



# Council

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**Friday 16 May 2025**  
**2.00 p.m.**

**Rotherham**  
Metropolitan  
Borough Council



# WELCOME TO TODAY'S MEETING

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## GUIDANCE FOR THE PUBLIC

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The Council is composed of 59 Councillors, who are democratically accountable to the residents of their ward.

The Council Meeting is chaired by the Mayor, who will ensure that its business can be carried out efficiently and with regard to respecting the rights and responsibilities of Councillors and the interests of the community. The Mayor is the Borough's first citizen and is treated with respect by the whole Council, as should visitors and member of the public.

All Councillors meet together as the Council. Here Councillors decide the Council's overall policies and set the budget each year. The Council appoints its Leader, Mayor and Deputy Mayor and at its Annual Meeting will appoint Councillors to serve on its committees.

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

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

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Council meetings are open to the public, but occasionally the Council may have to discuss an item in private. If this occurs you will be asked to leave.

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## FACILITIES

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

Contact:- Emma Hill, Head of Democratic Services  
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# COUNCIL

Friday 16 May 2025 at 2.00 p.m.

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE (Sharon Kemp OBE)

## MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

### ANSTON AND WOODSETTS

BAUM-DIXON, Timothy J.  
BLACKHAM, John M.  
TARMEY, Drew S.

### ASTON AND TODWICK

ALLEN, Sarah A.  
BACON, Joshua

### AUGHTON AND SWALLOWNEST

PITCHLEY, Lyndsay  
TAYLOR, Robert P.

### BOSTON CASTLE

ALAM, Saghir  
HUSSAIN, Ashiq  
YASSEEN, Taiba K.

### BRAMLEY AND RAVENFIELD

DUNCAN, Elizabeth J.  
REYNOLDS, Gregory

### BRINSWORTH

CARTER, Adam J.  
CARTER, Charlotte R.

### DALTON AND THRYBERGH

BENNETT-SYLVESTER, Michael D.P.  
RYALLS, Jodie

### DINNINGTON

CLARKE, Amanda M.  
CASTLEDINE-DACK, Sophie  
HALL, Julia

### GREASBROUGH

BERESFORD, Linda J.  
ELLIOTT, Robert W.

### HELLABY AND MALTBY WEST

BALL, Simon A.  
STABLES, Lynda J.

### HOOBER

BRENT, Rajmund E.  
LELLIOTT, Denise  
WILLIAMS, John

### KEPPEL

CURRIE, Simon  
FOSTER, Carole  
GARNETT, Gillian S.

### KILNHURST AND SWINTON (EAST)

CUSWORTH, Victoria  
HARPER, Nigel

### MALTBY EAST

SUTTON, Donna E.  
TINSLEY, Adam J.

### RAWMARSH EAST

HUGHES, Rachel E.M.  
SHEPPARD, David

### RAWMARSH WEST

BAKER-ROGERS, Joanna  
STEELE, Brian

### ROTHER VALE

ADAIR, Terry  
BAGGALEY, Jamie

### ROTHERHAM EAST

AHMED, Angham S.T.  
ISMAIL, Rukhsana B.  
RASHID, Haroon

### ROTHERHAM WEST

JONES, Ian P.  
KEENAN, Eve  
MCKIERNAN, Cameron D.P.

### SITWELL

BOWER, Michael A.  
FISHER, David F.  
THORP, Paul S.

### SWINTON ROCKINGHAM

MONK, Gina  
READ, Chris

### THURCROFT & WICKERSLEY

COLLINGHAM, Zachary A.  
COLLINGHAM, Thomas R.

### WALES

BECK, Dominic E.  
HAVARD, Marnie A.

### WATH

COWEN, Sheila A.  
JACKSON, David R.

### WICKERSLEY NORTH

KNIGHT, Stuart  
MARSHALL, Lynda  
MAULT, James J.

# Council Meeting Agenda

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**Time and Date:-**

Friday 16 May 2025 at 2.00 p.m.

**Venue:-**

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

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**1. Election of Chair**

To elect a Mayor and Chair of the Council for the 2025-26 municipal year.

One nomination for the position of Mayor had been received:

“That Councillor Ismail be elected Chair of the Rotherham Borough Council for the ensuing (2025/26) Municipal Year and that she be entitled to the style of Mayor by virtue of Section 245(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.”

**2. Vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor (Councillor Sheila Cowen)**

A motion for a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor has been received:

That the Council tender its sincere thanks to Councillor Sheila Cowen for the excellent manner in which she has carried out all his duties as Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Rotherham. And that the best thanks of this Council be recorded for the kind and admirable way in which Councillor Rajmund Brent performed the duties of Mayor's Consort.

**3. Presentation of the Past Mayor's Pendants**

The new Mayor to formally present the retiring Mayor and Mayor's Consort with their past Mayor's pendants.

**4. Election of Vice-Chair**

To elect a Deputy-Mayor and Vice-Chair of the Council for the 2025-26 municipal year.

One nomination for the position of Deputy-Mayor had been received:

That Councillor Rashid be elected Vice-Chair of the Rotherham Borough Council for the ensuing (2025/26) Municipal Year and that he be entitled to the style of Deputy Mayor by virtue of Section 245(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

**5. Apologies**

To receive the apologies of any Member who is unable to attend the meeting.

**6. 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.

**7. Appointment of Mayor's Cadets**

To note the appointment of the Mayor's Cadets for the 2025-26 municipal year.

**8. Urgent Items**

Any other public items which the Mayor determines are urgent.

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

**SHARON KEMP OBE,**  
Chief Executive.

**The next meeting of the Council will be on  
21 May 2025 at 2.00 p.m.**