



# CABINET

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**Monday 15 December 2025**

**10.00 a.m.**

**Council Chamber, Rotherham Town Hall,  
Moorgate Street, Rotherham. S60 2TH**

**Cabinet Members:-**

Leader of the Council  
Deputy Leader & Children and Young People Portfolio  
Adult Social Care and Health Portfolio  
Housing Portfolio  
Finance & Community Safety Portfolio  
Street Scene and Green Spaces Portfolio  
Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy Portfolio

Councillor Chris Read  
Councillor Victoria Cusworth  
Councillor Joanna Baker-Rogers  
Councillor Linda Beresford  
Councillor Saghir Alam  
Councillor Lynda Marshall  
Councillor John Williams

**Rotherham**  
Metropolitan  
Borough Council 

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

**Date and Time:** Monday 15 December 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

**Agenda Contact** Governance Unit – [governance@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:governance@rotherham.gov.uk)

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## **A G E N D A**

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

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

### **2. 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.

### **3. Questions from Members of the Public**

To receive questions from members of the public who wish to ask a general question in respect of matters within the Council's area of responsibility or influence.

Subject to the Chair's discretion, members of the public may ask one question and one supplementary question, which should relate to the original question and answer received.

Councillors may also ask questions under this agenda item.

### **4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 7 - 20)**

To receive the record of proceedings of the Cabinet meeting held on 17 November 2025.

## **5. Exclusion of the Press and Public**

There are no items on the agenda that require the exclusion of the Press and Public.

## **ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH**

### **6. Adult Social Care Mental Health Strategy 2026-2029 (Pages 21 - 157)**

Report from the Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health.

#### **Recommendations:**

That Cabinet approve publication of the new Rotherham Council Adult Social Care Mental Health Strategy 2026-2029.

### **7. Unpaid Carers Strategy 2026-2031 (Pages 159 - 204)**

Report from the Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health.

#### **Recommendation:**

That Cabinet approves the Borough that Cares All-Age Carers Strategy 2026-2031 which is due to be launched in April 2026.

### **8. Adult Social Care Charging Policy (Pages 205 - 270)**

Report from the Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health.

#### **Recommendations:**

That Cabinet:

1. Note the outcome of the consultation.
2. Approve implementation of the Adult Social Care – Charging for Care and Support Policy (Appendix 2) from 1 April 2026
3. Retain a maximum charge for non-residential care, but align it with the standard charge for nursing with dementia support, for those who fund their own care.
4. Introduce a one-off administrative fee for arranging care on behalf of people who fund their own care.

## **HOUSING**

### **9. Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Plan, Rent Setting and Service Charges 2026-27**

Report to follow.

### **10. Housing First Recommissioning (Pages 271 - 314)**

Report from the Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health.

#### **Recommendations:**

That Cabinet:

1. Approves the recommissioning and procurement of Housing First for a five-year contract term on a 3 year plus up to 2-year basis.
2. Note the intention through the recommission to align more closely to the principles of Housing First, recognising that this is key to driving sustainable change and securing long-term impact for residents.

### **11. Housing Repairs and Maintenance (Pages 315 - 332)**

Report from the Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health.

#### **Recommendations:**

That Cabinet:

1. Note the outcome of the review work undertaken to date.
2. Note the intention to complete a viability study on future models of delivery and report back to Cabinet in Spring 2027, for a decision post 2030.
3. Approves the extension of the Repairs and Maintenance contracts to 2030.
4. Delegate authority to the Assistant Director of Housing to undertake a 12-week public consultation on the outcomes of the feasibility study.

## **STREET SCENE AND GREEN SPACES**

### **12. Library Strategy (Pages 333 - 423)**

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

#### **Recommendations:**

That Cabinet:

1. Note the review of performance against the 2021–2026 Library Strategy, including key achievements and challenges identified during the Strategy period.
2. Approve the undertaking of a period of consultation with the public, partners, stakeholders and interested parties on the development of a new Library Strategy for the period 2027–2032 and a future service delivery model for the Libraries and Neighbourhood Hubs Service.
3. Agree that a further report be brought to Cabinet following the consultation to present a draft Library Strategy 2027–2032, which will identify potential service improvements and efficiencies.
4. Authorise the Assistant Director of Culture, Sport and Tourism to notify the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) of the intention to consult on the Library Strategy and any potential changes to service provision.

## **TRANSPORT, JOBS AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY**

### **13. Rotherham Employment and Skills Strategy (Pages 425 - 494)**

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

#### **Recommendations:**

That Cabinet:

1. Endorses the formal adoption of the Rotherham Employment and Skills Strategy 2026-31.
2. Notes that the Rotherham Employment and Skills Board is tasked with overseeing the delivery and monitoring of the Strategy and with reporting on progress to Cabinet and the Rotherham Together Partnership (RTP) on an annual basis.

**14. Rotherham (SYMCA) Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Fund (Pages 495 - 519)**

Report from the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services.

**Recommendations:**

That Cabinet:

1. Approve the inclusion of the Rotherham Borough within the regional South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) funded programme and Rotherham Council's role in its procurement and delivery.
2. Delegate authority to the Assistant Director, Property and Facilities Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy and relevant ward members for the approval of any contracts or conditions (including for the use of Council land and property) as well as the delivery, monitoring and site approvals in relation to the SYMCA LEVI Fund.

**15. Recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (To Follow)**

To receive a report detailing the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board in respect of the above items that were subject to pre-decision scrutiny on 10 December 2025.

**16. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Cabinet will be held on Monday 19 January 2026 commencing at 10.00am in Rotherham Town Hall.



**John Edwards,**  
Chief Executive.