

Cabinet Decisions

15 December 2025

A record of decisions made at the Cabinet Meeting, which took place on Monday 15 December 2025.

Cabinet Decision Making

The membership of the Cabinet is:

Leader of the Council

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member – Children and Young People

Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care and Health

Cabinet Member – Finance and Community Safety

Cabinet Member – Housing

Cabinet Member – Street Scene and Green Spaces

Cabinet Member – Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy

Councillor Chris Read

Councillor Victoria Cusworth

Councillor Joanna Baker-Rogers

Councillor Saghir Alam

Councillor Linda Beresford

Councillor Lynda Marshall

Councillor John Williams

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

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

CABINET DECISIONS TAKEN ON 15 December 2025

Report Title	Portfolio	Directorate	Contact Officer	Decision / Recommendations agreed	Alternative Options Considered	Conflict of Interest Recorded	Dispensations Granted	Action Date
Adult Social Care Mental Health Strategy 2026-2029	Health and Social Care	Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	Ian Spicer, Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health.	That Cabinet approve publication of the new Rotherham Council Adult Social Care Mental Health Strategy 2026-2029 .	Report - Adult Social Care Mental Health Strategy 2026-2029	N/A	N/A	25/12/25
Unpaid Carers Strategy 2026-2031	Health and Social Care	Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	Ian Spicer, Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health.	That Cabinet approves the Borough that Cares All-Age Carers Strategy 2026- 2031 which is due to be launched in April 2026, subject to the below amendments: a) Specific local data, where possible, is added to page 6 of the Strategy. b) Under the 'Identification and Early Intervention' commitment on page 11, include specific reference to improving the partnership approach and associated processes to identifying young carers, given the	Report - Unpaid Carers Strategy 2026-2031	N/A	N/A	25/12/25

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				acknowledged existing shortcomings and challenges in the context of the potential lifelong implications of failing to provide timely and appropriate support.				
Adult Social Care Charging Policy	Health and Social Care	Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	Ian Spicer, Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health.	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	Report - Adult Social Care Charging Policy	N/A	N/A	25/12/25

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				of people who fund their own care.				
Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Plan, Rent Setting and Service Charges 2026-27	Housing	Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	Ian Spicer, Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health.	<p>That Cabinet recommend to Council to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the proposed 2026/27 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 4.8% and, dependent upon the Government announcement in January 2026, implement a policy of rent convergence. Allowing rents for social housing properties that are currently below the Government-calculated formula rent to increase by an additional £2 per 	Report - HRA Plan, Rent Setting and Service Charges 2026-27	Cllr Williams and Cllr Cusworth (personal interests)	N/A	Council Decision

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				<p>week in 2026/27. If convergence is capped below £2 that will be the level applied.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>5. Agree that affordable rents are calculated at relet, based on an individual property valuation.</p> <p>6. Agree that affordable rents are increased by 4.8% in 2026/27.</p> <p>7. Agree that shared ownership rents are increased by 5% in 2026/27.</p> <p>8. Agree that charges for communal</p>				

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				<p>facilities, parking spaces, cooking gas and use of laundry facilities are increased by 3% in 2026/27.</p> <p>9. Agree that charges for garages are increased by 10% in 2026/27.</p> <p>10. Agree that the District Heating unit charge per kWh remains at 13.09 pence per kWh.</p> <p>11. Agree that the decision to reduce the price of District Heating Charges during 2026/27 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</p>				

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				<p>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 a lower unit price.</p> <p>12. Approve the draft Housing Revenue Account budget for 2026/27 as shown in Appendix 8.</p>				
Housing First Recommissioning	Housing	Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	Ian Spicer, Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health.	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	Report - Housing First Recommissioning	N/A	N/A	25/12/25
Housing Repairs	Housing	Adult Care,	Ian Spicer,	That Cabinet:	Housing Repairs	N/A	N/A	25/12/25

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and Maintenance		Housing and Public Health	Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health.	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.	and Maintenance			
Library Strategy	Street Scene and Green Spaces	Regeneration and Environment	Andrew Bramidge, Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.	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	Library Strategy	N/A	N/A	25/12/25

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				<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>				

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Rotherham Employment and Skills Strategy	Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy	Regeneration and Environment	Andrew Bramidge, Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.	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.	Report - Rotherham Employment and Skills Strategy	N/A	N/A	25/12/25
Rotherham (SYMCA) Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Fund	Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy	Regeneration and Environment	Andrew Bramidge, Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.	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.	Report - SYMCA LEVI Fund	N/A	N/A	25/12/25

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				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.				