

## **Cabinet Decisions**

**9 February 2026**

A record of decisions made at the Cabinet Meeting, which took place on Monday 9 February 2026.

### **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 OBE

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 9 February 2026

Report Title	Portfolio	Directorate	Contact Officer	Decision / Recommendations agreed	Alternative Options Considered	Conflict of Interest Recorded	Dispensations Granted	Action Date
Local Authority Better Care Fund 2025/26 – Discharge Grant Commitments	Adult Social Care and Health	Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	Ian Spicer, ED ACHPH	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve the permanent funding of the schemes that were previously part of the Discharge Grant commitments for 2026/27 and recurrently from 2027/28.</li> <li>2. Note the cost of extending the schemes will be £838k in 2026/27, reducing to £624k on a recurrent basis from 2027/28. Funding has been made available as part of the Council budget and provision has been made in the medium-term financial strategy.</li> </ol>	<a href="#">Report - Local Authority Better Care Fund 2025/26</a>	N/A	N/A	19/02/26

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Rotherham Baby Pack: Outcomes and Future Commissioning	Adult Social Care and Health Children and Young People	Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	Ian Spicer, ED ACHPH	That Cabinet: 1. Note the high level of satisfaction with the baby packs, particularly in relation to the quality and usefulness of the items provided.  2. Approve an open procurement exercise to ensure continuity of registering and delivery of baby packs to Rotherham families.	<a href="#">Report - Rotherham Baby Pack: Outcomes and Future Commissioning</a>	N/A	N/A	19/02/26
Special Educational Need and Disability (SEND) Sufficiency Strategy 2026-2029	Children and Young People	Children and Young People	Nicola Curley, ED CYPS	That Cabinet: 1. Note the performance and progress to date on SEND Sufficiency in line with the commitments within the Safety Valve Agreement.  2. Approve the SEND Sufficiency Strategy 2026-2029 ( <a href="#">Appendix 1</a> ) for implementation from April 2026.	<a href="#">Report - SEND Sufficiency Strategy 2026-2029</a>	N/A	N/A	19/02/26

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Rotherham Safeguarding Children's Partnership (RSCP) Annual Report 2024/25	Children and Young People	Children and Young People	Nicola Curley, ED CYPS	That Cabinet note the contents of the Rotherham SCP <a href="#">Annual Assurance Report 2024/25</a> .	<a href="#">Report - RSCP Annual Report 2024/25</a>	N/A	N/A	19/02/26
Inclusion Strategy	Finance and Community Safety	Policy, Strategy and Engagement	Chris Paddock, Interim Director of Policy, Strategy and Engagement	That Cabinet: 1. Approve the <a href="#">Inclusion Strategy 2026-30</a> . 2. Approve the <a href="#">action plan</a> for February 2026 to March 2027. 3. Note the <a href="#">Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Annual Report 2024-2025</a> .	<a href="#">Report - Inclusion Strategy</a>	N/A	N/A	19/02/26
Business Rates Discretionary Relief Renewals in 2026/27	Finance and Community Safety	Corporate Services	Judith Badger, ED of Corporate Services	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 2026/27 financial year.	<a href="#">Report - Business Rates Discretionary Relief Renewals in 2026/27</a>	N/A	N/A	19/02/26
December	Finance and	Corporate	Judith	That Cabinet:	<a href="#">Report -</a>	N/A	N/A	19/02/26

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Financial Monitoring 2025/26	Community Safety	Services	Badger, ED of Corporate Services	<p>1. Note the current General Fund Revenue Budget forecast overspend of £3.4m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>3. Note the updated position of the Capital Programme.</p> <p>4. Approve the capital budget variations as detailed in section 2.17 of the report.</p> <p>5. Delegate authority to the Service Director of Planning, Regeneration and Transport in consultation with the Service Director of</p>	<a href="#">December 2025/26 Financial Monitoring Report</a>			

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				<p>Financial Services and Cabinet member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy, to approve the specific allocations of the Gainshare Feasibility Grant and any variations required through its delivery, as detailed in section 2.20.1 of the report.</p> <p>6. Approve the Council being the recipient of Department for Education grant funding as part of the Strategic School Improvement Capital Budget (SSICB) and the Council take over responsibility for delivery of the Newman School project.</p>				
Budget and Council Tax 2026/27 and Medium Term Financial Strategy	Leader	Corporate Services	Judith Badger, ED of Corporate Services	<p>That Cabinet recommend to Council:</p> <p>1. Approval of the Budget and Financial Strategy for 2026/27 as set out in the report and appendices, including a basic Council Tax</p>	<a href="#">Report - Budget and Council Tax 2026/27</a>	N/A	N/A	Referred to Council

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				<p>increase of 1.95% and an Adult Social Care precept increase of 2%.</p> <p>2. Approval of the extension to the Local Council Tax Support Top Up Scheme, that will provide up to £131.44 of additional support to low income households accessing the Council's Council Tax Support Scheme. It will support those most financially vulnerable to rising household costs, through reduced Council Tax bills as described in Section 2.5.15.</p> <p>3. Approval of the updated Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) to 2028/29, as described within Section 2.6.</p> <p>4. Approval of the Reserves Strategy as</p>				

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				<p>set out in Section 2.8 noting that the final determination of Reserves will be approved as part of reporting the financial outturn for 2025/26.</p> <p>5. To delegate authority to the Service Director of Planning, Regeneration and Transport in consultation with the Service Director of Financial Services and Cabinet member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy, to approve the specific detailed allocations and use of the Local Plan Reserve.</p> <p>6. To note and accept the comments and advice of the Executive Director of Corporate Services (Section 151 Officer), provided in compliance with Section</p>				

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				<p>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.</p> <p>7. To note the feedback from the public and partners following the public consultation on the Council's budget for 2026/27 which took place from 28 November 2025 to 9 January 2026, attached as <a href="#">Appendix 5</a>.</p> <p>8. Approval of the proposed increases in Adult Social Care provider contracts and for Direct Payments as set out in Section 2.4.</p> <p>9. Approval of the proposed approach and</p>				

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				<p>increases in Children's Social Care costs as set out in Section 2.4.23.</p> <p>10. Approval of the revenue investment proposals set out in Section 2.7 and <a href="#">Appendix 2</a>.</p> <p>11. Approval of the proposed revenue savings set out in Section 2.7 and <a href="#">Appendix 4</a>.</p> <p>12. Approval of the Council Fees and Charges for 2026/27 attached as <a href="#">Appendix 7</a>.</p> <p>13. Application of the Business Rates Reliefs as set out in Section 2.10, in line with Government guidance.</p> <p>14. Approval of the proposed Capital Strategy and Capital Programme as</p>				

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				<p>presented in Section 2.12 and Appendices <a href="#">3A to 3F</a>.</p> <p>15. Approval of the Treasury Management matters for 2026/27 as set out in <a href="#">Appendix 9</a> of this report including the Prudential Indicators, the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy, the Treasury Management Strategy and the Investment Strategy.</p> <p>16. Approval that any changes resulting from the Final Local Government Finance Settlement 2026/27 be reflected in the Budget and Council Tax Report to Council on 4 March.</p> <p>17. Continuation of the principles and measures adopted since April 2020 to make faster payments</p>				

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				<p>to suppliers on receipt of goods, works and services following a fully reconciled invoice as described in Section 2.11.</p> <p>18. Approval of the procedure for Budget allocations for the Community Leadership Fund as set out in Section 2.9.</p> <p>19. Approval that the Capital Programme Budget continues to be managed in line with the following key principles:</p> <p>(i) Any underspends on the existing approved Capital Programme in respect of 2025/26 be rolled forward into future years, subject to an individual review of each carry forward to be set out within the Financial Outturn 2025/26 report to</p>				

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				<p>Cabinet.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(iii) Capitalisation opportunities and capital receipts flexibilities will be maximised, with capital receipts earmarked to minimise revenue costs. An additional recommendation to Cabinet was that: OSMB recommends the Council review and refines its approach to producing reports, ensuring that they are clearer, more concise, and easier to read. Streamlined reporting will</p>				

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				also help to reduce printing requirements, contributing to lower costs and supporting the Council's work to improve its carbon footprint.				
Rotherham Gateway Progress to Full Business Case	Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy	Regeneration and Environment	Andrew Bramidge, ED Regeneration and Environment	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Accepts the £11.35 million CRSTS funding from SYMCA to progress the Full Business Case for Rotherham Gateway Station.</li> <li>2. Grants approval to consult as necessary on the outputs of the Full Business Case as they are developed with the public and scheme stakeholders.</li> <li>3. Grants approval to allocate the funding as required within the CRSTS allocation.</li> <li>4. Delegates authority to the Executive Director</li> </ol>	<a href="#">Report - Rotherham Gateway Progress to Full Business Case</a>	N/A	N/A	19/02/26

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				<p>for Regeneration and Environment in consultation with S151 Officer and the Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy to prepare the Full Business Case, undertake any actions as necessary including procurement, and then submit to SYMCA for assurance and approval.</p> <p>5. Delegates authority to the Service Director Property &amp; Facilities Services (Property Officer) in consultation with the Service Director of Planning, Regeneration and Transport, Service Director, Legal Services, and Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy to make an order (if required) via</p>				

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				<p>compulsory purchase (Town and Country Planning Act or the Transport and Works Act) to acquire the necessary property interests for the Station.</p> <p>6. Delegates authority to the Service Director Property &amp; Facilities Services (Property Officer) in consultation with the Service Director of Planning, Regeneration and Transport, Service Director Legal Services and Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy to take all steps, and enter into all documentation on behalf of the Council in connection with the making, confirmation, submission, and implementation of the above order, including in respect of any public</p>				

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				inquiry, appeal or legal challenge concerning the same.				