



CABINET

Monday 19 January 2026

10.00 a.m.

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

Cabinet Members:-

Leader of the Council	Councillor Chris Read
Deputy Leader & Children and Young People Portfolio	Councillor Victoria Cusworth
Adult Social Care and Health Portfolio	Councillor Joanna Baker-Rogers
Housing Portfolio	Councillor Linda Beresford
Finance & Community Safety Portfolio	Councillor Saghir Alam OBE
Street Scene and Green Spaces Portfolio	Councillor Lynda Marshall
Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy Portfolio	Councillor John Williams

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

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Agenda Contact Governance Unit – governance@rotherham.gov.uk

This meeting will be webcast live and will be available to view via the [Council's website](#). The items which will be discussed are described on the agenda below and there are reports attached which give more details.

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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 - 24)

To receive the record of proceedings of the Cabinet meeting held on 15 December 2025.

5. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Agenda Item 9 has exempt appendices. Therefore, if necessary when considering those items, the Chair will move the following resolution:-

That under Section 100(A) 4 of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of such Act indicated, as now amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

6. Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services (ILACS) Inspection Report (Pages 25 - 52)

Report from the Executive Director of Children and Young People's Services.

Recommendation:

That Cabinet note the outcome of the inspection regarding the effectiveness of children's services in Rotherham and endorse the priorities identified for continued focus.

FINANCE & COMMUNITY SAFETY

7. November 2025-26 Financial Monitoring Report (Pages 53 - 76)

Report from the Executive Director of Corporate Services.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Note the current General Fund Revenue Budget forecast overspend of £3.4m.
2. Note the projected overspend and that whilst the Council aims to manage this pressure, should that not be possible use of reserves will be required to balance the 2025/26 financial position.
3. Note the updated position of the Capital Programme.
4. Approve the capital budget variations as detailed in section 2.17 of the report.

8. New Applications for Business Rates Relief - Rotherham Families First (Pages 77 - 96)

Report from the Executive Director of Corporate Services.

Recommendation:

That Cabinet approve the application for Discretionary Business Rates Relief for Rotherham Families First in accordance with the details set out in Section 6 of this report for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 financial years.

HOUSING

9. Council Homes Housing Delivery Programme Report January 2026 Update (Pages 97 - 165)

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

Recommendations

That Cabinet:

1. Notes the continued progress made in delivering the Council's Housing Delivery Programme, including the delivery of 55 new homes in the period covered by this report, and the ongoing work to deliver 1,000 new Council homes by Summer 2027.
2. Approves the delivery and purchase of homes from any of the schemes identified in Exempt Appendices 1 and 2b, subject to affordability and alignment with current and future programme objectives and the Council's capital approval processes.
3. Approves the programme changes outlined in this report to facilitate the delivery of 1,000 new homes 'on time' (by Summer 2027) and 'on budget' (within the financial resources allocated to the Programme from the Housing Revenue Account). This includes the removal and addition of specific schemes as outlined in Table 3, paragraph 2.4.
4. Approves the appropriation of 18 St Edmunds Avenue (see Appendix 4) into the Housing Revenue Account (subject to Secretary of State approval if required), and work to convert the property into four 1-bedroom flats for use as Council homes via the Market Acquisitions workstream (see paragraphs 2.11 and 2.12).
5. Approves the appropriation of land at Canklow (see plan attached at Appendix 5) into the Housing Revenue Account to enable the delivery of two Council homes as part of the housing delivery programme (see paragraph 2.7).

6. Agrees the intention to undertake initial feasibility work and technical due diligence on up to 18 Council-owned sites (Appendix 6) to assess their development potential for the future delivery of new social and affordable homes, and to inform any subsequent decision to develop or dispose of the land (see paragraph 2.16).
7. Agrees to delegate authority to the Service Director of Housing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing, to make any necessary substitutions or changes to the agreed site list (Recommendation 6) to ensure that the programme of feasibility work and technical due diligence remains deliverable and aligned with strategic priorities.
8. Agrees to delegate authority to the Service Director of Housing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing, to appoint appropriate consultants to carry out this work following the Council's procurement process.
9. Agrees to delegate authority to the Service Director of Housing, in consultation with the Section 151 Officer and Service Director of Legal Services, to enter into a Grant Funding Agreement with the Homes and Communities Agency (trading as 'Homes England') in relation to the Social and Affordable Homes Programme 2026 – 2036 (see paragraph 2.37).
10. Agrees to continue to receive an update on the Housing Development Programme every six months.

10. Tenant Satisfaction Measures and Housing Regulatory Compliance (Pages 167 - 189)

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

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Notes the content of the report.
2. Agrees to receive a further update in six months' time.

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

11. Council Plan and Year Ahead Delivery Plan Progress Update (Pages 191 - 338)

Report from the Executive Director of Corporate Services.

Recommendations:

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 2026.

TRANSPORT, JOBS AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY

12. Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Update (Pages 339 - 361)

Report from the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendation:

That Cabinet approves the allocation of Strategic CIL funds to the Whiston Brook Flood Alleviation Scheme (£3,000,000).

13. 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 13 January 2026.

14. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cabinet will be held on Monday 9 February 2026 commencing at 10.00am in Rotherham Town Hall.



John Edwards,
Chief Executive.