342.00			2.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Miscellaneous Licensing	Miscellaneous Licence Fees	Hourly rate (discretionary charge for non-statutory activity - minimum charge 1hr)	Per Hour	27.00			28.00			3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Miscellaneous Licensing	Scrap Metal Licence Variation fee	Administrative change	New Charge	27.00			28.00			3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Miscellaneous Licensing	Scrap Metal Licence Variation fee	Conversion of site licence to collectors licence	New Charge	27.00			28.00			3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Miscellaneous Licensing	Scrap Metal Licence Variation fee	Conversion of collectors licence to site licence	New Charge	310.00			316.00			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Miscellaneous Licensing	Scrap Metal Licence Variation fee	Change of site manager	New Charge	310.00			Remove Charge			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Miscellaneous Licensing	Scrap Metal Licence Variation fee	Add additional sites	New Charge	117.00			119.00			1.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Miscellaneous Licensing	Scrap metal dealer change of details on licence	Change of details on licence (persons named on licence, site manager etc)	Per application				60.00			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Training and awareness course	Daily charge for attendance on training / awareness course required as part of licence application process	Per day				70.00			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Taxi and Private Hire	Private Hire Operator (1-3 vehicles)	subject to consultation	154.00			157.00			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Taxi and Private Hire	Private Hire Operator (4-20 vehicles)	subject to consultation	206.00			210.00			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Taxi and Private Hire	Private Hire Operator (21-40 vehicles)	subject to consultation	485.00			495.00			2.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Taxi and Private Hire	Private Hire Operator (over 40 vehicles)	subject to consultation	714.00			728.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Taxi and Private Hire	Private Hire Operator variation fee	subject to consultation	53.00			54.00			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Taxi and Private Hire	Licensed vehicle application fee	subject to consultation	114.00			116.00			1.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Taxi and Private Hire	Licensed vehicle compliance test	subject to consultation	46.00			47.00			2.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Taxi and Private Hire	Licence vehicle compliance test (retest)	subject to consultation	26.00			27.00			3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Taxi and Private Hire	Licensed vehicle compliance test missed appointment fee	subject to consultation	46.00			47.00			2.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Taxi and Private Hire	Licensed vehicle compliance test missed appointment fee (retest)	subject to consultation	26.00			27.00			3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Taxi and Private Hire	Licensed vehicle licence plate	subject to consultation	20.00			20.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Taxi and Private Hire	Licensed vehicle licence plate bracket	subject to consultation	17.00			17.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Licence variation fee	Change detail on vehicle licence (inc change of dates, change of name etc) - subject to consultation - New Charge	Per application				28.00			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Taxi and Private Hire	Licensed vehicle licence transfer fee	subject to consultation	46.00			47.00			2.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Alcohol licensed premises gaming machine notification (less than 3 machines):	Application fee	Per application	50.00			50.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Alcohol licensed premises gaming machine notification (more than 2 machines):	Application fee	Per application	150.00			150.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Alcohol licensed premises gaming machine notification (more than 2 machines):	Renewal fee	Per application	50.00			50.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Alcohol licensed premises gaming machine notification (more than 2 machines):	Variation fee	Per application	100.00			100.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Alcohol licensed premises gaming machine notification (more than 2 machines):	Transfer fee	Per application	25.00			25.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Alcohol licensed premises gaming machine notification (more than 2 machines):	Annual fee	Per application	50.00			50.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Alcohol licensed premises gaming machine notification (more than 2 machines):	Change of name	Per application	25.00			25.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Alcohol licensed premises gaming machine notification (more than 2 machines):	Copy of document	Per application	15.00			15.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Application for Provisional Statement	New Small Casinos	Per application	7,757.00			7,912.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Application for Provisional Statement	New Large Casino	Per application	9,698.00			9,892.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Application for Provisional Statement	Bingo Club	Per application	3,364.00			3,431.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Application for Provisional Statement	Betting premises (excluding Tracks)	Per application	3,364.00			3,000.00			-10.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Application for Provisional Statement	Tracks	Per application	2,407.00			2,455.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Application for Provisional Statement	Family Entertainment Centres	Per application	1,941.00			1,980.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Application for Provisional Statement	Adult Gaming Centre	Per application	1,941.00			1,980.00			2.0%

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Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Application for Reinstatement	New Small Casinos	Per application	1,744.00			1,779.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Application for Reinstatement	New Large Casino	Per application	2,068.00			2,109.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Application for Reinstatement	Bingo Club	Per application	1,165.00			1,188.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Application for Reinstatement	Betting premises (excluding Tracks)	Per application	1,165.00			1,188.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Application for Reinstatement	Tracks	Per application	921.00			939.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Application for Reinstatement	Family Entertainment Centres	Per application	909.00			927.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Application for Reinstatement	Adult Gaming Centre	Per application	1,165.00			1,188.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Application to transfer:	New Small Casinos	Per application	1,744.00			1,779.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Application to transfer:	New Large Casino	Per application	2,068.00			2,109.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Application to transfer:	Bingo Club	Per application	1,165.00			1,188.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Application to transfer:	Betting premises (excluding Tracks)	Per application	1,165.00			1,188.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Application to transfer:	Tracks	Per application	921.00			939.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Application to transfer:	Family Entertainment Centres	Per application	909.00			927.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Application to transfer:	Adult Gaming Centre	Per application	1,165.00			1,188.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Application to vary:	New Small Casinos	Per application	3,879.00			3,957.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Application to vary:	New Large Casino	Per application	4,850.00			4,947.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Application to vary:	Bingo Club	Per application	1,683.00			1,717.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Application to vary:	Betting premises (excluding Tracks)	Per application	1,441.00			1,470.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Application to vary:	Tracks	Per application	1,205.00			1,229.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Application to vary:	Family Entertainment Centres	Per application	972.00			991.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Application to vary:	Adult Gaming Centre	Per application	972.00			991.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Machine Permit (club premises certificate holder)	Application fee	Per application	100.00			100.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Machine Permit (club premises certificate holder)	Renewal fee	Per application	100.00			100.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Machine Permit (club premises certificate holder)	Variation fee	Per application	100.00			100.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Machine Permit (club premises certificate holder)	Annual fee	Per application	50.00			50.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Machine Permit (club premises certificate holder)	Copy of document	Per application	15.00			15.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Machine Permit:	Application fee	Per application	200.00			200.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Machine Permit:	Renewal fee	Per application	200.00			200.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Machine Permit:	Variation fee	Per application	100.00			100.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Machine Permit:	Annual fee	Per application	50.00			50.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Machine Permit:	Copy of document	Per application	15.00			15.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Permit (club premises certificate holder)	Application fee	Per application	100.00			100.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Permit (club premises certificate holder)	Renewal fee	Per application	100.00			100.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Permit (club premises certificate holder)	Variation fee	Per application	100.00			100.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Permit (club premises certificate holder)	Annual fee	Per application	50.00			50.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Permit (club premises certificate holder)	Copy of document	Per application	15.00			15.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Permit:	Application fee	Per application	200.00			200.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Permit:	Renewal fee	Per application	200.00			200.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Permit:	Variation fee	Per application	100.00			100.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Permit:	Annual fee	Per application	50.00			50.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Permit:	Copy of document	Per application	15.00			15.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Licence Application (Provisional Statement Holders):	New Small Casinos	Per application	2,911.00			2,969.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Licence Application (Provisional Statement Holders):	New Large Casino	Per application	4,850.00			4,947.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Licence Application (Provisional Statement Holders):	Bingo Club	Per application	1,165.00			1,188.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Licence Application (Provisional Statement Holders):	Betting premises (excluding Tracks)	Per application	1,165.00			1,188.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Licence Application (Provisional Statement Holders):	Tracks	Per application	921.00			939.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Licence Application (Provisional Statement Holders):	Family Entertainment Centres	Per application	909.00			927.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Licence Application (Provisional Statement Holders):	Adult Gaming Centre	Per application	1,165.00			1,188.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Licence Application (Provisional Statement Holders):	Copy Licence	Per application	25.00			25.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Licence Application (Provisional Statement Holders):	Notification of Change	Per application	50.00			50.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Premises Licence Annual Fee:	New Small Casinos	Per application	4,848.00			4,945.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Premises Licence Annual Fee:	New Large Casino	Per application	9,698.00			9,892.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Premises Licence Annual Fee:	Regional Casino	Per application	14,546.00			14,837.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Premises Licence Annual Fee:	Bingo Club	Per application	959.00			978.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Premises Licence Annual Fee:	Betting premises (excluding Tracks)	Per application	583.00			595.00			2.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Premises Licence Annual Fee:	Tracks	Per application	972.00			991.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Premises Licence Annual Fee:	Family Entertainment Centres	Per application	648.00			661.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Premises Licence Annual Fee:	Adult Gaming Centre	Per application	972.00			991.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Premises Licence Application Fee:	New Small Casinos	Per application	7,758.00			7,913.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Premises Licence Application Fee:	New Large Casino	Per application	9,698.00			9,892.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Premises Licence Application Fee:	Regional Casino	Per application	14,546.00			14,837.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Premises Licence Application Fee:	Bingo Club	Per application	3,233.00			3,298.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Premises Licence Application Fee:	Betting premises (excluding Tracks)	Per application	2,585.00			2,637.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Premises Licence Application Fee:	Tracks	Per application	2,500.00			2,500.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Premises Licence Application Fee:	Family Entertainment Centres	Per application	1,941.00			1,980.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Premises Licence Application Fee:	Adult Gaming Centre	Per application	1,941.00			1,980.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Prize Gaming Permit:	Application fee	Per application	300.00			300.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Prize Gaming Permit:	Renewal fee	Per application	300.00			300.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Prize Gaming Permit:	Change of name	Per application	25.00			25.00			0.0%

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Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Prize Gaming Permit:	Copy of document	Per application	15.00			15.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Registration of Small Lotteries:	Application fee	Per application	40.00			40.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Registration of Small Lotteries:	Renewal fee	Per application	20.00			20.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Temporary Use Notice	Application fee	Per application	439.00			448.00			2.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Temporary Use Notice	Copy of document	Per application	18.00			18.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Unlicensed Family Entertainment Centre Gaming Machine Permit:	Application fee	Per application	300.00			300.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Unlicensed Family Entertainment Centre Gaming Machine Permit:	Renewal fee	Per application	300.00			300.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Unlicensed Family Entertainment Centre Gaming Machine Permit:	Change of name	Per application	25.00			25.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Gambling Act 2005	Unlicensed Family Entertainment Centre Gaming Machine Permit:	Copy of document	Per application	15.00			15.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Miscellaneous fees:	Replacement licence	Per license	10.50			10.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Miscellaneous fees:	Application for provisional statement	Per application	315.00			315.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Miscellaneous fees:	Notification of change	Per application	10.50			10.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Miscellaneous fees:	Application to vary DPS	Per application	23.00			23.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Miscellaneous fees:	Application to transfer premises licence	Per application	23.00			23.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Miscellaneous fees:	Interim authority notice	Per application	23.00			23.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Miscellaneous fees:	Temporary Event Notice	Per application	21.00			21.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Miscellaneous fees:	Grant of personal licence	Per license	37.00			37.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Miscellaneous fees:	Fee for right to be notified	Per application	21.00			21.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Premise Licence and Club Premises Certificate Annual Fee	Band A	Per license	70.00			70.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Premise Licence and Club Premises Certificate Annual Fee	Band B	Per license	180.00			180.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Premise Licence and Club Premises Certificate Annual Fee	Band C	Per license	295.00			295.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Premise Licence and Club Premises Certificate Annual Fee	Band D	Per license	320.00			320.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Premise Licence and Club Premises Certificate Annual Fee	Band E	Per license	350.00			350.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate annual fee additional fee based on capacity:	5000 - 9999	Per license	500.00			500.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate annual fee additional fee based on capacity:	10000 - 14999	Per license	1,000.00			1,000.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate annual fee additional fee based on capacity:	15000 - 19999	Per license	2,000.00			2,000.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate annual fee additional fee based on capacity:	20000 - 29999	Per license	4,000.00			4,000.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate annual fee additional fee based on capacity:	30000 - 39999	Per license	8,000.00			8,000.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate annual fee additional fee based on capacity:	40000 - 49999	Per license	12,000.00			12,000.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate annual fee additional fee based on capacity:	50000 - 59999	Per license	16,000.00			16,000.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate annual fee additional fee based on capacity:	60000 - 69999	Per license	20,000.00			20,000.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate annual fee additional fee based on capacity:	70000 - 79999	Per license	24,000.00			24,000.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate annual fee additional fee based on capacity:	80000 - 89999	Per license	28,000.00			28,000.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate annual fee additional fee based on capacity:	90000 and over	Per license	32,000.00			32,000.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate Application additional fee based on capacity:	5000 - 9999	Per Application	1,000.00			1,000.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate Application additional fee based on capacity:	10000 - 14999	Per Application	2,000.00			2,000.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate Application additional fee based on capacity:	15000 - 19999	Per Application	4,000.00			4,000.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate Application additional fee based on capacity:	20000 - 29999	Per Application	8,000.00			8,000.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate Application additional fee based on capacity:	30000 - 39999	Per Application	16,000.00			16,000.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate Application additional fee based on capacity:	40000 - 49999	Per Application	24,000.00			24,000.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate Application additional fee based on capacity:	50000 - 59999	Per Application	32,000.00			32,000.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate Application additional fee based on capacity:	60000 - 69999	Per Application	40,000.00			40,000.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate Application additional fee based on capacity:	70000 - 79999	Per Application	48,000.00			48,000.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate Application additional fee based on capacity:	80000 - 89999	Per Application	56,000.00			56,000.00			0.0%

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Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate Application additional fee based on capacity:	90000 and over	Per Application	64,000.00			64,000.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate Application Fee:	Band A	Per Application	100.00			100.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate Application Fee:	Band B	Per Application	190.00			190.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate Application Fee:	Band C	Per Application	315.00			315.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate Application Fee:	Band D	Per Application	450.00			450.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate Application Fee:	Band E	Per Application	635.00			635.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Variation fee in transition:	Band A	Per license	20.00			20.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Variation fee in transition:	Band B	Per license	60.00			60.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Variation fee in transition:	Band C	Per license	80.00			80.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Variation fee in transition:	Band D	Per license	100.00			100.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Variation fee in transition:	Band E	Per license	120.00			120.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Borough Fairs	Bonfire Ground Wath	Per annum	1,114.00			1,136.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Borough Fairs	Victoria Park	Per annum	935.00			954.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Borough Fairs	Spring Fair Herringthorpe	Per annum	2,330.00			2,377.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Borough Fairs	St Pauls Kimberworth	Per annum	551.00			562.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Borough Fairs	Clifton Park	Per annum	1,946.00			1,985.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Borough Fairs	Clifton Park	Per annum	1,946.00			1,985.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Borough Fairs	Greasborough RC	Per annum	957.00			976.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Borough Fairs	Wood Lea Common	Per annum	595.00			607.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Car Parking per Quarter	(Inc CCTV Upgrades & Additional Security)	Per Quarter	139.00			139.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Island Stalls	20 & 21	Per Month	237.00			237.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Island Stalls	22 - 67, 78, 80 - 87	Per Month	204.50			204.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Island Stalls	77 & 79	Per Month	215.00			215.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Miscellaneous Charges	Rotherham Crafters Inc Vat	Per Day	7.00			7.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Miscellaneous Charges	Car Boot Charity Admin Fee Plus Vat	Each Document	22.00			22.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Miscellaneous Charges	Farmers Market Licence Fee Plus Vat	Per Day	34.00			34.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Miscellaneous Charges	Document Completion Fee Plus Vat	Each Document	11.00			11.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Miscellaneous Charges	Out of Hours access charge plus Vat	Each Access	21.00			21.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Miscellaneous Charges	Lease Assignment Fee Plus Vat	Each Assignment	-	107.00	265.00	-	107.00	265.00	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Miscellaneous Charges	Lease Renewal Fee Plus Vat	Each Lease	209.00			209.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Miscellaneous Charges	Town Centre Pitch Stall Hire inc Vat	Each Hire	31.00			31.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Miscellaneous Charges	Rotherham Advertiser Pitch inc Vat	Per Week	26.00			26.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Miscellaneous Charges	Water Admin. Charge Plus Vat	Per Month	20.00			20.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Miscellaneous Charges	Concession Management Pitch Inc Vat	Each pitch	10.00			10.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Miscellaneous Charges	Rival Market Licence Fee	Each Document	-	240.00	291.00	-	240.00	291.00	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Miscellaneous Charges	New Trader Incentive Exe Vat	Three months rent free incentive	-			-			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Miscellaneous Charges	Equipment Hire Concession Rate (Per Gazebo)	Each Gazebo	11.00			11.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Miscellaneous Charges	Equipment Hire Normal Rate (Per Gazebo)	Each Gazebo	33.00			33.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Miscellaneous Charges	Late Open/Early Close Fee - Market Hall Plus Vat	Each Offence	10.00			10.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Outdoor (Friday & Saturday) (incl. VAT)	Small Stall 1 & 2	Per Day	6.50			13.00			100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Outdoor (Friday & Saturday) (incl. VAT)	Standard Stall 8 - 85 & 129 - 131	Per Day	7.50			15.00			100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Outdoor (Friday & Saturday) (incl. VAT)	Large Stall 3 - 7 & 86 - 128	Per Day	8.50			17.00			100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Outdoor (Monday) (incl. VAT)	Small Stall 1 & 2	Per Day	5.50			11.00			100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Outdoor (Monday) (incl. VAT)	Standard Stall 8 - 85 & 129 - 131	Per Day	5.50			11.00			100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Outdoor (Monday) (incl. VAT)	Large Stall 3 - 7 & 86 - 128	Per Day	5.50			11.00			100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Outdoor (Storage Charges)	Storage Boxes	Per Day	4.00			4.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Outdoor (Storage Charges)	OMT Large	Per Week	23.00			23.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Outdoor (Storage Charges)	OMT Small	Per Week	19.00			19.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Outdoor (Storage Charges)	Fruiters Storage	Per Week	9.00			9.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Outdoor (Tuesday) (incl. VAT)	Standard Stall	Per Day	5.00			10.00			100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Outdoor (Wednesday) (incl. VAT)	Standard Stall	Per Day	7.00			14.00			100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Perimeter Stalls	1 - 5	Per Month	237.00			237.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Perimeter Stalls	6 & 10	Per Month	150.50			150.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Perimeter Stalls	7 - 9, 12 - 14, 16 - 18, 68 - 76	Per Month	237.00			237.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Perimeter Stalls	11	Per Month	193.50			193.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Perimeter Stalls	15	Per Month	154.00			154.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Perimeter Stalls	19	Per Month	215.00			215.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Perimeter Stalls	88 + Electricity Standing Charges	Per Month	283.00			283.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Stock Room	A1	Per Month	57.50			57.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Stock Room	A2, A3, C2,E2,F2, G2, J2, M2, P1, Q2, Q3	Per Month	70.00			70.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Stock Room	A4, B5	Per Month	36.00			36.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Stock Room	B1	Per Month	21.00			21.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Stock Room	B2, B3	Per Month	23.50			23.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Stock Room	B4	Per Month	31.50			31.50			0.0%

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Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Stock Room	C1, E1, F1, J1, K1,	Per Month	47.00			47.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Stock Room	G1,H1, H2A, H2B, K2A, K2B, L1, L2A, M1	Per Month	35.00			35.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Stock Room	Q1A, Q1B	Per Month	35.00			35.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Stock Room	Stock Room Lights Per Quarter	Per Quarter	10.00			10.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Street Market (excl. VAT)	RMBC Casual Traders/ Multiple Trading Days	Per Day	23.50			23.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Street Market (excl. VAT)	Regular Traders	Per Day	33.75			33.75			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Street Market (excl. VAT)	Town Centre Farmers Market	Per Day	-	15.00	25.00	-	15.00	25.00	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Street Market (excl. VAT)	Wath District (Per foot)	Per Day	1.30			1.30			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Music Service	Music Service	CPD and other offers to schools - School Year 2023	Per Hour	116.00			116.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Music Service	Music Service	Group lessons of 3 or more pupils - School Year 2023	Per Pupil Per Term	65.00			65.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Music Service	Music Service	Shared lesson (2 pupils in the lesson) - School Year 2023	Per Pupil Per Term	85.00			85.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Music Service	Music Service	Individual 15 minute lesson (only available if a suitable share cannot be found) - School Year 2023	Per Pupil Per Term	107.00			107.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Music Service	Music Service	Individual 1:1 20 minutes - School Year 2023	Per Term	153.00			153.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Music Service	Music Service	Individual 1:1 30 minutes grade 5+ - School Year 2023	Per Term	191.00			191.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Music Service	Music Service	Hourly charge for instrument lessons. Whole class teaching, after school clubs - School Year 2023	Per Hour	47.00			47.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Music Service	Music Service	Whole Class Instrumental KS 1 and above 60 min delivery	Per Term	514.00			514.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Music Service	Music Service	WCET KS 1 delivery 30 mins	Per Term	260.00			260.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Music Service	Music Service	WCET Follow on 30 min delivery	Per Term	260.00			260.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Music Service	Music Service	Curriculum Music Delivery KS 1 and 2	Per Term	530.00			530.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Music Service	Music Service	Whole Class Instrument Loan (free with delivery)	Per Term	212.00			212.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Music Service	Music Service	Line Music Session (group of professionals delivering a music performance)	Per Term	159.00			159.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services	Release fee for untaxed/abandoned vehicle within 24 hrs	Each	100.00			100.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services	Release fee for untaxed/abandoned vehicle after 24 hrs	Each	200.00			200.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services	Penalty Charge Notices (higher level)	Each	70.00			70.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services	Penalty Charge Notices (lower level)	Each	50.00			50.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services	Staff parking permits (All car parks) - Please see detail on '3c Exceptions 24-25 (stat)' tab	Per month	40.00			41.00			2.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services	South Yorkshire Police Parking Permits - Statutes Car Park - Please see detail on '3c Exceptions 24-25 (stat)' tab	Per month	45.00			46.00			2.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services	Parking dispensations and suspension fee - on street	Each	20.00			20.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services	Parking dispensations and suspension fee - off street	Each	20.00			20.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Free parking in the town centre at all Council Off-Street car parks on Saturdays and Sundays	Saturday / Sunday	-			Free			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Free parking for the first hour in the town centre at all Council Off-Street car parks on Monday - Friday inclusive	Monday - Friday				Free			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - FORGE ISLAND	1 to 2 hours	1.50			1.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - FORGE ISLAND	Up to 4 hours	2.00			2.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - FORGE ISLAND	All day	3.50			3.60			2.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - DRUMMOND STREET	1 to 2 hours	1.50			1.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - DRUMMOND STREET	Up to 4 hours	2.00			2.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - DRUMMOND STREET	All day	3.50			3.60			2.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - WELLGATE NORTH	Up to 30 minutes	0.50			Free			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - WELLGATE NORTH	Up to 1 hour	1.00			Free			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - CLIFTON HALL	1 to 2 hours	1.60			1.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - CLIFTON HALL	Up to 4 hours	2.10			2.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - CLIFTON HALL	All day	3.70			3.80			2.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - DOUGLAS STREET	Up to 30 minutes	0.50			Free			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - DOUGLAS STREET	Up to 1 hour	1.00			Free			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - DOUGLAS STREET	1 to 2 hours	1.50			1.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - UNITY PLACE	Up to 30 minutes	0.50			Free			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - UNITY PLACE	Up to 1 hour	0.50			Free			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - UNITY PLACE	1 to 2 hours	1.50			1.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - UNITY PLACE	Up to 4 hours	2.00			2.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - RIVERSIDE	Up to 1 hour	0.50			Free			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - RIVERSIDE	1 to 2 hours	1.10			1.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - RIVERSIDE	Up to 4 hours	2.10			2.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - SCALA	1 to 2 hours	1.50			1.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - SCALA	Up to 4 hours	2.00			2.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - RIVERSIDE HOUSE	Up to 2 hours	1.60			1.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - RIVERSIDE HOUSE	Up to 4 hours	2.10			2.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - RIVERSIDE HOUSE	All day	3.70			3.80			2.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - BAILEY HOUSE	1 to 4 hours	1.10			1.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - BAILEY HOUSE	All day	2.10			2.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - WELLGATE MSCP	1 to 2 hours	1.50			1.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - WELLGATE MSCP	Up to 4 hours	2.00			2.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - WELLGATE MSCP	All day	3.50			3.60			2.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - THE STATUTES	1 to 2 hours	1.10			1.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - THE STATUTES	Up to 4 hours	2.10			2.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - THE STATUTES	All day (Monday - Friday)	3.70			3.80			2.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - THE STATUTES	All day (Saturday)	2.10			2.10			0.0%

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						Minimum Charge 2024/25 £	Maximum Charge 2024/25 £		Proposed Minimum Charge 2025/26 £	Proposed Maximum Charge 2025/26 £	
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - Westgate	1 to 4 hours	1.50			1.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - Westgate	All day	3.00			3.10			3.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MAIN STREET	Up to 30 minutes	0.20			0.20			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MAIN STREET	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MAIN STREET	Up to 2 hours	3.20			3.30			3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MOORGATE STREET	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MOORGATE STREET	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MOORGATE STREET	Up to 2 hours	3.20			3.30			3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MANSFIELD ROAD	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MANSFIELD ROAD	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MANSFIELD ROAD	Up to 2 hours	3.20			3.30			3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - STANLEY STREET	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - STANLEY STREET	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - STANLEY STREET	Up to 2 hours	3.20			3.30			3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MOORGATE	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MOORGATE	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MOORGATE	Up to 2 hours	3.20			3.30			3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MOORGATE	Up to 3 hours	3.70			3.80			2.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MOORGATE	Up to 4 hours	4.20			4.30			2.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - CROFTS TOWN HALL	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - CROFTS TOWN HALL	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - CROFTS TOWN HALL	Up to 2 hours	3.20			3.30			3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - CROFTS TOWN HALL	Up to 3 hours	3.70			3.80			2.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - CROFTS TOWN HALL	Up to 4 hours	4.20			4.30			2.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - SHIP HILL	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - SHIP HILL	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - SHIP HILL	Up to 2 hours	3.20			3.30			3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - SHIP HILL	Up to 3 hours	3.70			3.80			2.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - SHIP HILL	Up to 4 hours	4.20			4.30			2.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WELLGATE	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WELLGATE	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WELLGATE	Up to 2 hours	3.20			3.30			3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WELLGATE	Up to 3 hours	3.70			3.80			2.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WELLGATE	Up to 4 hours	4.20			4.30			2.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WELLGATE	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WELLGATE	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - DONCASTER GATE	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - DONCASTER GATE	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - DONCASTER GATE	Up to 2 hours	3.20			3.30			3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WESTGATE	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WESTGATE	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WESTGATE	Up to 2 hours	3.20			3.30			3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WHARNCLIFFE STREET	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WHARNCLIFFE STREET	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WHARNCLIFFE STREET	Up to 2 hours	3.20			3.30			3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - PERCY STREET	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - PERCY STREET	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - PERCY STREET	Up to 2 hours	3.20			3.30			3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - HOWARD STREET	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - HOWARD STREET	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - EASTWOOD LANE	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - EASTWOOD LANE	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WELLGATE MASONS	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WELLGATE MASONS	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WELLGATE MASONS	Up to 2 hours	3.20			3.30			3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WESTGATE (Short Stay)	Up to 30 minutes	0.20			0.20			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WESTGATE (Short Stay)	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WESTGATE (Short Stay)	Up to 2 hours	3.20			3.30			3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WESTGATE (Long Stay)	Up to 30 minutes	0.20			0.20			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WESTGATE (Long Stay)	Up to 1 hour	1.10			1.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WESTGATE (Long Stay)	Up to 2 hours	2.10			2.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WESTGATE (Long Stay)	Up to 4 hours	3.20			3.30			3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WESTGATE (Long Stay)	All day	4.20			4.30			2.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - SHEFFIELD ROAD	Up to 30 minutes	0.20			0.20			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - SHEFFIELD ROAD	Up to 1 hour	1.10			1.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - SHEFFIELD ROAD	Up to 2 hours	2.10			2.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - SHEFFIELD ROAD	Up to 4 hours	3.20			3.30			3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - SHEFFIELD ROAD	All day	4.20			4.30			2.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MAIN STREET	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MAIN STREET	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MAIN STREET	Up to 2 hours	3.20			3.30			3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MASBROUGH STREET	Up to 30 minutes	0.20			0.20			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MASBROUGH STREET	Up to 1 hour	0.50			0.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MASBROUGH STREET	Up to 2 hours	1.10			1.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MASBROUGH STREET	All day	2.10			2.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - DOMINE LANE	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - DOMINE LANE	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - DOMINE LANE	Up to 2 hours	3.20			3.30			3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MARKET STREET	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10			0.0%

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Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MARKET STREET	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MARKET STREET	Up to 2 hours	3.20			3.30			3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - COKE HILL	Up to 30 minutes	0.20			0.20			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - COKE HILL	Up to 4 hours	1.10			1.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - COKE HILL	All day	2.10			2.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - PARKFIELD ROAD	Up to 30 minutes	0.50			0.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - PARKFIELD ROAD	Up to 1 hour	1.10			1.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - PARKFIELD ROAD	Up to 2 hours	1.60			1.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - PARKFIELD ROAD	Up to 4 hours	2.10			2.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - PARKFIELD ROAD	All day	3.70			3.80			2.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control	Rats Inside Property	Treatment upto 3 visits	81.00			83.00			2.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control	Rats Outside Property	Treatment upto 3 visits	81.00			83.00			2.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control	Mice	Treatment upto 4 visits	81.00			83.00			2.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control	Mice	Subsequent Visits	37.00			38.00			2.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control	Moles	Treatment upto 3 visits	107.00			109.00			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control	Squirrels	Treatment upto 3 visits	107.00			109.00			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control	Feral Pigeons	Quote	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control	Fleas	Per Visit	107.00			109.00			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control	Bed Bugs	Treatment upto 4 visits	242.00			247.00			2.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control	Cockroaches	Treatment upto 4 visits	242.00			247.00			2.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control	Wasps Nest	Per Visit	107.00			109.00			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control	Flies	Per Visit	107.00			109.00			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control	Wild Bees / Bumble Bees (Outside Property)	Per Visit	107.00			109.00			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control	Stored Product Insects (Beetles Etc.)	Per Visit	107.00			109.00			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control	Garden Ants	Per Visit	107.00			109.00			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control	Call out Fee	Per Visit	66.00			67.00			1.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control	Out of Hours Fixed Fee - Weekdays and Saturday	Per Visit	160.00			163.00			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control	Out of Hours Fixed Fee - Sunday and Bank Holiday	Per Visit	212.00			216.00			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Charge relates to carrying out responses to Environmental Information Regulations (EIR requests) - specifically relating to CON29 enquiries only	Per Hour	34.00			35.00			2.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app - Do I need Planning Permission - Extensions / Alterations - Household Applications	per application	112.00			125.00			11.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app - Do I need Planning Permission - Extensions / Alterations - Commercial Applications	per application				150.00			
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre-app Advice Adverts	per application	112.00			120.00			7.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app Advice Section 73	per application	210.00			250.00			19.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre-app Conservation Area/Trees/Listed Building - Written Advice Only	per application	140.00			180.00			28.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre-app Conservation Area/Trees/Listed Building - Complex Enquiries Including one (MS Teams) Meeting	per application				250.00			
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre-app Conservation Area/Trees/Listed Building - Complex Enquiries Including Site Visit	per application				500.00			
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre-app Other Development or Change of Use	per application	210.00			250.00			19.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app Minor Development - Written Advice Only	per application	504.00			450.00			-10.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app Minor Development - One Meeting (MS Teams) and Written Advice	per application				550.00			
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app Minor Development - (larger scale) - Written Advice Only	per application				550.00			
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app Minor Development - (larger scale) - One Meeting (MS Teams) and Written Advice	per application				630.00			
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app Minor Development - (larger scale) - Full Service including Site visit, One Meeting (MS Teams) and Written Advice	per application				720.00			
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app Small Scale Major Initial Advice	per application	850.00						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app Small Scale Major Subsequent Meetings	per application	504.00						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app Small Scale Major Written Advice	per application				750.00			
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app Small Scale Major One Meeting (MS Teams) and Written Advice	per application				950.00			
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app Small Scale Major Development - Full Service including Site visit, One Meeting (MS Teams) and Written Advice	per application				1,050.00			
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app Large Scale Major - Initial Meeting	per application	1,350.00						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Large Scale Pre-app Subsequent Meeting	per application	840.00						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app Small Scale Major Written Advice	per application				1,100.00			
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app Small Scale Major One Meeting (MS Teams) and Written Advice	per application				1,380.00			
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app Small Scale Major Development - Full Service including Site visit, One Meeting (MS Teams) and Written Advice	per application				1,600.00			
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Strategic Developments - NO PPA - Full Service	per application				4,000.00			
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Strategic Developments and PPA's - POA	per application				-			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Confirmation of Legal Agreement Obligations complied with	per hour				95.00			NA

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Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Confirmation of Planning Conditions complied with	per hour	85.00			95.00			11.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Enforcement Notice Withdrawal	per application	420.00			450.00			7.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Statutory planning application fees - set nationally cannot be changed locally (https://ecab.planningportal.co.uk/uploads/english_application_fees.pdf)	As per statute	-						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Administration Charge for Cancelled Applications where fee is to be refunded	As per statute	8.00			8.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Complete Local Authority Search (LLC1 & Con29 Compiled, covering all required property enquiries)	per application	137.00			140.00			2.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Con29 Compiled Search - Including VAT	per application	110.00			112.00			1.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Con29O Additional Questions (5-21) - Including VAT	per application	12.00			13.00			8.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Con29O Additional Questions (24) - Including VAT	per application	24.00			26.00			8.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Local Land Charges Register Search (LLC1 only)	per application	27.00			28.00			3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	New street naming	per application	93.00			95.00			2.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	New properties on new street or new property addresses on an existing street and readdressing after notification (i.e. change subsequent to initial application)	1	74.00			75.00			1.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	New properties on new street or new property addresses on an existing street and readdressing after notification (i.e. change subsequent to initial application)	2 to 5	110.00			112.00			1.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	New properties on new street or new property addresses on an existing street and readdressing after notification (i.e. change subsequent to initial application)	6 to 10	149.00			152.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	New properties on new street or new property addresses on an existing street and readdressing after notification (i.e. change subsequent to initial application)	more than 10	310.00			316.00			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	subsequent to initial application		6.00			6.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Change to house name and letter of confirmation of address	per request	63.00			64.00			1.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Animal Health	Providing boarding in kennels for dogs, and providing boarding for cats	Per application	357.00			364.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Animal Health	Providing home boarding	Per application	357.00			364.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Animal Health	Hiring out of horses	Per application	357.00			364.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Animal Health	Breeding of dogs	Per application	357.00			364.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Animal Health	Selling of pets	Per application	357.00			364.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Animal Health	Keeping or training animals for exhibition	Per application	357.00			364.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Animal Health	Variation of a licence under the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Animals) (England) Regulations 2018	Per application	36.00			37.00			2.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Animal Health	Re-rating visit under the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Animals) (England) Regulations 2018	Per application	190.00			194.00			2.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Animal Health	Dangerous Wild Animals	Per application	188.00			192.00			2.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Animal Health	Zoos - First Licence	Per application	1,335.00			1,362.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Animal Health	Zoos - Renewal	Per application	1,974.00			2,013.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Animal Health	Copy of Zoo or Dangerous Wild Animal Licence	Per application	36.00			37.00			2.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Annual Subsistence Charge	Standard process LOW	Per activity		772.00	876.00		772.00	876.00	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Annual Subsistence Charge	Standard process MEDIUM	Per activity		1161.00	1317.00		1,161.00	1,317.00	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Annual Subsistence Charge	Standard process HIGH	Per activity		1747.00	1954.00		1,747.00	1,954.00	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Annual Subsistence Charge	Reduced fee activities Low/Medium/High	Per activity		79.00	237.00		79.00	237.00	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Annual Subsistence Charge	PVR I & II Combined Medium Component	Per activity		113.00	341.00		113.00	341.00	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Annual Subsistence Charge	Vehicle Refinishers Low/Medium/High	Per activity		288.00	548.00		288.00	548.00	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Annual Subsistence Charge	Odorising of natural gas Low/Medium/High	Per activity		79.00	237.00		79.00	237.00	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Annual Subsistence Charge	Mobile screening and crushing plant Low/Medium/High	Per activity		626.00	1551.00		626.00	1,551.00	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Annual Subsistence Charge	for the third to seventh authorisations Low/Medium/High	Per activity		385.00	924.00		385.00	924.00	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Annual Subsistence Charge	for the eighth and subsequent authorisations Low/Medium/High	Per activity		198.00	473.00		198.00	473.00	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Annual Subsistence Charge	Late Payment Fee	Per activity	52.00	0.00	0.00	52.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	CCTV	Metal Strap	Per activity				6.00			
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	CCTV	CCTV Signage	Per activity				20.00			
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	CCTV	Runners per sign	Per activity				5.00			
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	CCTV	Cherry Picker Hire	Per day				80.00			
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	CCTV	Download and release of CCTV footage (excluding partners and internal)	Per activity				60.00			
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	CCTV	Search CCTV footage (excluding partners and internal)	Per activity				60.00			
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Environmental Health General	Works in default	Variable	Variable			Variable			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Environmental Health General	Consultation or business advice Enquiry	Per Hour	28.00			30.00			7.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Environmental Health General	High Hedges investigation	Per Investigation	449.00			449.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Environmental Health General	Seizure and Storage of vehicles involved in waste crimes	Variable	Variable			Variable			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Export Certificates	Export Certificates	Each	109.00						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Fixed Penalty Notices	Leaving Litter	Offence		100.00	150.00		100.00	150.00	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Fixed Penalty Notices	Failing to Comply with a Public Space Protection Order (Including the Dog Control Order)	Offence	100.00			100.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Fixed Penalty Notices	Graffiti and Fly Posting	Offence	500.00			500.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Fixed Penalty Notices	Failure to comply with a Community Protection Notice	Offence	100.00			100.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Fixed Penalty Notices	Failure to comply with non--domestic waste receptacles notice	Offence	100.00			Remove Charge			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Fixed Penalty Notices	Failure to produce authority to transport controlled waste	Offence	300.00				300.00	600.00	-100.0%

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Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Fixed Penalty Notices	Failure to produce waste disposal documentation	Offence	300.00				300.00	600.00	-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Fixed Penalty Notices	Illegal disposal of waste (Fly Tipping)	Offence		300.00	400.00		400.00	1,000.00	33.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Food Hygiene	Food Hygiene Revisit	Per application	191.00			195.00			2.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Food Hygiene	Provide pre-inspection advice to food businesses	Per application	233.00			238.00			2.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Health and Safety	Ear-piercing – PREMISES	Per application	158.00			161.00			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Health and Safety	Ear piercing - person carrying on the business	Per application	36.00			37.00			2.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Health and Safety	Total for ear-piercing with one applicant	Per application	194.00			198.00			2.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Health and Safety	Tattooing – PREMISES	Per application	265.00			270.00			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Health and Safety	Tattooing - person carrying on the business	Per application	36.00			37.00			2.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Health and Safety	Total for tattooing with one applicant	Per application	301.00			307.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Health and Safety	Acupuncture – PREMISES	Per application	194.00			198.00			2.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Health and Safety	Acupuncture – person carrying on the practice	Per application	36.00			37.00			2.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Health and Safety	Electrolysis – PREMISES	Per application	194.00			198.00			2.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Health and Safety	Electrolysis – person carrying on the business	Per application	36.00			37.00			2.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Health and Safety	Reissuing a registration certificate due to a change of Business Name or Applicant Name for any of the above skin piercing activities.	Per application	36.00			Remove Charge			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Housing Monetary/Civil penalties	Non-compliance with the Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (England) Regulations 2015	First Offence	1,500.00			1,500.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Housing Monetary/Civil penalties	Non-compliance with the Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (England) Regulations 2015	Second Offence	3,000.00			3,000.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Housing Monetary/Civil penalties	Non-compliance with the Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (England) Regulations 2015	Further Offences Per Offence	5,000.00			5,000.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Housing Monetary/Civil penalties	Non-compliance with section 46 Environmental Protection Act 1990 (domestic waste receptacles)	Offence	5,000.00			5,000.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Housing Monetary/Civil penalties	Civil Penalty for Housing offences under the Housing and Planning Act 2016	Offence	30,000.00			30,000.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Part A2	Application	Per activity	3,363.00			3,363.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Part A2	Additional fee for operating without a permit	Per activity	1,188.00			1,188.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Part A2	Annual Subsistence LOW	Per activity	1,343.00			1,343.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Part A2	Annual Subsistence MEDIUM	Per activity	1,507.00			1,507.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Part A2	Annual Subsistence HIGH	Per activity	2,230.00			2,230.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Part A2	Late Payment Fee	Per activity	52.00			52.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Part A2	Substantial Variation	Per activity	1,368.00			1,368.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Part A2	Transfer	Per activity	235.00			235.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Part A2	Partial Transfer	Per activity	698.00			698.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Part A2	Surrender	Per activity	698.00			698.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Pollution Control	Standard process	Application Fee	1,650.00			1,650.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Pollution Control	Additional fee for operating without a permit	Application Fee	1,188.00			1,188.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Pollution Control	PVR I, Dry Cleaners and Reduced fee activities (1)	Application Fee	155.00			155.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Pollution Control	PVR I & II Combined	Application Fee	257.00			257.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Pollution Control	Vehicle Refinishers (VRs) and other Reduced Fee activities (2)	Application Fee	362.00			362.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Pollution Control	Reduced fee activities additional fee for operating without a permit	Application Fee	71.00			71.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Pollution Control	Mobile screening and crushing plant	Application Fee	1,650.00			1,650.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Pollution Control	for the third to seventh applications	Application Fee	985.00			985.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Pollution Control	for the eighth and subsequent applications	Application Fee	498.00			498.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Private Sector Housing Enforcement Trading Account fees	House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) - Application	House	266.00			266.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Private Sector Housing Enforcement Trading Account fees	House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) Licence maintenance fee	House	663.00			663.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Private Sector Housing Enforcement Trading Account fees	HMO License renewal application fee (available for renewing applications which have not expired)	House	237.00			237.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Private Sector Housing Enforcement Trading Account fees	HMO License renewal Licence maintenance fee (available for renewing applications which have not expired)	House	568.00			568.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Private Sector Housing Enforcement Trading Account fees	HMO Late application fee (Operating 12 weeks unlicensed)	House	411.00			411.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Private Sector Housing Enforcement Trading Account fees	Selective Licence of other houses in designated areas - application fee	Letting Unit	68.00			Fee to be set by Cabinet			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Private Sector Housing Enforcement Trading Account fees	Selective Licence of other houses in designated areas - Licence maintenance fee	Letting Unit	453.00			Fee to be set by Cabinet			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Private Sector Housing Enforcement Trading Account fees	Rebate for early applications with fully compliant property	Letting Unit	- 127.00			Fee to be set by Cabinet			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Private Sector Housing Enforcement Trading Account fees	Selective Licence late application fee (operating unlicensed for 12 weeks)	House	136.00			Fee to be set by Cabinet			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Private Sector Housing Enforcement Trading Account fees	Additional Unit Maintenance Fee	Letting Unit	138.00			Fee to be set by Cabinet			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Private Sector Housing Enforcement Trading Account fees	Charge for the service of Enforcement Notices under the Housing Act 2004	Notice	420.00	210.00		Variable			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Substantial change s10 and s11	Standard process	Per activity	1,050.00			1,050.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Substantial change s10 and s11	Standard process where the substantial change results in a new PPC activity	Per activity	1,650.00			1,650.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Substantial change s10 and s11	Reduced fee activities*	Per activity	102.00			102.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Temporary Transfer for Mobiles	First Transfer	Per activity	53.00			53.00			0.0%

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Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Temporary Transfer for Mobiles	Repeat Transfer	Per activity	10.00			10.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Temporary Transfer for Mobiles	Repeat Following enforcement or warning	Per activity	53.00			53.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Trading Standards	Weights and Measures Inspector (hourly rate)	Per Hour	76.00			78.00			2.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Trading Standards	Weights and Measures Technical Assistant (hourly rate)	Per Hour	48.00			49.00			2.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Trading Standards	Administration of second hand dealer registration	Each	22.00			22.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Transfer and Surrender	Standard process transfer	Per activity	169.00			169.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Transfer and Surrender	Standard process partial transfer	Per activity	497.00			497.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Transfer and Surrender	New operator at low risk reduced fee activity	Per activity	78.00			78.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Transfer and Surrender	Surrender: all Part B activities	Per activity	-						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Transfer and Surrender	Reduced fee activities*: transfer	Per activity	-						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Transfer and Surrender	Reduced fee activities*: partial transfer	Per activity	47.00			47.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Water Samples	Private Water Supply Samples	Each	500.00			500.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Water Samples	Risk assessment (for each assessment)	Each	100.00			100.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Water Samples	Sampling (for each visit) Investigation (for each investigation)	Each	100.00			100.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Water Samples	Granting an authorisation (for each authorisation)	Each	100.00			100.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Water Samples	Standard Microbiological sample	Per sample	103.00			103.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Water Samples	Legionella water sample	Per sample	144.00			147.00			2.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Water Samples - Analysing a sample	taken under reg 10	Per sample	25.00			25.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Water Samples - Analysing a sample	taken during check monitoring	Per sample	100.00			100.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Water Samples - Analysing a sample	taken during audit monitoring	Per sample	500.00			500.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	RIDO	Makers Emporium	Makers - Rental of Trading Space	Per month (Six month term)	10.00			12.50			25.0%
Regeneration & Environment	RIDO	Makers Emporium	Makers - Commission on Sales	Percentage of Sales	30%			30%			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	All Day Lake Hire - Summer (March - Sept) - Equipment not included	Sole use of Main Lake	Per Day	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	All Day Lake Hire - Summer (March - Sept) - Equipment not included	Partial use of Main Lake	Per Day	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	All Day Lake Hire - Summer (March - Sept) - Equipment not included	Hire of Northern Lake	Per Day	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	All Day Lake Hire - Winter (October - February) - Equipment not included	Sole use of Main Lake	Per Day	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	All Day Lake Hire - Winter (October - February) - Equipment not included	Partial use of Main Lake	Per Day	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	All Day Lake Hire - Winter (October - February) - Equipment not included	Hire of Northern Lake	Per Day	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Car Parking	Up to 1 hour parking	Per Car	1.75			1.80			2.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Car Parking	Up to 2 hours parking	Per Car	2.75			2.90			5.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Car Parking	Up to 3 hours parking	Per Car	3.75			3.90			4.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Car Parking	Up to 4 hours parking	Per Car	4.75			4.90			3.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Car Parking	Up to 5 hours parking	Per Car	5.75			5.90			2.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Car Parking	All Day	Per Car	6.50			6.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Car Parking	Blue Badge Holders	per Car	-						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Car Parking	Mini Buses (Charged as Car)	Per Vehicle	As per car			As per car			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Car Parking	Car Parking - Season Ticket (April to March)*	Per Car - Reduced by 1/12th per calendar month		8.00	96.00		8.33	100.00	4.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Caravan and Camping *(not Caravan Site - event operator only)	Caravan - Overnight (Organised events only)	Per Unit	12.70			13.00			2.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Caravan and Camping *(not Caravan Site - event operator only)	Tents - Overnight (Organised events only)	Per Unit	11.00			11.20			1.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Coarse Fishing	Season ticket (ticket to expire at end of March)	Per Person	82.00			82.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Coarse Fishing	Per Day	Per Person	5.30			5.30			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Craft Storage	Boats per year - to include car parking fee	Per Boat	276.00			282.00			2.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Launch Fees	Private Launch - (Per Day) Full Price	Per Unit Per Day	13.00			13.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Launch Fees	Private Launch - (Per Day) Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per Unit Per Day	9.00			9.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Launch Fees	Private Launch (within 3 hours of closure) Full Price	Per Unit	8.50			8.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Launch Fees	Private Launch (within 3 hours of closure) Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per Unit	6.40			6.40			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Launch Fees	6 Month Private Launch Saver - Incl. Car Parking Fee Full Price	Per Unit	225.00			225.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Launch Fees	Storage & Launch Saver (launch1/3/10 to 19/12/10, 12 month storage)inc C/P	Per Unit	419.00			419.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Launch Fees	6 Months Jet Ski Launch Pass	Per Person Per Unit	254.00			254.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Launch Fees	1 Month Jet Ski Launch Pass (min. of 6 months to be purchased first)	Per Person Per Unit	74.00			74.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Miscellaneous	Powercraft Engine Test	Per Craft	53.00			54.00			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Miscellaneous	Windsurf Harness Hire	Per Person	10.60			10.80			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Miscellaneous	Spraydeck hire	Per Unit	10.60			10.80			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Miscellaneous	Small meeting room hire (half day)	Per Half Day	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Miscellaneous	Small meeting room hire (full day)	Per Day	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Miscellaneous	Large meeting room hire (full day)	Per Day	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Miscellaneous	Flip Chart Hire (on site only) per day*	Per Day	11.10			11.30			1.8%

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Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Miscellaneous	Rotherham School Visits	Per Pupil	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Miscellaneous	School Visits (per pupil)	Per Pupil	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Miscellaneous	Lecture (by Ranger Staff on site) per hour (non-vat)	Per Hour	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Miscellaneous	Events Fee *	Per Event	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Miscellaneous	Orienteering Maps *	Per Unit	3.20			3.30			3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Model Boating	Model Boating (per craft per day) * Full Price	Per Craft Per Day	6.40			6.40			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Model Boating	Model Boating (per craft per day) * Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per Craft Per Day	4.80			4.80			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Powerboat Hire *	Powerboat including Driver 0 - 4 hours	Per Boat	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Powerboat Hire *	Powerboat including Driver 0 - 8 hours	Per Boat	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Rother Valley Country Park Cycle Hire	Cycle Hire Refundable Deposit (per cycle)	Per Cycle	10.60			10.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Rother Valley Country Park Cycle Hire	Cycle Hire Refundable Deposit (per group of over 6 people)	Per Cycle	31.80			31.80			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Rother Valley Country Park Cycle Hire	Cycle Hire (per hour)	Per Cycle Per Hour	9.50			9.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Rother Valley Country Park Cycle Hire	Cycle Hire 2 hour	Per Cycle Per 2 Hours	17.00			17.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Rother Valley Country Park Cycle Hire	Cycle Trailers (per hour)	Per Trailer Per Hour	7.40			7.40			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Rother Valley Country Park Cycle Hire	Cycle Trailers 2 hours	Per Trailer Per 2 Hours	11.70			11.70			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Rother Valley Country Park Cycle Hire	Dino Cycle	Per Cycle	23.30			23.30			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Rother Valley Country Park Cycle Hire	Dino Cycle Trailer	Per Cycle Trailer	15.90			15.90			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Rother Valley Country Park Cycle Hire	Electric 4 seat cycle	Per Cycle Per Hour	26.50			26.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Rother Valley Country Park Cycle Hire	Single Chopper	Per Cycle Per Hour	10.60			10.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Rother Valley Country Park Cycle Hire	Single Chopper (Concession)	Per Cycle Per Hour	9.50			9.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Rother Valley Country Park Cycle Hire	Duo Chopper (2 seat cycle)	Per cycle Per Hour	14.80			14.80			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Rother Valley Country Park Cycle Hire	Duo Chopper (2 seat cycle) (Concession)	Per cycle Per Hour	11.10			11.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Rother Valley Country Park Cycle Hire	Single seat go cart	Per Hour	10.60			10.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Rother Valley Country Park Cycle Hire	Single seat go cart (Concession)	Per Hour	9.50			9.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Double Handed Dinghies (per 90 minutes) Full Price	Per 90 minutes	20.70			20.70			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Double Handed Dinghies (per 90 minutes) Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per 90 minutes	14.80			14.80			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Double Handed Dinghies (per 90 minutes) Junior Rothercard Price	Per 90 minutes	12.70			12.70			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Single Handed Dinghies (per 90 minutes) Full Price	Per 90 minutes	16.40			16.40			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Single Handed Dinghies (per 90 minutes) Concessionary/ Rothercard Price	Per 90 minutes	12.20			12.20			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Single Handed Dinghies (per 90 minutes) Junior Rothercard Price	Per 90 minutes	9.00			9.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Windsurfer (per 90 minutes) Full Price	Per 90 minutes	15.40			15.40			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Windsurfer (per 90 minutes) Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per 90 minutes	10.60			10.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Windsurfer (per 90 minutes) Junior Rothercard Price	Per 90 minutes	8.00			8.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Canadian Canoe (per 60 minutes) Full Price	Per Hour	15.90			15.90			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Canadian Canoe (per 60 minutes) Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per Hour	12.70			12.70			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Canadian Canoe (per 60 minutes) Junior Rothercard Price	Per Hour	10.10			10.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Kayak Canoe (per 60 minutes) Full Price	Per Hour	13.80			13.80			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Kayak Canoe (per 60 minutes) Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per Hour	10.60			10.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Kayak Canoe (per 60 minutes) Junior Rothercard Price	Per Hour	8.50			8.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Open Canoe (per 60 minutes) Full Price	Per Hour	13.80			13.80			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Open Canoe (per 60 minutes) Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per Hour	10.60			10.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Open Canoe (per 60 minutes) Junior Rothercard Price	Per Hour	8.50			8.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Topo Due Canoe (per 60 minutes) Full Price	Per Hour	14.80			14.80			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Topo Due Canoe (per 60 minutes) Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per Hour	12.70			12.70			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Topo Due Canoe (per 60 minutes) Junior Rothercard Price	Per Hour	9.00			9.00			0.0%

FEES AND CHARGES
PROPOSALS 2025/26

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Directorate	Service Area	Service	Description of Fee or Charge	Basis of Charge	Fixed Charge 2024/25 £	Charge Range		Proposed Fixed Charge 2025/26 £	Charge Range		%age increase
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Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Rowing Boat (per 30 minutes)	Per 30 minutes	15.40			15.40			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Pedal Boat (per 30 minutes)	Per 30 minutes	15.40			15.40			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Electric Boats	Per session	18.60			18.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Wet Suit (session) Full Price	Per Person	8.00			8.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Wet Suit (session) Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per Person	5.80			5.80			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Wet Suit (per day) Full Price	Per Person	17.00			17.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Wet Suit (per day) Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per Person	9.50			9.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Buoyancy Aid (per day) Full Price	Per Person	12.70			12.70			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Buoyancy Aid (per day) Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per Person	8.00			8.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Instructor /Supervisor (1:1 90 min lesson in any activity, cost now includes equipment) VAT exempt	Per Person	94.30			94.30			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Locker Tokens	Per Locker	0.55			0.55			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Car Parking	Car parking up to 1 hour	Per Hour	1.60			1.70			6.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Car Parking	All Year Round (per day)	Per ticket	2.70			3.00			11.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Car Parking	Disabled Parking	Per ticket	No Charge			No Charge			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Car Parking	Minibus Day Rate - As Car	Per Vehicle	As per car			As per car			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Car Parking	Car Parking - Season Ticket	Per ticket	90.10			Remove Charge			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Car Parking	car parking season ticket disabled	Per ticket	No Charge			No Charge			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Float Tubing	Season Permit Float Tube Launch	Permit	48.80			48.80			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Float Tubing	Day Ticket Float Tube Launch	Day ticket	5.80			5.80			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Fly Fishing (excludes car parking fee)	4 hours (2 fish) Full Price	Per Half Day	6.60			6.60			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Fly Fishing (excludes car parking fee)	4 hours (2 fish) Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per Half Day	4.50			4.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Fly Fishing (excludes car parking fee)	Full day (2 fish) Full Price	Half day ticket	7.10			7.10			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Fly Fishing (excludes car parking fee)	Full day (2 fish) Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Half day ticket	5.50			5.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Fly Fishing (excludes car parking fee)	Season Permit unlimited visits 2 fish per visit	Season ticket	82.20			82.20			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Fly Fishing (excludes car parking fee)	Pike Fishing Season Ticket	Season ticket	44.50			44.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Other Activities	School Visits (per pupil - Rotherham schools)	Day visit	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Other Activities	School Visits (per pupil - Out of area)	Day visit	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Scooter Hire	Scooter hire (2hrs)	2 hr hire	2.90			2.90			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Transport	Hellaby Workshop	MOT Test (Class 4)	Annual MOT Test	53.00			54.00			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Transport	Hellaby Workshop	MOT Test (Class 5)	Annual MOT Test	53.00			54.00			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Transport	Hellaby Workshop	MOT Test (Class 7)	Annual MOT Test	62.00			58.60			-5.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Transport	Training Service	Standard Mini Bus Driver Awareness training	Per Person	64.00			65.00			1.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Transport	Training Service	Standard Refresher training. Must be completed every 4 years	Per Person	64.00			65.00			1.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Transport	Training Service	Accessible Mini Bus Driver Awareness training	Per Person	123.00			125.00			1.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Transport	Training Service	Wheelchair Training for Taxi Drivers	Per Person	32.00			33.00			3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Transport	Training Service	Driver Certificate of Professional Competence	Per Person	64.00			65.00			1.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Transport	Training Service	Passenger Assistant Training	Per Person	64.00			65.00			1.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Transport	Training Service	Taxi Driving Test	Per Person	106.00			108.00			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Provision of Traffic survey data	a. Request for information at a single location = £200 + VAT; b. Requests for information at 2 or more locations = £200 for the first site + multiples of £100; c. Additional analysis relating to the initial request are charged at an hourly rate.	265.00	265.00	265.00	270.00			1.9%

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Regeneration & Environment	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Provision of Road Safety - Collision Data	a. Request for information at a single location = £200 + VAT; b. Requests for information at 2 or more locations = £200 for the first site + multiples of £100; c. Additional analysis relating to the initial request are charged at an hourly rate.	265.00	265.00	265.00	270.00			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Switch off / Switch on traffic signals or similar	Each	431.40			440.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Provision of Traffic Signal drawings	Each	265.00	265.00		270.00			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Temporary Direction Signs (Assessment only)	<10 events	117.70			120.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Temporary Direction Signs (Assessment only)	>10 events	236.40			241.00			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Temporary Direction Signs (Assessment only)	New development	531.10			542.00			2.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Temporary Direction Signs (Assessment only)	Re-application	531.10			542.00			2.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Provision of agreement to undertake works on or connecting to the adopted local road network (Section 278 Agreement).	Per Agreement (Based on Scheme Value)							N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Ulley Country Park	Ulley Country Park Car Parking*	Car parking up to 1 hour	Up to 1 Hr	1.60			1.70			6.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Ulley Country Park	Ulley Country Park Car Parking*	Car Parking - per day	Per Day	2.70			3.00			11.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Ulley Country Park	Ulley Country Park Car Parking*	Car Parking - Season Ticket (per car)	Per Car	90.00			92.00			2.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Ulley Country Park	Ulley Country Park Car Parking*	Minibus Day Rate - As Car	Per Vehicle	-						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Ulley Country Park	Ulley Country Park Car Parking*	Blue Badge Holders	Per Vehicle	-						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Ulley Country Park	Ulley Country Park Coarse Fishing*	Season Ticket Full Price	Per ticket	63.00			64.00			1.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Ulley Country Park	Ulley Country Park Coarse Fishing*	Season Ticket Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per ticket	41.00			42.00			2.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Ulley Country Park	Ulley Country Park Coarse Fishing*	Day Ticket Full Price	Per day	5.30			5.40			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Ulley Country Park	Ulley Country Park Coarse Fishing*	Day Ticket Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per day	3.60			3.70			2.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Ulley Country Park	Ulley Country Park Coarse Fishing*	Match Fishing	Per event	4.30			4.40			2.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Ulley Country Park	Ulley Country Park Other Activities	Hire of Multi-purpose Room (1 Hour) (non-VAT unless hired for a sporting activity)	Per Hour	24.40			25.00			2.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Class "A" Playing Pitches	Football/Rugby/Cricket (incl. Changing & Showering facilities) Senior	Per Team Per Fixture	86.40			88.00			1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Class "A" Playing Pitches	Official "Under 18 Leagues"	Per Team Per Fixture	57.00			58.00			1.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Class "B" Playing Pitches	Football/Rugby (incl. Changing Facilities but no services) Senior	Per Team Per Fixture	73.10			75.00			2.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Class "B" Playing Pitches	Official "Under 18 Leagues"	Per Team Per Fixture	48.80			50.00			2.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Class "C" Playing Pitches	Football/Rugby/Cricket Wicket (without Changing & Showering facilities) Senior	Per Team Per Fixture	64.70			66.00			2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Class "C" Playing Pitches	Official "Under 18 Leagues"	Per Team Per Fixture	42.70			44.00			3.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Pavilion Hire	Commercial Hire	Per Booking	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Pavilion Hire	Canklow/Greenlands Park/Barkers Park/Wath Pavilion Room (community groups) per hour	Per Hour	16.70			17.00			1.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Playing Pitches	Administration Fee (Use of unbooked pitch)	Per Team Per Fixture	Pitch+ £75			Pitch+ £75			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Playing Pitches	Excess Litter Charges	Per Team Per Fixture	44.90			46.00			2.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Playing Pitches	Administration Fee (Use of unbooked pitch) Under 18's	Per Team Per Fixture	Pitch + £55			Pitch + £55			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Rosehill Park - Novelty Golf	Novelty Golf	Per Person	3.10			3.20			3.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Rosehill Park - Novelty Golf	Novelty Golf - Junior	Per Person	2.00			2.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Urban Parks - miscellaneous	Organised Outdoor Fitness Classes (per class)	Per Class	13.50			14.00			3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Urban Parks - miscellaneous	Scattering of Ashes	Per Unit	56.20			57.00			1.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Urban Parks - miscellaneous	Memorial Benches	Per Unit	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Urban Parks - miscellaneous	Memorial Trees	Per Unit	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Urban Parks - miscellaneous	Film Location Fee (Commercial)	Per application	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Urban Parks - miscellaneous	Lighting rig (per day/eve)	Per Day/Evening	24.70			25.00			1.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Urban Parks - miscellaneous	PA System (per day/eve)	Per Day/Evening	37.10			38.00			2.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Urban Parks - miscellaneous	Hire of secure areas within green spaces	Per hour	8.50			8.70			2.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Urban Parks - School Visits	Guided school visits (per pupil per half day)	Per Pupil Per Half Day	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Urban Parks - School Visits	Ranger/Officer educational visits to schools (per half day)	Per Half Day	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Urban Parks Outdoor Events	Clifton Park Hire-Community/Voluntary Grps per hour (per 0.5 Ha or part thereof)	Per Hour	33.70						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Urban Parks Outdoor Events	Park Hire-Community/Voluntary Grps per hour (per 0.5 Ha or part thereof) (Excluding Clifton Park)	Per Hour	11.20						-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Urban Parks Outdoor Events	Park Hire - Commercial Events	Per Event	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks - Clifton Park Wedding Packages	Garden Room, Sun Space & Courtyard (9am to 12.30am) - April to October	Friday to Sunday room hire	Per Booking	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A

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Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks - Clifton Park Wedding Packages	Garden Room, Sun Space & Courtyard (9am to 12.30am) - April to October	Monday to Thursday room hire	Per Booking	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks - Clifton Park Wedding Packages	Garden Room, Sun Space & Courtyard (9am to 12.30am) - April to October	Day before set up	Per Booking	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks - Clifton Park Wedding Packages	Garden Room, Sun Space & Courtyard (9am to 12.30am) - November to March	Friday to Sunday room hire	Per Booking	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks - Clifton Park Wedding Packages	Garden Room, Sun Space & Courtyard (9am to 12.30am) - November to March	Monday to Thursday room hire	Per Booking	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks - Clifton Park Wedding Packages	Garden Room, Sun Space & Courtyard (9am to 12.30am) - November to March	Day before set up	Per Booking	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks - Clifton Park Wedding Packages	Garden Room, Sun Space & Courtyard (9am to 12.30am) - November to March	Christmas Eve & New Years Eve	Per Booking	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks - Clifton Park Wedding Packages	Garden Room, Sun Space & Courtyard (9am to 12.30am) - November to March	Day before set up	Per Booking	Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Standard hard-standing and Grass 8m x 8m, with shared electric hook-up point - High Season (School Holiday and bank Holiday's summer months) Pitch includes Awning, 2 people and 1 Car and caravan or motorhome	Per pitch. Incl 2 people and electricity, per night	33.75			35.50			5.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Standard hard-standing 8m x 8m, with shared electric hook-up point - Mid Season (Term time summer Months) Pitch includes Awning, 2 people and 1 Car and caravan or motorhome	Per pitch. Incl 2 people and electricity, per night	30.50			32.00			4.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Standard hard-standing and Grass 8m x 8m, with shared electric hook-up point -Low Season (Winter months) Pitch includes Awning, 2 people and 1 Car and caravan or motorhome	Per pitch. Incl 2 people and electricity, per night	25.00			26.25			5.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Super Pitch 10m x 10m, with own static waste and tap water -High Season (School Holidays and bank Holidays summer) Pitch includes Awning, 2 people and 1 Car and caravan or motorhome	Per pitch. Incl 2 people and electricity, per night	36.00			37.75			4.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Super Pitch 10m x 10m, with own static waste and tap water - Mid Season (Term Time) Pitch includes Awning, 2 people and 1 Car and caravan or motorhome	Per pitch. Incl 2 people and electricity, per night	32.50			34.00			4.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Super Pitch 10m x 10m, with own static waste and tap water - low Season (Term time winter) Pitch includes Awning, 2 people and 1 Car and caravan or motorhome	Per pitch. Incl 2 people and electricity, per night	27.00			28.25			4.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Large Motorhome / caravan pitch - Peak Season Super Pitch with own waste, water, and electric point High season	Per pitch. Incl 2 people and electricity, per night	39.50			41.50			5.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Large Motorhome / Caravan pitch - Off Peak Season Super Pitch with own waste, water, and electric point Mid season	Per pitch. Incl 2 people and electricity, per night	36.00			37.75			4.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Large Motorhome / Caravan pitch - Off Peak Season Super Pitch with own waste, water, and electric point low season	Per pitch. Incl 2 people and electricity, per night	30.50			32.00			4.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Extra Large Motorhome / caravan pitch - High Season	Per pitch. Incl 2 people and electricity, per night	43.00			45.00			4.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Extra Large Motorhome / Caravan pitch - Mid Season	Per pitch. Incl 2 people and electricity, per night	39.50			41.50			5.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Extra Large Motorhome / Caravan pitch - low Season	Per pitch. Incl 2 people and electricity, per night	33.75			35.50			5.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Tent Pitch 7.5m x 8m (shared electric hook up point)	Per pitch. Incl 2 people and electricity, per night	30.50			33.00			8.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Large Tent Pitch 10m x 10m (shared electric hook up point)	Per pitch. Incl 2 people and electricity, per night	32.50			35.00			7.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Infant aged 0 - 2 years, as part of a larger booking including adults	Per person per night	-			-			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Extra Awning or Pup Tent (only on caravan and motorhome pitches, max one per pitch)	per night	3.50			3.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Pet as part of a larger booing including adults	per night	3.50			3.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Child aged 3 to 16 years old as part of a larger booking including adults	per person per night	3.50			3.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Additional person over 16 years old	per person per night	3.50			3.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Additional car (note one car allowed free of charge on motorhome pitches, motorhome classed as a caravan)	per car per day	5.50			5.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Visitor car (must be pre-booked)	per day/part day	5.50			5.50			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Commercial Waste Collections Business Once per Week Collection	A1 2 Black Sacks Kerbside	Per annum	Subject of future Cabinet Report						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Commercial Waste Collections Business Once per Week Collection	240A First Bin Kerbside	Per annum	Subject of future Cabinet Report						N/A

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Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Commercial Waste Collections Business Once per Week Collection	240A Additional Bin Kerbside	Per annum	Subject of future Cabinet Report						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Commercial Waste Collections Business Once per Week Collection	240B First Bin Premise / Bin Store	Per annum	Subject of future Cabinet Report						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Commercial Waste Collections Business Once per Week Collection	240B Additional Bin Premise / Bin Store	Per annum	Subject of future Cabinet Report						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Commercial Waste Collections Business Once per Week Collection	360A First Bin Kerbside	Per annum	Subject of future Cabinet Report						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Commercial Waste Collections Business Once per Week Collection	360A Additional Bin Kerbside	Per annum	Subject of future Cabinet Report						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Commercial Waste Collections Business Once per Week Collection	360B First Bin Premise / Bin Store	Per annum	Subject of future Cabinet Report						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Commercial Waste Collections Business Once per Week Collection	360B Additional Bin Premise / Bin Store	Per annum	Subject of future Cabinet Report						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Commercial Waste Collections Business Once per Week Collection	660 First Bin Premise / Bin Store	Per annum	Subject of future Cabinet Report						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Commercial Waste Collections Business Once per Week Collection	660 Additional Bin Premise / Bin Store	Per annum	Subject of future Cabinet Report						N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Commercial Waste Collections Business Once per Week Collection	1100 First Bin Premise / Bin Store	Per annum	Subject of future Cabinet Report						N/A

Background to the Budget and Financial Strategy

1. Introduction

1.1 The Council is split into five directorates, each made up of number of services and teams. The five directorates are:

- Adult Care, Housing and Public Health;
- Children and Young People's Service
- Regeneration and Environment
- Finance and Customer Services
- Assistant Chief Executive

This appendix summarises the activity being undertaken in each Directorate in the current year and the planned activity that will be undertaken in 2025/26 as part of the proposed budget.

2. Adult Care, Housing and Public Health

2.1 Adult Care

2.1.1 Adult Care is responsible for the provision of adult social care support and services for Care Act eligible groups of adults in the borough, including older people and adults with mental ill-health, people with a learning disability and autism and physical and/or sensory impairments. The Directorate also supports people with housing and support requirements through housing related support and vulnerable adults experiencing multiple disadvantages as well as domestic abuse. The Directorate has been and continues to be at the forefront of the Councils response to safeguarding adults, supporting hospital discharges and maximising the independence of residents with care and support needs. The Directorate also has a key role in supporting the wider health and care system and externally commissions providers such as care homes, domiciliary care, supported living and voluntary sector partners including micro-enterprises to deliver critical services to customers.

2.1.2 Adult Care has statutory responsibility under the Care Act 2014 for managing and delivering:

- Information, advice and guidance
- Advocacy
- Prevention and recovery
- Safeguarding
- Assessment and support planning
- Care, at home and in residential settings, including managing provider failure
- As well as statutory responsibility under the Mental Health Act for the 24 hour provision of the Approved Mental Health Professional
- Regulated services

2.1.3 The Directorate continues to face significant challenges as a result of changes in population demographics. There is a sustained budget pressure as a result of an aging population; a rising population of working age adults with long term health and care support needs; increasing acuity, multiple disadvantage and complexity of need for those residents who need support; and increased cost pressures for externally commissioned adult care providers driven by the current financial climate. The associated costs and increased risk faced by externally commissioned providers as a result of cost of living pressures has highlighted the need for the Directorate to respond with an aligned budget strategy to support sustainable fee increases.

2.1.4 The focus for 2025/26 is to continue to address the need to respond to the rising numbers of people with eligible and increasing care needs. Working with health and social care partners in the borough, to ensure the delivery of care services are personalised, responsive and cost effective.

2.1.5 Quality of care will continue to be a priority and improved through partnership working across the health and care system in the borough, which has strong, collaborative foundations. The Council will continue to have a key role in supporting the transition to wider system integration and respond proactively to reforms of the NHS, to ensure place priorities, population health management and tackling health inequalities remain at the heart of the local offer. These areas form the cornerstones for the regulation regime which Adult Social Care can now expect an assurance assessment by December 25 from the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

2.1.6 Supporting people to live well at home, for as long as possible, remains a key focus, with home first principles at the core of the delivery model. This approach improves quality of life for residents, while reducing cost. This will be achieved through continued investment in preventative care and increased use of emerging technology, to reduce acute and long-term interventions; access to appropriate, coordinated support including more effective support to carers; and personalised care delivered by skilled care workers and through new technology.

2.1.7 Adult Social Care remains committed to delivering long-standing transformation programmes. This includes a commitment to build and deliver a new day opportunities service for people with a learning disability, autism and high support needs, as well as accommodation support closer to home. Support for adults with high support needs will be transformed to enable people to access both high quality primary care and a broader range of care pathways, and stronger connections to family and community support. Similarly, with health partners, the Council will continue with the remodelling of mental health services, with a greater focus on early intervention, improved accessibility, and more responsive, personalised service.

2.1.8 The priorities, as outlined, can only be achieved if there is a high quality, motivated social care workforce in place. Further refinement of the operating model is taking place, applying the learning to refine the approach and

engender continuous improvement. This commitment to ongoing change and development in the way services and resources are organised will assist Adult Care to manage and deliver the services it provides. This continues to be assisted by a comprehensive workforce development plan and robust practice frameworks, which builds skills and confidence in assessments and delivery of cost-effective strength-based outcomes.

2.1.9 Supporting the internal and external workforce will continue to be a key focus in the coming year with processes in place to support staff and to ensure that staff working remotely as well as those in front facing delivery roles have access to the resources, equipment and managerial support they need to discharge their duties effectively and safely.

2.1.10 Recruitment and retention of workers in the Adult Care Sector is presenting significant challenges for the borough, broadly in line with the national position. Actions to address this have been put in place during 2024/25 and will continue during 2025/26. This includes further workforce profiling, introduction of career progression pathways including new job roles and promotion of the care sector as a career.

2.1.11 These priorities are designed to deliver a long term, sustainable reduction in demand pressures facing the directorate, ensure compliance with regulation standards and ensure delivery of services within the allocated budget.

2.2 Public Health

2.2.1 Public Health is an integral element of the borough's health and social care system, maintaining a focus on prevention, physical and mental wellbeing and tackling health inequalities. Working closely with commissioning colleagues the team is responsible for the commissioning of statutory public health services, including sexual health services; drug and alcohol treatment and recovery; 0-19 Public Health nursing; NHS Health Checks and Rotherham Healthwave, which comprises weight management and stop smoking services.

2.2.2 Alongside commissioning services, Public Health lead on the development of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment which underpins the Rotherham Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board. The team plays a pivotal role in providing intelligence, evidence-based advice, advocacy and challenge to ensure that the health of residents is safeguarded and to enable all partners to meet their duties in tackling health inequalities within the borough. The Team provide specialist public health advice across the domains of Health Protection, Health Improvement and Healthcare Public Health for the Rotherham system and provide strategic leadership to maximise Public Health outcomes within the borough. This includes leadership of the Rotherham Place Prevention and Health Inequalities Group, Rotherham's Combatting Drugs Partnership, the Moving Rotherham Partnership, the Rotherham Tobacco Control Alliance, the Rotherham Food Network, the Suicide Prevention Strategic Group and the Sexual Health Partnership. Through these forums and other roles public

health advice is provided to the NHS, other Council Directorates, schools, workplaces and social care providers to support health improvement across the borough.

2.2.3 Life expectancy at birth in Rotherham for males is 1.8 years below the England average and for females is 2.6 years below the England average, which is indicative of a range of health inequalities in the borough. This is further demonstrated by a difference in life expectancy of over nine years for males and ten years for females between the borough's most and least deprived communities. The borough has higher smoking prevalence at 14.5% in adults, and lower levels of physical activity in adults at 64.1%, compared to the national average (11.6% and 67.1% respectively) which also correspond with local patterns of deprivation. These along with the associated health gap contribute to lower levels of economic productivity in the borough demonstrating the strong links between prosperity and health.

2.3 Housing Services

2.3.1 Housing Services hold overall landlord responsibility for the management and maintenance of the borough's 20,000 council homes. They provide information, advice and guidance on the housing options available to residents and oversee any adaptation to homes required by residents, e.g. for accessibility/health reasons. Housing Services are also responsible for delivering the programme of new, affordable, high quality Council homes in the borough. In addition, the service works with housing associations and housing developers to deliver a range of new homes to meet the Borough's housing needs and delivery targets.

2.3.2 The service will continue to ensure that a robust, sustainable Housing Revenue Account 30-year Business Plan is in place. The effective delivery of this plan will ensure that the borough's 20,000 council homes are maintained effectively, meet the decent homes standard and continue to deliver an ambitious programme of new homes in the Borough to meet future demands. This will be achieved by building on council owned sites and acquiring new homes from private developers through Section 106 agreements and through market acquisitions.

2.3.3 The General Fund budget will continue to be used to address homelessness and deliver aids and adaptations to homes.

2.3.4 Efficiencies will continue to be delivered by sustaining tenancies and supporting tenants in financial difficulties, high performance on void turnaround times; rent recovery and leasehold income collection. Alongside this, the future of the repairs and maintenance service and other key landlord services is being reviewed in light of contract break clauses and new regulatory requirements.

2.3.5 The homelessness service has seen demand increase significantly since the Covid-19 pandemic, leading to increased hotel usage. However, successful grant funding applications and improvements in the operation of

homelessness and temporary accommodation services has successfully contributed to addressing budget pressures in this area.

3 Children and Young People's Services

3.1 The Directorate for Children and Young People's Services (CYPS) is responsible for early help and family engagement, the youth justice service, social care services, education and inclusion. It has a statutory responsibility for the safeguarding of children and young people and is supported by a dedicated performance, quality, commissioning and business support team.

3.2 Nationally, children's social care services are operating in a challenging budget and demand context. There has been an unprecedented surge in demand for children's social care support in recent years - a trend that shows no signs of abating and continues to see a rise in children in care across the region. This has been mirrored by the continuing significant demands across the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) landscape, resulting in stretched resources and budget pressures nationally.

3.3 Against the national trend, Rotherham's improvements in social care have positively impacted on reducing the number of Children in Care (CiC), those subject to Child Protection plans and Children in Need. The reduced demand has been supported through ongoing improvements to Early Help through the Family Help Strategy, the stability and improved practice of the CSC workforce, Family Group Conferencing, Family Network meetings, a comprehensive suite of evidence based programmes and partnership working via the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub and community-based teams. There continues to be a steady number of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASC) in our care system, with a higher percentage accepted via the Governments National Transfer Scheme, and the resultant implications for our Care Leaver population. There are 38 Unaccompanied Children and 59 Former UASC Care Leavers as of December 2024.

3.4 Rotherham continues to receive Family Hubs and Start for Life funding, and this has been extended for a further year by the Department for Education. This funding has added value to existing provision with programmes such as Solihull being introduced in the Borough. Additional collaboration and co-location across the public, community and voluntary sector in Rotherham has been enabled and is now providing swifter access to services for children and families.

3.5 The Department for Education is now responsible for the Supporting Families Programme and has suspended the Payment by Results scheme. All the allocated monies for RMBC will be delivered this financial year and continue to expect a focus on an outcomes framework that helps families combat problems such as financial insecurity, unemployment, risk of homelessness and educational inequality. There has been an intimation from Government that this grant will be subsumed into a consolidated "family help" grant in future, but this has yet to be finalised.

3.6 In 2025/26 the Directorate priorities are to continue to sustain improvements across Children's Services, through ongoing development and implementation of the new Family Help services, supporting children and families from the earliest point of need in conjunction with partners through to the most specialist services when required; to continue building in-borough capacity for Children in Care through the ongoing Residential Care Home programme and Foster Care offer; additional provision for children with learning difficulties and disabilities; and to continue to further develop interventions and services designed to better support children and families earlier.

3.7 The new education and inclusion skills service operating model is now embedded which incorporates key strategic education forums and boards and groups including Schools Forum, School Leaders boards and groups and the Rotherham Area SEND and Alternative Provision Partnership Board and SEND Executive Board. School facing services will be reviewed to ensure that they are efficient and effective, whilst continuing to improve educational outcomes, particularly at Key Stage 4 and for children with Special Education Needs and Disabilities SEND.

3.8 An Area SEND Inspection took place in September and October 2024, which evaluated the progress made by the system since the previous Inspection in 2021 and the subsequent Written Statement of Action. It is very pleasing to report the Inspection determined that the local area partnership's special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) arrangements typically lead to positive experiences and outcomes for children and young people with SEND. The local area partnership is taking action where improvements are needed. This is the highest possible grading, and reflects the hard work of all colleagues involved, focused on achieving the best possible outcomes for children. There were two actions resulting from the Inspection (improvement of Education, Health and Care Plans and improvement of waiting times for some health services) and these will be incorporated in the new SEND and Alternative Provision Strategy due to Cabinet in February 2025.

3.9 Work continues to manage the High Needs Budget within the constraints of the Safety Valve Agreement, which is now showing a projected overspend at the end of March 2026 of £2.2M. Despite close alignment to the milestones of the Agreement, including the recent commitment of tripartite funding to enhance the provision at Newman Special School, the nature of the national SEND system and the increasing number of EHCPs awarded to children has meant that the original financial projections can no longer be met. Investment in SEND Sufficiency continues to enhance SEND education provision and support transformation across the borough as evidenced in the Inspection outcome, and this includes continued focused investments, creating additional SEND places in Rotherham which enhance education outcomes for this cohort.

3.10 Savings have been delivered in relation to movement of staffing resource into areas of service where needed, as both Children in Care and Child Protection numbers have continued to reduce over the year. Focus is now

on step down plans to support children in care to move to permanent care arrangements, return home safely or transition into independent provision as Care Leavers. Work will now move to the Family Help area of the service, where new arrangements are due to be put in place following the design phase of the Family Help Strategy and the new policy paper from Government, Keeping Children Safe, Helping Families Thrive. This will include a focus on kinship care arrangements and further exploration of regional initiatives.

3.11 Between April 2024 and September 2025, the Department for Education (DfE) will introduce 30 hours of free childcare for children over 9 months old with working parents. This change will significantly increase the workload for local authorities, who will need to support the sector's expansion and manage funding payments, estimated at around £30 million annually.

3.12 Additionally, the Government is investing £289 million over two years to expand wraparound childcare for primary school-aged pupils, providing access from 8am to 6pm. This programme aims to be self-sustaining after the initial setup or expansion phase. The Council will receive £2.3M (in 2024/25) in programme funding to distribute to providers for setting up or expanding provision, and £0.5M in capital funding to support both early years expansion and wraparound provision.

3.13 The continued favourable comparison of numbers of children in care to statistical neighbours is linked to the impact of the Demand and Market Management Strategies. The challenge from a budget perspective is the increasing cost of individual placements, especially for those children and young people with complex needs.

4 Regeneration and Environment

4.1 The Regeneration and Environment Directorate’s focus is to develop and promote Rotherham as a good place to live, work and visit; with emphasis on delivering against the Council Plan priorities and the Year Ahead commitments. The Directorate has been successful in continuing to secure and deliver significant external funding, linked to the priorities and building upon the Council’s own investments. A key part of the work for 2025/26 and into future years is to deliver these projects and programmes as well as delivering services for residents, businesses and visitors.

4.2 The Directorate has a broad portfolio of responsibilities including:

- Community safety
- Environmental protection
- Licensing
- Waste collection, management and disposal
- Street cleaning and grounds maintenance
- Parks, countryside and green spaces
- Leisure, sport and physical activity
- Tourism and visitor economy

- Culture and events
- Children's Capital of Culture
- Heritage, museums, arts and archives
- Libraries and neighbourhood Hubs
- Planning and Building Control
- Regeneration and Economic Development
- Transport and highways
- Emergency Planning, Business Continuity
- Council-wide Health and Safety
- Passenger Transport and Fleet Services

4.3 The Directorate's budget is focussed on the delivery of frontline services to ensure the borough's neighbourhoods are clean, safe and inclusive, to create an environment where people want to live, work and play. In addition, the Directorate has a significant Capital budget consisting of Council funding and funding from external sources.

4.4 The adopted Town Centre Masterplan is being implemented, with a number of streetscene (Public Realm) improvements completed including Bridgegate, College Street and Frederick Street. Council-led housing developments are now completed within the town centre, establishing the market for future private-led schemes. The town's landscape is continuing to change, with the Forge Island leisure development now completed, with Arc Cinema and Travelodge open, and a portfolio of restaurants and cafés opening soon.

4.5 Work is also well underway on the £40m redevelopment of the Markets and a new Central Library. The former Wilko unit was purchased and demolished and 3-7 Corporate Street buildings have also been purchased and demolished in preparation for future development.

4.6 2023/24 saw the completion of the Ickles Lock flood alleviation scheme, which is a key addition alongside the new Canal Barrier and links to the Councils wider approach to flood mitigation which will see further schemes brought to a 'shovel ready status' by the end of the 2024/25 financial year. Further funding has been made available by the Council to support delivery and construction of some schemes and further investigation work into potential mitigation for the Catcliffe area following the devastating impacts of Storm Babet in October 2023.

4.7 The Council now operates 5 successful business centres, following the opening of the £5.4m Century 2 Business Centre in Manvers. In total across the 5 hubs we now offer 156 office, 84 workshops, 12 meeting rooms, and 2 lab spaces. The centres are strategically located across the borough and are really successful, with over 150 businesses, supporting over 800 jobs. Around 80% of our businesses survive at least 3 years, with over 40% of businesses graduating out to occupy local commercial space. The Swinton regeneration scheme has seen the redevelopment of the Civic Hall and the opening of the new library, with new homes being built. Rotherham, as part

of the South Yorkshire MCA, were part of the Country's first Investment Zone which will see an additional £160m investment into the region from April 2024.

4.8 Projects have progressed as part of the £31.6m that was secured from the Towns Fund to carry out ambitious regeneration projects across the town centre, Parkgate/Eastwood and Templeborough. Major regeneration projects are in development in Dinnington and Wath Town Centres, totalling just under £20m. This is in addition to the £39.41m secured via the Government's Pathfinder programme, further bolstering the town centre regeneration programme as well as developing the leisure economy and skills. These include investments which have started on site at Rother Valley Country Park, Wentworth Woodhouse, Magna Science Centre, Maltby Academy and Gulliver's Valley resort. New Changing Places facilities were opened at Clifton Park Museum, Grimm and Co, Magna, Thrybergh Country Park, Rother Valley Country Park, and Wentworth Woodhouse, ensuring that disabled people have significantly improved access to our cultural and leisure assets.

4.9 The in-house Highways Service has made huge progress in improving the roads via the "£24 million to 2024" roads programme, which will complete delivery in 2024/25 and has been followed by a further £12m investment going forwards Work has progressed on a number of Transport schemes (especially cycle and bus) with progress on projects at Sheffield Road, Wellgate/Broom Rd, Wath/Mavers and the Maltby Bus Corridor. The Towns and Villages Fund has seen a number of projects completed during the year and each Ward has a project that is either completed, on-site or in the design stage. The end of October 2023 saw a new contract for the Council's HWRC's which includes a move towards an in-house operation from year 3 as well as new investment at each site. The contract has delivered well within the first year, providing enhanced reuse by working closely with local voluntary, charity and community organisations.

4.10 The Council's cultural and leisure sites and venues continue to be popular with residents and visitors alike, reaching over 4m visits and with customer satisfaction ratings averaging over 90%. This year, Waleswood Caravan and Camping site was in the Top 3 best campsites in the country, Clifton Park Museum won awards for its welcome to visitors and Aston Leisure Centre was a runner-up in the most improved and best leisure centre APSE awards.

4.11 The Council was successful in delivering the annual Rotherham Show over two days in September, reaching over 45,000 people despite the poor weather. Events such as Uplift skate and arts festival, Plug In and Play, and the Christmas Lights Switch-On brought in over 55,000 visitors to Rotherham town centre.

4.12 The Council and its partners successfully launched Children's Capital of Culture, in collaboration with local young people. The first season got off to a flying start with events such as Otherham, Signals and Roots Street Carnival. The programme includes a diverse range of activities in primary, secondary and special schools, a traineeship programme which has worked

with 110 young people to date and an Arts Award programme which has enabled 235 young people to achieve accreditation which helps with accessing university, further training or employment.

4.13 Libraries welcomed increasing numbers of new customers to courses, clubs and classes, including at the new Swinton Library which opened its doors in the summer.

4.14 Green Spaces secured 4 Green Flags for parks at Clifton, Greasbrough, Rother Valley and Ulley. Visitors to parks continued to enjoy these important local habitats as well as participate on many nature-themed workshops and other events from the National Open Water Swimming Championships to Bonfire Night.

4.15 The Museums Arts and Heritage Service has engaged with new communities through its temporary exhibitions programme, commemorating 40 years since the Miner's Strike and celebrating our local natural habitats through Our Habitats, Our Home. Waterloo Kiln was restored with support of a grant from Historic England. This site was home to the world-famous Rockingham Pottery and improved access and interpretation for visitors. Consequently, it has been removed from the national 'Heritage at Risk' database.

5 Corporate Support Services

5.1 Two directorates make up the Council's corporate services - Finance & Customer Services and Assistant Chief Executives. Their role is to support the delivery of front-line Council services by promoting the most effective use of resources whilst ensuring services are compliant with council regulation and national legislation. These services provide leadership, influence, advice and a cross-cutting perspective to enable the Council to operate effectively. They are responsible for providing effective support and advice to all Council services to help ensure they function efficiently; and to support elected members in making informed and lawful decisions.

6. Finance and Customer Services

6.1 The Directorate provides services in the following four areas:

1. Financial Services
    i. Finance, Accounting, Insurance
    ii. Local Taxation, Housing Benefit, Income Collection and Financial Assessments for care services
    iii. Procurement
2. Legal Services
    i. Legal
    ii. Elections
    iii. Registration and Bereavement
3. Customer, Information and Digital Services

i. ICT
ii. Customer Services
iii. Information Management

4. Property and Facilities Services
   i. Property Services
   ii. Facilities Management
   iii. Catering & Cleaning, School Crossing Patrols

5. Internal Audit

6.2 The Directorate is committed to providing outstanding, high quality professional support services that are valued by its customers, both internal and external. The directorate has a key role in ensuring effective governance arrangements are in place across the Council and encompasses a number of key statutory roles (Chief Finance Officer [S151 Officer], Monitoring Officer [MO] and Senior Information Reporting Officer [SIRO]. With Property and Facilities Services transferring to the directorate during the last year, there is also now a responsibility within the directorate for health and safety compliance in relation to Council buildings and this has been a significant focus over the last few months of the year.

6.3 The work of key directorate professional support services has been critical to supporting the Council in the delivery of a number of major housing and regeneration projects including the Forge Island development as well as capital investments in schools, children's homes and other assets.

6.4 The department has also continued to directly support households through delivery of various financial support schemes such as the energy crisis scheme and the Council Tax Support top up scheme whilst the faster payment arrangements that were put in place for local businesses, ensuring their cash flows continue to be supported during the current difficult economic times has remained in place to support businesses whilst the volatility in the economy remains.

6.5 Following on from the many online processes developed in recent years, improving Customer access to services continues to be a priority. The investment that was made in customer services telephone staffing has enabled a continued and significant reduction in call wait times to an average of 6 minutes in 2023/24 further reducing to well under 4 minutes during 2024/25. It is now proposed to invest further to enable an ongoing reduction in call wait times ensuring that residents are responded to quickly when they need to contact the Council. The delivery of increased online access to services will also remain a key focus for the year ahead to ensure an ongoing improved customer experience overall.

6.6 The Revenues and Benefits service have once again maintained strong comparative performance against other local authorities despite the challenges facing many Rotherham residents whose household finances have been stretched and this supports the Councils budget overall given the

significant inflationary impact on budgets. The delivery of Council funded support schemes and the careful and strategic use of various Government Grants over the last few years has enabled funding to be earmarked for over 14,000 households to once again receive additional Local Council Tax Support as the proposed budget continues this, providing much needed financial support to those households on the lowest incomes.

6.7 Within Property and Facilities Services, a significant amount of work has been undertaken to review health and safety and compliance arrangements within Council owned buildings to ensure that both Council used operational buildings and Council owned community assets are safe and fit for purpose. Alongside ongoing compliance work, this year's Budget proposes an increase in capital funding over the next two years for community facilities that are already in use but would benefit from investment to sustain and increase the participation, community activities and engagement within those facilities.

7 Assistant Chief Executive's Directorate

7.1 The Directorate has six distinct areas of responsibility:

- Human Resources
- Organisational Development & Change
- Neighbourhoods
- Communications & Marketing
- Democratic Services
- Policy, Performance and Intelligence

7.2 The Directorate has continued to provide support to services across Council directorates, including facilitating the delivery and monitoring of Council priorities as set out in the Year Ahead Plan 2024/25, and extensive work to consult on a and develop a new Council Plan from 2025.

7.3 During 2024/25, the directorate has continued to play a pivotal role in the Council. Key deliverables include:

- Providing a reliable source of information to the public and the workforce in different formats, including regular neighbourhood e-bulletins.
- Continuing to take a lead role in the implementation of key strategic documents including the Council Plan and Year Ahead Delivery Plan, Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy, Social Value Policy, Thriving Neighbourhoods Strategy and Rotherham Together Partnership Plan.
- Supporting the delivery of the Council Plan's priorities through an internal, cross-council delivery programme and taking a lead role on a number of cross-cutting workstreams.

- Providing high quality data reporting on a monthly and quarterly basis, providing essential information to inform decision making and progress monitoring.
- Continuation of effective and accountable democratic decision making.
- Following the all-out elections in May 2024, supporting new and returning ward members to act as community leaders so they can initiate and fund activity to support local vulnerable people and deliver ward priorities.
- Implementation of the Workforce Plan that aims to position the Council as an 'employer of choice', improving our attraction, retention and engagement methods and focuses on an engaged, diverse and skilled workforce.

7.4 The directorate has also continued to deliver its core provisions including internal and external communications and HR support functions. Work has continued as part of the Thriving Neighbourhoods strategy to support our communities and the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS), including developing ward plans. The Directorate has also continued to facilitate partnership working and development of key policy areas including social value, asylum and resettlement, crisis support, community cohesion and equalities. During this year, the Council achieved 'Gold' Status for the Employee Recognition Scheme which sets out the Council's commitment to support the Armed Forces Community and their families.

7.5 The directorate has also worked closely with all directorates to monitor and deliver the Council Plan for 2022-25, including delivery of the Council's priorities. This has included consulting extensively and developing a new Council Plan to commence from April 2025, at the expiration of the current plan. Through this process almost 2,000 short interactions have been undertaken to inform the new plan.

7.6 In the coming 12 months, the directorate aims to continue to provide excellent support services across the Council. Key areas of focus will be to:

- Maintain high quality communication and information to residents, partners and the workforce.
- Provide oversight and quality assurance on progress against the new Council Plan priorities through effective reporting and monitoring of the Year Ahead Delivery Plan.
- Work with partners to implement the new partnership social value action plan, once approved, to maximise the impact of our collective spending power.
- Continue to progress on the Council's journey to 'excellent' against the Equalities Framework for Local Government by embedding equalities, diversity and inclusion commitments into Council activity, refreshing its strategy and taking forward learning and recommendations from this year's assessment by Doncaster City Council.

- Update the Thriving Neighbourhoods Strategy and continue to support Members in their Community Leadership role and build on our neighbourhood working model to develop a clearer and shared understanding of integrated locality working across the public sector.
- Champion and promote the council's strengths-based approach when working with communities, including the delivery of a staff learning and development programme.
- Seek to build on the current neighbourhood working model through more integrated, place-based working across Council services in localities.
- Enhance partnership working to achieve better outcomes across the borough through the ongoing delivery of the Rotherham Together Plan.
- Continue to develop and support the workforce, enhancing skills and knowledge across the organisation.
- Continue to support all Members following the All-Out Elections in May 2024 and ongoing support via a supplementary Member Development Programme to ensure and support effective leadership.
- Continue to support Members in delivering the expectations of the electorate's community priorities, ensuring the robust and efficient management of Council business and maintaining an open and transparent scrutiny function.
- Develop a strengthened approach to our development and use of business intelligence to build a clearer picture of the borough and its residents as well as informing decision-making and improving services for customers.
- Implementing our new workforce plan to ensure that we attract, recruit and retain talented individuals into key roles becoming an employer of choice, and also strengthen our engagement and development of our existing workforce.

7.7 In the coming 12 months, the Directorate will continue to challenge itself and review its practices and develop and modernise its service offer. Continuous improvement will be founded on the principles of best value and sustainable change.

Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management and Investment Strategy 2024/25 – 2027/28

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To seek approval of the Treasury Management Strategy and the Investment Strategy.

2. Background

2.1 The Local Government Act 2003 and supporting regulations require the Council to 'have regard to' the CIPFA Prudential Code and the CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice and prepare, set and publish prudential indicators and treasury indicators that ensure the Council's capital expenditure plans are affordable, prudent and sustainable in the long-term.

2.2 The prudential indicators consider the affordability and impact of capital expenditure plans and set out the Council's overall capital framework. Each prudential indicator either summarises the expected activity or introduces limits upon the activity and reflects the underlying capital programme.

2.3 Within the overall prudential framework there is a clear impact on the Council's treasury management activity, either through borrowing or investment activity. As a consequence, a Treasury Management Strategy is prepared which considers the effective funding of the capital expenditure decisions and complements the prudential indicators.

2.4 The Council is required to operate a balanced revenue budget, which broadly means that cash raised during the year will meet cash expenditure. Part of the treasury management operation is to ensure that this cash flow is adequately planned, with cash being available when it is needed. Surplus monies are invested in low-risk counterparties or instruments commensurate with the Council's low risk appetite, providing adequate liquidity initially before considering investment return.

2.5 The second main function of the treasury management service is the funding of the Council's capital plans. These capital plans provide a guide to the borrowing need of the Council, essentially the longer-term cash flow planning, to ensure that it can meet its capital spending obligations. This management of longer-term cash may involve arranging long or short-term loans or using longer-term cash flow surpluses. On occasion, when it is prudent and economic, any debt previously drawn may be restructured to meet risk or cost objectives.

2.6 This means that increases in capital expenditure must be limited to a level whereby charges to revenue remain affordable within the projected income of the Council for the foreseeable future. These increased charges may arise from:

- increases in interest charges and debt repayments caused by increased borrowing to finance additional capital expenditure; and
- any increases in operational running costs from new capital projects.

2.7 The contribution the treasury management function makes to the Council is critical, as the balance of debt and investment operations ensure liquidity or the ability to meet spending commitments as they fall due, either on day-to-day revenue or for larger capital projects. The treasury operations will see a balance of the interest costs of debt and the investment income arising from cash deposits affecting the available budget. Since cash balances generally result from reserves and balances, it is paramount to ensure adequate security of the sums invested, as a loss of principal will in effect result in a loss to the General Fund Balance.

CIPFA defines treasury management as:

"The management of the local authority's borrowing, investments and cash flows, including its banking, money market and capital market transactions; the effective control of the risks associated with those activities; and the pursuit of optimum performance consistent with those risks."

2.8 Whilst any commercial initiatives or loans to third parties will impact on the treasury function, these activities are generally classed as non-treasury activities, (arising usually from capital expenditure), and are separate from the day-to-day treasury management activities.

2.9 The Council's treasury activities are strictly regulated by statutory requirements and guidance, including;

- CIPFA Treasury Management Code
- CIPFA Prudential Code
- MHCLG Investment Guidance
- MHCLG Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Guidance

2.10 The Council's Constitution (via Financial and Procurement Procedure Rules) requires the annual Treasury Management Strategy to be reported to Council outlining the expected treasury activity for the forthcoming 3 years. A key requirement of this report is to explain both the risks, and the management of the risks, associated with the treasury service. As a minimum a mid-year monitoring report is produced with a further report produced after the year-end to report on actual activity for the year. In addition, the Audit Committee receives quarterly reports to update on key Treasury Management issues.

2.11 Reports on Treasury matters are also required to be adequately scrutinised before being recommended to the Council and this role is undertaken by the Audit Committee.

3. Key Issues

Overview

3.1 The Council's 2024/25 Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Strategy was approved by Council on 28 February 2024, whilst a Mid-Year report which updated the 2024/25 approved indicators was considered by the Audit Committee on the 26 November 2024. This report provides an update for the period 2024/25 to 2027/28.

3.2 The Treasury Management Strategy (including the Investment Strategy) is detailed in this report, with supporting detail provided on the key elements of the Council's Capital Expenditure Plans and associated Prudential Indicators.

3.3 The Treasury Management Strategy has been drawn up taking account of advice from the Council's treasury management advisors, Link Treasury Services Ltd.

3.4 This is a technical and complex report however the key messages are:

- **Investments** – the primary governing principle will remain security over return and the criteria for selecting counterparties reflect this.

- **Borrowing** – The Council will maintain its strategy of being under-borrowed against the capital financing requirement. The Council borrowed £227m of long term PWLB funds during 2021/22 to take advantage of the low PWLB interest rates available at the time (average 1.53% interest rate). This was replacing short-term borrowing as it matured.

  Since the mid-year report presented to the Audit Committee in November 2024 the Council has borrowed £40m from the Public Works Loan Board and further borrowing is expected to be required before the end of the financial year. As previously reported, the Council will predominantly adopt a short-term borrowing strategy to cover borrowing need in anticipation of lower interest rates in the medium term to long term.

- **Governance** – strategies and risk are reviewed by the Audit Committee with continuous monitoring which includes the Mid-Year and Year End reporting.

- Whilst the Council's approach to Treasury Management in recent years, utilising short term borrowing in particular, has generated significant savings for the Council, essential to achieving balanced budgets, the future outlook is more challenging. With increased interest rates for borrowing, as a result of the increases in the Bank of England Base Rate, new borrowing will be much more expensive than the Council's borrowing entered into before 2022. It should be noted that it is expected that borrowing rates have now peaked and will reduce over the next couple of years, linked to the return of inflation closer to the Bank of England's target 2% level.

3.5 The current 50 year PWLB borrowing level is 5.72%. Short term borrowing is available for 5.5% for 6 months. The Council keeps interest rates under constant review along with its borrowing strategies and decisions on the mix of long-term and short-term borrowing.

Reporting Requirements

3.6 The Council is currently required to receive and approve, as a minimum, three main treasury reports each year, which incorporate a variety of policies, estimates and actuals. The **Prudential and Treasury Indicators and Treasury Strategy** is reported to and approved by the Council, the **Annual Treasury Report** & **Mid-Year Treasury Management Report** are presented to the Audit Committee, with the former being referred onto the Council.

a. **Prudential and treasury indicators and treasury strategy** (this report) - The first, and most important report is forward looking and covers: -
   - the capital plans (including prudential indicators)
   - a minimum revenue provision (MRP) policy (how residual capital expenditure is charged to revenue over time)
   - the Treasury Management Strategy (how the investments and borrowings are to be organised), including treasury indicators; and
   - an Annual Investment Strategy (the parameters on how investments are to be managed)

b. **A mid-year treasury management report** – This is primarily a progress report and will update members on the capital position, amending prudential indicators as necessary, and whether any policies require revision. In addition, this Audit Committee will receive quarterly update reports.

c. **An annual treasury report** – This is a backward-looking review document and provides details of a selection of actual prudential and treasury indicators and actual treasury operations compared to the estimates within the strategy.

Treasury Management Strategy for 2025/26

3.7 The strategy for 2025/26 covers two main areas:

Capital issues

- the capital expenditure plans and the associated prudential indicators
- the minimum revenue provision (MRP) policy

Treasury management issues

- the current treasury position
- treasury indicators which limit the treasury risk and activities of the Council

- prospects for interest rates
- the borrowing strategy
- policy on borrowing in advance of need
- debt rescheduling
- the investment strategy
- creditworthiness policy; and
- the policy on use of external service providers

3.8 These elements cover the requirements of the Local Government Act 2003, MHCLG Investment Guidance, MHCLG MRP Guidance, the CIPFA Prudential Code and the CIPFA Treasury Management Code.

Training

3.9 The CIPFA Treasury Management Code requires the responsible officer to ensure that members with responsibility for treasury management receive adequate training in treasury management. This especially applies to members responsible for scrutiny. Training will be arranged with the Council's treasury advisors Link for Members of the Audit Committee.

3.10 The Code states that it is expected that all organisations to have a formal and comprehensive knowledge and skills or training policy for the effective acquisition and retention of treasury management knowledge and skills for those responsible for management, delivery, governance and decision making.

3.11 The Council is required to record attendance at training and prepare learning plans for treasury management officers, board/Council members.

3.12 A formal record of the training received by officers central to the Treasury function will be maintained by the Treasury Manager. Similarly, a formal record of the treasury management/capital finance training received by Members will also be maintained by the Finance Manager responsible for Treasury Management.

Treasury Management Consultants

3.13 The Council uses Link Group, Link Treasury Services Limited as its external treasury management advisors.

3.14 The Council recognises that responsibility for treasury management decisions remains with the organisation at all times and will ensure that undue reliance is not placed upon the services of our external service providers. All decisions will be undertaken with regards to all available information, including, but not solely, our treasury advisers.

3.15 It also recognises that there is value in employing external providers of treasury management services to acquire access to specialist skills and resources. The Council will ensure that the terms of their appointment and the methods by

which their value will be assessed are properly agreed and documented and subjected to regular review.

3.16 The company provides a range of services which include:

- Technical support on treasury matters, capital finance issues and the drafting of Member reports;
- Economic and interest rate analysis;
- Debt services which includes advice on the timing of borrowing;
- Debt rescheduling advice surrounding the existing portfolio;
- Generic investment advice on interest rates, timing and investment instruments; and,
- Credit rating/market information service comprising the three main credit rating agencies.

4. The Capital Prudential Indicators 2024/25 – 2027/28

4.1 The Council's capital expenditure plans are summarised below and form the first of the prudential indicators. A certain level of capital expenditure is grant supported by the Government; any decisions by the Council to spend above this level will be considered unsupported capital expenditure. This unsupported capital expenditure needs to have regard to:

- Service objectives (e.g. strategic planning);
- Stewardship of assets (e.g. asset management planning);
- Value for money (e.g. option appraisal)
- Prudence and sustainability (e.g. implications for external borrowing and whole life costing);
- Affordability (e.g. implications for the council tax and rents)
- Practicality (e.g. the achievability of the Capital Programme)

4.2 The revenue consequences of capital expenditure, particularly the unsupported expenditure, will need to be paid for from the Council's own revenue resources.

4.3 This capital expenditure can be paid for immediately (by applying capital resources such as capital receipts, capital grants etc., or revenue resources), but if these resources are insufficient any residual expenditure will add to the Council's borrowing need.

4.4 The key risks to the plans are that the level of Government support has been estimated and is therefore subject to change. Similarly, some of the estimates for other sources of funding, such as capital receipts, may also be subject to change over this timescale. For example, anticipated asset sales resulting from the Council's on-going asset rationalisation programme may be deferred due to the on-going impact of the current economic & financial conditions on the property market.

4.5 The revised capital expenditure plans in the updated Capital Strategy and Capital Programme being presented within this report, are summarised in the table below.

4.6 It should be noted that these represent the capital investment forecasts under traditional forms of financing and excludes assets acquired under PFI and finance lease arrangements which are a type of borrowing but which are budgeted for separately outside of the capital financing budget.

4.7 With regards to the Council's capital spending plans, the Council will need to closely consider the level of prudential borrowing it incurs moving forwards, post the 2025/26 Budget, to ensure that the Council's overall debt position is manageable, can be sustainably financed within the Council's Treasury Management Budgets (revenue) and to help guard against interest rate risk.

Capital Expenditure and Financing

4.8 This prudential indicator is a summary of the Council's capital expenditure plans, both those agreed previously, and those forming part of this budget cycle. Members are asked to approve the capital expenditure forecasts: -

Capital expenditure £m	2024/25 Estimate	2025/26 Estimate	2026/27 Estimate	2027/28 Estimate
Children and Young People's Services	7.746	22.011	6.360	7.070
Assistant Chief Executive	0.340	0.210	0.210	0.210
Adult Care & Housing	8.998	12.923	5.524	9.569
Finance and Customer Services	20.357	17.822	7.889	6.148
Regeneration and Environment	77.695	116.084	31.007	7.781
Total Non HRA	**115.135**	**169.050**	**50.989**	**30.778**
HRA	57.283	72.942	67.436	49.153
Total HRA	**57.283**	**72.942**	**67.436**	**49.153**
Total expenditure	**172.418**	**241.993**	**118.425**	**79.931**

4.9 **Other long-term liabilities** - the above financing need excludes other long-term liabilities, such as Private Finance Initiative (PFI) and leasing arrangements that already include borrowing instruments.

The table below summarises the above capital expenditure plans and how these plans are being financed by capital or revenue resources. Any shortfall of resources results in a funding borrowing need.

Financing of Capital expenditure £m	2024/25 Estimate	2025/26 Estimate	2026/27 Estimate	2027/28 Estimate
Capital receipts	13.541	4.469	5.572	3.208
Capital grants, capital contributions & other capital funding sources	94.542	141.196	54.165	42.232

Total financing resources	**108.084**	**145.665**	**59.737**	**45.441**
Prudential borrowing requirement for the year	**64.334**	**96.328**	**58.688**	**34.490**
Total Financing of Capital expenditure £m	**172.418**	**241.993**	**118.425**	**79.931**

The Council's Borrowing Need (the Capital Financing Requirement)

4.10 The second prudential indicator is the Council's Capital Financing Requirement (CFR). The CFR is simply the total historic outstanding capital expenditure which has not yet been paid for from either revenue or capital resources. It is essentially a measure of the Council's indebtedness and so its underlying borrowing need. Any capital expenditure above, which has not immediately been paid for through a revenue or capital resource, will increase the CFR.

4.11 The CFR does not increase indefinitely, as the minimum revenue provision (MRP) is a statutory annual revenue charge which broadly reduces the indebtedness in line with each asset's life, and so charges the economic consumption of capital assets as they are used. Therefore, in order to reduce the CFR the Council would need to have a planned MRP charge that is greater than the level of borrowing incurred in that year.

4.12 The CFR includes any other long-term liabilities (e.g. PFI schemes, finance leases). Whilst these increase the CFR, and therefore the Council's borrowing requirement, these types of schemes include a borrowing facility by the PFI, Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) lease provider and so the Council is not required to separately borrow for these schemes. The Council currently has £109m of such schemes within the CFR.

4.13 The Council is asked to approve the CFR projections below:

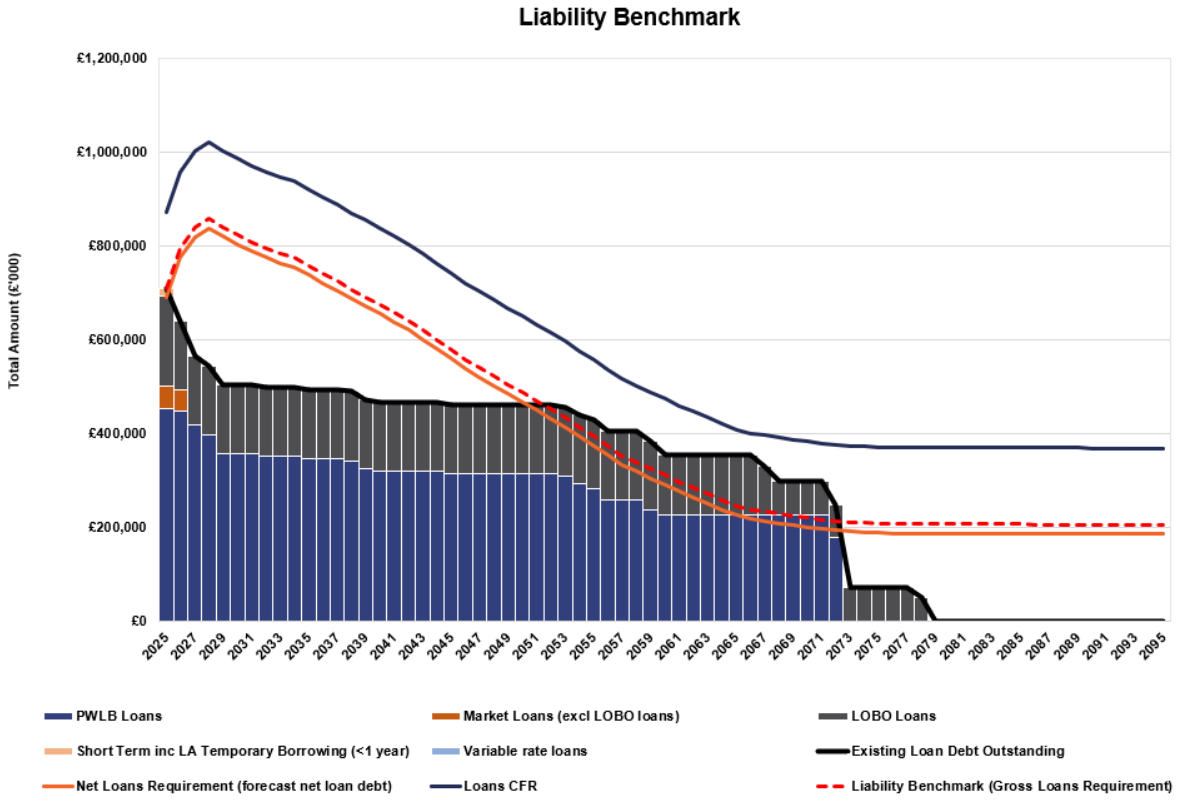
£m	**2024/25 Estimate**	**2025/26 Estimate**	**2026/27 Estimate**	**2027/28 Estimate**
Capital Financing Requirement				
CFR – General Fund	665.676	729.084	742.647	744.258
CFR - HRA	315.078	332.535	358.502	369.827
Total CFR	**980.754**	**1,061.619**	**1101.149**	**1114.085**
Movement in CFR	**53.313**	**80.865**	**39.530**	**12.936**
				Of which:
CFR – Capital investment	871.565	956.781	1001.648	1020.296
OLTL	109.189	104.838	99.501	93.789
Movement in CFR represented by				
Prudential borrowing requirement for the year (table above)	64.334	96.328	58.688	34.490

Net financing need for the year for OLTL	-3.615	-4.351	-5.336	-5.713
Less MRP and other financing movements	-7.407	-11.112	-13.822	-15.842
Movement in CFR	**53.312**	**80.865**	**39.530**	**12.935**

Liability Benchmark

4.14 The Council is required to estimate and measure the Liability Benchmark (LB) for the forthcoming financial year and the following two financial years, as a minimum. There are four components to the LB: -

1. **Existing loan debt outstanding**: the Council's existing loans that are still outstanding in future years.
2. **Loans CFR**: this is calculated in accordance with the loans CFR definition in the Prudential Code and projected into the future based on approved prudential borrowing and planned MRP.
3. **Net loans requirement**: this will show the Council's gross loan debt less treasury management investments at the last financial year-end, projected into the future and based on its approved prudential borrowing, planned MRP and any other major cash flows forecast.
4. **Liability benchmark** (or gross loans requirement): this equals net loans requirement plus short-term liquidity allowance.



4.15 Any years where actual loans are less than the benchmark indicate a future borrowing requirement; any years where actual loans outstanding exceed the benchmark represent an overborrowed position, which will result in excess cash requiring investment.

4.16 The index shows that in the short to medium term the net loans requirement exceeds the existing debt so borrowing will be required to finance capital expenditure. In 2050 the level of loans exceeds the gross loan requirement which results in a cash balance to invest. This index is based on the current 4 year capital programme. In reality it is likely that further borrowing will be required to fund the capital programme beyond this 4 year time horizon and the actual loan requirement will be greater than shown on the index.

Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy Statement

4.17 Under Regulation 27 of the Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (England) Regulations 2003, where the Council has financed capital expenditure by borrowing it is required to make a provision each year through a revenue charge (MRP).

4.18 The Council is required to calculate a prudent provision of MRP which ensures that the outstanding debt liability is repaid over a period that is reasonably commensurate with that over which the capital expenditure provides benefits. The MRP Guidance (2024) gives four ready-made options for calculating MRP, but the Council can use any other reasonable basis that it can justify as prudent.

4.19 The Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services will, where it is prudent to do so, use discretion to review the overall financing of the capital programme and the opportunities afforded by the regulations to maximise the benefit to the Council whilst ensuring it meets its duty to charge a ‘prudent’ provision. To provide maximum flexibility the recommended MRP policy includes the use of the annuity method and the equal instalments method.

4.20 The MRP policy statement requires council approval (or closest equivalent level) in advance of each financial year.

4.21 The Council is recommended to approve the following MRP Statement:

a) The MRP charge in relation to capital expenditure incurred prior to 2007/08 where the expenditure was funded by either supported or unsupported borrowing will be calculated using the expected useful life of the asset and the calculation of the provision will be by the annuity method;

b) The MRP charge in relation to capital expenditure incurred since 2007/08 where the expenditure is funded by either supported or unsupported borrowing will be calculated using the expected useful life of the asset at the point the asset is brought into use. The calculation of the provision will be either the annuity method or the equal instalments method depending on which is most appropriate; and

c) The MRP charge in relation to capital expenditure incurred since 2007/08 where the expenditure is funded by a 'capitalisation directive' (e.g. equal pay) will be calculated on the basis of the specified period(s) set down within the regulations. The calculation of the provision will be either the annuity method or the equal instalments method depending on which is most appropriate.

d) For clarity, where MRP has been overcharged in previous years, the recovery of the overcharge will be affected by taking an MRP holiday in full or in part against future years charges that would otherwise have been made. The MRP holiday adjustment to the future years charge will be done in such a way as to ensure that:

- the total MRP after applying the adjustment will not be less than zero in any financial year
- the cumulative amount adjusted for will never exceed the amount over-charged;
- the extent of the adjustment will be reviewed on an annual basis

e) Repayments included in annual PFI charges or finance lease payments are also applied as MRP.

f) Where former operating leases have been brought onto the balance sheet due to the adoption of the IFRS 16 Leases accounting standard, and the asset values have been adjusted for accruals, prepayments, premiums and/or discounts, then the annual MRP charges will be adjusted so that the overall charge for MRP over the life of the lease reflects the value of the right-of-use asset recognised on transition rather than the liability.

g) No MRP charge is currently required for the HRA. The HRA charges depreciation on its assets, which is a revenue charge.

In order to meet the requirement to make an annual, prudent repayment of debt, the Council may use prior year capital receipts to pay down debt, reducing the level of MRP charged to revenue. This policy has been factored into the planned capital programme and management of capital programme resources.

5. Borrowing Strategy

5.1 The capital expenditure plans set out in Section 3 provide details of the service activity of the Council. The treasury management function ensures that the Council's cash is organised in accordance with the relevant professional codes, so that sufficient cash is available to meet this service activity and the Council's Capital Strategy. This will involve both the organisation of the cash flow and, where capital plans require, the organisation of appropriate borrowing facilities. The strategy covers the relevant treasury / prudential indicators, the current and projected debt positions, and the Annual Investment Strategy.

Current Portfolio Position

5.2 The Council's forward projections for borrowing are summarised below. The table shows the actual external debt, against the underlying capital borrowing

need, (the Capital Financing Requirement - CFR), highlighting any over or under borrowing.

£m	2024/25 Estimate	2025/26 Estimate	2026/27 Estimate	2027/28 Estimate
External Debt				
Debt at 1 April	**637.456**	**850.997**	**947.325**	**986.013**
Expected change in Debt	213.541	96.328	38.688	14.490
External Debt (excluding OLTL)	**850.997**	**947.325**	**986.013**	**1000.503**
Other long-term liabilities (OLTL)	112.804	109.189	104.838	99.501
Expected change in OLTL	-3.615	-4.351	-5.337	-5.712
Estimated gross debt at 31 March	**960.186**	**1052.163**	**1085.514**	**1094.292**
The Capital Financing Requirement	**980.754**	**1061.619**	**1101.149**	**1114.085**
Under / (over) borrowing	**20.568**	**9.456**	**15.634**	**19.793**

5.3 Within the range of prudential indicators there are several key indicators to ensure that the Council operates its activities within well-defined limits. One of these is that the Council needs to ensure that its gross debt does not, except in the short-term, exceed the total of the CFR in the preceding year plus the estimates of any additional CFR for 2025/26 and the following two financial years. This allows some flexibility for limited early borrowing for future years but ensures that borrowing is not undertaken for revenue or speculative purposes.

5.4 The Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services reports that the Council complied with this prudential indicator in the current year and does not envisage difficulties for the future. This view takes account of current commitments, existing plans and the proposals in this budget report.

Treasury Indicators: Limits to Borrowing Activity

5.5 The Operational Boundary. This is the limit beyond which external debt is not normally expected to exceed. In most cases, this would be a similar figure to the CFR, but may be lower or higher depending on the levels of actual debt and the ability to fund under-borrowing by other cash resources.

Operational Boundary £m	2024/25 Estimate	2025/26 Estimate	2026/27 Estimate	2027/28 Estimate
Debt	880.997	977.325	1016.013	1030.503
Other long-term liabilities	139.189	134.838	129.501	123.789
Total	**1,020.186**	**1,112.163**	**1,145.514**	**1,154.292**

5.6 The Authorised Limit for external debt. This is a key prudential indicator and represents a control on the maximum level of borrowing. This represents a legal limit beyond which external debt is prohibited, and this limit needs to be set or revised by the Full Council. It reflects the level of external debt which, while not desired, could be afforded in the short-term, but is not sustainable in the longer-term.

- This is the statutory limit determined under section 3 (1) of the Local Government Act 2003. The Government retains an option to control either the total of all local authority plans, or those of a specific authority, although this power has not yet been exercised.
- The Council is asked to approve the following Authorised Limit.

Authorised Limit £m	2024/25 Estimate	2025/26 Estimate	2026/27 Estimate	2027/28 Estimate
Debt	891.565	976.781	1,021.648	1,040.296
Other long-term liabilities	141.373	136.935	131.491	125.665
Total	**1,032.938**	**1,113.716**	**1,153.139**	**1,165.961**

5.7 Under IFRS16 the Council is required from 2024/25 to recognise on balance sheet for the first time certain assets held under operating or peppercorn leases. The precise value of these arrangements has not yet been determined. As a result of this uncertainty, the operational boundary and authorised limit for other long-term liabilities (OLTL) in the tables above includes additional headroom over the current OLTL level. This is so to avoid a breach in the prudential indicators which may have resulted from the revaluing of lease liabilities on transition to IFRS16. This headroom will be removed in future years once the updated value of the Council's lease liabilities is confirmed.

5.8 Separately, the Council was limited to a maximum HRA CFR through the HRA self-financing regime debt cap. This cap was removed in the Government's Autumn Budget 2018. The latest iteration of the HRA Business Plan requires additional borrowing to support the Growth Programme, and therefore there

has been an increase in the HRA CFR. A prudent debt limit has been applied to the Council's HRA borrowing, allowing for that current need, plus £30m to enable a reaction to any significant development opportunity that arises.

HRA Debt Limit	2024/25 Estimated £m	2025/26 Estimated £m	2026/27 Estimated £m	2027/28 Estimated £m
HRA Debt Limit	345.078	362.535	388.502	399.827
HRA CFR	315.078	332.535	358.502	369.827
HRA Headroom (+)	**30.000**	**30.000**	**30.000**	**30.000**

Expected Movement in Interest Rates

5.9 The Council's treasury advisors Link expect the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) will gradually reduce Bank Rate from the current level of 4.75% to 3.75% by March 2026. Their expectation is that the MPC will not increase Bank Rate above 4.75% in the near future, but it is possible.

Gilt yields and PWLB rates

5.10 The overall longer-run trend is for gilt yields and PWLB rates to fall back over the medium term, but there is a risk that these stay higher for longer than forecast.

Borrowing Strategy

5.11 The Council is currently maintaining an under-borrowed position. This means that the capital borrowing need, (the Capital Financing Requirement), has not been fully funded with loan debt as cash supporting the Council's reserves, balances and cash flow has been used as a temporary measure. This strategy is prudent as medium and longer dated borrowing rates are expected to fall from their current levels once prevailing inflation concerns are addressed by tighter near-term monetary policy. That is, Bank Rate remains elevated through to the second half of 2025.

5.12 Against this background and the risks within the economic forecast, caution will be adopted with the 2025/26 treasury operations. The Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services, under delegated powers, will take the most appropriate form of borrowing depending on the prevailing interest rates at the time, taking into account the risks shown in the forecast above.

5.13 While short term borrowing provides lower cost opportunities in the short to medium term, in a rising interest rate environment it can be advantageous to lock in long term borrowing. In the current situation where interest rates are forecast to fall in the medium term it is advantageous to defer long term borrowing and utilise short term borrowing. Subsequently locking in long term borrowing when rates are lower.

5.14 Any decisions will be reported to the appropriate decision-making body at the next available opportunity.

Policy on Borrowing in Advance of Need

5.15 The Council will not borrow more than or in advance of its needs purely in order to profit from the investment of the extra sums borrowed. Any decision to borrow in advance will be within forward approved Capital Financing Requirement estimates and will be considered carefully to ensure that value for money can be demonstrated and that the Council can ensure the security of such funds.

5.16 Risks associated with any borrowing in advance activity will be subject to prior appraisal and subsequent reporting through the mid-year or annual reporting mechanism.

Rescheduling

5.17 Rescheduling of current borrowing in our debt portfolio may be considered whilst premature redemption rates remain elevated but only if there is surplus cash available to facilitate any repayment, or rebalancing of the portfolio to provide more certainty is considered appropriate.

5.18 The reasons for any rescheduling to take place will include:

- The generation of cash savings and/or discounted cash flow savings;
- Helping to fulfil the treasury strategy; and,
- Enhancing the balance of the portfolio (amending the maturity profile and/or the balance of volatility).

6. Annual Investment Strategy

6.1 The key requirements of both the Code and the investment guidance are to set an annual investment strategy, as part of its annual treasury strategy for the following year, covering the identification and approval of the following:

- The guidelines for investment decision making, particularly non-specified investments.
- The principles to be used to determine the maximum periods for which investments can be made.
- The specified investments the Council may use.
- The non-specified investments the Council may use.

6.2 This strategy is to be approved by Council. The investment policy proposed for the Council is detailed in the following paragraphs.

Investment Policy – Management of Risk

6.3 The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and CIPFA have extended the meaning of ‘investments’ to include both financial

and non-financial investments. This report deals solely with treasury (financial) investments, (as managed by the treasury management team). Non-financial investments, essentially the purchase of income yielding assets and service investments, are covered in the Capital Strategy, (a separate report).

6.4 The Council's investment policy has regard to the following: -

- MHCLG's Guidance on Local Government Investments ("the Guidance")
- CIPFA Treasury Management in Public Services Code of Practice and Cross Sectoral Guidance Notes 2021 ("the Code")
- CIPFA Treasury Management Guidance Notes 2021

6.5 The Council's investment priorities will be security first, portfolio liquidity second and then yield (return). The Council will aim to achieve the optimum return (yield) on its investments commensurate with proper levels of security and liquidity and with regard to the Council's risk appetite.

Creditworthiness Policy

6.6 The primary principle governing the Council's investment criteria is the security of its investments, although the yield or return on the investment is also a key consideration. After this main principle, the Council will ensure that: -

- It maintains a policy covering both the categories of investment types it will invest in, criteria for choosing investment counterparties with adequate security, and monitoring their security. This is set out in the specified and non-specified investment sections below; and
- It has sufficient liquidity in its investments. For this purpose, it will set out procedures for determining the maximum periods for which funds may prudently be committed. These procedures also apply to the Council's prudential indicators covering the maximum principal sums invested.

6.7 The Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services will maintain a counterparty list in compliance with the following criteria and will revise the criteria and submit them to Council for approval as necessary. These criteria are separate to that which determines which types of investment instrument are either specified or non-specified as it provides an overall pool of counterparties considered high quality which the Council may use, rather than defining what types of investment instruments are to be used.

6.8 Credit rating information is supplied by Link Group, our treasury advisors, on all active counterparties that comply with the criteria below. Any counterparty failing to meet the criteria would be omitted from the counterparty (dealing) list. Any rating changes, rating Watches (notification of a likely change), rating Outlooks (notification of the longer-term bias outside the central rating view) are provided to officers almost immediately after they occur, and this information is considered before dealing. For instance, a negative rating Watch applying to a counterparty at the minimum Council criteria will be suspended from use, with all others being reviewed in light of market conditions.

6.9 The criteria for providing a pool of high-quality investment counterparties, (both specified and non-specified investments) is:

- **Banks** - The Council will use banks which are rated by at least two rating agencies and have at least the following Fitch, Moody's and Standard and Poors' ratings (where rated):

	Fitch	Moody's	Standards & Poor's
Short-term	**F1**	**P-1**	**A-1**
Long-term	**A-**	**A3**	**A-**

- To allow for the day to day management of the Council's cash flow the Council's bankers will also be retained on the list of counterparties if ratings fall below the above minimum criteria.
- **Building societies** - the Council will use the top 20 Building Societies ranked by asset size but restricted to a maximum of 20% of the investment portfolio
- **Money Market Funds (MMFs) (CNAV or LVNAV)** – restricted to a maximum investment of £20m per fund. The Council works with its specialist Treasury Advisors to review and select appropriate MMF's to ensure that those selected are AAA rated and therefore highly secure, with cash available for withdrawal each day, therefore these are very low risk accounts.
- **UK Government** – Debt Management Office
- **UK Local Authorities**

6.10 A limit of 35% will be applied to the use of Non-Specified investments within the investment portfolio, excluding day to day cash management through the Council's own bank.

6.11 Whilst the above criteria relies primarily on the application of credit ratings to provide a pool of appropriate counterparties for officers to use, additional operational market and sovereign information will continue to be applied before making any specific investment decision from the agreed portfolio of counterparties.

6.12 The time and monetary limits for institutions on the Council's Counterparty List are as follows (these will cover both Specified and Non-Specified Investments):

	Fitch	Moody's	Standard & Poor's	Money Limit	Time Limit
Upper Limit Category	**F1+/AA-**	**P-1/Aa3**	**A-1+/AA-**	**£20m**	**5 years**
Middle Limit Category	**F1/A-**	**P-1/A3**	**A-1/A-**	**£10m**	**364 days**
Lower Limit Category *	**All Building Soc's ranked 1 to 10**			**£5m**	**6 mths**
	All Building Soc's ranked 11 to 20			**£1m**	**3 mths**
Debt Management Office	**-**	**-**	**-**	**Unlimited ****	**6 months**
Money Market Funds	**-**	**-**	**-**	**£20m**	**n/a**
UK LA's	**-**	**-**	**-**	**£20m**	**5 years**
Council's Bankers	**-**	**-**	**-**	**£20m*****	**364 days**

The above money limits are exclusive of bank balances held by schools

* Based on maximum of 20% of the investment portfolio

** Provides maximum flexibility

*** There may be occasions where the Council has to exceed this limit, where government issues out significant grant funding, such as Covid Business Grants and the Council is unable to invest those resources within the options available on the day. This risk is mitigated by daily review of the cashflow forecast, however, the volume of government funding issued during the pandemic has been significant.

The proposed criteria for specified and non-specified investments are shown in Appendix C for approval.

Investment Strategy

6.13 Investments will be made with reference to the core balance and cash flow requirements and the outlook for short-term interest rates (i.e., rates for investments up to 12 months). Greater returns are usually obtainable by investing for longer periods. However, with Bank Rate having appeared to have peaked and with further cuts expected higher rates of return have been available on shorter term investments. As a result, retaining an agile investment strategy would be appropriate to optimise returns.

6.14 Accordingly, while most cash balances are required in order to manage the ups and downs of cash flow, where cash sums can be identified that could be invested for longer periods, the value to be obtained from longer-term investments will be carefully assessed.

Investment returns expectations.

6.15 The Council's Treasury advisor's current forecast investment earnings rates for returns on investments placed for periods up to about three months during each financial year are as follows: -

Average earnings in each year	Average Interest Rate
2024/25 (residual)	4.60%
2025/26	4.10%
2026/27	3.70%
2027/28	3.50%
2028/29	3.50%
Years 6 to 10	3.50%
Years 10+	3.50%

6.16 As there are so many variables at this time, caution must be exercised in respect of all interest rate forecasts.

6.17 For its cash flow generated balances, the Council will seek to utilise its Money Market Funds and short-dated deposits, in order to benefit from the compounding of interest.

6.18 Investment treasury indicator and limit - total principal funds invested for greater than 365 days. These limits are set with regard to the Council's liquidity requirements and to reduce the need for early sale of an investment and are based on the availability of funds after each year-end.

6.19 The Council is asked to approve the following treasury indicator and limit: -

Upper limit for principal sums invested for longer than 365 days			
£m	**2025/26**	**2026/27**	**2027/28**
Principal sums invested for longer than 365 days	£10m	£10m	£10m

Investment Performance / Risk Benchmarking

6.20 These benchmarks are already intrinsic to the approved treasury strategy through the counterparty selection criteria and some of the prudential indicators, e.g. the maximum funds which may be invested for more than 364 days, the limit on the use of non-specified investments, etc.

6.21 Security – Security is currently evidenced by the application of minimum criteria to investment counterparties, primarily through the use of credit ratings supplied by the three main credit rating agencies. Whilst this approach embodies security considerations, benchmarking the levels of risk is more subjective and therefore problematic.

6.22 One method to benchmark security risk is to assess the historic level of default against the minimum criteria used in the Council's investment strategy. The default rates are little changed from last year.

Credit Rating	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years
AAA	0.04%	0.09%	0.16%	0.24%	0.33%
AA	0.02%	0.04%	0.09%	0.15%	0.21%
A	0.05%	0.13%	0.23%	0.35%	0.49%
BBB	0.14%	0.37%	0.64%	0.95%	1.25%

6.23 The Council's minimum long term rating criteria (over one year) is "AAA" meaning the average expectation of default for a three year investment in a counterparty with a "AAA" long term rating would be 0.16% of the total investment (e.g. for a £1m investment the average potential loss would be £1,600).

6.24 The Council's minimum long term rating criteria (up to one year) is "BBB" and the average expectation of default for such an investment would be 0.14% (e.g. for a £1m investment the average loss would be £1,400).

6.25 These are only averages but do act as a benchmark for risk across the investment portfolio.

6.26 The Council's average security risk benchmark for the estimated maximum portfolio during 2024/25 is 0.063% which means that for every £1m invested the average potential loss would be £630. This position remains unchanged from 2023/24 (benchmark was 0.063% or £630).

Policy on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) considerations

6.27 This Council is supportive of the Principles for Responsible Investment (www.unpri.org) and will seek to bring ESG (environmental, social and governance) factors into the decision-making process for investments. Within this, the Council is also appreciative of the statement on ESG in Credit Risk and Ratings which commits signatories to incorporating ESG into credit ratings and analysis in a systemic and transparent way. The Council uses ratings from Fitch, Moody's and Standard & Poor's to support its assessment of suitable counterparties. Each of these rating agencies is a signatory to the ESG in credit risk and ratings statement.

6.28 For short term investments with counterparties, this Council utilises the ratings provided by Fitch, Moody's and Standard & Poor's to assess creditworthiness, which do include analysis of ESG factors when assigning ratings. The Council will continue to evaluate additional ESG-related metrics and assessment

processes that it could incorporate into its investment process and will update accordingly.

Liquidity

6.29 This is defined as "having adequate, though not excessive cash resources, borrowing arrangements, overdrafts or standby facilities to enable the Council at all times to have the level of funds available to it which are necessary for the achievement of its business/service objectives" (CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice). The Council seeks to maintain:

- Liquid, short term deposits of at least £6m available with a week's notice.

6.30 The availability of liquidity and the inherent risks arising from the investment periods within the portfolio is monitored using the Weighted Average Life (WAL) of the portfolio. This measures the time period over which half the investment portfolio would have matured and become liquid.

6.31 A shorter WAL generally represents less risk and in this respect the benchmark to be used for 2024/25 is:

- 0.25 years which means that at any point in time half the investment portfolio would be available within 90 days.

Yield

6.32 These benchmarks are currently widely used to assess investment performance and the Council's local measure of yield is:

- Internal returns above the Sterling Overnight Index Average (SONIA) which has replaced the London Interbank Bid rate (LIBID).

End of Year Investment Report

6.33 At the end of the financial year, the Council will report on its investment activity as part of its Annual Treasury Report.

APPENDICES

A. Prudential and treasury indicators

B. Economic background

C. Treasury management practice 1 – credit and counterparty risk management

Appendix A

THE CAPITAL PRUDENTIAL AND TREASURY INDICATORS 2025/26 – 2027/28

The Council's capital expenditure plans are the key driver of treasury management activity. The output of the capital expenditure plans is reflected in the prudential indicators, which are designed to assist members' overview and confirm capital expenditure plans.

Affordability Prudential Indicators

The previous sections cover the overall capital and control of borrowing prudential indicators, but within this framework prudential indicators are required to assess the affordability of the capital investment plans. These provide an indication of the impact of the capital investment plans on the Council's overall finances. The Council is asked to approve the following indicators: -

Ratio of Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream

This indicator identifies the trend in the cost of capital, (borrowing and other long-term obligation costs net of investment income), against the net revenue stream.

%	2024/25 Estimate	2025/26 Estimate	2026/27 Estimate	2027/28 Estimate
Non-HRA	10.07	12.25	13.89	14.75
HRA	14.06	15.06	12.93	12.64

The estimates of financing costs include current commitments and the proposals in this budget report.

Maturity Structure of Borrowing

Maturity structure of borrowing. These gross limits are set to reduce the Council's exposure to large, fixed rate sums falling due for refinancing, and are required for upper and lower limits.

The Council is asked to approve the following treasury indicators and limits: -

Maturity structure of borrowing 2025/26				
	Indicator		Current position	
	Lower	Upper	%	£m
Under 12 months	0%	50%	13.73%	90.232
12 months to 2 years	0%	35%	3.08%	20.242
2 years to 5 years	0%	45%	6.21%	40.790
5 years to 10 years	0%	45%	1.76%	11.540
10 years to 20 years	0%	45%	5.19%	34.097

20 years to 30 years	0%	50%	8.57%	56.336
30 years to 40 years	0%	50%	7.61%	50.000
40 years to 50 years	0%	60%	43.21%	284.000
50 years and above	0%	60%	10.65%	70.000

Control of Interest Rate Exposure

RMBC	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Interest rate Exposures				
	Upper	**Upper**	**Upper**	**Upper**
Limits on fixed interest rate debt based on fixed net debt	100%	100%	100%	100%
Limits on variable interest rate debt based on variable net debt	50%	50%	50%	50%

Compliance with Treasury and Prudential Limits

It is a statutory duty for the Council to determine and keep under review the affordable borrowing limits. During the quarter ended 31st December 2024, the Council has operated within the treasury and prudential indicators set out in the Council's Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2024/25. The tables below set out the actual position as at 31 December 2024 compared to these indicators. The Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services reports that no difficulties are envisaged for the current or future years in complying with these indicators.

All treasury management operations have also been conducted in full compliance with the Council's Treasury Management Practices.

Treasury Indicators	2024/25 Budget £'000	31.12.24 Actual £'000
Authorised limit for external debt	1,053,996	667,292
Operational boundary for external debt	937,078	
Gross external debt	917,078	
Investments	20,000	21,250
Net borrowing	897,078	646,042

Maturity structure of borrowing	Upper limit	Actual as at 31.12.24
Under 12 months	60%	7.49%
12 months to 2 years	35%	10.49%
2 years to 5 years	45%	5.99%
5 years to 10 years	45%	1.50%
10 years to 20 years	45%	5.54%
20 years to 30 years	50%	8.44%
30 years to 40 years	50%	7.49%
40 years to 50 years	55%	42.56%
50 years and above	60%	10.49%

	Limit	Actual as at 31.12.24
Sums invested >364 days	£10m	£0m

Appendix B

ECONOMIC BACKGROUND

The financial year 2024/25 to date saw:

- The Bank of England initiating its cuts to interest rates with two cuts to date, bringing base rate down from 5.25% to 4.75%.
- 10-year gilt yields falling to 4.0% in September 2024 before rising as high as 4.9% in January 2025.
- CPI inflation hitting its 2% target in June 2024 before edging above it to 2.2% in July and August 2024. December 2024 CPI came in at 2.5%.
- A further easing in wage growth as the headline 3 month year over year rate (including bonuses) fell from 4.6% in June to 4.0% in July 2024.

Appendix C

TREASURY MANAGEMENT PRACTICE (TMP1) – CREDIT AND COUNTERPARTY RISK MANAGEMENT

The DLUHC issued Investment Guidance in 2018, and this forms the structure of the Council's policy below. These guidelines do not apply to either trust funds or pension funds which operate under a different regulatory regime.

The key intention of the Guidance is to maintain the current requirement for local authorities to invest prudently, and that priority is given to security and liquidity before yield. In order to facilitate this objective, the Guidance requires this Council to have regard to the CIPFA publication Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice and Cross-Sectoral Guidance Notes. This Council has adopted the Code and will apply its principles to all investment activity. In accordance with the Code, the Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services has produced its treasury management practices (TMPs). This part, TMP 1, covering investment counterparty policy requires approval each year.

Annual Investment Strategy - The key requirements of both the Code and the investment guidance are for the Council to set an Annual Investment Strategy, as part of its annual treasury strategy for the following year, covering the identification and approval of the following:

- The strategy guidelines for choosing and placing investments, particularly non-specified investments.
- The principles to be used to determine the maximum periods for which funds can be committed.
- Specified investments that the Council may use. These are high security and high liquidity investments in sterling and with a maturity of no more than a year.
- Non-specified investments, clarifying the greater risk implications, identifying the general types of investment that may be used and a limit to the overall amount of various categories that can be held at any time.

The investment policy proposed for the Council is:

Strategy guidelines – The main strategy guidelines are contained in the body of the Treasury Management Strategy Statement.

Specified investments – These investments are sterling investments of not more than one-year maturity, or those which could be for a longer period but where the Council has the right to be repaid within 12 months if it wishes. They also include investments which were originally classed as being non-specified investments, but which would have been classified as specified investments apart from originally being for a period longer than 12 months once the remaining period to maturity falls to under 12 months.

These are considered low risk assets where the possibility of loss of principal or investment income is small. These would include sterling investments which would not be defined as capital expenditure with: -

- The UK Government (such as the Debt Management Account deposit facility, UK Treasury Bills or a Gilt with less than one year to maturity).

- UK Local Authorities.
- Money Market Funds that have been awarded a AAA credit rating by a credit rating agency e.g., Standard and Poor's, Moody's and/or Fitch rating agencies restricted to £20m.
- A bank or building society that has been awarded a minimum short-term rating of F1 by Fitch, P-1 by Moody's and A-1 by Standard and Poor's rating agencies. For Building Societies investments will be restricted to 20% of the overall investment portfolio and:

    - a maximum of £5m for a period not exceeding 6 months if the society is ranked in the top 10 by asset size; or
    - a maximum of £1m and a period not exceeding 3 months if the society is ranked 11 to 20 by asset size.

Non-specified investments – are any other type of investment (i.e., not defined as specified above). The identification and rationale supporting the selection of these other investments and the maximum limits to be applied are set out below.

Non-specified investments would include any sterling investments with: -

1. A bank that has been awarded a minimum long term credit rating of AA- by Fitch, Aa3 by Moody's and AA- by Standard & Poor's for deposits with a maturity of greater than 1 year.
2. The Council's own bank if ratings fall below the above minimum criteria.
3. A Building Society which is ranked in the top 20 by asset size. Investments will be restricted to 20% of the overall investment portfolio and:
    - a maximum of £5m for a period not exceeding 6 months if the Society is ranked in the top 10 by asset size; or
    - a maximum of £1m and a period not exceeding 3 months if the Society is ranked 11 to 20 by asset size.

This Council will seek further advice on the appropriateness and associated risks with investments in these categories.

The monitoring of investment counterparties - The credit rating of counterparties will be monitored regularly. The Council receives credit rating information (changes, rating watches and rating outlooks) from Link as and when ratings change, and counterparties are checked promptly.

On occasion ratings may be downgraded when an investment has already been made. The criteria used are such that a minor downgrading should not affect the full receipt of the principal and interest.

Any counterparty failing to meet the criteria will be removed from the list immediately by the Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services, and if required new counterparties which meet the criteria will be added to the list.

Flexible use of Capital Receipts Strategy 2025/26

1. Introduction

The proposals within this Flexible use of Capital Receipts Strategy have been prepared based on a capitalisation direction issued by the Secretary of State under Sections 16(2)(b) and 20 of the Local Government Act 2003: Treatment of Costs as Capital Expenditure.

2. The Direction

The Direction issued by the Secretary of State under Sections 16(2)(b) of the Local Government Act specifies that Local Authorities can treat as capital expenditure, expenditure which:

- "is incurred by the Authority that is designed to generate ongoing revenue savings in the delivery of public services and/or transform service delivery to reduce costs and/or transform service delivery in a way that reduces costs or demand for services in future years for any of the public sector delivery partners".

- "is properly incurred by the Authority for the financial years that begin on 1 April 2016 to 1 April 2024"

- The extension of the existing flexibility from 2022/23 onwards was updated in August 2022.

- The Autumn Policy Statement made clear Governments intention to extend flexible use of capital receipts to 2030. The government will also remove the restriction with respect to redundancy costs, imposed from April 2022, that limits the use of the flexibility to statutory redundancy costs only. This will support authorities in taking forward transformation and invest-to-save projects.

It is a condition of the Secretary of State's direction that the flexible use of capital receipts in accordance with the direction only applies to capital receipts which have been received in the years to which the direction applies.

When applying the direction, Authorities are required to have regard to Guidance on Flexible Use of Capital Receipts issued by the Secretary of state under Section 15(1)(a) of the Act.

In using the flexibility, the Council will have due regard to the requirements of the Prudential Code and to the CIPFA Local Authority Accounting Code of Practice.

The Council is also required to prepare a Flexible use of Capital Receipts Strategy before the start of the year to be approved by the Council – this is that Strategy.

3 The Council's Proposals

The Guidance sets out examples of qualifying expenditure which includes "funding the cost of service reconfiguration, restructuring or rationalisation (staff or non-staff),

where this leads to ongoing efficiency savings or service transformation" and it is for this purpose that the Council is proposing to use Capital Receipts in 2025/26, where required. The Council maintains the ability to use new year capital receipts to support capital expenditure on short life assets.

4. 2025/26 Revenue Budget

To support the continued reconfiguration of the Council's Services to deliver the improvement and efficiencies set out in the Council's budget for 2025/26, it is proposed that any associated one-off costs are funded from capital receipts. The legitimacy of this use will be determined by the s151 Officer in order to ensure that it meets the requirements set out by the Secretary of State.

5. The Prudential Code

The Council has due regard to the requirements of the Prudential Code and the impact on its prudential indicators from the application of this Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy. In line with this Strategy and the Council's overall Financial Strategies, the first call on capital receipts generated in the year will be utilised to meet the cost of voluntary severance. Any capital receipts which are received in excess of the amount required for this purpose will be used to fund revenue costs incurred to support the Council's service development and delivery of savings and efficiencies. These receipts have not been earmarked as funding for any other proposed capital expenditure and therefore there is no anticipated additional impact on the Council's prudential indicators as set out in the Council's Treasury Management Strategy.

The Council will also have due regard to the Local Authority Accounting Code of Practice when determining and including the entries required from undertaking and funding this scheme within the 2025/26 Statement of Accounts.

6. Monitoring the Strategy

Implementation of this Strategy will be monitored as part of regular financial reporting arrangements.

Initial Equality Screening Assessment (Part A)

As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality and diversity.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provide a record of both the process and decision. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions.

Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality and diversity
- whether or not equality and diversity is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an equality analysis.

Directorate: Finance and Customer Services	**Service area: Finance**
Lead person: Rob Mahon	**Contact number: 01709 254518**

1. Title:

Is this a:

X	**Strategy / Policy**	X	**Service / Function**		**Other**

If other, please specify

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening

The Council is required to set a balanced budget for 2025/26 and present that balanced budget at Cabinet in February 2025 and March Council 2025. The budget report outlines the Council's available resources from core government funding, grants and those resources generated through local taxation, and how those resources will be utilised across the Councils services.

The Budget and Council Tax Report 2024/25 noted that £9.9m of agreed budget savings and cost reductions were required to be delivered across the medium term. As per our Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) update to Cabinet December 2024 the Council remains confident that these savings will be achieved but will require a longer period to deliver the CYPS Placement savings, with an estimated £4.4m delivered by the end of 2024/25.

For 2025/26 the Council has to consider the following in order to set a balanced budget for 2025/26 to 2027/28;

- Impact of Provisional Financial Settlement
- Council Tax increases
- Fees and Charges increases
- Further use of reserves.
- Potential Savings
- Potential Capital and Revenue Investments

As outlined in the Budget and Council Tax Report 2025/26 the Council has to a degree used all these options to create a balanced budget position for 2025/26. However, due to uncertainty in the funding environment for Local Authorities and the financial settlement only being for one year (2025/26), the Council is reporting Budget gap of £3m in 2027/28. The Council will monitor this position closely and take further actions as required as greater clarity around the longer term Local Authority Financial Settlements are provided.

The delivery of new savings and investments as part of this Budget and Council Tax report will need to be worked through with their own EIA and following the Council's Human Resource policies and procedures to ensure that appropriate engagement, consultation and support is provided to impacted staff. In addition, any likely impacts on residents will need to be assessed to ensure that any that are disproportionate in relation to protected groups, are mitigated where possible.

In addition to the revenue budget, the Council's revised Capital Programme will be approved as part of the budget report. The Council's Capital Programme will be approved as part of the Capital Strategy section of the budget report.

Finally, the budget report will approve the Council's Treasury Management Strategy, and prudential indicators. This report covers how the Council intends to manage its debt, borrowing for new investments, cashflow and banking procedures and risk. The prudential indicators provide the key framework for how that strategy will be managed.

The Budget sets the framework within which Cabinet makes its decisions. Therefore, detailed impact assessments of proposals within the budget will be undertaken at the earliest opportunity as they are developed, in order to inform decision-making.

In addition, services will consider equality implications that arise from the implementation of the Council's Budget through service planning process.

3. Relevance to equality and diversity

All the Council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – borough wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality and diversity.

The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are.

When considering these questions think about age, carers, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation and any other relevant characteristics (for example socio-economic status, social class, income, unemployment, residential location or family background and education or skills levels).

Questions	**Yes**	**No**
Could the proposal have implications regarding the accessibility of services to the whole or wider community?	X	
Could the proposal affect service users?	X	
Has there been or is there likely to be an impact on an individual or group with protected characteristics?	X	
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns regarding the proposal?	X	
Could the proposal affect how the Council's services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?	X	
Could the proposal affect the Council's workforce or employment practices?	X	

If you have answered **no** to all the questions above please complete **sections 5 and 6.**

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above please complete **section 4.**

4. Considering the impact on equality and diversity

If you have not already done so, the impact on equality and diversity should be considered within your proposals prior to carrying out an **Equality Analysis.**

Considering equality and diversity will help to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and take active steps to create a discrimination free society by meeting a group or individual's needs and encouraging participation.

Please provide specific details for all three areas below and use the prompts for guidance.

The budget report provides an indication of the key challenges that the Council faces, and the specific challenges faced by each directorate along with an indication of the aims and objectives of those directorates.

The ongoing financial challenges faced by the Council are similar to those of other local

authorities. The financial pressures faced by local authorities are largely as a result of inflation, rising demand and complexity of care packages as a result of a growing population, and market cost pressures within the provision of social care.

These budget pressures mean that the Council must be responsible in its budget setting approach, prioritising investment and savings proposals that best contribute to the Council's priorities as identified within the Council Plan to best meet the needs of Rotherham's residents and ensure that best value is demonstrated across the breadth of Council services.

The Council Plan was approved at Council on the 12 January 2022, and all directorates have been working together to achieve the commitments set out within each of the plan's themes. The Equality Analysis document accompanying the Council Plan report to Council set out that within the five themes of the Council Plan there would be a series of universal offers aimed at all of Rotherham's residents, while several actions were specifically aimed at tackling inequalities and issues of access. These were set out in more detail within the Equality Analysis accompanying the Council Plan report considered at full Council on 12th January 2022. Since the approval of the Council Plan, progress reports have been presented to Cabinet. The latest progress update was presented on 20 January 2025, which included an accompanying Equality Analysis.

The budget proposals for 2025/26 include provision for £17m additional costs for adult social care. Children's Services budget factors in the savings delivery that was re-profiled as part of the 2024/25 Budget plans, to ensure that service levels can be maintained whilst a longer period of time is taken to deliver the service transformation plans and associated cost reductions. Good progress has been made during 2024/25 towards delivery of those savings plans however, the Council has extended a corporate budget provision in 2025/26 to provide for the risk that placement savings planned for 2024/25 are not delivered at the required pace or are impacted by further market cost pressures. A budget increase is provided for ongoing cost and demand pressures within Home to School Transport, a national issue and pressure.

The budget proposals also prioritise £2m revenue budget investment across the following themes, mirroring the Council Plan priorities:

- Every neighbourhood thriving
- People are safe, healthy and live well
- Every child able to fulfil their potential
- Expanding economic opportunity
- A cleaner, greener local environment
- One Council approach

The Council is aware that many residents will be facing rising household costs. In recognition of this the Council proposes to provide a further Local Council Tax Support Top Up scheme across the financial year 2025/26. Based on current caseloads this is expected to provide additional support to approximately 14,000 households. The Council's Local Council Tax Support Scheme was fully reviewed in 2018 and has now been reviewed again in 2024 along with a formal consultation process on any potential changes to the scheme. It is proposed that only the taper used on the CTS scheme is adjusted, from 30% to 20%. Careful analysis within the review confirmed that it is the

most vulnerable claimants of support who are reliant on the maximum level of CTS of 91.5% support for a working age household. It is these claimants who will benefit most from the proposed CTS top-up.

The Capital Programme section of the report will seek approval for a series of new investment proposals, prioritised following a process of review and scrutiny of options. The linked financial revenue implications of the capital programme have been factored into the Council's revenue budget.

A public consultation on the Budget ran from 18th November 2024 to January 10th 2025 and responses have been considered in finalising the budget proposals. A report reflecting the consultation is appended to this report. No specific equality implications were raised as part of the consultation. However, within the consultation responses there were:

- The most frequently mentioned spending priorities were maintenance of roads and pavements (23 mentions), street cleanliness/waste management (17 mentions) and regeneration of the town centre (17 mentions).
- Also mentioned frequently were priorities relating to community safety and tackling crime/ASB (10), improving housing, including repairs (8) education/schools (7 mentions with a further 3 respondents specifically referencing SEND provision), children's social care (7), adult social care (6) and general mention of social care (6).

- **How have you considered equality and diversity?**

Please see section above.

- **Key findings**

Please see section above.

- **Actions**

As indicated in Section 3, the specific equality implications that arise from the Council's Budget will be addressed through Directorate and service budgets aligned to service plans that now include an equalities section. Within this process, all Directorates will complete or will have already completed an equality screening or analysis to ensure due regard has been given and that there is an understanding of the effects of a strategy, policy, service on those from a protected characteristic group. In addition, it is an expectation that appropriate mitigations are considered and put in place to manage any disproportionate impacts.

Date to scope and plan your Equality Analysis:	Upon development of proposals
Date to complete your Equality Analysis:	Upon completion of proposals
Lead person for your Equality Analysis (Include name and job title):	Relevant directorate leads as appropriate

5. Governance, ownership and approval		
Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening:		
Name	**Job title**	**Date**
Judith Badger	Strategic Director – Finance and Customer Services	23 January 2025

6. Publishing	
This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given. If this screening relates to a **Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision** a copy of the completed document should be attached as an appendix and published alongside the relevant report. A copy of **all** screenings should also be sent to equality@rotherham.gov.uk For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file and also published on the Council's Equality and Diversity Internet page.	
Date screening completed	23 January 2025
If relates to a Key Delegated Decision, **Executive Board**, **Council** or a **Significant Operational Decision** – **report date and date sent for publication**	
Date screening sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement equality@rotherham.gov.uk	23 January 2025

Will the decision/proposal impact…	Impact	If an impact or potential impacts are identified			
		Describe impacts or potential impacts on emissions from the Council and its contractors.	**Describe impact or potential impacts on emissions across Rotherham as a whole.**	**Describe any measures to mitigate emission impacts**	**Outline any monitoring of emission impacts that will be carried out**
Emissions from non-domestic buildings?	*Impact unknown*	Increases in emissions could be associated with maintenance and upgrades to properties whilst the ongoing decarbonisation and energy efficiency programmes including LED lighting replacements will result in a decrease in emissions.		Emissions associated with operational infrastructure investment is likely to be offset by ongoing decarbonisation programme.	This is not easily calculated due to the emissions relating to scope 3, or external factors due to contractor emissions. The councils direct emissions are reported annually as part of the climate change action plan.
Emissions from transport?	*Increase in emissions*	It is possible that investments in verge maintenance and road marking will increase the council's emissions from transport. Waste service route optimisation may contribute to limiting this.			This is not currently calculable. Overall emissions are reported annually for Council's transport and every 2 years for the Borough. Latest data is available on the Rotherham Data Hub.
Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	*Reduction in emissions*		The expansion of Food Works to Rotherham may help reduce food waste and associated emissions.		This is not currently calculable. Overall emissions are reported annually for

					Council's transport and every 2 years for the Borough.
Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	*Impact unknown*		HRA budget will lead to the delivery of more homes, all of which will increase the Borough's emissions through gas and electricity usage. The council's work to improve the thermal efficiency of council homes to EPC band C will reduce the emissions of existing council homes.	Work is ongoing through the Council's climate change programme to understand better the financial implications for net zero builds.	Monitored through Borough emissions every two years.
Emissions from construction and/or development?	*Increase in emissions*	Capital programme investment in existing buildings and thermoplastic road markings is likely to lead to a short-term increase in emissions. Strategic acquisitions of town centre buildings are likely to lead to emissions increases as these sites are bought forward for development.	Investments at Bassingthorpe Farm is likely to lead to future emissions from construction as the land is brought forward for housing development.		Not currently calculable.

Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	*Impact unknown*				Not currently calculable.
Identify any emission impacts associated with this decision that have not been covered by the above fields: There are also likely to be impacts from the council's investments, this may be mitigated by the council's policy on ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) considerations.					

Please provide a summary of all impacts and mitigation/monitoring measures: This report is the Council's Budget and Council Tax Report 2025/26, it sets the Councils budgets for revenue and capital and provides the financial context and challenges that the Council is operating within. The report does aim to gain approval for the Councils budgets for 2025/26 and a number of new investment proposals in revenue and capital. However, any direct carbon impacts from those investments will be addressed as those investments are brought forward for delivery and only if those proposals are approved. These revenue investments will be subject to their own carbon impact assessments; though it should be recognised that budget setting does influence the likelihood of interventions being undertaken by providing the finances required for delivery. The comments in the table above summarise the potential impacts, and further detail would be available when individual schemes are brought forward.

Supporting information:	
Completed by: (Name, title, and service area/directorate).	Rob Mahon, AD Financial Services
Please outline any research, data, or information used to complete this [form].	
If quantities of emissions are relevant to and have been used in this form please identify which conversion factors have been used to quantify impacts.	
Tracking [to be completed by Policy Support / Climate Champions]	Tracking reference: CIA407 Katie Rockett, Climate Change Officer

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Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Public Report
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Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting
Council – 05 March 2025

Report Title
Calendar of Meetings for the 2025-26 Municipal

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?
No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report
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Ward(s) Affected
Borough-Wide

Report Summary
In accordance with the Council Procedure Rules (Part 1 – Council Meetings; Section 4 – Budget Council Meeting) this report is to formally approve the calendar of meetings for the 2025-26 municipal year.

Recommendations
That Council approve the calendar of meetings for the 2025-26 municipal year.

List of Appendices Included
Appendix 1 - Calendar of Meetings 2025-26

Background Papers
Council Constitution

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel
No

Council Approval Required
Yes

Exempt from the Press and Public
No

Calendar of Meetings for the 2025-26 Municipal

1. Background

1.1 The procedure rules within the Council's Constitution require that the calendar of meetings be presented at the Budget Council meeting and specifies the type and number of Council meetings to be held within the municipal year.

1.2 It is good practice to set meeting dates in advance for the forthcoming year. This approach enables the Council to have robust governance arrangements in place to facilitate informed decision-making.

1.3 It also ensures that standard items can be presented to the various Committees, Boards and Panels at the most appropriate times during the year.

2. Key Issues

2.1 The Council's Procedure Rules in the Constitution require that the calendar of meetings be presented for approval at the Budget Council meeting. This report is submitted in accordance with that requirement.

2.2 The Council's Constitution states that there should be an Annual meeting, a Budget Council meeting, and a minimum of six ordinary Council meetings per year. The proposed schedule of meetings meets that requirement.

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

3.1 No alternative options were considered as Council are required to approve the calendar of meeting for the 2025-26 municipal year at the Budget Council meeting.

3.2 It is recommended that the Council approve the calendar of meetings for the 2025-26 municipal year.

4. Consultation on proposal

4.1 When setting the draft meeting dates, Democratic Services have been mindful to take account of the meeting dates of some of the Council's partner organisations to avoid conflicts where possible.

4.2 Consultation has also taken place with officers to ensure that where needed, meeting dates coincide with the Council's statutory reporting requirements.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

5.1 The determination of the calendar of Council and committee meetings for the ensuing municipal year is a matter for the Council.

5.2 The Head of Democratic Services supported by the Governance Manager will be responsible for the implementation of the meetings calendar for 2025-26.

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

6.1 There are no direct financial or procurement implications associated with this report.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

7.1 There are no direct legal implications associated with this report.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

8.1 There are no direct human resources implications associated with this report.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

9.1 There are no direct implications for children and young people and vulnerable adults associated with this report.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

10.1 There are no direct equalities or human rights implications associated with this report.

11. Implications for CO_2 Emissions and Climate Change

11.1 There are no direct implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change associated with this report.

12. Implications for Partners

12.1 There are no direct implications for partners arising from this report.

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 There are no risks directly associated with this report.

Accountable Officer(s)
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Barbel Gale, Governance Manager

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ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2025-26

May-25				
Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
			1 9.00 - Planning Board 5.00 – Health Select Commission	**2**
5 **BANK HOLIDAY**	**6**	**7** 10.00 – Overview and Scrutiny Management Board	**8**	**9**
12 10.00 - Cabinet	**13**	**14**	**15**	**16** 2.00 - Annual Council Meeting - Ceremonial
19 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub-Committee	**20**	**21** 2.00 - Annual Council Meeting - Business	**22** 9.00 - Planning Board	**23**
26 **BANK HOLIDAY**	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30**

Jun-25				
Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
2 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub-Committee	**3** 1.00 Emergency Planning Shared Service Joint Committee	**4** 10.00 - Overview and Scrutiny Management Board	**5** 4.00 - Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education	**6**
9 10.00 - Cabinet	**10** 1.30 - Improving Places 4.00 - Corporate Parenting Partnership Board	**11**	**12** 9.00 - Planning Board 2.00 - Standards and Ethics Committee	**13** 8.30 - Rotherham Schools Forum
16 2.00 - Education Consultative Committee	**17** 10.30 - Improving Lives 2.00 - Audit Committee	**18** 10.00 - Transportation Advisory Group	**19** 10.00 - Local Admissions Forum	**20**
23 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub-Committee	**24** 10.00 – Barnsley, Doncaster & Rotherham Joint Waste Board	**25** 9.00 - Health and Wellbeing Board	**26** 5.00 - Health Select Commission	**27**
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Jul-25				
Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
	1	**2** 10.00 - Overview and Scrutiny Management Board	**3** 9.00 - Planning Board	**4**
7 10.00 - Cabinet	**8** 1.30 - Improving Places Select Commission	**9**	**10** 2.00 - Health, Welfare and Safety Panel 4.00 – Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education	**11**
14 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub-Committee	**15**	**16** **2.00 - COUNCIL**	**17**	**18**
21	**22** 10.00 - Improving Lives Select Commission	**23**	**24** 9.00 - Planning Board 1.30 - RMBC/Trade Union Joint Consultative Committee	**25**
28	**29** 2.00 Audit Committee	**30**	**31** 5.00 - Health Select Commission	

Aug-25				
Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
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4	**5**	**6**	**7**	**8**
11 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub-Committee	**12**	**13**	**14** 9.00 - Planning Board	**15**
18	**19**	**20**	**21**	**22**
25 **BANK HOLIDAY**	**26**	**27**	**28**	**29**

Sep-25				
Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
1 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub-Committee	**2** 1.30 - Improving Places Select Commission	**3**	**4** 9.00 - Planning Board	**5**
8	**9** 10.00 - Overview and Scrutiny Management Board 4.00 - Corporate Parenting Partnership Board	**10** **2.00 - COUNCIL**	**11** 2.00 - Standards and Ethics Committee	**12** 8.30 - Rotherham School's Forum
15 10.00 - Cabinet	**16** 10.00 - Improving Lives Select Commission	**17** 10.00 Transportation Advisory Group	**18** 4.00 – Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education	**19**
22 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub-Committee	**23**	**24** 9.00 - Health and Wellbeing Board	**25** 9.00 - Planning Board 2.00 - Audit Committee	**26**
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Oct-25				
Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
		1	**2** 5.00 - Health Select Commission	**3**
6 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub-Committee 2.00 - Education Consultative Committee	**7** 10.00 – Barnsley, Doncaster & Rotherham Joint Waste Board	**8** 10.00 - Overview and Scrutiny Management Board	**9** 2.00 - Health, Welfare and Safety Panel	**10**
13 10.00 - Cabinet	**14** 1.00 Emergency Planning Shared Service Joint Committee	**15**	**16** 9.00 - Planning Board	**17**
20	**21** 1.30 - Improving Places Select Commission	**22**	**23** 1.30 - RMBC/Trade Union Joint Consultative Committee	**24**
27 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub-Committee	**28**	**29**	**30**	**31**

Nov-25				
Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
3	**4** 10.00 - Improving Lives Select Commission	**5** **2.00 - COUNCIL**	**6** 9.00 - Planning Board	**7**
10 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub-Committee	**11**	**12** 10.00 - Overview and Scrutiny Management Board	**13** 10.00 - Local Admissions Forum 2.00 - Standards and Ethics Committee	**14** 8.30 - Rotherham Schools' Forum
17 10.00 - Cabinet	**18**	**19** 10.00 - Transportation Advisory Group	**20** 5.00 - Health Select Commission	**21**
24	**25** 2.00 Audit Committee	**26**	**27** 9.00 - Planning Board	**28**

Dec-25				
Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
1 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub-Committee	**2** 10.00 - Improving Lives Select Commission	**3** 9.30 - Health and Wellbeing Board	**4** 4.00 – Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education	**5**
8	**9** 4.00 - Corporate Parenting Partnership Board	**10** 10.00 - Overview and Scrutiny Management Board	**11**	**12**
15 10.00 - Cabinet	**16** 1.30 - Improving Places Select Commission	**17**	**18** 9.00 - Planning Board	**19**
22 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub-Committee	**23**	**24**	**25** **CHRISTMAS DAY**	**26** **BOXING DAY**
29	**30**	**31**		

Jan-26				
Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
			1 **NEW YEARS DAY**	**2**
5	**6**	**7**	**8**	**9**
12 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub-Committee	**13** 10.00 - Overview and Scrutiny Management Board 2.00 Audit Committee	**14** **2.00 - COUNCIL**	**15** 9.00 - Planning Board 2.00 - Standards and Ethics Committee	**16** 8.30 - Rotherham Schools' Forum
19 10.00 - Cabinet	**20** 1.00 Emergency Planning Shared Service Joint Committee	**21**	**22** 5.00 - Health Select Commission	**23**
26	**27** 1.30 - Improving Places Select Commission	**28** 9.00 - Health and Wellbeing Board	**29** 1.30 -RMBC/Trade Union Joint Consultative Committee	**30**

Feb-26				
Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
2 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub-Committee	**3** 10.00 - Barnsley, Doncaster & Rotherham Joint Waste Board 4.00- Corporate Parenting Partnership Board	**4** 10.00 – Overview and Scrutiny Management Board	**5** 9.00 - Planning Board 2.00 – Health, Welfare and Safety Panel	**6**
9 10.00 - Cabinet a.r.o Cabinet - Staffing Committee 2.00 - Education Consultative Committee	**10** 10.00 - Improving Lives Select Commission	**11** 10.00 Transportation Advisory Group	**12** 10.00 - Local Admissions Forum	**13**
16	**17**	**18** 10.00 - Overview and Scrutiny Management Board	**19**	**20**
23 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub-Committee	**24**	**25**	**26** 9.00 - Planning Board	**27**

Mar-26				
Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
2	**3**	**4** **2.00 - COUNCIL (BUDGET)**	**5**	**6**
9 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub-Committee	**10** 1.30 - Improving Places Select Commission	**11** 10.00 – Overview and Scrutiny Management Board	**12** 2.00 - Standards and Ethics Committee	**13**
16 10.00 - Cabinet	**17** 10.00 - Improving Lives Select Commission 2.00 Audit Committee	**18**	**19** 9.00 - Planning Board 4.00 – Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education	**20**
23 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub-Committee	**24** 4.00 - Corporate Parenting Partnership Board	**25** 9.00 - Health and Wellbeing Board	26 5.00 - Health Select Commission	**27** 8.30 - Rotherham Schools' Forum
30	**31**			

Apr-26				
Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
		1	**2**	**3** **GOOD FRIDAY**
6 **EASTER MONDAY**	**7**	**8** 10.00 – Overview and Scrutiny Management Board	**9** 9.00 - Planning Board	**10**
13 10.00 - Cabinet 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub-Committee	**14**	**15**	**16** 1.30 - RMBC/Trade Union Joint Consultative Committee	**17**
20	**21** 11.00 Emergency Planning Shared Service Joint Committee 1.30 - Improving Places Select Commission	**22** **2.00 - COUNCIL**	**23** 2.00 - Health, Welfare and Safety Panel	**24**
27 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub-Committee	**28** 10.00 - Improving Lives Select Commission	**29**	**30** 9.00 - Planning Board	

May-26				
Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
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4 **BANK HOLIDAY**	**5** 4.00 - Corporate Parenting Partnership Board	**6** 10.00 – Overview and Scrutiny Management Board	**7**	**8**
11 10.00 - Cabinet 10.00 - Licensing Board Sub-Committee	**12**	**13**	**14** 5.00 - Health Select Commission	**15** **2.00 - ANNUAL COUNCIL (CIVIC)**
18	**19**	**20** **2.00 - ANNUAL COUNCIL (BUSINESS)**	**21** 9.00 - Planning Board	**22**
25 **BANK HOLIDAY**	**26**	**27**	**28**	**29**

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Public Report
Council

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting
Council – 05 March 2025

Report Title
Cabinet's response to the Improving Lives Select Commission Scrutiny Review on Preparation for Adulthood

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?
No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report
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Ward(s) Affected
Borough-Wide

Report Summary

The report presents Cabinet's response to the findings and recommendations from the Improving Lives Select Commission Review – Preparation for Adulthood for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

Recommendations

That Council note Cabinet's response to the recommendations as summarised in the Cabinet Response to the Recommendations from the Scrutiny Review - Preparation for Adulthood for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) report, attached at Appendix 1.

List of Appendices Included

Cabinet Report - 20 January 2025 - Cabinet Response to the recommendations from the Scrutiny Review - Preparation for Adulthood for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Appendix 1 - Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review –- Preparation for Adulthood for children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Appendix 2 - Initial Equality Screening Assessment Form

Appendix 3 - Equality Analysis Screening

Appendix 4 - Carbon Impact Assessment

Background Papers

Cabinet Report - Cabinet Response to the Recommendations from the Scrutiny Review - Preparation - 20/01/25

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel
Cabinet – 20 January 2025
Cabinet – 14 October 2024
Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 10 September 2024
Improving Lives Select Commission – 30 July 2024

Council Approval Required
No

Exempt from the Press and Public
No

Cabinet's response to the Improving Lives Select Commission Scrutiny Review on Preparation for Adulthood

1. Background

1.1 Preparation for Adulthood has been an on-going area of interest for the Improving Lives Select Commission (ILSC) over recent years, following the SEND inspection in 2021. In discussions with the Improving Lives Select Commission, the Rotherham Parent Carers' Forum highlighted that a greater focus was required to identify what was in place, to support successful preparation to adulthood for children and young people in Rotherham with SEND and consider whether there were any gaps in the available provision.

1.2 The Improving Lives Select Commission agreed to hold a spotlight review on preparation for adulthood which took place on 15th February 2024. Planning sessions were held in advance of the spotlight review meeting to determine the scope of the review. Briefing materials and resources were circulated in advance of the review session, to inform key lines of enquires (KLOEs).

1.3 The review itself took place over a single afternoon, with many partners present to provide a range of perspectives and information. This work enabled the sub-group to establish an understanding of the services that were being delivered in Rotherham to support preparation for adulthood.

1.4 The recommendations from the sub-group were presented to Cabinet on 14 October 2024 and Cabinet provided a response on 20 January 2025.

2. Key Issues

2.1 The key issues are set out in the Cabinet report, which sets out the main findings and recommendations from the review and Cabinet's response. The recommendations and corresponding actions (attached at Appendix 1) are designed to give Members the assurance that the findings and recommendations have been considered.

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

3.1 It is recommended that Council note that Cabinet approved the response to the recommendations as summarised in the Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review –- Preparation for Adulthood for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) at Appendix 1.

3.2 There are no alternative options to consider.

4. Consultation on proposal

4.1 Details regarding consultation as part of the review are set out in the Cabinet report.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

5.1 Cabinet's responses to each of the recommendations and associated timescales are detailed in the Cabinet report.

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

6.1 Financial implications are outlined within the Cabinet report listed in the Cabinet Report.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

7.1 Legal Advice and Implications are outlined within the Cabinet report listed in the Cabinet report.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

8.1 Human Resources Advice and Implications are outlined within the Cabinet report listed in the Cabinet report.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

9.1 Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults are outlined within the Cabinet report listed in the Cabinet report.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

10.1 Details of any implications are listed within the Initial Equalities Screening Form (Part A) and Analysis (Part B) completed and included in Appendix 2 and Appendix 3.

11. Implications for CO_2 Emissions and Climate Change

11.1 Details of any implications are listed within the Carbon Impact Assessment at Appendix 4.

12. Implications for Partners

12.1 Implications for partners are set out in the main sections of the Cabinet report listed in the Cabinet report.

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 There are no risks directly rising from this report.

Accountable Officer(s)
Helen Sweaton, Assistant Director Commissioning, CYPS Kirsty-Louise Littlewood, Assistant Director, Adult Care, and Integration, ACPHH

Approvals obtained on behalf of:

	Name	Date
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp OBE	25/02/25
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	25/02/25
Assistant Director of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Phillip Horsfield	25/02/25
The Strategic Director with responsibility for this report	Nicola Curley Ian Spicer	20/02/25

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Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Public Report
Cabinet

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting
Cabinet – 20 January 2025

Report Title
Cabinet Response to the Recommendations from the Scrutiny Review - Preparation for Adulthood for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?
No, but it has been included on the Forward Plan

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report
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Ward(s) Affected
Borough-Wide

Report Summary
To report on the response to the findings and recommendations of the Improving Lives Scrutiny Review - Preparation for Adulthood for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND.)

Recommendations

1. That Cabinet approve the response to the recommendations, as detailed in Appendix 1, and note the report.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1	Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review –- Preparation for Adulthood for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
Appendix 2	Initial Equality Screening Assessment Form
Appendix 3	Equality Analysis Screening
Appendix 4	Carbon Impact Assessment

Background Papers
Agenda item - Scrutiny Review - Preparation for Adulthood for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) - Rotherham Council
Preparation for adulthood | Local Government Association

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel
Improving Lives Select Commission – 30 July 2024
Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 10 September 2024
Cabinet – 14th October 2024

Council Approval Required
Yes

Exempt from the Press and Public
No

Cabinet Response to the Recommendations from the Scrutiny Review - Preparation for Adulthood for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

1. Background

1.1 Preparation for adulthood (also known as transition) is the process by which young people who need support or care, move from services provided exclusively for children, to services provided for those over the age of 18, aiming to ensure a seamless transition. The Local Government Association describes successful preparation for adulthood as “A successful transition from children’s and young people’s services to adult care services, needs the young person, their families, and professionals to work together with the young person at the centre of discussions. Legislation gives local authorities a legal responsibility to co-operate, and to ensure that all the correct people work together to get the transition right for a young person.” Preparation for Adulthood, LGA (Background Paper).

1.2 The support provided to children and young people assists with preparing for adult life and often includes the following aspects:

- Education, Employment and Training.
- Friends, Relationships, and the Community.
- Health.
- Independent Living.

1.3 Preparation for Adulthood has been an on-going area of interest for the Improving Lives Select Commission (ILSC) over recent years, following the SEND inspection in 2021. In discussions with the Improving Lives Select Commission, the Rotherham Parent Carers’ Forum highlighted that a greater focus was required to identify what was in place, to support successful preparation to adulthood for children and young people in Rotherham with SEND and consider whether there were any gaps in the available provision.

1.4 The Improving Lives Select Commission agreed to hold a spotlight review on preparation for adulthood which took place on 15th February 2024. Planning sessions were held in advance of the spotlight review meeting to determine the scope of the review. Briefing materials and resources were circulated in advance of the review session, to inform key lines of enquires (KLOEs).

1.5 The review itself took place over a single afternoon, with many partners present to provide a range of perspectives and information. This work enabled the sub-group to establish an understanding of the services that were being delivered in Rotherham to support preparation for adulthood.

1.6 The review group consisted of Councillor Lyndsay Pitchley (Chair), Councillor Wendy Cooksey (Vice-Chair), Councillor Tony Griffin, Councillor Maggi Clark, and Councillor Taiba Yasseen.

1.7 The recommendations from the sub-group were presented to Cabinet on 14 October 2024 and Cabinet agreed to provide a response.

2. Key Issues

2.1 The recommendations to Cabinet from the Scrutiny Review –Preparation for Adulthood for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) were:

i. School Effectiveness:

a) That the support pathways available for preparation for adulthood for children and young people with SEND in mainstream education, in both the early years and post sixteen settings is reviewed to identify any areas that may require further focus and developments.

b) That education pathways relating to preparation for adulthood for children with SEND are reviewed, ensuring clear communication of the pathways to parents and carers.

ii. Inclusion and Communities:

a) That information relating to the support available to parents and carers within communities is developed, enabling a seamless service that supports and empowers parent carers.

b) That the feedback from the Autism Strategy Consultation is reflected in the support offer available, to ensure children and young people feel safe within their communities, at school and online.

c) That there is a further focus on enhancing equality, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) in relation to this area of activity, with a particular focus on improving engagement levels with children and young people with SEND in communities, such as the Black Asian Minority Ethnic (BAME) and Roma-Slovak Communities.

iii. Communication:

a) That established networks and partnerships, such as the Rotherham Parent Carers' Forum, are further embedded, to increase awareness raising and increase the number of SEND families that are engaged and reached in the Borough.

b) That the process relating to Education, Health and Care Plans is reviewed to ensure the young person's voice is present throughout the process

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

3.1 The recommendation is that Cabinet approve the response to the recommendations, as detailed in Appendix 1, and note the report.

3.2 All of the recommendations have been accepted and Appendix 1 sets out further detail on how the recommendations have been or will be actioned.

4. Consultation on proposal

4.1 The Strategic Director – Children and Young People's Services and the Strategic Director – Adult Social Care, Housing and Health have been consulted with regard to the response to the recommendations.

4.2 The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health have been consulted with regarding the report and its recommendations.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

5.1 The timetable and accountability are detailed in Appendix 1 (Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – Preparation for Adulthood for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND))

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

6.1 There are no direct procurement implications arising from the recommendations detailed in this report. There are no direct financial implications arising from implementing the actions put forward (in the attached Appendix 1) in response to the Scrutiny Review - Preparation for Adulthood for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

7. Legal Advice and Implications

7.1 As set out within the body of the report the recommendations have already been accepted and the purpose of this report is to ask that Cabinet approve the response to those recommendations as set out within Appendix 1.

7.2 The Primary Legislation which sets out a wide range of duties is the Children and Families Act 2014 and associated regulations. Chapter 8 of the SEND Code of Practice specifically deals with preparing for adulthood from the earliest years. The Code of Practice is Statutory Guidance and therefore the Council must have regard to the Code of Practice and cannot ignore it.

7.3 Paragraph 8.3 of the Code of Practice sets out the range of duties imposed upon Local Authorities which are particularly relevant to preparing for adulthood from the earliest years. The overview of these duties is set out below [taken directly from the Code of Practice]:

- when carrying out their functions, to support and involve the child and his or her parent, or the young person, and to have regard to their views, wishes and feelings (see Chapter 1, Principles). This includes their aspirations for adult life.

- to offer advice and information directly to children and young people (see Chapter 2, Impartial information, advice, and support). This includes information and advice which supports children and young people to prepare for adult life.

- together with health services, to make joint commissioning arrangements about the education, health and care provision of children and young people to secure positive adult outcomes for young people with SEN (see Chapter 3, Working together across Education, Health, and Care for joint outcomes).

- to keep education and care provision under review including the duty to consult young people directly, and to consult schools, colleges, and other post-16 providers (see Chapter 3, Working together across Education, Health, and Care for joint outcomes).

- to co-operate with FE colleges, sixth-form colleges, 16-19 academies and independent specialist colleges approved under Section 41 of the Children and Families Act 2014.

- to include in the Local Offer provision which will help children and young people prepare for adulthood and independent living, to consult children and young people directly about the Local Offer and to publish those comments including details of any actions to be taken (Chapter 4, The Local Offer).

- to consider the need for EHC needs assessments, prepare EHC plans where needed, and maintain and review them, including the duty to ensure that all reviews of EHC plans from Year 9 (age 13-14) onwards include a focus on preparing for adulthood and, for 19-25 year olds, to have regard to whether educational or training outcomes specified in the EHC plan have been achieved.

- to make young people aware through their Local Offer of the kind of support available to them in higher education and, where a higher education place has been confirmed for a young person with an EHC plan, to pass a copy of the EHC plan to the relevant institution and to the assessor for Disabled Students Allowance with the young person's permission.

7.4 The response at Appendix 1 clearly sets out the actions required to meet the recommendations already approved and accountability for those actions. In approving the response there is a clear and detailed plan in place to ensure that the recommendations approved are met. This will not only ensure that the Council continues to meet its Statutory Duties, it also demonstrates the Council's commitment to providing a high level service to support children, young people and their families in preparing for adulthood. The scrutiny provided is valued and the recommendations welcomed.

7.5 Should the Local Authority fail to comply with their duties and/or be able to evidence that they have given regard to the Code of Practice in its decision making, process and policies, then the risk of legal challenge is significant and there are various avenues available for such challenge. These include appealing to the First-Tier Tribunal [SEND], Judicial Review and complaints to the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

8.1 There are no direct Human Resources implications.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

9.1 The implications for Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults are set out in the attached Cabinet Report: Scrutiny Review - Preparation for Adulthood for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) (background paper) and in the attached Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – Preparation for Adulthood for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) (appendix 1).

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

10.1 Members of the Improving Lives Select Commission review group have due regard to equalities and human rights in developing recommendations.

10.2 In relation to equalities, the review group identified the requirement for further workforce training to be completed with a focus on Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion, to ensure targeted work could be completed within communities and to improve engagement levels with communities. The review group recommended that there should be a further focus on enhancing equalities, diversity and inclusion in relation to the area of preparation for adulthood, which a particular focus on improving engagement levels with children and young people with SEND in communities, such as the BAME and Roma Slovak communities. The action plan (Appendix 1) addresses these issues.

10.3 In relation to human rights advice and implications, the review group identified the requirement for progress relating to children and young people with SEND feeling unsafe in general within communities, online and at school. The review group recommended that the feedback from the Autism Strategy Consultation should be reflected in the support offer available. The action plan addresses this issue.

10.4 An equality analysis screening and form are attached as Appendices 2 and 3.

11. Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change

11.1 There are no implications for CO2 emissions and climate change directly arising from this report.

11.2 The Carbon Impact Assessment is attached as Appendix 4.

12. Implications for Partners

12.1 The implications for partners are described in attached Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – Preparation for Adulthood for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) (appendix 1). Implementation of any recommendation is at the discretion of the relevant partner organisation. The recommendations contained in this report are

offered acknowledging the contributions that have been made by each of the partner organisations.

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 Failure to provide adequate support for preparation for adulthood presents a risk to the achievement of outcomes for children and young people with SEND.

13.2 The mitigations are described in attached Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – Preparation for Adulthood for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) (appendix 1).

14. Accountable Officers

Helen Sweaton, Assistant Director Commissioning, CYPS

Kirsty-Louise Littlewood, Assistant Director, Adult Care, and Integration, ACPHH

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

	Named Officer	**Date**
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Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	22/11/2024
Assistant Director, Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Philip Horsfield	15/11/2024

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Appendix 1 Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review – Preparation for Adulthood for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

	Recommendation	**Cabinet Decision** *(Accepted/ Rejected/ Deferred)*	**Cabinet Response** *(detailing proposed action if accepted, rationale for rejection, and why and when issue will be reconsidered if deferred)*	**Accountability**	**Target date for completion *(if applicable)***
a	School Effectiveness: 1. That the support available for preparation for adulthood for children and young people with SEND in mainstream education, in both the early years and post sixteen settings, is further enhanced.	Accepted	• SENDCo Network meetings have included sessions on Preparing for Adulthood from the earliest years. • Curriculum resources have been distributed. • Mainstream school representatives now invited to Rotherham's SEND Employment Forum (bi-monthly meetings). • Mainstream college flex curriculum (at RNN) is developed around PfA outcomes. • Supported Internships Navigator post established (September 2024). Post holder developing relationships with mainstream schools including a presentation to Secondary SENDCOs on 2 October 2024. • Draft SEND Thresholds Guidance includes PfA from Early Years to Post 16. • Futures Fair to engage Young People to support understanding of 'what is important to them' • Development and implementation of graduated response for preparation for adulthood. • Revised audit and quality assurance programme to strengthening PfA outcomes and provision in EHCPs through implementation of graduated response. • RMBC Supported Employment Team working closely with Transitions team and EHCP Team to provide timely advice and support to Post 16 learners. • Evaluation of flex and mainstream offer to be completed to understand how RNN meet need. • Guiding Voices to extend remit to cover post 16 and actively gather voice of YP from these settings to influence development activity. • Impact will be measured through activity key performance indicators and the revised audit and quality assurance process.	Cary-Anne Sykes James Chapman Joanne Askew/ Gemma Wilkinson (graduated response leads)	July 2024 (Completed) July 2024 (Completed) July 2024 (Completed) July 2024 (Completed October 2024 (Completed) December 2024 January 2025 September 2025 September 2025 September 2025 September 2025 September 2025 September 2025
	2. That education pathways relating to preparation for adulthood for children with SEND are reviewed, ensuring clear communication of the pathways to parents and carers.	Accepted	• Implement improved marketing of Rotherham Supported Internships including creation of a video, flyers and publicity from RMBC Supported Internship Award. • Rotherham Parent Carer Forum representative now sits on SEND Employment Forum. • Include education pathways in Transitions Guide for parent/ carers. • Publish and embed the Transitions Guide for parent/ carers. • Publish transition guide on Local Offer to improve information and advice on Local Offer website. • Futures Fair to include stalls relating to the preparation for adulthood outcomes, including education pathways	Helen Fisher Corporate Communications Team	September 2024 (Completed) September 2024 (Completed) December 2024 December 2024 December 2024 January 2025
b	Inclusion and Communities: 3. That information relating to the support available to parents and carers within communities is developed, enabling a seamless service that supports and empowers parent carers.	Accepted	• PfA Media campaign being developed focusing on case studies, shared lives, independent travel training and guiding voices • Include information regarding available support in draft Transitions Guide for parent/ carers. • Publish and embed the Transitions Guide for parent/ carers. • Publish transition guide on Local Offer to improve information and advice on Local Offer website. • Ensure short breaks information on the Local Offer are updated to reflect relevant support/ activities – including those available to young adults. • Ensure prevention offer in adult services is available on the Local Offer (or linked) and updated to reflect relevant support/ activities – including those available to young adults. • Futures Fair will include stalls relating to PfA strands • Local offer activities page to be regularly updated to reflect relevant support/ activities for PfA.	Corporate Communications Team James Chapman Paul Stinson	September 2024 (Completed) December 2024 December 2024 December 2024 December 2024 December 2024 January 2025 February 2025
	4. That the feedback from the Autism Strategy Consultation is reflected in the support offer available, to ensure children and young people feel safe within their communities, at school and online.	Accepted	• CYP Partnership Board received an update on transport and explored how safe young people feel using public transport • Supplementary survey completed to explore how safe children, young people and adults with SEND feel (completed a month after the violent incidents at Manvers) • Young Inspectors carried out an inspection of Rotherham Bus Station/Bus stops (lighting, CCTV, security presence), including undertaking a survey with young people to identify any specific routes/times that feel unsafe.	CYP Partnership Board RPCF	July 2024 (Completed) September 2024 (Completed) October 2024 (Completed)

	Recommendation	Cabinet Decision *(Accepted/ Rejected/ Deferred)*	Cabinet Response *(detailing proposed action if accepted, rationale for rejection, and why and when issue will be reconsidered if deferred)*	Accountability	Target date for completion *(if applicable)*
			• Develop methods of encouraging bike use/promote the improved cycle lanes. • Promote the 'Travel Buddy' Scheme through the Independent Travel Training and review impact.		September 2025 September 2025
	5. That there is a further focus on enhancing equality, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) in relation to this area of activity, with a particular focus on improving engagement levels with children and young people with SEND in marginalised communities.	Accepted	• David Plumtree Director of VAR has been invited to PFA Board meetings as a representative of the sector to ensure that the PfA Board engages well with VAR and the wider VCS to ensure that local services are working in an efficient and cohesive manner. • There is an existing 'plan on a page' of the activities of all members of the organisation 'CYPF Consortium' (a network of 28 VCS organisations working with children, young people and families, accessible here https://www.cypfconsortium.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/2024-Consortium-Map-on-a-Page.pdf - the Consortium presents the most effective route to PfA relevant services. • VAR have developed the tiered model for VCS members to become 'part of the Family Hub Network'. 14 organisations are signed up, delivering new activity or signposting. Each has committed to safeguarding standards and are meeting quarterly as a VCS network. Training opportunities are made available to the network via RMBC in relation to SEND and PfA services and upskilling to widen the cohort. • VAR to develop a way for VCS organisations to demonstrate that they are welcoming and value young people with additional needs. • Genuine Partnerships' launch of a Cornerstones Pledge to ensure that there is active commitment to co-production and partnership working that involves reaching out to include and involve all CYP with SEND and their families by every school and service. • Targeted work to involve the BME SEND group. • Build better secondary representation/consider PfA at the Roma Slovak Forum facilitated by Genuine Partnerships for schools to share good practice and better engage CYP and families.	James Chapman Helen Leadley Jayne Fitzgerald David Plumtree	September 2024 (Completed) September 2024. (Completed) September 2024. (Completed) September 2025. September 2025. September 2025. September 2025.
c	Communication:				
	6. That established networks and partnerships, such as the Rotherham Parent Carers' Forum, are further embedded, to increase awareness raising and increase the number of SEND families that are engaged and reached in the Borough.	Accepted	• New contract with RPCF agreed for 3 years commencing 1st April 2024 (jointly commissioned with South Yorkshire ICB from April 2025) to support their voice work in the community and to support coproduction of plans and strategies. The new contract combines SEND activities, Voice and Influence and contribution to Local Offer Development. • RPCF have worked with the Council the draft SEND Strategy, the All Age Autism Strategy and the LD Strategy and it is planned that they will continue with their involvement via progress reviews. • RPCF funded to re-establish, grow and maintain the Disability register • SEND Hub to be developed in the Eric Manns building • Continue to increase representation and strategic lead role of RPCF across adults and CYPS – evidenced in impact report (e.g. co-chairing boards etc). • Pro-active work to embed a culture of co-production across all services (Children's and Adults) through the Cornerstones Pledge (see above).	James Chapman Helen Fisher Helen Leadley Jayne Fitzgerald	April 2024. (Completed) December 2024 September 2025 September 2025 September 2025
	7. That the process relating to Education, Health and Care Plans is reviewed to ensure the young person's voice is present throughout the process	Accepted	• Resources on children and young people's voice provided on Rotherham's SEND Resource website • Good Practice Event planned for 24.1.25 has a focus on children and young people's voice. • Revised audit and quality assurance programme to monitor quality of capture of children and young people's voice. • Task and Finish Group on improving quality of EHCPs. • Whole School SEND reviews Quality Assuring pupil voice. • Education support services such as Education Psychology Service and Specialist Inclusion Team model strategies and resources to obtain pupil voice. • RMBC EHCP Team and Panels will provide challenge and support to schools not providing appropriate input from children and young people. • Advice, support and resources on CYP voice provided by SEND School Improvement Officer.	Cary-Anne Sykes	December 2024 January 2025 September 2025 September 2025 September 2025 September 2025 September 2025 September 2025

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PART A - Initial Equality Screening Assessment

As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality and diversity.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provide a record of both the process and decision. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions.

Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality and diversity
- whether or not equality and diversity is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an Equality Analysis (Part B).

Further information is available in the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance – see page 9.

1. Title	
Title: Cabinet Response to the Recommendations from the Scrutiny Review - Preparation for Adulthood for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)	
Directorate: CYPS	**Service area: Commissioning**
Lead person: Helen Sweaton	**Contact: helen.sweaton@rotherham.gov.uk**
Is this a: ☐ **Strategy / Policy** ☒ **Service / Function** ☐ **Other** **If other, please specify**	

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening
The Improving Lives review group on Preparation for Adulthood for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) produced a stand-alone report with recommendations that have been used to inform further development of the Preparation for Adulthood work programme. The Cabinet decision to accept the response to the recommendations will impact on services involved in the delivery of the PfA work programme. The Services affect children and young people with SEND and their families.

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3. Relevance to equality and diversity		
All the Council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – borough wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality and diversity. The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are. When considering these questions think about age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, civil partnerships and marriage, pregnancy and maternity and other socio-economic groups e.g. parents, single parents and guardians, carers, looked after children, unemployed and people on low incomes, ex-offenders, victims of domestic violence, homeless people etc.		
Questions	**Yes**	**No**
Could the proposal have implications regarding the accessibility of services to the whole or wider community? *(Be mindful that this is not just about numbers. A potential to affect a small number of people in a significant way is as important)*	x	
Could the proposal affect service users? *(Be mindful that this is not just about numbers. A potential to affect a small number of people in a significant way is as important)*	x	
Has there been or is there likely to be an impact on an individual or group with protected characteristics? *(Consider potential discrimination, harassment or victimisation of individuals with protected characteristics)*	x	
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns regarding the proposal? *(It is important that the Council is transparent and consultation is carried out with members of the public to help mitigate future challenge)*		x
Could the proposal affect how the Council's services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom? *(If the answer is yes you may wish to seek advice from commissioning or procurement)*	x	
Could the proposal affect the Council's workforce or employment practices? *(If the answer is yes you may wish to seek advice from your HR business partner)*		x
If you have answered no to all the questions above, please explain the reason		

If you have answered **no** to all the questions above please complete **sections 5 and 6.**

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above please complete **section 4.**

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4. Considering the impact on equality and diversity
If you have not already done so, the impact on equality and diversity should be considered within your proposals before decisions are made**.** Considering equality and diversity will help to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and take active steps to create a discrimination free society by meeting a group or individual's needs and encouraging participation. Please provide specific details for all three areas below using the prompts for guidance and complete an Equality Analysis (Part B).
• **How have you considered equality and diversity?** The services reviewed offer access to all communities and groups including those with protected characteristics.
• **Key findings** In relation to equalities, the review group identified the requirement for further workforce training to be completed with a focus on Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion, to ensure targeted work could be completed within communities and to improve engagement levels with communities. The review group recommended that there should be a further focus on enhancing equalities, diversity and inclusion in relation to the area of preparation for adulthood, which a particular focus on improving engagement levels with children and young people with SEND in communities, such as the BAME and Roma Slovak communities. In relation to human rights advice and implications, the review group identified the requirement for progress relating to children and young people with SEND feeling unsafe in general within communities, online and at school. The review group recommended that the feedback from the Autism Strategy Consultation should be reflected in the support offer available.
• **Actions**

Date to scope and plan your Equality Analysis:	October 24
Date to complete your Equality Analysis:	October 24
Lead person for your Equality Analysis (Include name and job title):	Helen Sweaton, Joint Assistant Director, Commissioning, Performance and Quality.

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5. Governance, ownership and approval		
Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening:		
Name	**Job title**	**Date**
Helen Sweaton	Assistant Director, Commissioning, Performance and Quality	31st October 2024

6. Publishing	
This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given. If this screening relates to a **Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision** a copy of the completed document should be attached as an appendix and published alongside the relevant report. A copy of **all** screenings should also be sent to equality@rotherham.gov.uk For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file and also published on the Council's Equality and Diversity Internet page.	
Date screening completed	October 24
Report title and date	Cabinet Response to the Recommendations from the Scrutiny Review - Preparation for Adulthood for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) December 24
If relates to a Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision – report date and date sent for publication	Cabinet – December 2024
Date screening sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement equality@rotherham.gov.uk	31st October 2024.

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PART B – Equality Analysis Form

As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality and diversity.

This form:

- Can be used to prompt discussions, ensure that due regard has been given and remove or minimise disadvantage for an individual or group with a protected characteristic
- Involves looking at what steps can be taken to advance and maximise equality as well as eliminate discrimination and negative consequences
- Should be completed before decisions are made, this will remove the need for remedial actions.

Note – An Initial Equality Screening Assessment (Part A) should be completed prior to this form.

When completing this form consider the Equality Act 2010 protected characteristics Age, Disability, Sex, Gender Reassignment, Race, Religion or Belief, Sexual Orientation, Civil Partnerships and Marriage, Pregnancy and Maternity and other socio-economic groups e.g. parents, single parents and guardians, carers, looked after children, unemployed and people on low incomes, ex-offenders, victims of domestic violence, homeless people etc. – see page 11 of Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance.

1. Title	
Equality Analysis title: Cabinet Response to the Recommendations from the Scrutiny Review - Preparation for Adulthood for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)	
Date of Equality Analysis (EA): 31/10/24	
Directorate: **CYPS**	**Service area:** **Commissioning, Performance and Quality**
Lead Manager: Helen Sweaton	**Contact number:**
Is this a: ☐ **Strategy / Policy** ☒ **Service / Function** ☐ **Other** **If other, please specify**	

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2. Names of those involved in the Equality Analysis (Should include minimum of three people) - see page 7 of Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance		
Name	**Organisation**	**Role (eg service user, managers, service specialist)**
Helen Sweaton	RMBC/ Rotherham ICB	Joint Assistant Director
Kirsty-Louise Littlewood	RMBC	Adults Assistant Director
CaryAnne Sykes	RMBC	Head of SEND
Anna Clack	Rotherham ICB	Strategic Commissioning
Paul Stinson	RMBC	HOS Commissioning
James Chapman	RMBC	SEND Service Manager
Helen Fisher	RMBC	Adults HOS
Jayne Fitzgerald	RPCF	

3. What is already known? - see page 10 of Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance

Aim/Scope (who the Policy/Service affects and intended outcomes if known)
This may include a group/s identified by a protected characteristic, others groups or stakeholder/s e.g. service users, employees, partners, members, suppliers etc.)

The Improving Lives review group on Preparation for Adulthood for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) produced a stand-alone report with recommendations that have been used to inform further development of the Preparation for Adulthood work programme.

The Services affect children and young people with SEND and their families.

In relation to equalities, the review group identified the requirement for further workforce training to be completed with a focus on Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion, to ensure targeted work could be completed within communities and to improve engagement levels with communities. The review group recommended that there should be a further focus on enhancing equalities, diversity and inclusion in relation to the area of preparation for adulthood, which a particular focus on improving engagement levels with children and young people with SEND in communities, such as the BAME and Roma Slovak communities.

In relation to human rights advice and implications, the review group identified the requirement for progress relating to children and young people with SEND feeling unsafe in general within communities, online and at school. The review group recommended that the feedback from the Autism Strategy Consultation should be reflected in the support offer available.

What equality information is available? (Include any engagement undertaken)

Quality information is already captured and used to shape priorities and deliver existing services across the Local Authority, health and education sectors.

Equality information is available through the following sources:

- Performance Practice and Learning
- CYPS performance reporting – Scorecards and Dashboards (Insight)
- Audit and QA activity
- Section 11
- DfE reporting
- Department for Health & Social Care
- Ofsted

A work plan is in place which reports into the SEND Executive Board and Place Board. Reporting includes the capturing of data, including diversity and equality, and feedback form different children and groups which will continue to be used to monitor, scrutinise and inform the plan. This work plan is owned and delivered on by the PfA Strategic Group, a multi-agency group offering cross partnership challenge and co working.

Rotherham is a large minster town in South Yorkshire, England which along with its nearby settlements form the Metropolitan Borough of Rotherham, with a population of 265,800 (ONS, 2021).

- The population of Rotherham is 265,800 (Census data, 2021)
- There are 125 schools in Rotherham.
- The percentage of children and young people who are eligible for free school meals is 11,621 — or 68% (Data as of July 2022)
- Rotherham ranks as the 35th most deprived upper tier local authority in England out of a total of 151 upper-tier local authorities (Index of multiple deprivation 2019 by LSOA)
- 20.4% of pupils in Rotherham (9,325) have identified SEND needs compared to 17.1% nationally (Spring School Census 2023)

11926 (as of 23/04/2024) Children and Young People with SEND in Rotherham

- **3367 have an open ECHP**
- **8560 receive SEN support**

Of the children open to the service 7572 are male or identify as male, and 4417 are female or identify as female

Ethnicity	Count
A1 - White British	9789
C2 - Pakistani	566
A3 - Any other White background	300
A5 - Gypsy / Roma	297
B2 – White and Black African	230
B3 - White and Asian	148
White and Black Caribbean	127
B1 - White and Black Caribbean	116

B4 - Any other mixed background	91
E4 - Information not yet obtained	87
C4 - Any other Asian background	78
E2 - Any other ethnic group	75
C1 - Indian	40
E3 - Refused	36
E1 - Chinese	25
D3 - Any other Black background	23
A2 - White Irish	16
Bangladeshi	6

Recruitment to staff roles considers the need for the workforce to reflect the communities in which they work.

Translation services are utilised as a range of bespoke provision is in place including specific targeted support groups for LGBT young people, BAME young people, Girls and young women, faith-based groups and provision, support for Ukraine and Afghanistan families and young people with autism.

Are there any gaps in the information that you are aware of?

We would like to improve access and availability of health data, in particular in relation to measuring impact.

We are working to improve the collection and analysis of qualitative information to demonstrate impact more clearly.

What monitoring arrangements have you made to monitor the impact of the policy or service on communities/groups according to their protected characteristics?

A range of approaches will be used to ensure that children, young people and families play a key part in the evaluation of the strategy and that their individual needs and protected characteristics are considered.

Existing data and established methodology across the children's workforce will continue to be used to monitor impact on those groups with protected characteristics.

Service users have been involved with the development of the actions within the work programme and influence decision making and delivery through the work of the parent carer forum and guiding voices, as well as frontline staff, partner agencies.

- Continue engagement with the Parent Carer Forum
- Continue to develop quality assurance

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Engagement undertaken with customers. (date and group(s) consulted and key findings) *7TH December 2023.* *5th February 2024,* *20th February 2024* *11th March 2024* *15th April 2024*	No engagement has taken place with service users in respect of the scrutiny review. The vision and outcomes framework underpinning the preparation for adulthood work was co-produced as part the of the SEND Strategy development. To inform the SEND Strategy a consultation and engagement activity through co-production workshops was undertaken. The core aim of this was to consult on the outcomes of this strategy to give children and young people the opportunity to feedback to make sure the outcomes are right for them. Leading on from this, a comprehensive and engagement activity will be undertaken. The development of the revised Strategy will involve collaborative working across Rotherham's key stakeholders. Following approval of the outcomes and key performance indicators the draft SEND Strategy will be completed with the support from the CDC. This will be followed by a 12-week consultation process. FINDINGS: Feedback from the young people we have engaged with (Guiding Voices and School Engagement), identifies this does not always happen and when it does, they do not always feel their thoughts and feelings are included in their aspirational outcomes. The co-production workshops and engagement with young people highlighted the need for the New Rotherham SEND Strategy to be written in a format that enables the children and young people to see how it will impact their lives. The outcome of the co-produced development is reflected in the language used to in the 7 outcome statements.
Engagement undertaken with staff (date and group(s)consulted and key findings)	Rotherham Strategy Development Workshop in Developing the SEND Outcomes Framework and SEND Strategy. *(7TH December 2023. 5th February 2024, 15th April 2024)*

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4. The Analysis - of the actual or likely effect of the Policy or Service (Identify by protected characteristics)
How does the Policy/Service meet the needs of different communities and groups? (Protected characteristics of Age, Disability, Sex, Gender Reassignment, Race, Religion or Belief, Sexual Orientation, Civil Partnerships and Marriage, Pregnancy and Maternity) - see glossary on page 14 of the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance) The services delivering support for preparation for adulthood are targeted towards children and young people with special educational needs and/ or disability. These children and young people, and their families may also have other protected characteristics.
Does your Policy/Service present any problems or barriers to communities or Groups? It is not envisaged that the plan will present any barriers to communities and groups.
Does the Service/Policy provide any positive impact/s including improvements or remove barriers? The actions identified as a result of the recommendations in this report will enhance equalities, diversity and inclusion in relation to the area of preparation for adulthood, with a particular focus on improving engagement levels with children and young people with SEND in communities, such as the BAME and Roma Slovak communities.
What affect will the Policy/Service have on community relations? (may also need to consider activity which may be perceived as benefiting one group at the expense of another) The actions identified as a result of the recommendations in this report will enhance community relations by improving the relationship with the voluntary sector and increasing engagement with community groups.

Please list any **actions and targets** that need to be taken as a consequence of this assessment on the action plan below and ensure that they are added into your service plan for monitoring purposes – see page 12 of the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance.

5. Summary of findings and Equality Analysis Action Plan

If the analysis is done at the right time, i.e. early before decisions are made, changes should be built in before the policy or change is signed off. This will remove the need for remedial actions. Where this is achieved, the only action required will be to monitor the impact of the policy/service/change on communities or groups according to their protected characteristic - See page 11 of the Equality Screening and Analysis guidance.

Title of analysis: Cabinet Response to the Recommendations from the Scrutiny Review - Preparation for Adulthood for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
Directorate and service area: Childrens – Commissioning, Performance and Quality
Lead Manager: Helen Sweaton
Summary of findings:
The Improving Lives review group on Preparation for Adulthood for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) produced a stand-alone report with recommendations that have been used to inform further development of the Preparation for Adulthood work programme. The Services affect children and young people with SEND and their families. The actions identified as a result of the recommendations will enhance equalities, diversity and inclusion in relation to the area of preparation for adulthood, with a particular focus on improving engagement levels with children and young people with SEND in communities, such as the BAME and Roma Slovak communities. The actions will also enhance community relations by improving the relationship with the voluntary sector and increasing engagement with community groups.

Action/Target	State Protected Characteristics as listed below	Target date (MM/YY)
Cabinet Approval of response to recommendations	As Above	**16th December 2024**
Draft response to recommendations identifying additional actions to be included in the PfA Work Programme	A, D, S, RE, RoB, SO, C, O	**January 2025**
Implementation of the PfA Work programme	As Above	**January 2025 (reviewed annually)**

***A = Age, D= Disability, S = Sex, GR Gender Reassignment, RE= Race/ Ethnicity, RoB= Religion or Belief, SO= Sexual Orientation, PM= Pregnancy/Maternity, CPM = Civil Partnership or Marriage. C= Carers, O= other groups**

6. Governance, ownership and approval		
Please state those that have approved the Equality Analysis. Approval should be obtained by the Director and approval sought from DLT and the relevant Cabinet Member.		
Name	**Job title**	**Date**
Nicola Curley	Strategic Director, Children and young people	31st October 2024
Cllr Cusworth	Lead Member CYP	11th November 2024

7. Publishing	
The Equality Analysis will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given. If this Equality Analysis relates to a **Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision** a copy of the completed document should be attached as an appendix and published alongside the relevant report. A copy should also be sent to equality@rotherham.gov.uk For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file and also published on the Council's Equality and Diversity Internet page.	
Date Equality Analysis completed	31.10.24
Report title and date	Cabinet's Response to Scrutiny Review –- Preparation for Adulthood for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
Date report sent for publication	
Date Equality Analysis sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement equality@rotherham.gov.uk	01.11.24

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Appendix 4 – Carbon Impact Assessment

Will the decision/proposal impact…	Impact	If an impact or potential impacts are identified			
		Describe impacts or potential impacts on emissions from the Council and its contractors.	**Describe impact or potential impacts on emissions across Rotherham as a whole.**	**Describe any measures to mitigate emission impacts**	**Outline any monitoring of emission impacts that will be carried out**
Emissions from non-domestic buildings?	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Emissions from transport?	Impact unknown	If Young people choose alternative education, employment or training as a consequence of improved access to information there may be some variations to journey travel for children with SEND to enable them to attend the new provision. Some journey's may increase and others decrease. Transport journeys are continuously evaluated by RMBC Corporate Transport Unit and EHCP team.	Pupils travel to school in line with their EHCP / travel to school plan. Any changes to placement are determined via the EHCP process.	Mitigating measures are considered via the individual pupils travel to school plan and monitored by the Transport team.	Transport to school arrangements are kept under review by the Corporate Transport Unit. Ongoing monitoring / assessment by Transport Unit.
Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Emissions from construction and/or development?	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	No change	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Identify any emission impacts associated with this decision that have not been covered by the above fields:

None

Please provide a summary of all impacts and mitigation/monitoring measures:

The delivery of the scrutiny recommendations as part of an updated Preparation for Adulthood work programme has no direct carbon impact. A number of actions aim to improve the information available to young people to inform alternative choices in relation to education, employment and training. This could have an indirect carbon impact if there transport requirements change.

- There will also be impacts on transport: these are unknown at present as some students' journeys may increase, while others decrease. Transport implications of school transport arrangements are kept under review by Corporate Transport Unit. Mitigating measures are considered via the individual pupil's travel to school plan and monitored by the Transport team.

Supporting information:	
Completed by: **(Name, title, and service area/directorate).**	Helen Sweaton Joint Assistant Director, Commissioning, performance and quality.
Please outline any research, data, or information used to complete this [form].	
If quantities of emissions are relevant to and have been used in this form please identify which conversion factors have been used to quantify impacts.	

Tracking [to be completed by Policy Support / Climate Champions]	

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Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Public Report
Council

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting
Council – 05 March 2025

Report Title
Appointment to Vacant Committee Seats

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?
No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report
Jo Brown, Assistant Chief Executive

Report Author(s)
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Ward(s) Affected
Borough-Wide

Report Summary

The Health Select Commission, the Improving Lives Select Commission, the Licensing Board and the Licensing Committee currently have vacant seats. As these have been vacant for longer than three weeks, Council are asked to appoint to these seats. As per the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, if a group fails to express its wishes within a period of three weeks of being notified of the allocation or vacancy, the Council may make such appointments.

There are therefore no political proportionality requirements for the vacant seats.

Recommendations

That Council appoint Members to the following vacancies:

1. Health Select Commission (3 Vacancies)
2. Improving Lives Select Commission (1 Vacancy)
3. Licensing Board (1 Vacancy)
4. Licensing Committee (1 Vacancy)

List of Appendices Included

None.

Background Papers

The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990

22 May 2024 Council Meeting - Membership of Political Groups on the Council, Political Balance and Entitlement to Seats - Rotherham Council

Rotherham Council Constitution - Appendix 9 - Responsibility for Functions

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

N/A

Council Approval Required

Yes

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

Appointment to Vacant Committee Seats
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1. Background

1.1 Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, places on local authorities the duty to allocate seats to political groups and sets out the principles to be followed when determining such allocation, following formal notification of the establishment of political groups in operation on the Council.

There is a requirement to annually review the entitlement of the political groups to seats on the committees of the Council.

The allocation of seats must follow two principles:
(a) Balance must be achieved across the total number of available seats on committees; and
(b) Balance must be achieved on each individual committee or body where seats are available

1.2 In accordance with the above, the Membership of Political Groups on the Council, Political Balance and Entitlement to Seats report was presented to the Annual Council (Business) Meeting on 22 May 2024.

1.3 At the meeting, approval was given to the appointment of Members to committees, boards and panels. A number of seats were not appointed to at that meeting and have remained vacant.

2. Key Issues

2.1 As per the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, appointments are made in accordance with the wishes of a political group, then, as long as that person's seat continues to be allocated to that group, the authority or committee which made the appointment shall act in accordance with the wishes of that group. If a group fails to express its wishes within a period of three weeks of being notified of the allocation or vacancy, the Council may make such appointments.

2.2 Where a Group does not nominate to a vacancy then, after a period of 3 weeks, Council may appoint to that vacancy. It should be noted that such appointments will fall to be reconsidered on each occasion where the political balance of the authority is decided by Council and the moratorium period will again apply.

2.3 The following seats are vacant, and Council are asked to appoint to these vacancies:

1. Health Select Commission (3 Vacancies)
2. Improving Lives Select Commission (1 Vacancy)
3. Licensing Board (1 Vacancy)
4. Licensing Committee (1 Vacancy)

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

3.1 That Council appoint Members to the following vacancies:

1. Health Select Commission (3 Vacancies)
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3.2 The Council's Constitution sets out the Terms of Reference for Committees, Boards and Panels. These state that the Health Select Commission and Improving Lives Select Commission should have 18 Members, the Licensing Board should have 21 Members, and the Licensing Committee should have 15 Members.

3.3 Long term vacancies on committees can impact the effectiveness of that committee and increase the workload for existing members on that committee. Appointing to vacancies could therefore enable committees to perform their duties more efficiently.

3.4 The alternative option is to not appoint to the vacant seats. This is not recommended as it is not good practice to have vacant seats for a prolonged period of time.

4. Consultation on proposal

4.1 The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 gives Council the power to appoint to vacant committee seats as set out in paragraph 2.1 of the report. As such no consultation on the proposal is required.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

5.1 Once appointed by Council, the appointment will be effective immediately and the Governance Team will ensure meeting appointments and committee membership details are updated accordingly.

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

6.1 There are no direct financial implications or procurement implications arising from the report.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

7.1 The legislative requirements are set out at paragraph 1.1 and 2.1 above.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

8.1 There are no Human Resources implications arising from the report.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

9.1 The appointment of members to serve on committees and other bodies of the Council will indirectly impact on children and young people and vulnerable adults through the activities and decisions of those bodies. There are no apparent direct implications at the time of writing this report.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

10.1 The appointment of members to serve on committees and other bodies of the Council will indirectly impact on equalities through the activities and decisions of those bodies. There are no apparent direct implications at the time of writing this report.

11. Implications for CO_2 Emissions and Climate Change

11.1 There are no implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change arising from this report.

12. Implications for Partners

12.1 The appointment of councillors to serve on its committees, boards and panels is designed to have a positive impact on the Council's relationship with partners and stakeholders to enhance the relationship through the presence of accountable and elected representatives.

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 By having regard to the detail of the report above in respect of meeting statutory requirements, any risk implications will have been mitigated. Therefore, there are no risks to be borne in mind in respect of the recommendations.

Accountable Officer(s)
Emma Hill, Head of Democratic Services

Approvals obtained on behalf of:

	Name	Date
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp OBE	25/02/25
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	25/02/25
Assistant Director of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Phillip Horsfield	25/02/25
The Strategic Director with responsibility for this report	Jo Brown, Assistant Chief Executive	24/02/25

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AUDIT COMMITTEE
14th January, 2025

Present:- Councillor Marshall (in the Chair); Councillors Baggaley, Blackham, Elliott and McKiernan along with Ms. A. Hutchinson (Independent Person).

Also in attendance from Grant Thornton were:-
Michael Green, Key Audit Partner and Engagement Lead
Thilina de Zoysa, Engagement Senior Manager

An apology was received from Mr. M. Olugbenga-Bababola (Independent Person).

60. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OR THE PRESS

No questions had been received in advance of the meeting and no members of the public or press were present at the meeting.

61. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest reported.

62. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for Minute No. 72 (Corporate Strategic Risk Register) and Minute No. 73 (Finance and Customer Services Directorate Risk Register) as defined in those paragraphs indicated below of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of such Act indicated, as now amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

63. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 26TH NOVEMBER, 2024

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting of the Audit Committee held on 26th November, 2024.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Audit Committee be approved as a correct record of proceedings.

64. GOVERNANCE, AUDIT AND RISK

The Chair welcomed Sharon Kemp, Chief Executive, to the meeting and invited her to share her presentation on Governance, Audit and Risk.

The powerpoint presentation highlighted:-

- The Chief Executive's Personal Oversight.
- Obligations for the Golden Triangle and Statutory Duties.
- Strategic Leadership Team's Involvement.
- Action Tracking.

The Chief Executive also wished to place on record her thanks and appreciation to the Head of Internal Audit and other officers on their involvement and work for Governance, Audit and Risk.

In receiving the presentation the Committee asked about the Quarterly Statutory Officers meetings particularly in relation to Human Resources and were advised that oversight was given to disciplinary trends and activity across all directorates and for all levels of staff.

In addition, any correlation or connection requiring further exploration was easily identified and ensured everyone was treated fairly within a good governance framework.

The Chair thanked the Chief Executive for her attendance and input.

Resolved:- That the presentation contents be received and noted.

65. AUDITORS ANNUAL REPORT ON VALUE FOR MONEY

Consideration was given to the report presented by Michael Green from Grant Thornton, which detailed the External Auditor's 2023-24 annual report for Value for Money (VFM). Under the National Audit Office Code of Practice, External Auditors were required to consider whether the Authority had put in place proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources. Auditors now reported in more detail on the Authority's overall arrangements as well as key recommendations on any significant weaknesses in arrangements identified during the audit.

Based on the areas of focus and evidence considered, no evidence of significant weaknesses in the Council's arrangements for ensuring financial sustainability had been found. However, one improvement recommendation had been raised.

Grant Thornton reported on three specified criteria in their Value for Money review and confirmed:-

Financial Sustainability

- No significant weaknesses in arrangements identified with an improvement recommendation for the potential development of a standalone Capital Strategy.

Governance

- No significant weaknesses in arrangements identified.

Improving Economy, Efficiency and Effectiveness

- Two key recommendations were made relating to significant weaknesses in Housing Revenue Account health and safety compliance and asset management and operational building compliance. Action was recommended to address the gaps.

Overall the report was positive with Rotherham identified as a high performing Council. The hard work for all involved was highlighted and specific thanks to officers directly working with the External Auditors.

Discussion ensued on the advantages of adopting a Capital Strategy and how this would enhance and benefit the Council's arrangements.

Resolved:- That the update be received and the contents noted.

66. EXTERNAL AUDITOR - TRANSPARENCY REPORT

Further to Minute No. 45 of the meeting held on 26th November, 2024, Michael Green presented the Grant Thornton UK LLP transparency report for the year ended 31st December 2023. The report included statements by key individuals for Grant Thornton.

A number of highlights were pulled from the report including the monitoring of the sector, the number of FRC reviews for 2023; all of which had scored 100% or as Good with Limited Improvement Required.

With regards to Public Sector Inspections Grant Thornton recognised the need for sector specific specialisms and were only involved with Local Government and the NHS.

Grant Thornton were, therefore, pleased with the positive results and would continue to invest and deliver going forward.

The Committee welcomed the report and in doing so noted the numbers of external reviews from several regulatory bodies from FRC and QAD, which had seen seven for 2021, six for 2022 and one for 2023.

The Committee was advised that this was a direct result of an audit backlog within the regulatory regime which was very resource intensive.

In response to further questions, Michael Green from Grant Thornton pointed out the company aimed to deliver the highest quality audits for clients and gave an assurance that, from the audit profile in Rotherham, a high level of input had been provided.

Grant Thornton confidently and professionally applied the standards correctly and asked the right kind of questions of organisations. If a problem was ever detected this would trigger enforcement and review from the FRC.

Resolved:- That the report be received and the contents noted.

67. EXTERNAL AUDITOR - MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION

Further to Minute No. 53(2) of the meeting held on 26th November, 2024, Michael Green (Grant Thornton) presented the report on Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP), a requirement of Regulation 27 of The Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (England) Regulations 2003 (SI 2003 No. 3146).

The requirement was for the financial year commencing 1st April 2004 and every subsequent financial year, a local authority shall charge to a revenue account a minimum amount (MRP) for that financial year. The MRP was in respect of the financing of capital expenditure incurred by the local authority in that year or in any financial year prior to that year.

The resultant annual MRP charge was included as a charge to the local authority's General Fund within its annual statement of accounts. The External Auditor's objectives were to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements as a whole were free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that included their opinion. Reasonable assurance was a high level of assurance but was not a guarantee that an audit concluded in accordance with ISAs (UK) would always detect a material misstatement when it existed.

It was a local authority's responsibility to determine and make a prudent MRP; it was not the role of the External Auditor to determine for an authority what was prudent. The exercise of judgement was necessarily involved in a local authority's determination of what constituted a prudent MRP not least in an authority determining the period over which their capital expenditure was expected to provided benefits. As such the level of MRP charged should not be thought of in binary "correct" or "incorrect" terms, rather than a subjective evaluation of whether a calculation was "prudent" was required.

Resolved:- That the report be received and the contents noted.

68. FINAL ACCOUNTS CLOSEDOWN AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Consideration was given to a report and appendices presented by the Head of Corporate Finance on the closure of the accounts 2024/25.

The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulation 2024 came into force on 30th September, 2024, and extended the deadline for the publication of final audited accounts to 27th February for 2024/25 accounts and required the draft accounts to be published by 30th June. The Regulations had been approved in order to clear the national backlog of local authority audits.

In line with best practice, the Council's financial reporting timetable remained in line with the 2023/24 timetable which included publishing draft accounts by the end of May 2025 (presented to Audit Committee in June 2025) with the fully audited accounts to be published in November 2025 following approval at the November Audit Committee. However, this depended on the available capacity of the Council's auditors.

The key accounting issues and main changes to the accounts in 2024/25 were set out in Appendix A to the report.

The Council's Statement of Accounting Policies (Appendix B) was reviewed and updated where necessary.

As part of asking questions the Committee were given assurance that good progress was being made on the accounts and the service was confident they would be produced on time.

Resolved:- (1) That the timetable for the production of the Council's financial statements be noted.

(2) That the key accounting issues and main changes to the accounts in 2024/25, as listed in Appendix A submitted, be noted.

(3) That the Council's revised Account Policies, attached at Appendix B submitted, be noted.

69. PROCUREMENT GOVERNANCE AUDIT PROGRESS

Consideration was given to the report presented by the Head of Internal Audit, which set out the actions taken and implementation of the recommendations made with regard to the partial assurance Internal Audit report on Procurement Governance.

An audit had been undertaken across all Directorates to provide assurance that procurement activity was robust and complied with Financial and Procurement Procedure Rules (FPPRs). It had specifically examined the work undertaken by Contract Managers across all Directorates.

Three Directorates had received partial opinions – Adult Care, Housing and Public Health, Finance and Customer Services and Regeneration and Environment and representatives from each of these Directorates were invited to provide an update.

Scott Matthewman, Assistant Director for Strategic Commissioning, on behalf of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health, thanked Internal Audit for their work and gave an update on progress and how this was being further embedded in the procurement activity and commissioning lifecycle. Further information was also provided on next steps and how compliance would continue to be ensured. The Directorate would, therefore, be moving forward to further embed strong and robust contract management processes across the broader service portfolio.

The Committee sought clarification on the contracts register and how they were included. As a result of the work that had taken place, the Directorate was in a much better position to forward plan with their contracts strategically and, therefore, plan proactively.

Rob Mahon, Assistant Director of Financial Services, echoed some of which had already been shared, particularly in the forward planning stages to ensure resources could be aligned and KPI's embedded. This would ensure value for money and drive the cost appraisals.

Sam Barstow, Assistant Director of Community Safety and Street Scene, shared his challenges for Regeneration and Environment and the better support for contracts for a consistent delivery and compliance with the rules.

The Committee in response to their questions were advised that core parts of officer roles involved with contracts were updated with additional support to enable capacity.

Whilst the Committee asked if there was any duplication across the Directorates and whether the pooling of resources was an option, it was noted that procurement was a core function that was managed centrally. Procurement staff worked very closely with Directorates to provide advice and guidance.

Resolved:- That the report be received and the contents noted.

70. HEALTH & SAFETY LEGISLATION AND CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR COUNCIL HOMES: SMOKE AND CO ALARMS AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT

Consideration was given to the report presented by the Assistant Director for Housing in relation to the actions taken and implementation of the recommendations made with regard to the partial assurance Internal Audit report on Health and Safety Legislation and Corporate Responsibilities for Council Homes: Smoke and CO Alarms.

As part of a cycle of internal audits focused on the Council's Health and Safety obligations in relation to its Council homes, an audit focusing on smoke and carbon monoxide alarms had reported in September 2024.

The purpose of the audit was to provide assurance that the risk of non-compliance with the relevant Health and Safety Regulations regarding such alarms was being managed effectively.

The audit had given a partial assurance opinion with thirteen actions recommended, the majority of which were now complete within the agreed timescale. As at 19th December, 2024, there were three outstanding actions all of which were due to be completed within the timescales agreed in the report.

- Implementation of compliance software.
- Access procedures. This was on target and would form part of the gas 'no access' procedure.
- Visiting all properties where the Council has limited/no CO alarm information. All 141 properties in scope of this action have had at least one visit. Further visits will take place and letters will be sent to try to gain access. As of the 19th December 2024, 47 properties were outstanding.

The Committee welcomed the update and sought assurance that with the inventory of stock due to commence in January, 2025 would capture all this information.

In addition, the Directorate provided their own assurance that where access could not be obtained, procedures in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act would be followed.

Resolved:- That the report be received and the contents noted.

71. EXTERNAL INSPECTIONS, REVIEWS AND AUDITS UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Corporate Improvement and Risk Officer which provided details of recent external inspections, reviews and audits as well as a summary of progress against the recommendations from all external inspections, reviews and audits setting out details of arrangements for ensuring the accountability and governance around their implementation.

Since the last report to Committee in July 2024, seven external inspections, reviews and audits had taken place. In total thirteen recommendations/areas for improvement had been completed since the last report, twenty-one recommendations/areas for improvement which remained ongoing with two yet to start. However, none were delayed more than twelve months.

The report set out details of the seven inspections, reviews and audits that had taken place since July 2024 in Children and Young People's Services and Adult Care, Housing and Public Health.

The findings from two external reviews conducted previously had now been received i.e. Care Leavers Peer Review conducted in March 2024 (five areas for improvements identified but all now complete) and the Ofsted Focused Visit conducted May-July, 2024 (four areas for improvement identified for which an action plan was in place).

In addition, there were four annual audits that remained ongoing.

The Committee sought further information on when the two reviews were to begin and were advised that, subject to approval by Cabinet, target dates for commencement would be provided in due course.

Resolved:- (1) That the external inspections, reviews and audits that had taken place since the last report be noted.

(2) That the progress made in relation to recommendations/areas for improvement and the governance arrangements in place be noted.

(3) That the Audit Committee continue to receive regular reports.

72. CORPORATE STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER UPDATE

Consideration was given to the report presented by the Corporate Improvement and Risk Manager, which detailed the Corporate Strategic Risk Register update.

As set out in the Risk Management Policy and Guide, individual Service Management Teams and Directorate Leadership Teams had reviewed their risk registers in line with the Risk Management Policy and Strategy. Typically, teams reviewed their registers every four to twelve weeks dependent upon the individual meeting cycle and the significance of the risks they were managing.

The Corporate Strategic Risk Register had been formally reviewed by the Strategic Leadership Team and a regular cycle of quarterly reviews had been in place throughout the financial year. The Corporate Improvement and Risk Manager, through the Risk Champions, ensured updates were obtained from all risk owners, reviewed each update and drew attention to issues or missing risk register updates.

The current heat map for the strategic risks included in the update was set out in the report submitted. Movements in the heat map were compared to the risks report in the July report to the Audit Committee. No risks had been removed or added to the risk register, however, there had been significant movements in the register with five risks moving since the last report, four increasing in risk score and one reducing.

In general terms, strategic risks changed more slowly over time than operational risks. Since July 2023, 33% of risks monitored at a strategic level had reduced in assessed level, 33% had remained stable and 33%

had either increased or were new to the register. This showed that the Council's overall risk position was broadly stable although the degree of movement was higher than had been seen in recent years.

In total there remained fourteen risks on the register.

Resolved:- That the updates on the Corporate Strategic Risk Register be received and the contents noted.

(Appendix 1 was considered in the absence of the press and public in accordance with Paragraphs 3 of the Act (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

73. RISK MANAGEMENT DIRECTORATE PRESENTATION - FINANCE AND CUSTOMER SERVICES

Consideration was given to the report presented by the Strategic Director for Finance and Customer Services, which detailed the Risk Register and risk management activity within the Finance and Customer Services Directorate.

The Asset Management Risk Register was last presented to the Audit Committee in March 2024. Since the last review of these risk registers, Asset Management had been permanently transferred to the Finance and Customer Services Directorate. The Catering and Facilities risks were first transferred from the Regeneration and Environment Directorate to the Assistant Chief Executive's Directorate before being transferred to the Finance and Customer Services in March 2024. All of these risk registers had now been combined into one risk register for the Directorate which may mean some of the original numbers of the Register may not now correlate.

The report set out in detail the risk items which have been added or amended since the last report to Audit Committee in January 2024 and it was noted that risks were discussed and reviewed at the Directorate Leadership Team (DLT) and, where necessary, escalated to the next strategic level for inclusion on the risk register.

An assurance was given on FCS1 with some Directorates failing to deliver services within budget and which would show at the next update how a balanced budget may be delivered.

In terms of FCS18 it was noted this was identifying "red" on the register in relation to the availability of land for burials. However, there was still sufficient land available so there was no imminent risk, but further discussions were ongoing.

With regards to FCS21 this was still on the register as “red” due to the huge investment required to fund and deliver the heat decarbonisation plan that had been produced for forty core operational buildings.

The Risk Register entries were closely linked to the Service Plans, Team Plans, Reports and Service meeting agendas across the Directorate and progress against key actions to mitigate the above risks was monitored through management team meetings.

The Committee welcomed the update and in doing so noted the concerns around FCS18 and the sufficiency of burial space, particularly at East Herringthorpe. This issue had been discussed at length at Improving Places Select Commission where it was noted that availability was currently adequate. Discussions with Dignity and investigations about available Council-owned land were ongoing.

Resolved:- That the progress and current position in relation to risk management activity in the Finance and Customer Services Directorate, as detailed in the report now submitted, be noted.

(Appendix 1 was considered in the absence of the press and public in accordance with Paragraph 3 of the Act (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information/financial information)

74. AUDIT COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PLAN

Consideration was given to the proposed forward work plan for the Audit Committee for March 2025 to January 2026. The plan showed how the agenda items related to the objectives of the Committee. It was presented for review and amendment as necessary.

There would be an additional report submitted in March which the Monitoring Officer and Chair of the Audit Committee were aware of.

Resolved:- That the Audit Committee forward work plan, as submitted, be approved.

75. ITEMS FOR REFERRAL FOR SCRUTINY

There were no items for referral to Scrutiny.

76. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business for consideration.

77. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:- That the next meeting of the Audit Committee take place on Tuesday, 11th March, 2025 at 2.00 p.m.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
22nd January, 2025

Present:

Councillor Baker-Rogers	Cabinet Member, Adult Social Care and Health **In the Chair**
Councillor Cusworth	Cabinet Member, Children and Young People's Services
Ben Anderson	Director of Public Health
Bob Kirton	Managing Director, Rotherham Foundation Trust
Andrew Bramidge	Strategic Director, Regeneration and Environment
Jo Brown	Assistant Chief Executive
Nicola Curley	Strategic Director, Children and Young Peoples Services
Chris Edwards	Executive Place Director, NHS SYICB
Kym Gleeson	Healthwatch Rotherham
Shafiq Hussain	Voluntary Action Rotherham
Jason Page	Medical Director, Rotherham Place Board

Report Presenters:-

Katy Lewis	Carers Strategy Manager, RMBC
Constance Hobbs	Public Health Registrar, RMBC
Garry Newton	Housing Development Intelligence Co-ordinator
Chris Clark	Project Manager, Doncaster MBC

Also Present:-

Gavin Boyle	Chief Executive, NHS SYICB
Emily Hobbs	NHS SYICB
Claire Smith	NHS SYICB
Sunday Alonge	Policy Officer, RMBC
Lydia George	NHS SYICB
Kerry Grinsill-Clinton	Governance Advisor, RMBC

Apologies for absence were received from Ian Spicer (RMBC), Toby Lewis (RDaSH) and Chief Supt Andy Wright.

52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made at the meeting.

53. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS

There were no questions from members of the public or the press.

54. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to bring to the attention of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

55. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th December, 2024, were approved as a true record.

56. THE BOROUGH THAT CARES STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK 2022-25

The Chair introduced Katy Lewis, Carer's Strategy Manager to present the item.

The Carer's Strategy Manager explained they intended to provide an update in relation to activities that contributed to the priorities of the Carer's Strategic Framework.

The Borough That Cares Strategic Framework would conclude its three year term in March 2025. The presentation delivered highlighted work undertaken during that period and focussed on the following areas:

Focus 1 - Carers Cornerstones
Focus 2 - Creating Communities of Support
Focus 3 - Carer Friendly Borough

The Borough That Cares Strategic Group was formed to co-produce The Borough That Cares Strategic Framework 2022 – 2025.

The Strategic Group completed its objectives in October 2023 and was closed down having done its job, and The Borough That Cares Network was formed in November 2023.

Following terms of reference being agreed, the aim of the Network was to cast the net wider and increase representation of the carers of Rotherham. The Carer's Strategy Manager expressed the view that the Network's objectives and composition was much better as a result and had generated a positive inclusive culture.

One achievement was the work undertaken to support the stabilisation of voluntary sector carer groups and services.

In May 2023, £100k from the Better Care Fund was allocated to the provision of small grants of up to £5k for projects to improve the health and wellbeing of carers. A total of 19 grants were awarded to projects including physical activity, art therapy, mindfulness, creativity and crafts, and organisations were linked with Voluntary Action Rotherham (VAR) for stabilisation and to support with future funding bids.

Contact with those organisations was maintained and were being used to maximise access to hard to reach groups with respect to co-production, and with a particular view to those with protected characteristics.

Throughout, information, advice and guidance were refreshed based on information gleaned through partners, the Carers Conversation programme and through broader engagement interactions at events such as the Rotherham show.

This allowed the Council website to be updated, with Carers information pages re-designed in readiness for the launch of a new corporate digital platform. This was designed to be a central hub of information and was populated with information, links and support signposting.

Within Adult Care, there were 'Community Connectors' who had gathered information over a number of years which was used to create a carers directory which was also included on the web pages, available in PDF format and printable so that it could be shared with advice navigators to ensure that it would reach the people who needed it.

There was also a bi-annual carers newsletter, 4 editions of which had been published, and aimed for co-production with the Carers Network for future editions.

With respect to Focus 2, the Carer's Strategy Manager was a member of the Yorkshire and Humber Carers Lead Officer Network and the Rotherham Dementia Group. This helped to map the activity of other groups. The composition of the Yorkshire and Humber Carers Lead Officer Network was explained together with the work undertaken and the type of issues discussed.

They formed the Unpaid Carers Multi-Agency Strategic Group and once the network was established and growing it became apparent that issues were brought to the table but there was uncertainty regarding the appropriate way forward to achieve required service improvements, so the group was formed including representatives of larger organisations which, whilst they did not necessarily support the need of carers, did come into contact with them through the natural course of day-to-day business. Members included the Carers Strategy Manager, Adult Social Care, Children and Young Peoples Services (CYPS), South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (SYICB), Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Trust (RDaSH) and Voluntary Action Rotherham (VAR).

They were also in place to contribute to the co-production of the next Strategy.

There was a Dementia Service's mapping exercise undertaken to ensure maximum reach of commissioned services within available budgets, ensure there was no overlapping and that any gaps in provision were bridged.

Work had been undertaken with CYPS to identify young carers and consider their transition into Adult Care Services. This was a large piece of work which remained ongoing. As a result of work undertaken, CYPS

had widened the scope of the contract to meet the needs of the wider cohort of young carers.

The intention was to bring the two Services together and provide a more cohesive transition process and was due for implementation in April 2025.

A co-production programme was also introduced to find out exactly what people did to improve their health and wellbeing. The care associations were a big part of the co-production work. This garnered helpful insight which had informed future commissioning processes.

There was a four dimensional co-production platform in place including the parent carers forum for self-care voice, and which drew on intelligence from larger organisations through the multi-agency group and the Adult Care Co-Production Board.

Work was continuing to make the Council's web pages the hub for care information and it was being promoted as such with staff, amongst professional networks and associated services. Work had also been undertaken with partners in Public Health to populate the Council's Data Hub with information relating to the demography of carers in Rotherham. This had benefitted service planning and development. There were plans to augment this further with equality and diversity data.

A Carer Friendly Community was established which held a Carers Week, promotional days twice annually and co-produced events. There was an increased and more visible social media presence with support from the Communications Team, further enhanced through strengthened links with VAR.

With respect to Focus 3, Adult Care Carer Link Officers were established within the Adult Care and Integrations Supporting Independence Team, to provide additional capacity primarily for the completion of Carer's Assessments, and information provision.

The Adult Care Carers offer was reviewed in conjunction with Heads of Service, as there had been significant efforts to get the message to the public and partners, so there was the need to ensure this was communicated internally. Work in this area was ongoing.

Information Navigator roles were introduced associated with contracts that were in place to support people to find the advice and information that they wanted. This was particularly important for people who were less digitally savvy and allowed them to link with someone who could direct them.

In relation to next steps, it was felt that the current strategic framework had established a strong foundation, and the time was right to shift focus in the forthcoming Carers Strategy which would consider:

- NICE Guidance (NG150) supporting adult carers
- Prevention and early intervention
- Young Carers transition to adult Carers
- Improving equality data held
- Completion of an Equalities Analysis

It was acknowledged that young carers were not always visible and ways to improve so early intervention and prevention in this area were a targeted area for improvement.

There was also the intention to ensure that the Adult Care Co-Production Board (RASCAL) enabled carers to influence service design, alongside professional and the voluntary and community sector.

The Chair thanked the Carers Strategy Manager for the presentation and invited questions from members.

The following points were made and issues raised and responded to during the discussion that followed.

- Having services and support in place to support carers who were not digitally enabled was considered advantageous.

- It was confirmed that there were clear links to Rotherhive and Gizmo, both of which were frequently referred to during communications and newsletters.

- It was noted that one of the four objectives for the Integrated Care Partnership was supporting the whole workforce involved in health and care services, some of whom were themselves carers. It was suggested that, where connections not already in place, that it would be beneficial to make contact with the Chief People Officer at the ICP, Christine Joy, to establish links. It was acknowledged that this was an area where greater collaborative working could be pursued for mutual benefit.

- It was acknowledged that it had been difficult for established carers to access services and support, and even more so for those who had very recently been exposed to the carer role due to dynamically changing circumstances. It was felt that it was important that TRFT staff were clear on the relevant contact and understood their role and responsibilities in supporting the work being undertaken, and how to better support that.

- The need to be proactive in identifying young carers was discussed along with the methods employed to ensure they were identified effectively.

- It was acknowledged that historically, recognition of young carers had resulted from caring responsibilities effectively placing them at risk and there was the need to extend the scope alongside the contract, strengthen links with schools and colleges, and be more innovative in the methods used to identify young carers.

- It was agreed that the 2026-2029 Carers Strategy would be submitted to the Health and Wellbeing Board at the appropriate stage.

Resolved:- (1) That the need for co-production of a revised Carers Strategy 2026-2029 be noted.

(2) That the Adult Care Co-Production Board (RASCAL) enables carers to influence service design, alongside professionals and the voluntary and community sector.

(3) That it be ensured that there was carer involvement in the LGA Peer Assessment and CQC Assurance process.

57. FOETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER PROJECT

Chris Clark, Project Manager at One Adoption South Yorkshire, presented an update on the Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) project.

One Adoption South Yorkshire's Project Manager explained that FASD occurred when pre-natal alcohol exposure affected the developing brain and body. FASD was a spectrum where each person with FASD was affected differently. While more than 400 conditions could co-occur, FASD was at its core a lifelong neurodevelopmental condition.

The project was established to:

- Develop an accessible FASD (Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder) diagnosis pathway.
- Raise awareness across South Yorkshire within Health, Education and associated sectors.
- Work with those affected by and supporting those affect by FASD to improve experiences.

FASD was thought to affect 3-5% of the general population and was believed to be more prevalent than ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) and ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) in England. However, there was the belief that up to 60% of children in adoptive services may be affected by FASD.

The effects of FASD included:

- Executive Functioning; planning, problem solving, transitions, time management.
- Memory; following instructions, long and short term memory, daily routines.
- Adaptive Behaviour; understanding social cues and personal boundaries, emotional age, empathy.
- Regulation; managing and expressing emotions, adaptability.
- Cognition; attention, planning learning, organisation.
- Motor and Sensory Skills; co-ordination, writing, reactions to sensory input.
- Language; reaching developmental milestones, expressive and receptive language.
- Attention; sitting still focussing on a task, impulse control.
- Brain Structure and Functioning; brain and head circumference may be small (microcephaly).
- Academic Achievement; maths, reading, time, money, comprehension.

Those different effects became apparent at different ages broadly between the range of 6 and 20 years.

The key project deliverables were:

- FASD Pathway development and implementation.
- Education Psychologists contributing to support for adopted children with FASD in schools.
- Work with the Integrated Care Board (ICB) to develop an understanding of the effects of FASD and develop initial support services.
- Reduction of temporary and permanent exclusions for adopted children with FASD.
- Development of SEND support plans for children with FASD.
- Work with virtual schools to design a single integrated offer across South Yorkshire.
- Education Psychologists to link with universities, national and international research to develop approaches for supporting children with FASD.
- Education Psychologists to work directly with adopted children with FASD.

There was a steering group in place to drive and deliver oversight of the project and a Prevention and Awareness Working Group led by Maternity and Midwifery Services. Contact was established with local MPs in order to encourage this being brought to the attention of Parliament in order to generate further support and with a view to implementing a national policy.

There was an Intervention and Support Group that considered what support was available for different age groups across South Yorkshire identified what service gaps existed and considered ways to bridge them.

Assessment and diagnosis remained a developmental area as a result of issues identifying appropriate partners and clinical leads the project could work with. However, an independent Education Psychology Service was established for adopted children.

One Adoption South Yorkshire's Project Manager summarised the work undertaken in the last 12 months, which included the delivery training for 215 school staff, work with 16 Educational Psychologists and 9 Social Workers in Rotherham, with 33 referrals and active involvement with children in school settings to date.

The project was due to start in May 2023, but was delayed until September 2023 with Education Psychology Teams joining the project in October 2023.

There were difficulties with identifying the number of children with FASD across South Yorkshire as there was no data, which was further compounded by difficulties in securing FASD diagnoses nationwide. However, in the context of the levels of deprivation across South Yorkshire, it was anticipated that there was likely an increased incidence of FASD in the region. Whilst there was now a well developed working group, it was felt that this was still missing some key individuals who could assist in that area.

There was also adverse impact on the measurability of the impact of the project as a result of the difficulties around diagnoses and data limitations, and similarly barriers to ensuring the scalability of the FASD Pathway beyond the One Adoption Service.

There had been successful engagement with a Sheffield paediatrician, with referrals from across South Yorkshire being accepted, however, the take-up rates were not known at the time.

All four South Yorkshire Local Authorities had agreed the requirement for midwives to ask about alcohol use at all pre-natal appointments and work in other areas continued around increasing access to Education Psychologists, delivering training and attending events to raise the profile of FASD and the project.

The project was due to conclude in September 2025, prior to which the FASD summit would be held in May 2025 which Local Authorities were encouraged to participate in, particularly given the barriers in addressing FASD through commissioned services where it appeared not to be well represented.

The Chair thanked One Adoption South Yorkshire's Project Manager for the presentation and invited questions and comments from Health and Wellbeing Board members.

The following points were made and issues raised/responded to during the discussion that followed:-

- Based on the incidence of FASD that was seen in GPs surgeries, either the 1 in 20 estimate was significantly erroneous, or there was significant underdiagnosis of the condition. Data that would clarify which was the case would likely be sourced from maternity records notwithstanding the potential for expectant mothers to be less than entirely forthcoming with midwives regarding alcohol consumption as data suggested was also the case with society more widely. Further barriers to accessing maternal records, particularly in the cases of adopted children existed to the generation of a new NHS number for a child as part of the adoption process, with consent of the birth mother being required to access records connected with the NHS number assigned at birth, which was often refused.

- Drug use was often more well documented in maternity records than alcohol consumption despite the effects of alcohol consumption during pregnancy on foetal development being significantly more damaging than the majority of drugs.

- Rotherham was one of the four authorities which had a working group, but this had only met on one occasion to date.

- Rotherham's Childrens and Young Peoples Services (CYPS) acknowledged that adopted children in particular may be predisposed to FASD, and that this was not always effectively diagnosed. As a Service, they were committed to understanding the levels of need for all children and families in Rotherham and commissioning services to meet those needs.

- Diagnosis aside, it was noted that the treatment prescribed for children with FASD bore similarities to those with diagnosed ASD or ADHD, and reassurance was taken from the availability of those support services.

- Despite earlier thinking that had indicated that there was a significant incidence of particular facial features characterising the existence of FASD, data available now indicated that only 1 in 10 children affected by FASD displayed those recognised features, which may have contributed to misdiagnosis.

- Existing pathways for conditions such as ASD and ADHD may have further contributed to misdiagnosis as this would have provided a more direct route to the same access and support that would be needed for someone affected by FASD, but there were notable differences in support needs for FASD sufferers, particularly with respect to Educational Psychology.

- There was a lack of awareness regarding the severity of the adverse impact of alcohol consumption during pregnancy so further work to ensure appropriate advice and support was provided may be worth considering.

- Health and Wellbeing Board members were invited to participate in the FASD working group with a view to securing the future commissioning of FASD services beyond the scope of the project.

The Chair expressed interest in attending the FASD Summit in May 2025, and encouraged Council Officers and partners to also attend. The One Adoption South Yorkshire Project Manager was asked to provide details regarding the event to the Chair in order that they could be shared more widely amongst Health and Wellbeing Board members.

Resolved:- (1) That the FASD project timeline be noted.

(2) That the Board members consider what support they could provide in helping to overcome the challenges faced by the project.

58. AIM 4 PRESENTATION BY BOARD SPONSORS

Andrew Bramidge, Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment, provided an update on Aim 4 of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

The Strategic Director set out the four strategic priorities within Aim 4. They were to:

- Deliver a loneliness plan for Rotherham.
- Promote health and wellbeing through Arts and Cultural initiatives.
- Ensure Rotherham people were kept safe from harm.
- Develop a borough that supported a healthy lifestyle.

Health and Wellbeing Board members were advised that 19% of Rotherham residents reported feeling lonely, versus 22% nationally. The recorded prevalence of depression in adults was 17%, versus 13% nationally and the percentage of physically active adult in Rotherham was 64%, versus 67% nationally.

The Strategic Director expressed the view that, whilst loneliness was lower in the Borough than the national average, almost 1 in 5 residents experiencing loneliness remained quite stark, and in conjunction with the remaining data painted a statistically troubling picture, which explained the rationale for the strategic themes.

They explained work that had been undertaken over the last 12 months which included:-

- 'Warm Welcome'. Getting people into warm places and making social connections.
- 11 Loneliness sessions were delivered drawing 122 attendees.
- 13 Early Intervention and Prevention Fund grants were allocated to the voluntary and community sector to address loneliness and isolation.
- The promotion of volunteering roles as a key way to bring more people out of isolation
- Arts and Cultural Activities such as the Rotherham Show, which was attended by 45,000 people, and the Children's Capital of Culture for which events were commencing the coming weekend.
- Funding bids submitted to deliver projects aimed to get people more involved in their local communities and places.
- The promotion of activities and initiatives via social media.
- Collaborative work with the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (SYFR) to raise fire safety awareness through online learning and information sharing initiatives intended to enhance public safety.

It was reported that the Council also had the intention to make further investments in safety and security in the Town Centre, working closely with the Police to increase the visible presence and enhance public confidence in its safety as a result of concerns identified through consultations undertaken over the Summer.

The Strategic Director of Regeneration also reported that a bid had been made to Sport England which looked to enhance locally based and inclusive physical activity over the coming year.

Challenges were expected in relation to funding for the Rotherham Show in 2025, but work was underway to find alternative funding sources to support the show to continue at its existing scale.

The Chair thanked the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment for the presentation and invited questions and comments from members.

The following points were made and issues raised and responded to during the discussion that followed:

- It was noted that there was lots of positive work taking place to address loneliness and isolation. The award winning social prescribing programme had supported in excess of 20,000 people and was the cornerstone of the local approach to loneliness.

- Loneliness and isolation in young people were highlighted and the differences between being lonely and being alone, with the latter more likely to affect the older demographic. It was agreed that more detail would be provided regarding efforts to tackle loneliness in younger people at a future stage, however, approximately £1M of National Lottery funding had been drawn down to support projects across the

Borough for those experiencing Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) issues.

- The importance of Healthwave in getting people more active was referenced as were its positive influences on the loneliness agenda through encouraging social interactions through physical activity.

- It was clarified that loneliness sessions over the coming year would look to cover all Wards, not just those where loneliness had been identified as a priority.

- Consideration was given to what more could be done to overcome the stigma of loneliness, and it was felt that offering a broad range of activities and services that appealed to a wide range of people was key to success in this area.

Resolved:- That the update be noted.

59. HOUSING STRATEGY 2025-28 CONSULTATION RESULTS

The Chair invited Garry Newton, Housing Development Intelligence Co-ordinator to present the 2025 to 2028 Housing Strategy consultation.

It was outlined that there was a 30 year vision which had commenced in 2012, and underwent refresh every 3 years to ensure the priorities within the Strategy remained current and relevant. The intention was to publish the 2025-2028 Housing Strategy this year.

Consultation commenced in August 2024 and ran over 12 weeks. This included an online survey and attendance at various events. It was determined that the following aims of the 30 year vision remained relevant:

- People living in high quality homes, whether in social rented, private rented or home ownership sector.
- Rotherham Council playing its part by being the best housing provider in the country, delivering high quality services and support, and peaceful and well managed neighbourhoods.
- A smaller gap between the most and least disadvantaged neighbourhoods, so that all of Rotherham's people can live in safe, healthy and vibrant communities.
- No households living in homes that are poor in terms of energy efficiency.

A fifth aim had been introduced following consultation in 2015:

- Create a revitalised town centre with a new urban community.

The priorities in the current Strategy were:

1. High Quality New Homes
2. Affordable Housing To Meet Local Need
3. Investing In Existing Homes
4. Bringing Empty Homes Back Into Use
5. Supporting People To Live Independently
6. Strengthening Communities

The online survey garnered 337 responses, which provided a broad representation of the Borough both geographically and demographically which was pleasing. Affordable hosing remained the highest priority for most groups and bringing empty homes back into use was a close second.

There was also a good degree of engagement at the Rotherham Show, which broadly reflected the same outcomes in terms of priorities as the online survey.

Council housing stock was decreasing due to the Right To Buy scheme, whilst house prices had increased, which was the expected future trajectory, alongside rental fees. Data indicated that the gap between household income and property prices had widened significantly between the late 1990's and the present day from 2.7 times average income to 5.5, and a spike in private rental was also seen over the last few years.

In the first draft of the new Strategy, the current 6 priorities were combined into 4:

1. Investing in existing homes: Improving the safety, quality and energy efficiency of existing homes.
2. High quality new homes and affordable housing to meet local need: Building more high quality, sustainable and affordable new homes.
3. Supporting people to live independently: Supporting our residents to live independently.
4. Strengthening communities and bringing empty homes back into use: Ensuring that our neighbourhoods are safe, happy and thriving.

There were 3 themes throughout the document:

- Improving Health
- Reducing Carbon Emissions
- Reducing Inequalities

Those interlinked themes were included due to the acknowledged link between housing and health such as damp and mould issues being addressed leading to reduced incidence of respiratory illness and the effect of insulating homes on reducing mental stress associated with rising the cost of energy bills and so on.

The next steps were for internal reviews through the relevant Directorate Leadership Teams, with the expectation that the draft would be finalised in February and passed for approval in March/April 2025.

The Chair thanked the Housing Development Intelligence Co-ordinator for the presentation and invited questions and comments from members.

The following points were made and issues raised and responded to during the discussion that followed:

- It was important for the NHS to understand housing plans 3-4 years in advance to ensure that GP services and Dentistry needs were met. The recent Waverley housing development was cited as an example where early NHS involvement and understanding of population changes over time had facilitated effective planning of community services.

- It was felt that housing conditions in the private rental sector were notably poor and contributing to ill health. The licensing scheme in place was discussed in terms of how this could influence property standards and it was noted that measures in the Renters Reform Bill were intended to address some of the issues observed within the sector.

- There was discussion around the opportunity for Health and Wellbeing Board members to influence contents of the final Strategy prior to approval, which was as set out in the timeline shared as part of the next steps.

- A discussion took place in relation the duration of the 30 year vision for which households were expected to live with poor energy efficiency. It was explained that there was a target for all Council homes to achieve EPC (Energy Performance Certificate) C rating by 2030, with a wider net zero target for the Borough by 2040. A stock condition survey was being undertaken to establish the current position and a large scale decarbonisation project was underway in Maltby.

- The impact of the SYMCA (South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority) Safe Place To Sleep initiative when resources were being placed into properties that were affected by damp and mould or other issues was discussed. It was explained that the Council's Damp and Mould Policy had dramatically sped up Council repairs, whilst issues in the private rental sector were harder to address.

- It was noted that housing intelligence indicated that 30% of first time buyers were priced out of the market and the measures within the Strategy aimed to address the challenge that presented were discussed, namely building more affordable housing. It was also outlined that planning regulations in place for developments of more

than 10 homes required 25% of builds to represent affordable housing, which was further supplemented by shared ownership schemes.

Resolved:- That the Health and Wellbeing Board noted the presentation.

60. UPDATE ON HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY ACTION PLAN

Sunday Alonge, Policy Officer, provided an update on the Health and Wellbeing Strategy Action Plan.

In relation to Aim 1: All children get the best start in life and go on to achieve their full potential, action 1.7, relating to the need to continue to support children and young people's mental health and wellbeing. The Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo) Network Meeting continued to be held regularly, and arrangements were made for CAMHS and education colleagues to review the implementation of the SEMH (Social, Emotional and Mental Health) Continuum of Need and competency framework in March 2025.

In relation to Aim 2: All Rotherham people enjoy the best possible mental health and wellbeing and live a good quality of life, action 2.3, the refresh and delivery of better mental health, progress had continued according to plan across all main themes.

With respect to action 2.4, the promotion of suicide and self-harm awareness training, Zero Suicide Alliance training continued to be promoted across the partnership, including the Autism and Suicide module, and a suicide prevention awareness session was delivered during Safeguarding Awareness Week by the Public Health Specialist and the Mental Health Clinical Lead.

In relation to aim 2.5, delivery of the 'Be The One' campaign, targeted messaging had continued and Amparo opening times were promoted over the holiday period to promote access and awareness.

With regards to Aim 3: All Rotherham people live well for longer, action 3.10 relating to partner engagement in the DARD (Drug and Alcohol Related Death) review process, the 2025 review panel dates had been set and work was ongoing to develop processes to collect, evaluate and utilise information relating to drug and alcohol related deaths.

In relation to cross-cutting priorities, action 5.6 regarding ensuring that local services are informed and able to co-produce responses to cost of living pressures, the Community Group was working hard to ensure those who were not accessing pension credits but were entitled to it were supported to access them.

Action 5.9 under cross-cutting issues in relation to the annual refresh of the JSNA (Joint Strategic Needs Assessment), all 2025 updates had been planned and relevant colleagues were to receive training on how to use the data and dashboards for planning purposes.

Resolved:- That the Health and Wellbeing Board noted the presentation.

61. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD - TERMS OF REFERENCE REFRESH

The Chair noted that changes had been made to the Health and Wellbeing Board Terms of Reference.

An area highlighted was the Board's role in relation to the Child Death and Overview Panel (CDOP). It was emphasised that it was the Panel's role to review child deaths; the role of the Health and Wellbeing Board was that of monitoring and oversight in relation to the process and the production of the annual report.

It was noted that the aims set out in the refreshed terms of reference were those that applied to the previous 5 years, so if agreed, they would need to be brought back before the Board for further update. This was confirmed to be understood.

Resolved:- That the refreshed Terms of Reference be approved as submitted.

62. ITEMS ESCALATED FROM PLACE BOARD

Chris Edwards, Executive Place Director NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB), advised that there were two matters to bring to the Board's attention.

Firstly, in terms of winter pressures, very high activity was seen, but at manageable levels. Performance was similar to that of previous years, with a notable peak in flu prevalence in the week after Christmas and into the New Year placing high pressure on the system.

This had subsequently dropped and data was being monitored to assess whether that trajectory continued, or whether schools returning had resulted in increased transmission rates. It was reported that fairly high levels of flu were expected for the next 3-4 weeks.

Whilst there was no statistical data concerning flu vaccination uptake available, vaccination rates were good in the older at-risk age groups, whilst lower levels of uptake were observed in the younger at risk groups. 100% coverage of care homes was achieved.

Secondly, with respect to GP collective action, it was reported that this was relatively low in Rotherham.

The Chair offered thanks on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board to all involved in the delivery of NHS services through the challenging winter months.

The Chair invited Chris Edwards, Executive Place Director NHS SY ICB, to comment on the South Yorkshire ICB Response to the National 10 Year Health Plan and the Darzi Report.

Chris explained that the Darzi report was published in September 2024, having been commissioned by the new government to look into the state of the NHS.

This was a sobering read for anyone involved in the delivery of NHS services, but equally one where those involved could recognise the findings. It was acknowledged that there was a general deterioration in NHS performance over the last 10-15 years and considered the factors that had contributed to that including low levels of growth in funding over that period of time.

The Darzi report was one of the contributors to the development of the 10 Year Health Plan. Another significant input was the ongoing national consultation. The ICB contributed to that conversation at the beginning of December 2024 and encouraged all organisations and individuals to engage with that consultation. The intention was that the 10 Year Health Plan would be published around the end of May 2025.

It was noted that changes in pre-costs and employers national insurance contributions would consume a significant amount of the additional budget allocation provided to the NHS so the financial and operating context remained very challenging.

Resolved:- That the information provided be noted.

63. ROTHERHAM PLACE BOARD ICB BUSINESS

The minutes of the Rotherham Place Board (ICB Business) held on 20th November 2024, were submitted for information and noted.

64. ROTHERHAM PLACE BOARD PARTNERSHIP BUSINESS

The minutes of the Rotherham Place Board (Partnership Business) held on 20th November 2024, were submitted for information and noted.

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LICENSING BOARD-SUB-COMMITTEE
3rd February, 2025

Present:- Councillor Hughes (in the Chair); Councillors Bennett-Sylvester, Beresford, Bower and Steele.

40. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made at the meeting.

41. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Police Act 1997 and Paragraphs 3 and 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (business affairs and prevention of crime).

42. APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRANT/RENEWAL/REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS' LICENCES

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Licensing Manager relating to three applications for the grant of hackney carriage/private hire drivers' licences in respect of Messrs. M.I., A.A-R. and K.S.

Messrs. M.I., A.A-R. and K.S. were in attendance at the hearing.

Resolved:- (1) That the applications for the grant of hackney carriage/private hire drivers' licences for Messrs. M.I., A.A-R. be refused.

(2) That the application for the grant of hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence for Mr. K.S. be approved.

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PLANNING BOARD
6th February, 2025

Present:- Councillor Williams (in the Chair); Councillors Adair, Baker-Rogers, Currie, Elliott, Fisher, Hussain, Keenan, Knight, Mault and Thorp.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ahmed and Tarmey.

The webcast of the Planning Meeting can be viewed at:-
https://rotherham.public-i.tv/core/portal/home

57. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items on the agenda to warrant exclusion of the press and public.

58. MATTERS OF URGENCY

There were no matters of urgency for consideration.

59. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Fisher declared a personal interest in application RB2024/1307 (erection of a battery energy storage facility including storage containers and other support infrastructure and equipment on land north of Brinsworth Road, Brinsworth) on the grounds of being a shareholder of a company who made battery storage cells.

60. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 12TH DECEMBER, 2024

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Planning Regulatory Board held on Thursday, 12th December, 2024, be approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

61. DEFERMENTS/SITE VISITS

There were no site visits or deferments recommended.

62. DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

Resolved:- (1) That, on the development proposals now considered, the requisite notices be issued and be made available on the Council's website and that the time limits specified in Sections 91 and 92 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 apply.

In accordance with the right to speak procedure the following people attended the meeting and spoke about the applications below:-

- Erection of a battery energy storage facility including storage containers and other support infrastructure and equipment at land north of Brinsworth Road, Brinsworth for Root-Power South (RB2024/1307)

  Mr. E. Jones (on behalf of the Applicant)
  Ms. C. Bennett (Objector)
  Mrs. Hughes (Objector)
  Statements were read out on behalf of Ms. C. Stanley and Councillor A. Carter (Objectors)

- Demolition of bungalow and detached outbuilding and erection for four dwellinghouses at 140 Moor Lane South, Ravenfield for Mrs. Hogan (RB2024/1470)

  Mr. B. Simpson (Applicant)
  Ms. L. Race (Objector)

(2) That applications RB2024/1307 and RB2024/1470 be granted for the reasons adopted by Members at the meeting and subject to the relevant conditions listed in the submitted report.

(Councillor Fisher declared a personal interest in application RB2024/1307 (erection of a battery energy storage facility including storage containers and other support infrastructure and equipment on land north of Brinsworth Road, Brinsworth) on the grounds of being a shareholder of a company who made battery storage cells)

63. PLANNING ENFORCEMENT UPDATE 2024

Consideration was given to a short presentation by the Planning Enforcement Manager which provided an update on planning enforcement from January to December, 2024.

The presentation highlighted:-

Number of complaints received	401
Planning Contravention Notices	10
Enforcement Notices	13
Breach of Condition Notice	1
Temporary Stop Notice	0
Section 215 Untidy Land	0
Tree Replacement Notices	1

There were also thirty-one other cases where enforcement action had been authorised by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Planning Board.

Further information was provided on the numbers of planning applications received as a result of enforcement:-

Number of applications received	110
% of applications refused	23%
Numbers of applications dismissed at appeal	13
Number of applications upheld at appeal	2

From the Enforcement Notices issued a number appealed the decision:-

Number of Enforcement Notice Appeals	6
Appeals Dismissed	0
Appeals Allowed	3
Appeals awaiting determination	3

Photographic evidence of examples were shared where action was recommended and where this had been successful.

Members welcomed the data as presented and the confidence this provided in the Enforcement Team.

The Planning Enforcement Manager in response to questions confirmed that the Service were reliant on complaints being made by the public, but explained the timeframe for enforcement action had, since the 25th April, 2024, been extended from four years to ten years.

Any issues where there were concerns about ongoing and delayed development could be referred to the Service for investigation.

Resolved:- That the information be received and the contents noted.

64. UPDATES

The following update information was provided:-

(a) Revisions to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

The Head of Planning confirmed that arrangements were being made for an all Member Seminar to highlight the changes following the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government publishing its revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) on 12th December, 2024.

A dedicated session would also be provided for Members of the Planning Board.

Dates were to be confirmed and circulated shortly.

Resolved:- That the update be received and the contents noted.

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STAFFING COMMITTEE
23rd January, 2025

Present:- Councillor Alam (in the Chair); Councillors Z. Collingham, Jones and Read.

11. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 DECEMBER 2024

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th December, 2024 be approved as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest to report.

13. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items of business on the agenda that would require the exclusion of the press and public from the meeting.

14. RECRUITMENT OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Consideration was given to the report presented by the Strategic Director for Adult Care, Housing and Public Health, which set out proposals to appoint to the Director of Public Health following the current post holder's resignation.

Approval was, therefore, being sought to recruit to this post, which was a statutory function under the Health and Social Care Act. The postholder would continue to lead the Public Health Team and sit under the Adult Care, Housing and Public Health Directorate.

The statutory nature of the process of appointing a Director of Public Health meant this must be done jointly with the Secretary of State and the appointments panel should also include an external professional assessor appointed after consultation with the Faculty of Public Health and agreed by Public Health England.

Due to the nature of the post an acting-up arrangement to the Director of Public Health would need to be established until the permanent post holder had commenced in post.

The salary, based on an Assistant Director salary, was £99,174 inclusive of the 2024/25 Chief Officer pay award.

Council previously agreed that in order to compete for suitably qualified candidates, where applicable, a market supplement of between £9,000 to £20,000 was included. On this basis and in accordance with revised market rates it was suggested that the range of the market supplement be

considered to be between £6,000 and £22,000 in order to compete for the recruitment and retention of a suitable candidate. This would provide for a current package for the Director of Public Health post of £119,174.

The Committee were mindful that, should there be a requirement to uplift the market supplement, this would lead to a delay in the recruitment process having to wait for Council for approval.

The Committee, therefore, believed the salary for the post of Director of Public Health to be competitive and comparable with similar sized local authorities and suggested it be marketed for recruitment accordingly.

In the event that a suitably qualified applicant could not be secured, consideration could then be given to applying the market supplement.

Resolved:- (1) That the request to fill the post of the Director of Public Health and refer the process to the Senior Appointments Panel to undertake the recruitment process, with appointment subject to Council approval, be approved.

(2) That in the event that a suitably qualified applicant could not be secured, consideration could then be given to applying the market supplement.

15. RECRUITMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Consideration was given to the report presented by the Assistant Director for Human Resources which set out in detail the request for formal arrangements for the recruitment to the Chief Executive role after the resignation of the incumbent Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service) after nine years of exemplary service.

The salary for the post of Chief Executive was £188,061 (inclusive of the 2024/25 pay award), to be advertised at the current rate and was benchmarked appropriately. As there was no proposal to change the existing salary, it was proposed to refer the process to the Senior Officer Appointments Panel. In accordance with the Localism Act (2011) the appointment would be subject to Council approval.

The Chief Executive was a budgeted post with the current and future costs of the post factored into the Council's financial planning. The role would require external recruitment support and advertising costs, estimated to be around £20k-£25k which could be contained within the wider underspend position within the Assistant Chief Executive's Directorate. The engagement of a recruitment agency to assist with the search and selection process would, therefore, be required in accordance with the Council's Financial and Procurement Procedure Rules.

Based on current plans the post would be advertised at the end of January, with the assessment process and final interview panels completed by March, 2025.

Dependent on the interview dates and any resignation periods for candidates, it was highly likely that an interim or acting-up arrangement would need to be considered for a limited time given the current Chief Executive's agreement to support the Council in the recruitment activity.

The Committee were satisfied that the appointment was in line with other local authorities, but received clarification on the anticipated costs associated with the engagement of an agency to assist with recruitment.

The Committee, therefore, welcomed the recruitment process and appointing the right candidate to this attractive position.

Resolved:- That the request to fill the post of Chief Executive be approved and this be referred to the Senior Appointments Panel to undertake the recruitment process, with appointment subject to Council approval.

16. URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair reported that there were no urgent items of business requiring the Committee's consideration.

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STAFFING COMMITTEE
10th February, 2025

Present:- Councillor Alam (in the Chair); Councillors Read and Jones.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Z. Collingham.

17. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23RD JANUARY, 2025

The Committee requested two amendments to Minute No. 14 – Recruitment of Director of Public Health.

Resolution 2 was amended to read as follows:

(2) In the event that a suitably qualified applicant could not be secured at the agreed salary for the role, consideration could then be given to applying a market supplement.

A further amendment was made to page 2, paragraph 4 of the minutes, replacing the word “amending” with “applying.”

Resolved:- That the minutes (as amended) of the previous meeting held on 23rd January, 2025 be approved as a true and correct record of the proceedings for signature by the Chair.

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest to report.

19. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chair advised that there were no items of business on the agenda that would require the exclusion of the press and public from the meeting.

20. PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2025-26

Consideration was given to the report presented by the Assistant Chief Executive which provided details of the Pay Policy Statement for 2025-26 that the Council was required to publish under Chapter 8 of the Localism Act 2011. The Pay Policy Statement must be published following approval by the Council by the 31st March of each year and detail the renumeration of its Chief Officers.

In accordance with the Council’s Scheme of Delegation, the Staffing Committee determined conditions of service, employment policies and procedures and renumeration relating to the Chief Executive and Chief Officers, in line with the Pay Policy Statement

In addition, the Council must approve any salary package, as defined in the Council's Pay Policy Statement, of £100,000 per annum or more before it was offered in respect of a new post.

The Committee reviewed the Pay Policy Statement for 2025-26 (attached to the submitted report at Appendix 1.) An amendment was agreed to Appendix A of Appendix 1 (in the Director of Public Health/Additional Allowances cell) to include the word "currently" immediately prior to "£20,300 pay supplement". With the amendment, the Committee recommended approval by Council.

Resolved:- (1) That the Pay Policy Statement for 2025-26 be accepted.

(2) Recommended:- That Council approve the Pay Policy Statement 2025-26.

21. GENDER PAY GAP STATEMENT 2024

Consideration was given to the report presented by the Assistant Chief Executive which provided the detail of the Gender Pay Gap information as at the 31st March 2024 that the Council was obliged to publish under reporting legislation.

In 2017, the Government introduced the Gender Pay Gap Information Regulations which required employers with 250 or more employees to publish statutory calculations every year, showing how large the pay gap in their organisation was between their male and female employees. A positive pay gap indicated that men were paid more than women and a negative pay gap that women were paid more than men.

The gender pay gap showed the difference in the average pay between all men and women in a workforce regardless of job role. The smaller the value of the gap, the more equal the pay gap was between genders. If a workforce had a particularly high gender pay gap, this could indicate there may be a number of issues to deal with and individual calculations may help to identify what those issues were.

The Council, therefore, had up to twelve months following the annual snapshot date of 31st March to publish this information on the Council and Government website. The deadline to report on details taken at the snapshot date of 31st March 2024 for public sector employers was 30th March 2025.

The Council had, therefore, chosen to include a narrative with its calculations to explain the reasons for the results and details of actions being taken to reduce or eliminate the gender pay gap.

The mean value was based on total pay for the group, divided by the number in the group being measured. The mean gender pay gap for the Council at the end of March 2024 had continued to reduce to 5.5%, from 7.3% in 2023 and 8.5% in 2022.

There was no legislative requirement to publish information on other protected characteristics, however, analysis for Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic (BAME) employees showed the Council had a negative 6.11% median pay gap and a negative 0.17% mean figure demonstrating that BAME employees on average were paid more per hour. This was due to a higher proportion of BAME workers being employed in the 'upper' and 'upper middle' quartile.

For disabled employees, there was a negative median of 7.01% and a negative 3.10% mean figure demonstrating that disabled employees were paid more than non-disabled employees by both measures. This was due to a higher proportion of disabled workers being employed in the 'upper middle' quartile.

Resolved:- That the Gender Pay Gap report be approved and subsequently be published (as set out as Appendix 1 to the submitted report).

22. URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair reported that there were no urgent items of business requiring the Committee's consideration.

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STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE
16th January, 2025

Present:- Councillor Monk (in the Chair); Councillors Beck, Jackson and Mrs. M. Carroll (Parish Council Representative) and also Mrs. A. Bingham and Mr. P. Edler (Independent Members).

Also in attendance were Mr. P. Beavers and Mr. D. Roper-Newman (Independent Persons).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Clarke, T. Collingham, Hall, Hughes and Keenan and Mrs. K. Penney (Independent Member).

14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

15. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for (Minute Nos. 19 and 20 (Whistleblowing and Complaints) on the grounds that the appendices to those reports involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

16. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 12TH SEPTEMBER, 2024

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th September, 2024 were approved as a true and correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair, subject to the inclusion of apologies for Councillor Jackson and Mrs. M. Carroll.

17. CONSIDERATION OF GRANTING OF A DISPENSATION RELATING TO HOUSING MATTERS

Consideration was given to the report presented by the Deputy Monitoring Officer which set out in detail the granting of dispensations to enable Members of the Council who have Council tenancies to participate and vote on Council business related to Housing.

The Localism Act and the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 introduced “Disclosable Pecuniary Interests” and new rules on the grant of dispensations to allow Council Members to take part in decisions or vote on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary interest (“DPI”). The grounds for the grant of a dispensation under Section 33(2) of the Localism Act were, if, after having regard to all relevant circumstances, the Council considers the five grounds set out in detail as part of the report.

In order to obtain a dispensation on any of the five grounds set out under Section 33 of the Localism Act, a Member must make a written request to the Council's Monitoring Officer. Any grant of a dispensation must specify how long it lasts for, up to a maximum period of four years.

A discussion ensued that highlighted the dispensation could last for a period of four years. The proposal was seeking to widen the democratic process which would give every councillor the ability to speak within the debate.

Resolved:- That for any Members of the Council who are tenants of Rotherham Borough Council to be granted a dispensation pursuant to Section 33(2) (e) of the Localism Act to allow them to participate and to vote on matters in relation to housing (provided that those functions do not relate particularly to the tenancy or lease of the Council Member concerned). Such requests should be submitted in writing to the Monitoring Officer.

18. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY

Consideration was given to the report presented by the Deputy Monitoring Officer which set out proposed minor amendments to the Whistleblowing Policy following a review of the Policy.

Oversight of the Whistleblowing Policy fell within the remit of the Standards and Ethics Committee and in accordance with good practice, the Whistleblowing Policy was kept under periodic review.

Following the latest review of the Whistleblowing Policy, a small number of minor "administrative" amendments were suggested which included a name change for the Head of Internal Audit and the inclusion of an additional name as a Whistleblowing Officer for the Assistant Director of Human Resources.

Resolved:- (1) That the proposed amendments to the Whistleblowing Policy be approved.

(2) That subject to (1) above the Committee approve the Whistleblowing Policy at Appendix 1.

19. A REVIEW OF CONCERNS RAISED PURSUANT TO THE WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY

Consideration was given to the report and appendix presented by the Deputy Monitoring Officer, which provided an overview of the Whistleblowing cases received over the past year.

Particular reference was made to the appendix to the report which set out clearly the description of the concerns received and action taken.

Resolved:- That the Whistleblowing concerns raised over the previous year and the actions taken to address these matters be noted.

20. REVIEW OF COMPLAINTS

Consideration was given to the report presented by the Deputy Monitoring Officer, detailing the progress with the handling of complaints relating to breaches of the Council's Code of Conduct for Members and Town and Parish Councillors. The report listed the current cases of complaint and the action being taken in respect of each one.

Reference was made to each related case and recommended outcomes/actions identified were highlighted.

Resolved:- That the report be received and the contents noted.

21. CONSULTATION ON STRENGTHENING THE STANDARDS AND CONDUCT FRAMEWORK FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN ENGLAND

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Service Manager which asked for the Committee to contribute its views to the Government Consultation on strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England.

The Government consultation related to ways of strengthening the standards and conduct framework, which may include a mandatory minimum prescribed Code of Conduct, the necessity for an authority to have a Standards Committee, publication of investigation outcomes and the empowerment of individuals affected by Councillor conduct to come forward.

Further matters related to the possible introduction of the power of suspension along with any associated safeguards necessary. The length of any possible suspension was also considered within the consultation, along with withholding allowances, premises and facilities bans, interim suspension, disqualification for multiple breaches and gross misconduct and whether any appeals process is necessary.

On this basis the Committee considered each of the forty questions in turn, debated and gave their view to allow the Monitoring Officer to submit a consultation response on behalf of the Committee.

The answers to the questions set out in the consultation on Strengthening the Standards and Conduct Framework for Local Authorities in England at Appendix 1 be as follows:-

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Question	Response
1	District or Borough Council
2	Yes
3	Yes
4	Yes
5	Yes
6	Yes
7	Yes
8	Unsure
9	No
10	Nothing to add
11	No
12	No
13	And 13a Number to be inserted
14	Number to be inserted
15	For an individual
16	For an individual
17	For an individual
18	Yes
19	Yes
20	Yes
21	Yes
22	Infrequently
23	Yes
24	Yes
25	Yes

26	Yes
27	Yes
28	Yes
29	Yes
30	Yes and 30a to review monthly
31	Yes
32	Yes
33	Yes
34	Yes, but with a timeframe of fourteen days
35	No
36	No
37	N/A
38	No
39	No
40	Neither

Resolved:- That the responses to the questions as part of the Government consultation in respect of strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities be forwarded to allow the Monitoring Officer to submit a consultation response on behalf of the Committee.

22. URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair advised that there were no urgent items of business requiring the Committee's consideration.

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