CABINET

Monday 9 February 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

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

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Venue:	**The Town Hall, The Crofts, Moorgate Street, Rotherham. S60 2TH**
Date and Time:	**Monday 9 February 2026 at 10.00 a.m.**
Agenda Contact	**Governance Unit – 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 9 - 20)

To receive the record of proceedings of the Cabinet meeting held on 19 January 2026.

5. Exclusion of the Press and Public

There are no exempt items.

ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

6. Local Authority Better Care Fund 2025/26 - Discharge Grant Commitments (Pages 21 - 40)

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

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

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.

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.

DEPUTY LEADER AND CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

7. Rotherham Baby Packs: Outcomes and Future Commissioning (Pages 41 - 88)

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

Recommendations:

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.

8. Special Educational Need and Disability (SEND) Sufficiency Strategy 2026-2029 (Pages 89 - 139)

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

Recommendations:

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 (Appendix 1) for implementation from April 2026.

9. Rotherham Safeguarding Children's Partnership Annual Report (Pages 141 - 182)

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

Recommendations:

1. That Cabinet note the contents of the Rotherham SCP Annual Assurance Report 2024/25.

FINANCE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

10. Inclusion Strategy and Annual Report (Pages 183 - 277)

Report from the Executive Director of Corporate Services.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Approve the Inclusion Strategy 2026-30.

2. Approve the action plan for February 2026 to March 2027.

3. Note the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Annual Report 2024-2025.

11. Business Rates Discretionary Relief Renewals in 2026/27 (Pages 279 - 304)

Report from the Executive Director of Corporate Services.

Recommendations:

1. 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.

12. December 2025/26 Financial Monitoring Report (Pages 305 - 330)

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.

5. 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 allocations of the Gainshare Feasibility Grant and any variations required through its delivery, as detailed in section 2.20.1 of the report.

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.

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

13. Budget and Council Tax Report 2026-27 (Pages 331 - 659)

Report from the Executive Director of Corporate Services.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet recommend to Council:

1. Approval of the Budget and Financial Strategy for 2026/27 as set out in the report and appendices, including a basic Council Tax increase of 1.95% and an Adult Social Care precept increase of 2%.

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

3. Approval of the updated Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) to 2028/29, as described within Section 2.6.

4. Approval of the Reserves Strategy as 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.

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.

6. To note and accept the comments and advice of the Executive Director of Corporate Services (Section 151 Officer), provided in compliance with Section 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.

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 Appendix 5.

8. Approval of the proposed increases in Adult Social Care provider contracts and for Direct Payments as set out in Section 2.4.

9. Approval of the proposed approach and increases in Children's Social Care costs as set out in Section 2.4.23.

10. Approval of the revenue investment proposals set out in Section 2.7 and Appendix 2.

11. Approval of the proposed revenue savings set out in Section 2.7 and Appendix 4.

12. Approval of the Council Fees and Charges for 2026/27 attached as Appendix 7.

13. Application of the Business Rates Reliefs as set out in Section 2.10, in line with Government guidance.

14. Approval of the proposed Capital Strategy and Capital Programme as presented in Section 2.12 and Appendices 3A to 3F.

15. Approval of the Treasury Management matters for 2026/27 as set out in Appendix 9 of this report including the Prudential Indicators, the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy, the Treasury Management Strategy and the Investment Strategy.

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.

17. Continuation of the principles and measures adopted since April 2020 to make faster payments to suppliers on receipt of goods, works and services

following a fully reconciled invoice as described in Section 2.11.

18. Approval of the procedure for Budget allocations for the Community Leadership Fund as set out in Section 2.9.

19. Approval that the Capital Programme Budget continues to be managed in line with the following key principles:

    (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 Cabinet.

    (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.

    (iii) Capitalisation opportunities and capital receipts flexibilities will be maximised, with capital receipts earmarked to minimise revenue costs.

TRANSPORT, JOBS AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY

14. Rotherham Gateway Progress to Full Business Case (Pages 661 - 676)

Report from the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Accepts the £11.35 million CRSTS funding from SYMCA to progress the Full Business Case for Rotherham Gateway Station.

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.

3. Grants approval to allocate the funding as required within the CRSTS allocation.

4. Delegates authority to the Executive Director 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.

5. Delegates authority to the Service Director Property & 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 compulsory purchase (Town and Country Planning Act or the Transport and Works Act) to acquire the necessary property interests for the Station.

6. Delegates authority to the Service Director Property & 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 inquiry, appeal or legal challenge concerning the same.

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 3 and 4 February.

16. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cabinet will be held on Monday 16 March 2026 commencing at 10.00am in Rotherham Town Hall.



John Edwards,
Chief Executive.

THE CABINET
Monday 19 January 2026

Present:- Councillor Read (in the Chair); Councillors Alam, Baker-Rogers, Beresford, Cusworth and Marshall.

Also in attendance Councillor Steele (Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Williams.

98. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

99. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present at the meeting and no questions submitted in writing.

100. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 15 December 2025 be approved as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

101. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chair advised that item 9 had exempt appendices however the meeting remained open to the press and public throughout.

102. INSPECTION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY CHILDREN'S SERVICES (ILACS) INSPECTION REPORT

Consideration was given to the report which detailed the outcome of the Inspection of Children's Services (ILACS) by Ofsted in November 2025. This was a judgement Short Inspection, and the Local Authority received an Overall Effectiveness grade of Outstanding. All sub-categories also received a grade of Outstanding with the exception of 'the experiences and progress of Care Leavers', which received a Good rating. There were two improvement actions, both related to Care Leavers.

The ILACS had been anticipated for some time and was announced on 27 October 2025. Significant offsite work took place in that first week, including interviews with the Lead Member, the Chief Executive and the Independent Chair of the Rotherham Safeguarding Children's Partnership. Fieldwork took place in the second week with 10 Inspectors interviewing staff from all parts of the Service (Family Help, Front Door, Duty and Assessment, Locality, Children in Care, Care Leavers,

Fostering, Adoption, Education services, and Commissioning) and reviewing significant numbers of children's files. Children and young people were also interviewed by the Inspectors and gave their views about services provided by the Council.

A final report was published by Ofsted on 16 December 2025. It was extremely pleasing for the Council to be judged Outstanding across 3 of the 4 categories, with an Overall Effectiveness Judgement of Outstanding. The impact of leaders on social work practice, the experiences and progress of children who needed help and protection and the experiences and progress of children in care were all rated Outstanding. The experiences and progress of care leavers was rated Good.

Inspectors found that the Council placed children's experiences and voices at the heart of decision-making and practice, recognising a strong culture of learning, continuous improvement and cross-organisational commitment to children and families. This outcome reflected years of dedicated work by social workers, practitioners, leaders and partners across Rotherham to improve services, rebuild trust and keep children safe and supported. While this recognition was significant for the Council and the borough, it was important to emphasise that improvement was a continuing journey and that there was still work to do, as evidenced in the actions required in relation to Care Leavers.

Although services to Care Leavers were judged Good, there were also two improvement actions in relation to this area of practice:

- The quality of pathway plans for care leavers.
- The quality of health history information provided to care leavers.

These areas of practice would form part of the Care Leaver Service Delivery Plan, and updates would be reported to the Corporate Parenting Partnership Board at regular intervals. The improvement actions would also be scrutinised formally by the Improving Lives Select Commission.

This achievement placed Rotherham among an elite group of just nine local authorities in England to hold both an Outstanding ILACS rating – the highest possible judgement under Ofsted's Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services framework – and the top Area SEND outcome, which assessed how effectively councils supported children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. It was the only council in the Yorkshire and Humber region to achieve this combination.

Cabinet members applauded the incredible achievement and noted their thanks to the Leader and Councillor Cusworth for their hard work. The efforts of the children's services team and the financial investment that had been provided were also celebrated.

Resolved:

1. 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.

103. NOVEMBER 2025-26 FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT

Consideration was given to the report which set out the financial position as at the end of November 2025 and forecast for the remainder of the financial year, based on actual costs and income for the first eight months of 2025/26. Financial performance was a key element within the assessment of the Council's overall performance framework and was essential to achievement of the objectives within the Council's policy agenda. To that end, this was the fourth financial monitoring report of a series of reports for the current financial year which would continue to be brought forward to Cabinet on a regular basis.

As of November 2025, the Council's forecast outturn for 2025/26 was an overspend of £3.4m, which was a worsening of the £0.9m overspend position reported in September financial monitoring. The increased overspend was primarily due to increased costs of care packages within Adult Social Care Mental Health placements and a number of backdated payments for packages across Older People and Physical and Sensory Disabilities. The forecast position overall was made up of a combined Directorate overspend of £8.7m, offset by a projected Central Service underspend of £5.3m. The forecast position would continue to be monitored closely but it was possible that even with mitigations, the Council would need to call on reserves to achieve a balanced outturn for 2025/26. In order to help mitigate the position, Directors were expected to take all steps to reduce the overall overspend, ensuring grant maximisation, restricting any non-essential expenditure and delaying recruitment where possible.

The combined Directorate overspend of £8.7m was largely due to demand and market pressures in relation to Children's residential placements and placement types, and the cost of care packages in Adult Social Care. Market prices were increasing at above inflation levels, placing further pressures on the Council's Budget. These pressures were anticipated and a corporate provision of £5.4m was maintained within Central Services as part of the Budget and Council Tax Report 2025/26.

Central Services was forecasting an underspend of £5.3m, reflecting use of the £5.4m Social Care Contingency approved within the Council's Budget and Council Tax Report 2025/26, the impact of the Local Government Pay Award and savings generated within the Council's Treasury Management Strategy.

The revised Capital Programme was £169.917m split between the General Fund (£103.770m) and Housing Revenue Account (£66.148m.)

This was a decrease of £41.770m from the position reported to Cabinet on 17 November 2025. The movement was based on the latest profiles of expenditure against schemes, including slippage re-profiles and corrections of £43.449m, new grant funding added to the programme of £1.755m and some minor programme corrections of -£0.076m in 2025/26.

The report was considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board who advised that the recommendations be supported.

Resolved:

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.

104. NEW APPLICATIONS FOR BUSINESS RATES RELIEF - ROTHERHAM FAMILIES FIRST

Consideration was given to the report which asked Cabinet to consider the application for the award of Discretionary Business Rates Relief for Rotherham Families First. This was in accordance with the Council's Business Rates Discretionary Relief Policy (approved by Officer Delegated Decision in July 2025).

Rotherham Families First was a registered charity which aimed to work within the borough to prevent or relieve poverty. The end users were identified by charities, churches, schools and a range of professionals, then provided with support and goods delivered through appropriate organisations including REMA, the Red Cross and the Refugee Council.

The Charity was requesting an award for discretionary rate relief for the premises at Parkgate which were used to facilitate the receipt, collation and distribution of donated and purchased goods. The charity also organised the annual Rotherham Toy Appeal which launched on 7 November 2025 and had traditionally helped over 2,000 young people and children at Christmas. Whilst that work was the focus during November and December, there remained an ongoing commitment to support vulnerable Rotherham families with their basic needs.

The application for the award of discretionary relief was in line with the Council's qualifying criteria as set out in its Policy. The Charity provided access to support which was open to all sections of the community, and it worked to develop community spirit and improve the lives of the most vulnerable people in the borough.

Rotherham Families First proposed discretionary business rates relief was:

Year	Total Amount of Relief	Cost to RMBC
2025/26	£900.05	£441.02
2026/27	£1360.80	£666.79

(Did not occupy until 13/08/2025)

Resolved:

1. 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.

105. COUNCIL HOMES HOUSING DELIVERY PROGRAMME REPORT JANUARY 2026 UPDATE

Consideration was given to the report which provided the six-monthly update to Cabinet on the latest developments and plans for the Council's Housing Delivery Programme. The report also sought Cabinet approval to ensure the continued delivery of the programme which, in mid-December 2025, reached the major milestone of 750 new Council homes since 2018 (having reached 742 at the data point of 30 November used throughout the report). This significant achievement had been reached through a mixed programme of delivery across four workstreams, an approach that was vital to managing risk, securing delivery certainty and achieving a balanced and affordable programme.

The four workstreams were:

- New build homes on council-owned sites.
- Delivery by Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SME) developers through the Council's innovative Small Sites Homebuilding Initiative.
- Section 106 acquisitions from developers as part of their planning obligations.
- The acquisition of homes from the open market ('market
- acquisitions').

Specifically, in the period from 1 June 2025 to 30 November 2025, the programme had delivered a total of 55 new homes. This had been achieved through 10 new build homes on Council owned sites, 27 Section 106 Acquisitions and 18 Market Acquisitions. In the same period work had

continued to bring forward future schemes in the Council's new-build programme. Construction had started on 45 new Council homes across three sites in Maltby, planning permission was granted for 4 homes on one site in Wath and a planning application was submitted for 20 homes at Tenter Street, Thornhill.

The report contained proposed changes to the programme, which were designed to manage overall costs and secure the delivery of 1,000 new Council homes by Summer 2027. Also contained was information on risks to delivery and timescales, and the mitigations in place to manage those risks.

Whilst the current Programme was focused on the delivery of 1,000 new Council homes, work on building a future pipeline of sites and schemes was ongoing and information would be included in the next 6-monthly Housing Delivery Programme Cabinet Report. The Council had successfully secured £240k from the Government's Council Housebuilding Support Fund (CHSF) to support this work, with £80k of match funding from the HRA. The funding would be used to undertake initial feasibility work and technical due diligence on up to 18 Council-owned sites (as detailed in Appendix 6) to confirm the development potential for the future delivery of new social and affordable homes.

The proposed programme retained sufficient flexibility to consider options within the budget allocations for both the current and future programme (from mid-2027). The retained contingency in the current programme had reduced to circa £4.4m, primarily resulting from the addition of 25 Market Acquisitions. In other areas, anticipated costs had reduced as cost certainty improved due to factors including construction cost estimates on Council build schemes reducing through the design stage. The contingency provided cover for any cost increases and mitigation for risk areas in the delivery of the 1000 new homes target.

In line with the Council's Social Value policy, the programme included social value as a contractual commitment which was delivered as an integral part of the procured contracts which formed part of the programme. Social value delivery from these contracts included:

- £353k of equivalent social value delivered across Council build projects at East Herringthorpe, West Melton and Swinton (each project exceeded the contractual commitments).
- £37k of equivalent social value commitments delivered to date on 3 Council build schemes at design stage. Further social value commitments will be delivered as part of the subsequent construction phase contracts.
- £1.3m of equivalent social value delivered to date on the joint Adult Social Care/Housing development at Canklow.
- £1.46m of equivalent social value committed on the construction contract to deliver Council build homes at Maltby.

The need for the continued delivery programme was evidenced by the more than 7,000 households on the Council's housing register. The Council's ability to meet this demand continued to be eroded by the Right to Buy scheme, which had seen 1,245 council homes sold between the beginning of January 2018 and the end of November 2025. Changes to Government policy resulted in a spike of applications in November 2024 which could have contributed to larger numbers of properties lost to Right to Buy by the end of 2025/26. While expected further changes to Right to Buy legislation were likely to see a reduction in sold properties in the longer term, it was anticipated that the loss of Council housing stock to Right to Buy would continue.

Resolved:

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.

106. TENANT SATISFACTION MEASURES AND HOUSING REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

Consideration was given to the report which presented the 2025/26 mid-year Tenant Satisfaction Measures (TSM). The survey results showed that overall tenant satisfaction stood at 77.6%, representing a slight decrease of 0.6 percentage points from 2024/25, but an improvement of 0.7 percentage points compared to 2023/24. A positive development was in tenant satisfaction with repairs: overall satisfaction had risen to 78.9%, up 0.3 percentage points from last year and 4.8 percentage points from 2023/24. Satisfaction with the time taken to complete the most recent repair had also improved significantly, reaching 79.5% - a 1.9 percentage point increase from 2024/25 and 7.4 percentage points from 2023/24.

11 out of 12 tenant satisfaction measures were currently above the national median, based on 2024/25 data published by the Regulator of Social Housing. Moreover, when comparing Local Authorities (LAs) only, the Council ranked in the upper quartile for 11 of these 12 measures. However, areas such as complaints handling and anti-social behaviour (ASB) management continued to present challenges, with scores in these categories showing slight declines compared to the previous year.

Targeted actions had already been taken to address these areas, with further improvements planned for 2025/26. Key initiatives included:

- The development of the recently launched tenant-led Learning from Complaints Panel.
- Review of the service operating model for tenancy and ASB case management to improve efficiency and outcomes.

- Delivery of a targeted training and development programme for area housing teams, focusing on ASB tools and powers, hate incidents, and effective case handling.

The ten council-reported TSMs remained strong. Repairs performance was a particular strength, mirroring the positive perception survey results:

- 98.9% of non-emergency repairs were completed within target timescales (16.4 percentage points above the national median.)
- 98.4% of emergency repairs were completed within target (3.5 percentage points above the national median.)

In addition, the Council had achieved full compliance across all health and safety related measures, except for Gas Safety, which stood at 99.9%. 26 properties were currently non-compliant, and actions were underway to try and obtain access to those properties. Progress also continued on achieving the Decent Homes Standard, with the proportion of non-decent homes reducing from 7.2% at the end of 2024/25 to 6.38% at the mid-point of 2025/26. For context, the median non-decency rate for Local Authorities in 2024/25 was 3.2%. It was important to note that levels of non-decent stock would fluctuate as the current Stock Condition Survey Programme advanced.

A comprehensive Stock Condition and Housing Health and Safety Rating System survey programme began in April 2025 and aimed for 6,000 surveys by March 2026. As of October 2025, 2,943 properties had been surveyed. Data from those surveys would inform future investment and asset management strategies.

During the meeting it was noted that the proactive nature of the survey programme meant issues would be identified and there was a robust programme of repairs in place which would help to ensure that residents continued to live in quality homes.

Resolved:

That Cabinet:

1. Notes the content of the report.

2. Agrees to receive a further update in six months' time.

107. COUNCIL PLAN AND YEAR AHEAD DELIVERY PLAN PROGRESS UPDATE

Consideration was given to the report which presented the first progress report on the Council Plan and Year Ahead Delivery Plan for 2025-26. Appendix 1 to the report set out the Council Plan Progress Report – Mid-Year Report for 2025/26 and Appendix 2 was a summary of this report.

The Year Ahead Delivery Plan milestone trackers (included in Appendix 1) outlined progress against the 89 actions within the Year Ahead Plan. As of 8 December 2025, the activities within the Year Ahead Delivery Plan were rated as follows:

- 24% (21) complete
- 49% (44) on track
- 18% (16) are delayed by less than 3 months
- 9% (8) will not be met within 3 months of original target date.

The Year Ahead Delivery Plan also included a performance tracker (included in Appendix 1) which provided an analysis of the Council's performance against the 27 performance measures and 12 social care measures; each were given equal priority.

For the report covering Quarter 2, the status of the performance measures was as follows:

- Performance was on or above target – 20 measures (74%)
- Currently performance was not at expected levels. Confidence that the target would be achieved by year-end – 1 measure (4%)
- Performance was not currently on target. High risk that year-end target would not be achieved – 5 measures (18%)
- Target could not be assessed this quarter (i.e. Annual measure or awaiting publication of data) – 1 measure (4%)
- Information measure targets not applicable (i.e. Volume / Demand measures where 'good' is neither high or low) – 0 measures (0%)

For the report covering Quarter 2, the status of the 12 social care measures was as follows:

- Performance was on or above target – 5 measures (41%)
- Currently performance was not at expected levels. Confidence that the target would be achieved by year-end – 0 measures (0%)
- Performance was not currently on target. High risk that year-end target would not be achieved – 2 measures (17%)
- Target cannot be assessed this quarter (i.e. Annual measure or awaiting publication of data) – 2 measures (17%)
- Information measure targets not applicable (i.e. Volume / Demand measures where 'good' is neither high or low) – 3 measures (25%)

During the meeting, Cabinet Members highlighted achievements from their portfolio's along with known delays and the reasons for those delays.

The report was considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board who advised that the recommendations be supported.

Resolved:

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.

108. STRATEGIC COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) UPDATE

Consideration was given to the report which summarised the application process for Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy (Strategic CIL) funding that had taken place for the 2025 bidding round. It provided the outcome of the Strategic CIL officer panel assessment of the submitted projects against relevant criteria, to determine the infrastructure that would most support new growth areas and help bring forward development sites to implement the Local Plan.

The Council had a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) in place for Rotherham, to secure contributions from developers towards infrastructure to support development. CIL payments were required alongside planning permission for certain types of development and work in tandem with payments negotiated as section 106 planning obligations. The CIL Regulations allowed the Council to apply CIL to reimburse expenditure already incurred on infrastructure. Where the Council had borrowed money for the purposes of funding infrastructure, it could apply CIL to repay that money, and any interest, if certain conditions were met.

The assessment methodology for Strategic CIL applications was approved by Cabinet in July 2024. The assessment covered key areas for project suitability, in summary:

- Part 1 set out a series of “gateway tests” that were aimed at ensuring that projects were eligible and suitable for Strategic CIL funding, including whether the project was identified in the Infrastructure Delivery Study.

- Part 2 required information about the nature and timing of the project.

- Part 3 addressed potential deliverability concerns.

- Part 4 reflected important funding and financial issues.

- Part 5 provided an important link between the infrastructure project and new development, examining the links to allocated sites in the Local Plan and the need for the infrastructure.

- Part 6 enabled an assessment of the benefits of the infrastructure project against the Strategic CIL objectives, including its contribution to Social Value.

The applications for the 2025 bidding round had been assessed by the CIL officer panel, using the Cabinet-approved methodology. Of the eleven applications, five projects passed the gateway tests but only one scored above the 70% threshold that was also applied for the 2024 bidding round. A list of priority projects was presented in the report, and Cabinet approval was sought for the Strategic CIL funds to be allocated as recommended to the Whiston Brook Flood Alleviation Scheme. The allocation proposed was £3million. This bid passed the gateway tests, the project was critical infrastructure; detailed costings were provided; permissions and land acquisitions were in place or in progress; project delivery was in 2026, with future maintenance funded; the project could not happen without CIL funding; the project would protect Whiston village properties and facilitate two large Local Plan housing sites; the project benefits aligned with CIL protocol objectives. It's score was 71.43%.

The Projects Scoring Summary was attached at Appendix 1. The percentage figure in the final column represented the total score against the criteria and methodology as approved by Cabinet on 29th July 2024. A summary was provided in paragraph 2.7 of the report.

The report was considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board who advised that the recommendations be supported. Councillor Steele wished to place on record his thanks to the service for the quality of the report provided on this matter.

The Leader asked that future reports include updates on the delivery of CIL funded projects.

Resolved:

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

109. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

Consideration was given to the circulated report, the contents of which were included as part of the relevant items and the details included accordingly.

110. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:-
That the next meeting of the Cabinet be held on 9 February 2026, commencing at 10.00am.

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Public Report
Cabinet

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting
Cabinet – 9 February 2026

Report Title
Local Authority Better Care Fund 2025/26 - Discharge Grant Commitments

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?
Yes

Executive Director Approving Submission of the Report
Ian Spicer, Executive Director, Adult Care, Housing and Public Health

Report Author(s)
Scott Matthewman, Service Director, Strategic Commissioning, Adult Care, Housing and Public Health

Ward(s) Affected
Borough-Wide

Report Summary
In January 2023, Central Government announced additional funding through a new £200m Discharge Grant for Local Authorities. The fund was intended to increase capacity in post discharge care and support and improve discharge performance, patient safety, experience and outcomes.

From 2025/26, the grant has been included in the Local Authority Better Care Fund at the same level as the 2024/25 allocation which is £3,383,583 for Rotherham. However, in effect the fund that was the Discharge Grant no longer exists. The ringfence for the grant has been removed but national conditions and use of the funding still need to be reported through the Better Care Fund governance into the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and NHS England. This is executed through the Health and Wellbeing Board, Better Care Fund Partnership Agreement and Section 75. Section 75 of the NHS Act 2006 enables NHS bodies and local authorities to establish formal partnerships to pool budgets and resources, enabling joint commissioning and integrated health and social care services.

This report identifies a number of adult social care commitments that should continue to be delivered on a permanent basis due to the removal of the grant ringfence.

Recommendations

That Cabinet:

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.

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.

List of Appendices Included
Appendix 1 Part A – Initial Equality Screening Assessment
Appendix 2 Part B – Equality Analysis Form
Appendix 3 Carbon Impact Assessment

Background Papers
BCF Call Off Partnership Work Order 2025-26.pdf

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel
No

Council Approval Required
No

Exempt from the Press and Public
No

Local Authority Better Care Fund 2025/26 - Discharge Grant Commitments

1. Background

1.1 In January 2023, Central Government announced additional funding through a new £200m Discharge Grant for Local Authorities. The fund was intended to increase capacity in post discharge care and support and improve discharge performance, patient safety, experience and outcomes.

1.2 The terms of the Discharge Grant stated that funding should only be used on permitted activities that reduce pressure in hospitals, including in mental health inpatient settings, by enabling more people to be discharged to an appropriate setting, with adequate and timely health and social care support as required.

1.3 From 2025/26, the grant has been included in the Local Authority Better Care Fund at the same level as the 2024/25 allocation which is £3,383,583 for Rotherham. However, in effect the fund that was the Discharge Grant no longer exists. The ringfence for the grant has been removed but national conditions and use of the funding, spend and outcomes, still need to be reported through Better Care Fund governance into the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and NHS England. This is executed through the Health and Wellbeing Board, Better Care Fund Partnership Agreement and Section 75.

1.4 Over the last two financial years 2023/24 and 2024/25, the Discharge Grant has been used to support several commitments to enable service delivery and address demand pressures within Adult Social Care. The grant was also used to support wider activity being carried out by the Council's Adult Social Care services, in keeping with the grant conditions.

1.5 The removal of the ringfence around what was the Discharge Grant allows potentially greater latitude as to how the money can be spent so long as it complies with certain conditions associated with the Better Care Fund. This report identifies a number of adult social care commitments that were funded by the Discharge Grant and have proved effective. It is therefore recommended that they should continue to be delivered on a permanent basis following the removal of the grant ringfence.

2. Key Issues

2.1 The Discharge Grant has enabled the Council to explore new ways of working and deliver various schemes across adult social care. A number of these schemes need permanent funding following the removal of the grant ringfence.

2.2 There are eight schemes which require permanent funding, all of which consist of staffing for essential positions and functions across Adult Social Care. In summary, this comprises of two schemes designed to pilot new ways of working that would now lead to increased costs if the schemes were ended and six schemes where day to day demand on Adult Social Care has

grown and these positions have become critical to the effective delivery of the service.

2.3 These are set out in headline terms below:

Scheme/Service	Description	Cost £
S117 Mental Health	**S117 mental health reviews -** Section 117 aftercare is the legal duty that is placed on health and social services to provide after care services for individuals who have been detained under the Mental Health Act. A joint programme of work has been initiated with NHS colleagues to review people that are eligible for s117 aftercare. This will ensure people are receiving appropriate services and funding is agreed. The review will conclude in 2026/27.	134,500*
Provider Services	**Programme management of provider services re-design -** Provider services are going through a period of significant transformation. This role oversees and co-ordinates all activities including enablement and Rothercare redesigns and implementation of an Electronic Social Care Record solution. The role is required for 2026/27.	80,000*
Integrated Discharge Team (IDT)	**Additional front door social care capacity at Rotherham hospital -** IDT continue to see a sustained increase in referrals and complexity of people requiring support from adult social care. There is also an increased emphasis on admission avoidance. Without this capacity, the service will be at risk of people requiring more longer-term complex support which does not maximise their independence as discharges from hospital could be delayed. This could create significant risks to both the people awaiting discharge from hospital and on the health and care system across Rotherham. There has been a 7.7% increase in demand within IDT since March 2024.	131,768
Enablement Service	**Permanent funding for the Deputy Manager -** The service is a Care Quality Commission (CQC) regulated provision with a Registered Manager. There is a requirement to have a manager in the service at all times. This post has been	50,000

	funded through the Discharge Grant for several years.	
Continuing Healthcare (CHC)	**CHC Assessors and Co-ordinators -**The posts are responsible for ensuring the adult social care workforce are appropriately skilled to complete CHC assessments and gain joint funding or full funding for people with a primary health care need. The posts are essential to ensuring person centred care and support plans are in place across health and social care.	100,000
Mental Health	**Mental Health Social Work Discharge Co-ordinators -** The posts provide social work interventions as part of mental health discharge activity. If the current funding ceases the timely discharge of people into the community could be at risk as the co-ordination of the discharges is multifaceted and often requires housing, providers and services to work together to be effective.	131,768
Quality and Contract Compliance	**Quality and contract compliance officers -** There has been an increase in the number, frequency and complexity of providers requiring oversight, support and intervention. There is a risk that the Council fails to meet its statutory duties under the Care Act 2014, including poor oversight and management of the care market and an increase in quality and safeguarding concerns, leading to poor experiences and outcomes for residents.	110,000
Adult Contact Team (ACT)	**Adult social care front door prevention capacity -** Supporting independence is the foundation to deflecting the need for long term care and support. Prevent, reduce and delay is an efficiency programme for adult social care and is central to appropriately lowering spend on statutory care services. 80% of people the team work with do not go on to receive statutory support.	100,000

** 2026/27 requirement only.*

2.4 The schemes set out in section 2.3 require a funding commitment of £838k in 2026/27 and then £624k in 2027/28 on a recurrent basis, provisions for which have been made available in the Council's budget and medium-term financial strategy.

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

3.1 There are two possible options as set out below:

1. **Do nothing –** if no additional funding is agreed the schemes listed in this report will cease at the end of the year. This would have a significant impact on service design and delivery, impacting both adult social care staff and residents accessing services.

2. **Fund the schemes permanently –** continue to fund the schemes at a cost of £838k in 2026/27 and £624k on a permanent basis from 2027/28 – **Recommended.**

4. Consultation on proposal

4.1 The Better Care Fund Executive Group has been consulted on the proposals.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

5.1 Subject to Cabinet approval, the decision will be enacted from the 1 April 2026. The Executive Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health will be accountable for the decision.

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

6.1 The cost of extending the schemes will be £838k in 2026/27, reducing to £624k on a permanent 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.

6.2 There are no direct procurement implications arising from the recommendations detailed in this report.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

7.1 Part 1 of the Care Act 2014 places a statutory duty on local authorities to promote individual well-being and to develop and maintain strategies and services to prevent the need for care and support arising in the future. Additionally, the Care Act requires the local authority to work cooperatively with local health services to meet the needs of the local population. The proposed plans set out in the report form part of a larger preventative strategy which is being developed by the Council to serve the needs of the community.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

8.1 There are no negative Human Resource implications identified as a product of the report.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

9.1 There are no direct implications for children and young people as a product of the report. The schemes relate to the care and support needs of adults, including vulnerable adults.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

10.1 An Equality Analysis has been conducted in line with the Council's procedures. There are no further Equalities and Human Rights implications identified outside of the Equality Analysis.

10.2 An Initial Equality Screening Assessment and an Equality Analysis have been completed and are attached at Appendix 1 and 2.

11. Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change

11.1 There are no anticipated implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change as detailed in the Carbon Impact Assessment at Appendix 3.

12. Implications for Partners

12.1 The Local Authority Better Care Fund is part of Better Care Fund for Rotherham and includes funding from the South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board.

12.2 The schemes have been discussed with the Better Care Fund Executive Group and are part of the Better Care Fund plan and delivery arrangements reported to DHSC and NHS England.

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 If Cabinet does not approve the funding for the schemes, plans will be enacted to conclude the schemes and risks will have to be managed at a service level. Risks include people not being discharged from hospital at an appropriate time, quality concerns in the independent care market and people not having timely access to care and support.

14. Accountable Officers

Ian Spicer, Executive Director, Adult Care, Housing and Public Health.

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers:

	Named Officer	**Date**
Chief Executive	John Edwards	21/01/26
Executive Director of Corporate Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	20/01/26
Service Director of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Phil Horsfield	19/01/26

Report Author: Scott Matthewman, Service Director, Strategic Commissioning, Adult Care, Housing and Public Health

This report is published on the Council's website.

APPENDIX 1

PART A - Initial Equality Screening Assessment

As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality and diversity.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provide a record of both the process and decision. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions.

Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality and diversity
- whether or not equality and diversity is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an Equality Analysis (Part B).

Further information is available in the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance – see page 9.

1. Title	
Title: Local Authority Better Care Fund 2025/26 - Discharge Grant Commitments	
Directorate: Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	**Service area:** Strategic Commissioning
Lead person: Scott Matthewman	**Contact:** Scott.Matthewman@rotherham.gov.uk
Is this a: ☐ **Strategy / Policy** ☐ **Service / Function** ☒ **Other** **If other, please specify** Schemes funded via the Local Authority Better Care Fund 2025/26 – Discharge Grant.	

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening
In January 2023, Central Government announced additional funding through a new £200m Discharge Grant for Local Authorities. The fund was intended to increase capacity in post discharge care and support, improve discharge performance, patient safety, experience and outcomes. From 2025/26, the grant has been included in the Local Authority Better Care Fund at the same level as the 2024/25 allocation which is £3,383,583 for Rotherham.

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The Cabinet report identifies a number of adult social care commitments that should continue to be delivered on a permanent basis due to the removal of the grant ringfence.

3. Relevance to equality and diversity

All the Council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – borough wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality and diversity.

The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are.

When considering these questions think about age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, civil partnerships and marriage, pregnancy and maternity and other socio-economic groups e.g. parents, single parents and guardians, carers, looked after children, unemployed and people on low incomes, ex-offenders, victims of domestic violence, homeless people etc.

Questions	Yes	No
Could the proposal have implications regarding the accessibility of services to the whole or wider community?	X	
Could the proposal affect service users?	X	
Has there been or is there likely to be an impact on an individual or group with protected characteristics?	X	
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns regarding the proposal?		X
Could the proposal affect how the Council's services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?	X	
Could the proposal affect the Council's workforce or employment practices?	X	

If you have answered no to all the questions above, please explain the reason

If you have answered **no** to all the questions above please complete **sections 5 and 6.**
If you have answered **yes** to any of the above please complete **section 4.**

4. Considering the impact on equality and diversity

If you have not already done so, the impact on equality and diversity should be considered within your proposals before decisions are made**.**

Considering equality and diversity will help to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and take active steps to create a discrimination free society by meeting a group or individual's needs and encouraging participation.

Please provide specific details for all three areas below using the prompts for guidance and complete an Equality Analysis (Part B).

- **How have you considered equality and diversity?**

Equality, diversity and inclusion are fundamental principles of the Care Act 2014 and adult social care practice. Practitioners support people based on assessed need and ensure care and support plans are personalised and strength based – clearly focussed on outcomes people want to achieve in their daily lives.

- **Key findings**

The schemes are part of the broader portfolio of adult social care services. Quality assurance is embedded in practice with care and support plans focused on individual need. Care and support plans are reviewed to ensure they continue to meet need, are strength based and promote the ethos of personalisation.

- **Actions**

Continue to ensure care and support plans meet individual assessed need. Monitor and report on the profile of residents accessing care and support.

Date to scope and plan your Equality Analysis:	9 December 2025
Date to complete your Equality Analysis:	10 December 2025
Lead person for your Equality Analysis (Include name and job title):	Scott Matthewman, Assistant Director, Strategic Commissioning, Adult Care, Housing and Public Health

5. Governance, ownership and approval

Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening:

Name	Job title	Date
Ian Spicer	Strategic Director, Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	17 December 2025

6. Publishing

This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given.

If this screening relates to a **Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision** a copy of the completed document should be attached as an appendix and published alongside the relevant report.

A copy of **all** screenings should also be sent to equality@rotherham.gov.uk For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file and also published on the Council's Equality and Diversity Internet page.

Date screening completed	10 December 2025
Report title and date	Local Authority Better Care Fund 2025/26 - Discharge Grant Commitments. Cabinet - 9 February 2026
If relates to a Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision – report date and date sent for publication	Cabinet - 9 February 2026
Date screening sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement equality@rotherham.gov.uk	10 December 2025

PART B – Equality Analysis Form

As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality and diversity.

This form:

- Can be used to prompt discussions, ensure that due regard has been given and remove or minimise disadvantage for an individual or group with a protected characteristic
- Involves looking at what steps can be taken to advance and maximise equality as well as eliminate discrimination and negative consequences
- Should be completed before decisions are made, this will remove the need for remedial actions.

Note – An Initial Equality Screening Assessment (Part A) should be completed prior to this form.

When completing this form consider the Equality Act 2010 protected characteristics Age, Disability, Sex, Gender Reassignment, Race, Religion or Belief, Sexual Orientation, Civil Partnerships and Marriage, Pregnancy and Maternity and other socio-economic groups e.g. parents, single parents and guardians, carers, looked after children, unemployed and people on low incomes, ex-offenders, victims of domestic violence, homeless people etc. – see page 11 of Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance.

1. Title	
Title: Local Authority Better Care Fund 2025/26 - Discharge Grant Commitments	
Date of Equality Analysis (EA): 10 December 2025	
Directorate: Adult Care, Housing & Public Health	**Service area:** Strategic Commissioning
Lead Manager: Scott Matthewman Assistant Director Scott.matthewman@rotherham.gov.uk	**Contact number:** 07720 201 138
Is this a: ☐ **Strategy / Policy** ☐ **Service / Function** ☒ **Other** **If other, please specify** Schemes funded via the Local Authority Better Care Fund 2025/26 – Discharge Grant.	

2. Names of those involved in the Equality Analysis (Should include minimum of three people) - see page 7 of Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance		
Name	**Organisation**	**Role (e.g. service user, managers, service specialist)**
Scott Matthewman	Rotherham Council	Assistant Director
Gioia Morrison	Rotherham Council	Head of Finance
Steph Watt	Rotherham Council/ South Yorkshire ICB	Head of Service

3. What is already known? - see page 10 of Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance

Aim/Scope (who the Policy/Service affects and intended outcomes if known)
This may include a group/s identified by a protected characteristic, others groups or stakeholder/s e.g. service users, employees, partners, members, suppliers etc.)

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The Cabinet report identifies a number of adult social care commitments that should continue to be delivered on a permanent basis due to the removal of the grant ringfence. There are eight schemes. All of which consist of staffing for essential positions and functions across adult social care. In summary, this comprises of two schemes designed to pilot new ways of working that would now lead to increased costs, if the schemes were ended, and six schemes where day to day demand on adult social care has grown and these positions have become critical to the effective delivery of the service.

What equality information is available? (Include any engagement undertaken)

Equality, diversity and inclusion are fundamental principles of the Care Act 2014 and adult social care practice. Practitioners support people based on assessed need and ensure care and support plans are personalised and strength based – clearly focussed on outcomes people want to achieve in their daily lives.

The schemes are part of the broader portfolio of adult social care services. Quality assurance is embedded in practice with care and support plans focused on individual need. Care and support plans are reviewed to ensure they continue to meet need, are strength based and promote the ethos of personalisation.

Are there any gaps in the information that you are aware of? No
What monitoring arrangements have you made to monitor the impact of the policy or service on communities/groups according to their protected characteristics? The schemes are part of the broader portfolio of adult social care services. Quality assurance is embedded in practice with care and support plans focused on individual need. Care and support plans are reviewed to ensure they continue to meet need, are strength based and promote the ethos of personalisation. The Health and Wellbeing Board receives quarterly reports against the delivery of the Rotherham Better Care Fund.

Engagement undertaken with customers. (date and group(s) consulted and key findings)	No specific engagement has been undertaken with customers.
Engagement undertaken with staff (date and group(s)consulted and key findings)	No specific engagement has been undertaken with Council staff. The Better Care Fund Executive Group has been consulted on the proposals, along with Councillor Baker-Rogers as the chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board and chair of the Better Care Fund Executive Group.

4. The Analysis - of the actual or likely effect of the Policy or Service (Identify by protected characteristics)
How does the Policy/Service meet the needs of different communities and groups? (Protected characteristics of Age, Disability, Sex, Gender Reassignment, Race, Religion or Belief, Sexual Orientation, Civil Partnerships and Marriage, Pregnancy and Maternity) - see glossary on page 14 of the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance) The schemes are part of the broader portfolio of adult social care services. Quality assurance is embedded in practice with care and support plans focused on individual need. Care and support plans are reviewed to ensure they continue to meet need, are strength based and promote the ethos of personalisation and independence. These are fundamental principles of the Care Act 2014 and adult social care practice.
Does your Policy/Service present any problems or barriers to communities or Groups? No.

Does the Service/Policy provide any positive impact/s including improvements or remove barriers? The Cabinet report identifies a number of adult social care commitments that should continue to be delivered on a permanent basis due to the removal of the grant ringfence. There are eight schemes. All of which consist of staffing for essential positions and functions across adult social care. In summary, this comprises of two schemes designed to pilot new ways of working that would now lead to increased costs, if the schemes were ended, and six schemes where day to day demand on adult social care has grown and these positions have become critical to the effective delivery of the service.
What affect will the Policy/Service have on community relations? (may also need to consider activity which may be perceived as benefiting one group at the expense of another) The schemes are part of the broader portfolio of adult social care services. Quality assurance is embedded in practice with care and support plans focused on individual need. Care and support plans are reviewed to ensure they continue to meet need, are strength based and promote the ethos of personalisation and independence. There are no identified risks in relation to community relations.

Please list any **actions and targets** that need to be taken as a consequence of this assessment on the action plan below and ensure that they are added into your service plan for monitoring purposes – see page 12 of the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance.

5. Summary of findings and Equality Analysis Action Plan

If the analysis is done at the right time, i.e. early before decisions are made, changes should be built in before the policy or change is signed off. This will remove the need for remedial actions. Where this is achieved, the only action required will be to monitor the impact of the policy/service/change on communities or groups according to their protected characteristic - See page 11 of the Equality Screening and Analysis guidance

Title of analysis: Local Authority Better Care Fund 2025/26 - Discharge Grant Commitments
Directorate and service area: Adult Care, Housing & Public Health, Strategic Commissioning
Lead Manager: Scott Matthewman, Assistant Director, Strategic Commissioning
Summary of findings:
The schemes are part of the broader portfolio of adult social care services. Quality assurance is embedded in practice with care and support plans focused on individual assessed need. Care and support plans are reviewed to ensure they continue to meet need, are strength based and promote the ethos of personalisation and independence.

Action/Target	State Protected Characteristics as listed below	Target date (MM/YY)
Continue to ensure care and support plans meet individual assessed need. Monitor and report on the profile of residents accessing care and support.	A, D, S, RE, C	April 2027

***A = Age, D= Disability, S = Sex, GR Gender Reassignment, RE= Race/ Ethnicity, RoB= Religion or Belief, SO= Sexual Orientation, PM= Pregnancy/Maternity, CPM = Civil Partnership or Marriage. C= Carers, O= other groups**

6. Governance, ownership and approval
Please state those that have approved the Equality Analysis. Approval should be obtained by the Director and approval sought from DLT and the relevant Cabinet Member.

Name	Job title	Date
Ian Spicer	Strategic Director, Adult Care, Housing & Public Health	18 December 2025
Cllr Baker-Rogers	Cabinet Member for Adult Care and Health	18 December 2025

7. Publishing

The Equality Analysis will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given.

If this Equality Analysis relates to a **Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision** a copy of the completed document should be attached as an appendix and published alongside the relevant report.

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Date Equality Analysis completed	10 December 2025
Report title and date	Local Authority Better Care Fund 2025/26 - Discharge Grant Commitments
Date report sent for publication	18 December 2025
Date Equality Analysis sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement equality@rotherham.gov.uk	10 December 2025

Will the decision/proposal impact…	Impact	If an impact or potential impacts are identified:			
		Describe impacts or potential impacts on emissions from the Council and its contractors.	Describe impact or potential impacts on emissions across the Borough as a whole.	Describe any measures to mitigate emission impacts	Outline any monitoring of emission impacts that will be carried out
Emissions from non-domestic buildings?	None				
Emissions from transport?	None				
Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	None				
Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	None				
Emissions from construction and/or development?	None				
Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	None				

Identify any emissions impacts associated with this decision which have not been covered by the above fields:

None identified.

Will the proposal affect Council services' resilience to climate change, or the capacity of people living in the Borough to adapt to climate change?

These schemes have a positive benefit to the health and wellbeing of adults throughout the Borough which could have positive resilience implications in the future, though it is not possible at this stage to document the impact in relation to climate change.

Provide a summary of all impacts and mitigation/monitoring measures:

There are no anticipated changes to carbon emissions as a result of the recommendations of this report as the proposal is to continue service provision as in previous years to continue to manage demand for this service.

Supporting information:	
Climate Impact Assessment Author	Scott Matthewman Assistant Director Strategic Commissioning Adult Care, Housing and Public Health
Please outline any research, data or information used to complete this Climate Impact Assessment.	Council Plan 2025-30
If quantities of emissions are relevant to and have been used in this form, please identify which conversion factors have been used to quantify impacts.	*N/A*
Validation	Tracking Reference: CIA 572 Louise Preston Climate Change Manager

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Public Report
Cabinet

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting
Cabinet 09 February 2026

Report Title
Rotherham Baby Pack: Outcomes and Future Commissioning

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?
Yes

Executive Director Approving Submission of the Report
Ian Spicer, Executive Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health

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Report Summary

To report on the progress of the Rotherham Baby Pack Scheme pilot and to seek approval to recommission the scheme for a further period of up to four years.

Recommendations

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.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 – The Rotherham Baby Pack Scheme Report - Obtaining parents' views and feedback exercise

Appendix 2 – Equality Analysis Form

Appendix 3 – Climate Impact Assessment

Background Papers

Proposed Revenue Investments

Decision - The Rotherham Baby Pack Scheme - obtaining parents' views and feedback exercise - Rotherham Council)

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel
No

Council Approval Required
No

Exempt from the Press and Public
No

Rotherham Baby Pack: Outcomes and Future Commissioning

1. Background

1.1 On 28 February 2024, Council approved the Budget for 2024/25, including provision to undertake an open procurement to identify a supplier to provide baby packs to ensure every family has access to essential items from the beginning of a child's life.

1.2 The Rotherham Baby Pack Scheme aims to promote a fair and equal start for all children as an aid in supporting the best possible outcomes for all Rotherham's children, with intended benefits including:

- Reducing socio-economic and health inequalities by encouraging registration with family hubs.
- Enabling information sharing to promote targeted engagement when families may benefit from additional help and support.
- Information on how to access Council Start for Life services via Family Hubs.

1.3 The intention of the Rotherham Baby Pack Scheme was for it to become a cornerstone of Rotherham's commitment to ensuring that every child in Rotherham gets the best possible start in life, by providing families with the essential items they need from birth.

1.4 Following a competitive tender process, Field Management Ireland (FMI) was awarded the Single Provider Framework Agreement in November 2024. The initial contract covers the supply and delivery of up to 5,600 baby packs, with a maximum annual value of £720,000 over two years, ending on 14 November 2026.

1.5 Registration of expectant mothers commenced on 6 January 2025 for babies due on or after 7 April 2025. The first packs were distributed the week commencing 24 March 2025.

1.6 **Registration Pathways**

Three registration routes are available for the Rotherham Baby Pack Scheme: expectant mothers are offered a pack on or around their 25-week appointment with Maternity Services at The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust (TRFT). Any expectant mother not registered through midwifery can do so when registering the birth at Riverside House.

Rotherham residents receiving maternity care outside the Borough can be registered by the baby pack provider once their midwife confirms pregnancy.

1.7 **Performance**

From 10 January 2025 to September 2025:

	Jan – Mar*	April - Jun	Jul – Sept	Total
Registrations	324	604	659	1587
Uptake Rate	69%	86%	94%	85%
Delivered	82	749	756	1587

**Registrations of expectant mothers commenced on 6 January 2025 for babies due on or after 7 April 2025. The first packs were distributed the week commencing 24 March 2025.*

1.8 The average birth rate over the previous three years is 2,800 per annum. The current uptake rate is between 90% to 95%. As this is a universal offer the packs will continue to be offered to all expectant mothers.

1.9 At the end of September 2025, 100% of Rotherham Baby Packs had been delivered to Rotherham families who had requested them (Council Plan 2025-30).

2. Key Issues

2.1 Recipient feedback

In September 2025, Rotherham Council undertook its first survey of recipients of the Rotherham Baby Pack Scheme to obtain feedback on user experience and impact.

2.2 The survey indicates that the baby packs are highly valued by expectant parents with 99% of respondents indicating that they would recommend it to others. Satisfaction levels are exceptionally high with an average rating of 4.82 out of 5 for pack quality and 4.87 for the registration process. Respondents consistently highlighted the financial relief provided by the pack, with 78% agreeing it helped save money, and 80% noted its role in raising awareness of Family Hubs and local support services.

2.3 Key Findings

The full survey report is included as Appendix 1. A summary is set out below:

2.4 Overall Satisfaction: Strong endorsement of the scheme quality and ease of access:

- 99% would recommend the Baby Pack (Q1).
- Quality rating: 4.82/5 (Q8).
- Registration process: 4.87/5 (Q3).
- Leaflet usefulness: 4.17/5 (Q13).

One respondent noted: *"There are a wide range of really useful and clearly carefully considered items that will help any new parent. The box far exceeded my expectations, and I think it is a wonderful and helpful asset to any new parent."* – The Rotherham Baby Pack Scheme - obtaining parents' views and feedback exercise 2025.

2.5 Financial Impact: Rotherham ranks among the 14% most deprived local authorities in England, making financial relief a critical outcome:

- 78% agreed or strongly agreed the pack saved them money (Q9).
- 72% cited financial savings as the top benefit (Q16).

One respondent noted: *"It had everything I needed including some expensive items like nipple cream and baby play mat. It's also made a great storage box for baby items that I want to keep, and the top is a cute design that adds to the sentimental vibe. I'm a first-time parent so it was nice to get things I hadn't thought of. I'm still waiting to use bits like the safety stuff, so it keeps on giving."* – The Rotherham Baby Pack Scheme - obtaining parents' views and feedback exercise 2025.

2.6 Information and Awareness: While most families gained new knowledge, existing parents reported less benefit, suggesting the need for tailored content:

- 80% reported they had learned about Family Hubs/Children's Centres as a result of receiving the baby pack (Q3).
- 76% felt informed before arrival; 24% did not (Q5).
- Leaflet impact: 75% rated the leaflet positively (Q13).

One respondent noted: *"I think it helps make sure every child has the same essentials they need. I also liked that it provided mums with post-partum essentials. As a first-time mum, it was really useful. I think it's better than a monetary voucher as you cannot guarantee people would spend that on their baby."* – The Rotherham Baby Pack Scheme - obtaining parents' views and feedback exercise 2025.

2.7 Engagement with Professionals: There is opportunity to strengthen links with health professionals but overall, the survey suggests this is already positive in the main:

- 36% said the pack encouraged them to speak more with midwives/health visitors (Q14), with 42% saying they were already comfortable speaking with their midwives/health visitors.

One respondent noted: *"The value inside was great. Babies are expensive and this bundle has every essential item included, if you're struggling to get everything ready it's a perfect help!"* – The Rotherham Baby Pack Scheme - obtaining parents' views and feedback exercise 2025.

2.8 Delivery and Access: Home delivery remains essential, but earlier distribution and clearer communication could maximise benefits:

- 66% prefer home delivery; only 5% say they would collect from a Family Hub (Q7).
- Improvement priorities: timing of delivery and awareness were dominant themes (Q17).

One respondent noted: *“really appreciated this gesture from the Council. As a first-time parent it was so nice to receive such warmth to little baby, not just the baby but the fact that there was little packages for mom herself was very thoughtful. I think it would be great if this continues and gets offered in the long-term run.”* – The Rotherham Baby Pack Scheme - obtaining parents' views and feedback exercise 2025.

2.9 **Areas for improvement**

While feedback was overwhelmingly positive, several areas for improvement were identified. The most common suggestions relate to earlier delivery of the pack, clearer communication about its contents, and increased promotion of the scheme to ensure wider awareness. Individual respondents will not be aware of the high take-up rate and are therefore recommending it to others.

2.10 These issues are being addressed by:

- Enhanced communication: details about the contents of the baby pack will be included in the registration email to improve clarity and manage expectations.
- Earlier distribution: The current provider, FMI is willing to trial sending the baby pack approximately six weeks before the expected due date, allowing families more time to prepare.
- Updated materials: The *Start for Life* leaflet is being refreshed for Year 2 of the pilot to ensure relevance and accessibility.
- Expanded promotion: Communications will be increased across all channels to raise awareness of the scheme and its benefits.

2.11 These actions aim to enhance the scheme’s impact further, reduce duplication of purchases for parents, and strengthen engagement with local support services. This baseline survey provides a strong foundation for measuring progress and evaluating the effectiveness of any changes in the next survey, which is planned for September 2026.

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

3.1 **Option 1 - Recommended:** To recommission the baby pack scheme for up to a further four years with the annual budget of £410,000 plus yearly CPI increases.

3.2 As with the previous tender, prospective suppliers will be asked to submit their best product and offer within the available budget. The intention will be to ensure the baby pack contains the items and quality, as experienced during the pilot period. This will include the supply of a sample box for evaluation.

3.3 Potential price rises will be mitigated as the supplier will be required to commit to the price of the pack.

3.4 **Option 2 – Not Recommended:** To end the baby pack scheme when the current contract expires. The scheme is meeting its initial aims and is well regarded by parents and professionals.

4. Consultation on proposal

4.1 A feedback exercise with parents has been completed and detailed in section 2 of the Cabinet report.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

5.1 Subject to Cabinet approval, the tender will be advertised in April 2026, allowing 12 months to secure a provider partner and facilitating sufficient time to set up a registration and delivery system, and source the products and packaging which was key feedback from the initial procurement exercise.

5.2 The current provider, FMI, will continue the registration process for boxes until the contract ends in November 2026 and will then honour those orders with existing stock until 31 March 2027. (This is due to the planned 10-week lapse between registering for a pack and delivery).

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

6.1 The procurement for the supply of baby packs will be undertaken in compliance with the Council's Financial and Procurement Procedure Rules and the Procurement Act 2023.

6.2 The budget available for the baby packs from 2026/27 will be £410,000 per year. This is an increase of £50,000 and reflects the increase needed to provide the same quality and number of items in the pack. This will increase in line with inflation over the course of the contract.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

7.1 Legal Services has been involved throughout this project and have provided advice as and when required.

7.2 There are no further legal implications raised by this Cabinet report.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

8.1 There are no Human Resource implications in relation to this scheme. There are no Council staff employed as a result of the Rotherham Baby Pack scheme.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

9.1 The Rotherham Baby Pack scheme is an initiative that aims to give all children in the Borough a fair and healthy start in life. By providing mother and baby essentials and connecting families with support services through

the Family Hubs and 'Start for Life' booklet, the scheme will continue to reduce inequalities and improve early childhood outcomes and development.

9.2 There has been collaboration between Public Health, Children and Young People's Services (CYPS) and TRFT throughout the development of the scheme.

9.3 The Scheme aligns to Rotherham's Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the commitment in Rotherham's Integrated Health and Social Care Place Plan to enable a strong start in life for children and young people. This also supports the aim in both the Rotherham Together Partnership Plan and the Rotherham Council Plan to ensure that children get the best start in life.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

10.1 The Rotherham Baby Pack scheme is a universal offer for all children, families and babies born in Rotherham.

10.2 An Equality Analysis Form – Part B has been completed and accompanies this report at Appendix 2.

11. Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change

11.1 The Climate Impact Assessment (Appendix 3) acknowledges the potential environmental implications of the scheme. The proposals will be assessed at the tender stage. This will ensure alignment with the Council's strategic commitment to environmental protection, sustainability, and ethical practice. These commitments will be actively monitored and managed through robust contract management processes to mitigate any adverse impact.

12. Implications for Partners

12.1 The key partners include Public Health, CYPS and TRFT. There will be increased engagement between Public Health, midwifery and Health Visiting services (TRFT) and Family Help.

12.2 Partners are engaged and committed to developing and participating in the Rotherham Baby Pack scheme.

12.3 Partners will be involved in implementing the Rotherham Baby Pack scheme with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) in place with TRFT, as well as Service Level Agreements (SLAs) with internal Council departments, e.g. Registrars of births, deaths, marriages and civil partnerships.

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 The baby pack scheme experienced increased item costs in year 2 due to inflation and global supply chain challenges.

13.2 If the recommendation to recommission is approved, a detailed tender specification will be provided that clearly defines quality standards, the same pack contents, and delivery expectations. This will ensure suppliers are contractually bound to maintain quality within the agreed budget.

13.3 Potential price rises will be mitigated as the supplier will be required to commit to the price per pack.

14. Accountable Officers

Ian Spicer, Executive Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

	Named Officer	**Date**
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Executive Director of Corporate Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	20/01/26
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Appendix 1

1 The Rotherham Baby Pack Scheme Report - obtaining parents' views and feedback exercise

1.1 Introduction

In September 2025, Rotherham Council undertook its first survey of recipients of the Rotherham Baby Pack Scheme to establish a baseline of user experience and impact. With a response rate of **28%** (297 out of 1,070), the findings indicate high levels of satisfaction, strong support for the scheme, and clear evidence of financial and informational benefits. This report summarises key insights and highlights areas for improvement to guide future delivery and engagement.

Following the publication of an Officer Decision on 16 September 2025 (Decision - The Rotherham Baby Pack Scheme - obtaining parents' views and feedback exercise - Rotherham Council):

Context

- This is the first survey sent to mothers and will serve as a baseline.
- The survey was sent to people who received a baby pack in the first 6 months when the service was mobilising.
- The baby packs are sent out four weeks before the expected due date, provided at the 25-week maternity check
- The number of first-time births for England is, on average, around 47%

1.2 Overall Conclusion

The baseline survey reveals that the Rotherham Baby Pack Scheme is highly valued by expectant parents, with **99%** of respondents indicating that they would recommend it to others. Satisfaction levels are exceptionally high, with an average rating of **4.82** out of 5 for pack quality and **4.87** for the registration process. Respondents consistently highlighted the financial relief provided by the pack, with **78%** agreeing it helped save money, and many, **80%** noted its role in raising awareness of Family Hubs and local support services.

While feedback was overwhelmingly positive, several areas for improvement were identified. The most common suggestions relate to earlier delivery of the pack, clearer communication about its contents, and increased promotion of the scheme to ensure wider awareness, as individual respondents won't be aware of the high take-up rate and are therefore recommending it to others. Addressing these issues will enhance the scheme’s impact, reduce duplication of purchases, and strengthen engagement with local support services. This baseline provides a strong foundation for measuring progress and evaluating the effectiveness of any changes in the next survey cycle.

1.3 Key Insights

1. **High Satisfaction & Recommendation**
    - Nearly all respondents would recommend the pack.
    - Quality and registration process scored very high.
2. **Impact on Financial Support**
    - Strong agreement that the pack saved money, especially during cost-of-living challenges.
3. **Awareness & Engagement**
    - Significant increase in awareness of Family Hubs and local support services.
    - Encouraged conversations with professionals for some parents.

1.3.1 Themes Identified:

Themes identified from the open text responses.

- **Essential Items** (62 mentions): Parents value having all the basics in one place.
- **Support for Parents** (41 mentions): Especially helpful for first-time or low-income families.
- **Variety and Quality** (35 mentions): Appreciated the diversity and quality of items.
- **Cost Saving** (26 mentions): Helps reduce financial burden.
- **Surprise and Delight** (13 mentions): Positive emotional response to quality and thoughtfulness.
- **Convenience** (11 mentions): The pack makes preparation easier.

1.4 Key Findings by Theme

1. Overall Satisfaction

- **99%** would recommend the Baby Pack (Q1)
- Quality rating: **4.82/5** (Q8)
- Registration process: **4.87/5** (Q3)
- Leaflet usefulness: **4.17/5** (Q13)

"These boxes are well thought out and equipped with many essentials for both baby and mother. They encompass everything to aid new family life, and I imagine this is a huge lifeline for many families."

Insight: Strong endorsement of scheme quality and ease of access.

1.5 Financial Impact

- **78%** agreed or strongly agreed the pack saved them money (Q9)
- **72%** cited financial savings as the top benefit (Q16)

"The value inside was great. Babies are expensive, and this bundle has every essential item included. If you're struggling to get everything ready, it's a perfect help!"

Context: Rotherham ranks among the 14% most deprived local authorities in England, and 22,000 of our children live in the most income deprived neighbourhoods in England, making financial relief a critical outcome.

1.6 Information & Awareness

- **76%** felt informed before arrival of the baby pack; **24%** did not (Q5)
- Leaflet impact: **75%** rated leaflet positively (Q13)

"It had everything I needed, including some expensive items like nipple cream and a baby play mat. It's also made a great storage box for baby items that I want to keep, and the top is a cute design that adds to the sentimental vibe. I'm a first-time parent, so it was nice to get things I hadn't thought of. I'm still waiting to use bits like the safety stuff so it keeps on giving"

Insight: While most families gained new knowledge, multiparous parents reported less benefit, suggesting the need for tailored content in the Best Start in Life leaflet.

1.7 Engagement with Professionals

- **36%** said the pack encouraged them to speak more with midwives/health visitors (Q14), with 42% saying they were already comfortable speaking with their midwives/health visitors.

"The pack was really well designed with all the essentials we needed. In particular, the breast pads and nipple cream, as I had been dubious about my ability to breastfeed, so hadn't stocked up as well as I should have done - having the pack arrive just after we left hospital with these must-haves was a lifesaver!"

Insight: Positive impact—opportunity to strengthen links with health professionals.

1.8 Delivery & Access

- **66%** prefer home delivery; only **5%** would collect from a Family Hub (Q7)
- Improvement priorities: timing of delivery and awareness were dominant themes (Q17)

"The baby pack included items that I hadn't even thought of getting, but helped me greatly after the birth of my child".

Insight: Home delivery remains essential, but earlier distribution and clearer communication could maximise benefits."

1.9 Changes to the Scheme

While feedback was overwhelmingly positive, several areas for improvement were identified. The most common suggestions relate to earlier delivery of the pack, clearer communication about its contents, and increased promotion of the scheme to ensure wider awareness. Recognising that individual respondents will not be aware of the high take-up rate, and are therefore recommending it to others.

These issues will be addressed by:

- **Enhanced communication**: details about the contents of the Rotherham Baby Pack will be included in the registration email to improve clarity and manage expectations.
- **Earlier distribution**: The current provider, FMI, is trialling sending the Baby Pack approximately six weeks before the expected due date, allowing families more time to prepare.
- **Updated materials**: The *Start for Life* leaflet has been refreshed for Year 2 of the pilot to ensure relevance and accessibility.
- **Expanded promotion**: Communications will be increased across all channels to raise awareness of the scheme and its benefits.

These actions aim to enhance the scheme's impact, reduce duplication of purchases for parents, and strengthen engagement with local support services. This baseline provides a strong foundation for measuring progress and evaluating the effectiveness of any changes in the next survey, which is planned for September 2026.

2 Survey Results:

Based on the survey response rate of **297** out of **1070**, and assuming a standard margin of error of **5%**, the estimated confidence level is **95%**.

Benchmarking

Below are benchmarking percentages from patterns used in previous UK public sector surveys (link) and are being used as a guide throughout this report.

Category	Typical Range	Interpretation
Strongly Agree/5 Stars	30-45%	Excellent
Agree//4 Stars	25-40%	Strong
Neutral/3 Stars	10-20%	Normal
Disagree/Strongly Disagree / 1or 2 Stars	<15%	Low

Current Performance

For context the table below shows the registrations and uptake rate of the scheme, Registrations for baby packs commenced in mid-January for mothers who had a due date on or after the 7th of April 2025.

	Jan – Mar*	April - Jun	Jul – Sept	Total
Registrations	324	604	659	1587
Target	467	700	700	1867
Uptake Rate	69%	86%	94%	85%
Delivered**	82	749	756	1587

*From January to March, the service was mobilising the registration pathways.

** Mothers are registered 3 months before their due date, with the first deliveries taking place in March 2025.

At the end of September 2025, **100%** of Rotherham Baby Packs have been delivered to Rotherham families who have requested them (Council Plan 2025-30).

Delivery

For context, the table below shows the number and percentage of boxes delivered. The first boxes were only available for delivery from mid-March, resulting in a shorter delivery window for mothers with due dates in April 2025.

Delivered	Number	%	Comments
5 weeks	731	65%	Variance in weeks is due to most deliveries leaving the depot on a Tuesday
4 weeks	309	28%	
3 weeks	32	3%	Most of these had a delivery due date in April

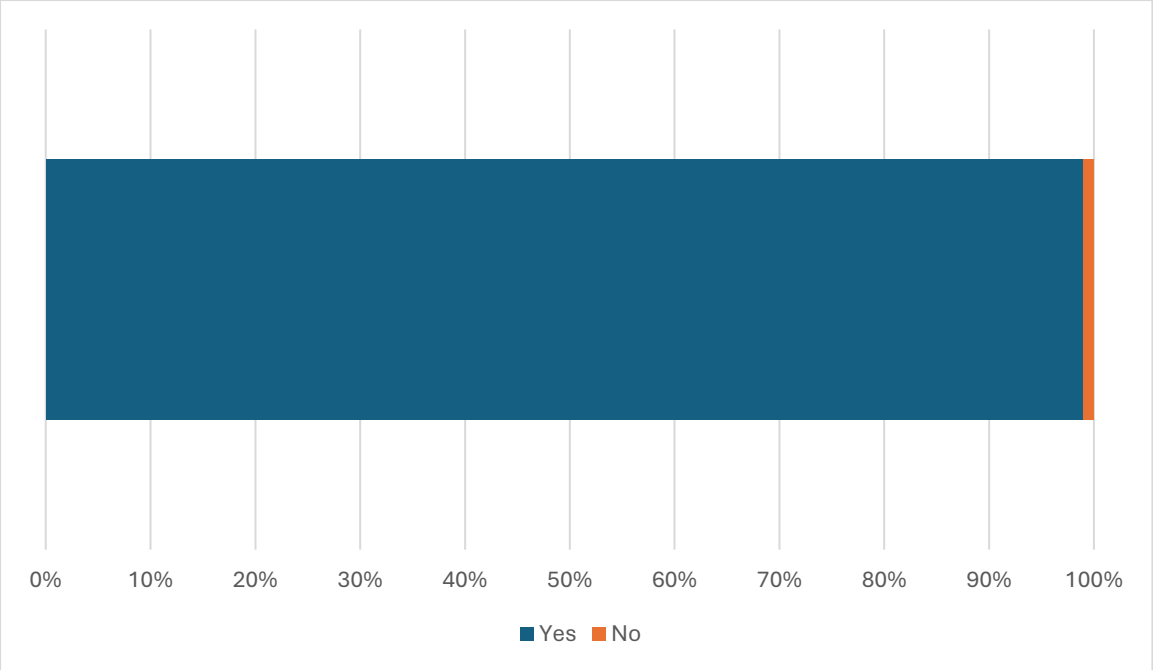
2 week	28	3%	All these had a delivery due date in April
1 week >	19	2%	All these deliveries had a due date before the 4th of April
Total	1119	100%	

93% of recipients received their box 4 or 5 weeks before their provided due date.

6% had their box delivered 2 to 3 weeks before their due date; all of the due dates were in April when the scheme was mobilising, and it was not possible to deliver 4 weeks before the provided due date.

There are 19 **(2%)** cases where the pack was delivered one week or less before the due date. The records show that recipients were registered as mothers before the 4th of April 2025 and then deviated from the guidance; many of these were due dates in March, and when the service was first launched.

2.1 Q1. Would you recommend the Rotherham Baby Pack to other expectant parents?



Of those who responded, **99%** indicated they would recommend the Rotherham Baby Pack to other expectant parents, while only **1%** (3 respondents) said they would not. This overwhelmingly positive feedback demonstrates strong user satisfaction and suggests recipients highly value the scheme.

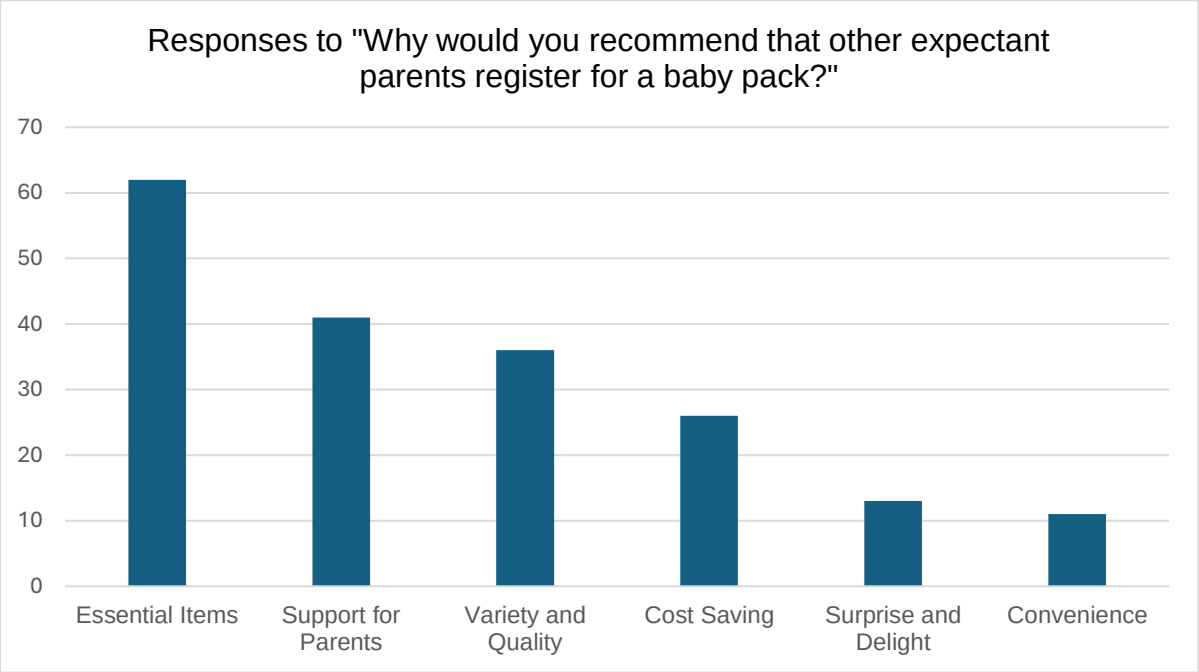
2.2 Q2. Why would you recommend that other expectant parents register for a baby pack?

A thematic analysis was conducted on the responses from Q2, with **247** parents choosing to participate after responding “yes” to Q1.

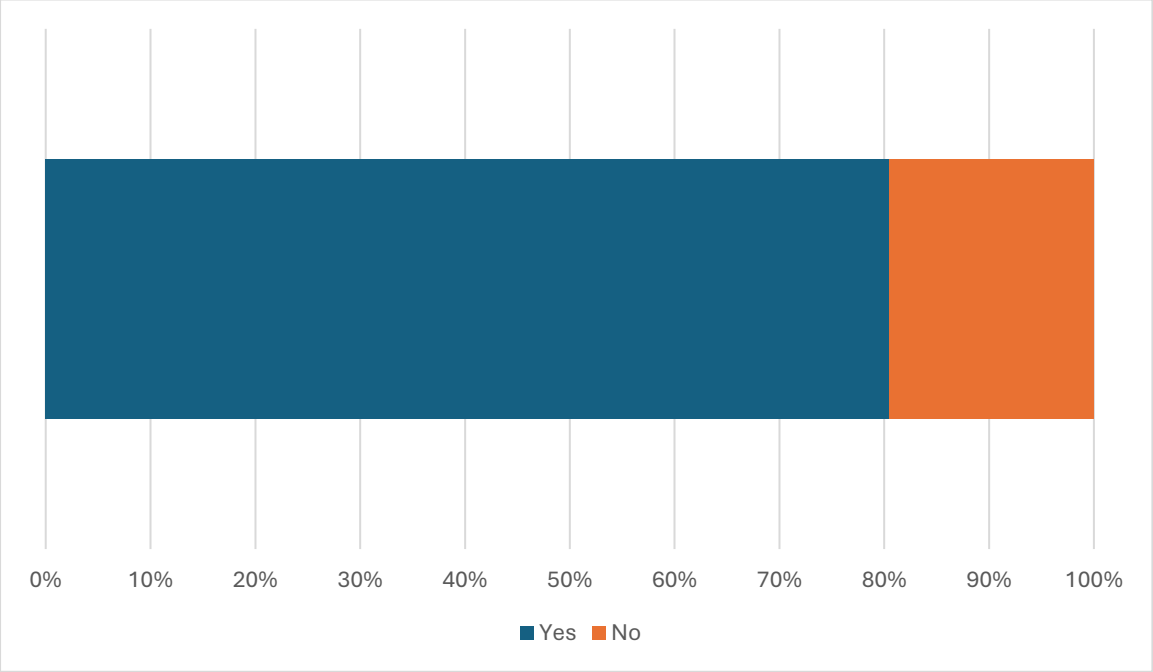
Top Themes Identified:

- **Essential Items** (62 mentions): Parents value having all the basics in one place.
- **Support for Parents** (41 mentions): Especially helpful for first-time or low-income families.
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Theme	Frequency
Essential Items	62
Support for Parents	41
Variety and Quality	36
Cost Saving	26
Surprise and Delight	13
Convenience	11

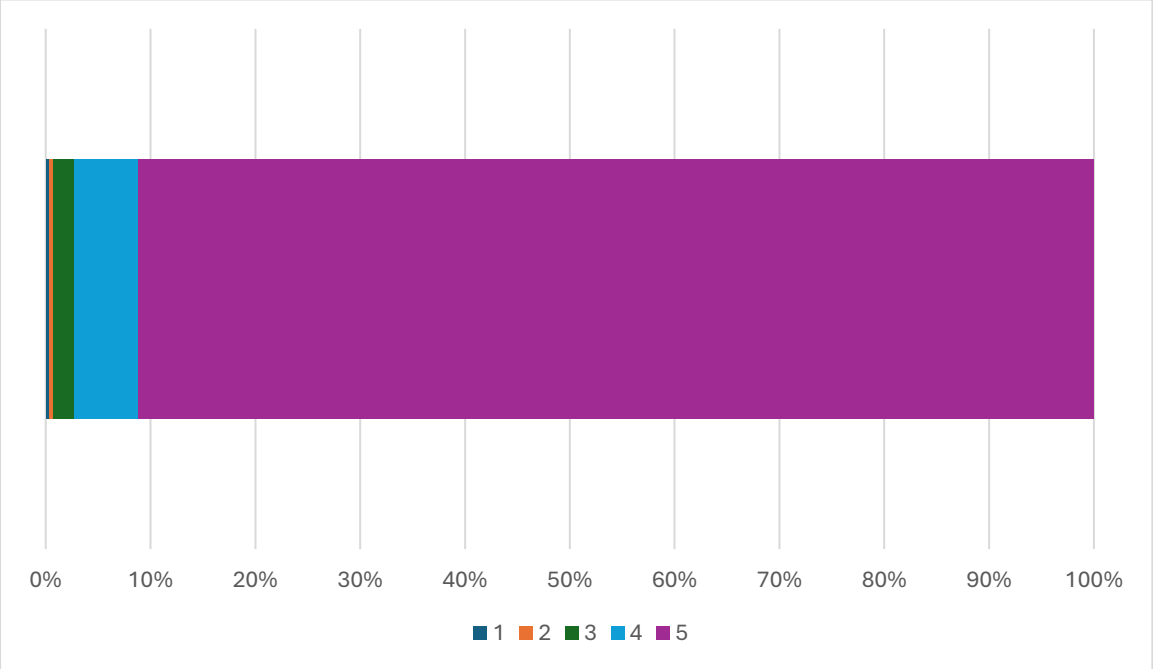


2.3 Q3. As a result of receiving a baby pack, have you learned about Family Hubs / Children's Centres?



Of those who responded, **80%** reported they had learned about Family Hubs/Children's Centres as a result of receiving the baby pack, while **20%** had not. This indicates that the baby pack is an effective channel for increasing awareness of local early years support services.

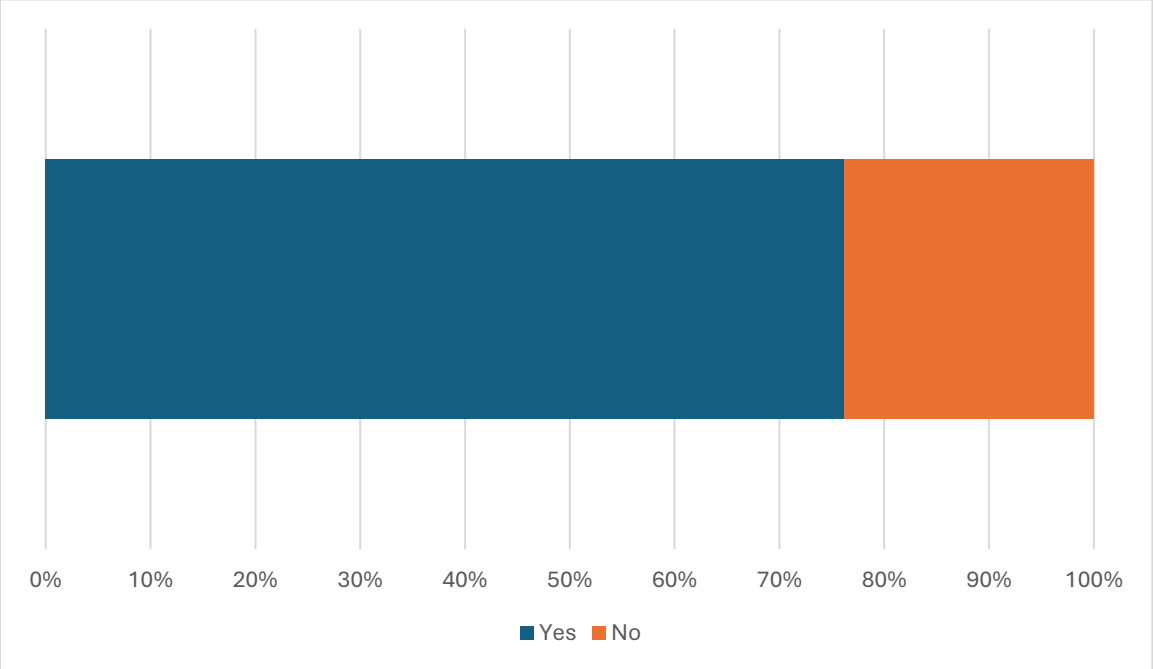
2.4 Q4. On a scale of 1 to 5 stars, how would you rate your experience with registering for the baby pack?



The registration process received a **weighted average of 4.87 out of 5**.

91% awarded **5 stars**, **6%** gave **4 stars**—meaning **97%** rated the process **4 or 5 stars**. Only **1%** gave **1–2 stars**, and **2%** selected **3 stars**. This indicates the registration process is performing strongly and is well-regarded by recipients.

2.5 Q5. Before your baby pack arrived, did you have enough information about it?



76% felt they had enough information about the baby pack before it arrived, while **24%** did not. This suggests that while most recipients were well-informed, there is an opportunity to improve pre-delivery communication to ensure all families receive clear and timely information.

2.6 Q6. What would you have liked to know more about? (Please select all that apply)

Question 6 was a follow-up question for recipients who selected “no” to question 5

Among respondents who indicated they did not have enough information before receiving the baby pack (linked to Question 5), **62 people** answered this question. The most common area for improvement was:

- **“What would be in the pack”** was selected by **77% (48 respondents)**.

Other key areas included

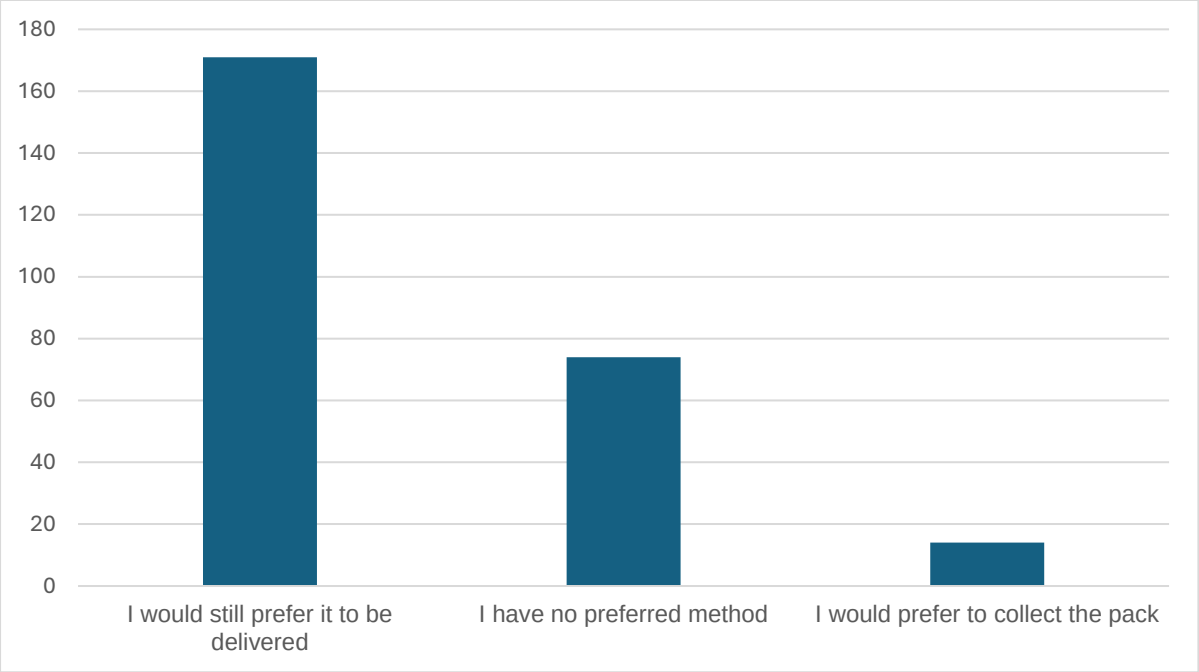
- **“When the pack would be delivered” 37%,(23 respondents**),
- **“The purpose of the Baby Pack Scheme” 37%, (23 respondents**),
- **“How the pack would be delivered” 23%, (14 respondents**).

Additionally,

- **15% (9 respondents)** provided other comments, highlighting issues such as lack of awareness, limited promotion, and reliance on midwives or registration officers for information.

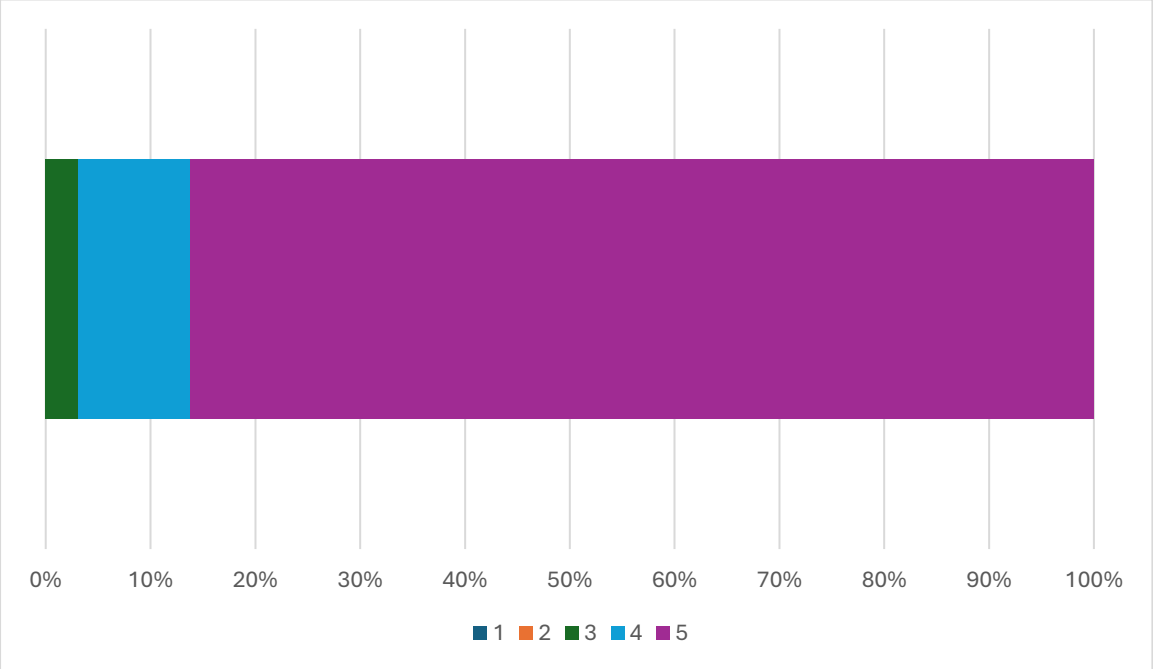
This suggests a need for clearer communication about contents, purpose, and delivery timelines to improve user experience.

2.7 Q7. The Rotherham Baby Pack is currently delivered to your home. If a collection option were available from a local Family Hub (e.g., Swinton, Eastwood, or Maltby) open Monday to Friday, 10 am to 4 pm, what would you be most likely to do?



The majority, **66%**, stated they would still prefer home delivery. **29%** had no preferred method, while only **5%** indicated they would prefer to collect the pack from a Family Hub. This suggests that maintaining home delivery as the primary method is important for user convenience, though offering a collection option could provide flexibility for some families.

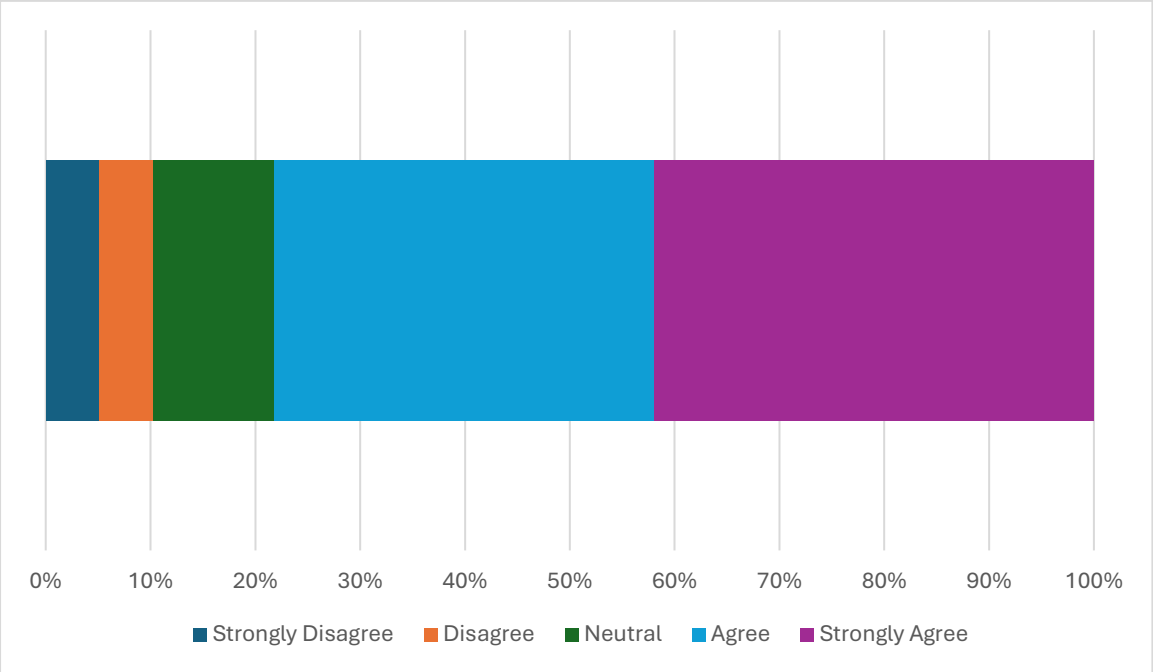
2.8 Q8. Overall, how would you rate the quality of the baby pack and its contents?



The baby pack received a **weighted average rating of 4.82 out of 5**. A significant majority, **86%**, rated the pack **5 stars**, and **11%** gave **4 stars**, meaning **96%** rated the pack positively (4 or 5 stars). Only **4%** rated it **3 stars** and there were no 1- or 2-star ratings.

This demonstrates exceptionally high satisfaction with the quality and contents of the Rotherham Baby Pack.

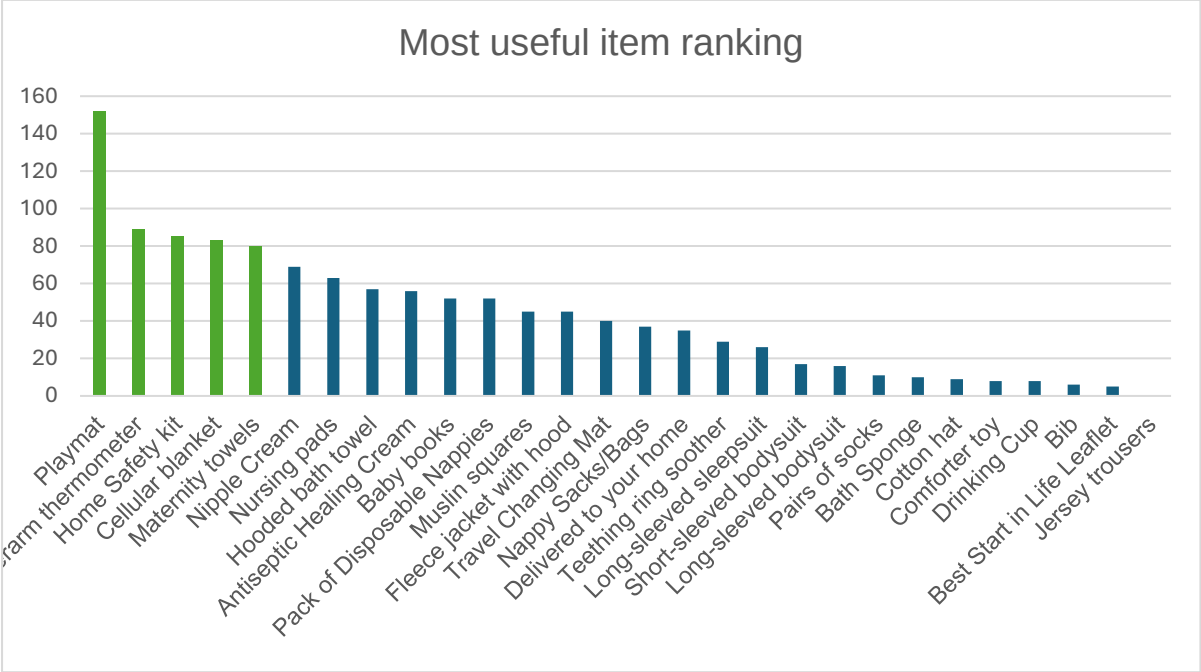
2.9 Q9. Thinking about the items in the baby pack, how strongly do you agree or disagree with this statement: "Receiving the baby pack saved me money."



The majority agreed with the statement: **42%** strongly agreed and **36%** agreed, meaning **78%** felt the Rotherham Baby Pack saved them money. **12%** were neutral, while **10%** disagreed or strongly disagreed. This indicates the scheme is delivering tangible financial benefits for most families.

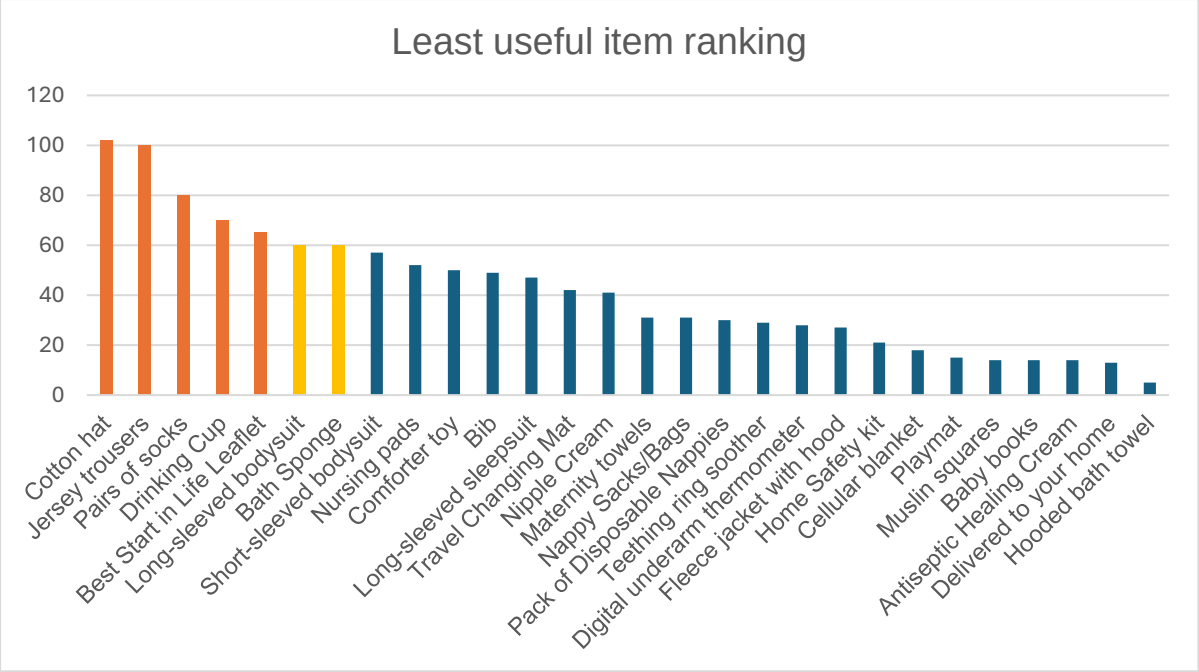
2.10 Q10 Which items did recipients find most or least useful?

2.10.1 Simple ranking system.



Recipients were asked to select the **most** useful items from the baby packs

1. Playmat 64%
2. Digital underarm thermometer 38%
3. Home Safety kit 36%
4. Cellular blanket 35%
5. Maternity towels 34%



Recipients were asked to select the **least** useful items from the baby packs

1. Cotton hat 44%
2. Jersey Trousers 43%
3. Pairs of socks 34%
4. Drinking Cup 30%
5. Best Start in Life Leaflet 28%
6. Long-sleeved bodysuit & Bath Sponge 26%

Due to the low ranking of the Best Start in Life Leaflet, the joint 6th rank item is also shown in the table above.

Best Start in Life leaflet: Measuring different aspects.

Further analysis shows that the *Best Start in Life* leaflet is well regarded by parents, achieving an average usefulness rating of **4.17 out of 5** (question 13) (95% CI: [4.03, 4.31]). A one-sample t-test confirms that this is significantly higher than the neutral midpoint of 3 ($t(223) = 16.23$, $p < 0.001$, Cohen's $d = 1.08$, indicating a large effect), indicating a strong perceived value. A secondary test against a stricter benchmark of 4 also reached significance (**$t(223) = 2.35$, $p = 0.019$**), though the effect size was small ($d = 0.16$), suggesting limited headroom for improvement beyond its current high standing.

At the same time, **28%** of respondents placed the leaflet among their bottom five items (Question 11), while **75% rated it 4 or 5 stars** (Question 13)**.** This apparent contrast reflects the different constructs measured: one question asked for an absolute rating of the leaflet, the other for a relative ranking within the pack. It is therefore consistent that many respondents consider the leaflet useful while still

ranking it lower than other items when prioritising value across the full set. This indicates comparative preference rather than dissatisfaction.

This indicates that, despite being relatively less preferred compared to other items in the baby pack, the leaflet is still considered valuable by most respondents.

Overall, the leaflet is performing strongly, but its relative position suggests an opportunity to enhance engagement. Improvements such as clearer design, concise language, and digital access options could increase its perceived value while maintaining the pack's overall effectiveness in supporting families.

2.11 Recommendations matrix

Below is a more in-depth recommendation score based on the number of times an item was selected as most or least useful.

Keep (Score: +0.20 and above)

- **Definition**: Items strongly perceived as useful and rarely considered unnecessary.
- **Interpretation**: High positive gap → strong consensus to keep.

Review (Score: -0.20 and below)

- **Definition**: Items widely considered unnecessary and rarely seen as useful.
- **Interpretation**: High negative gap → strong consensus to review.

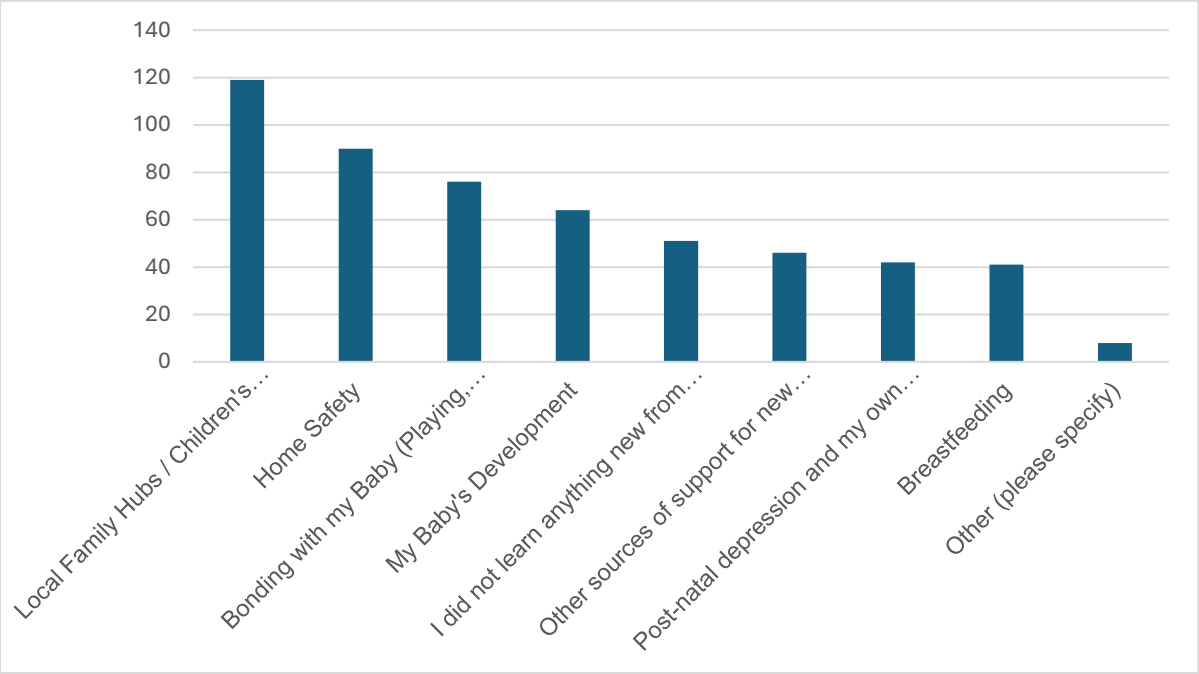
Optional (Score: Between -0.19 and +0.19)

- **Definition**: Items with mixed opinions or moderate usefulness.
- **Interpretation**: No strong consensus → consider as optional or situational.

Item	Most		Least		Net	Recommendation
Playmat	0.6414	152	0.0644	15	0.577	Keep
Cellular blanket	0.3502	83	0.0773	18	0.2729	Keep
Home Safety kit	0.3586	85	0.0901	21	0.2685	Keep
Digital underarm thermometer	0.3755	89	0.1202	28	0.2553	Keep
Hooded bath towel	0.2405	57	0.0215	5	0.219	Keep
Maternity towels	0.3376	80	0.133	31	0.2046	Keep
Antiseptic Healing Cream	0.2363	56	0.0601	14	0.1762	Optional
Baby books	0.2194	52	0.0601	14	0.1593	Optional
Muslin squares	0.1899	45	0.0601	14	0.1298	Optional
Nipple Cream	0.2911	69	0.176	41	0.1151	Optional
Delivered to your home	0.1477	35	0.0558	13	0.0919	Optional
Pack of Disposable Nappies	0.2194	52	0.1288	30	0.0906	Optional
Fleece jacket with hood	0.1899	45	0.1159	27	0.074	Optional
Nursing pads	0.2658	63	0.2232	52	0.0426	Optional

Nappy Sacks/Bags	0.1561	37	0.133	31	0.0231	Optional
Teething ring soother	0.1224	29	0.1245	29	-0.0021	Optional
Travel Changing Mat	0.1688	40	0.1803	42	-0.0115	Optional
Long-sleeved sleepsuit	0.1097	26	0.2017	47	-0.092	Optional
Short-sleeved bodysuit	0.0717	17	0.2446	57	-0.1729	Optional
Comforter toy	0.0338	8	0.2146	50	-0.1808	Optional
Bib	0.0253	6	0.2103	49	-0.185	Optional
Long-sleeved bodysuit	0.0675	16	0.2575	60	-0.19	Optional
Bath Sponge	0.0422	10	0.2575	60	-0.2153	Review
Start for Life booklet	0.0211	5	0.279	65	-0.2579	Review
Drinking Cup	0.0338	8	0.3004	70	-0.2666	Review
Pairs of socks	0.0464	11	0.3433	80	-0.2969	Review
Cotton hat	0.038	9	0.4378	102	-0.3998	Review
Jersey trousers	0	0	0.4292	100	-0.4292	Review

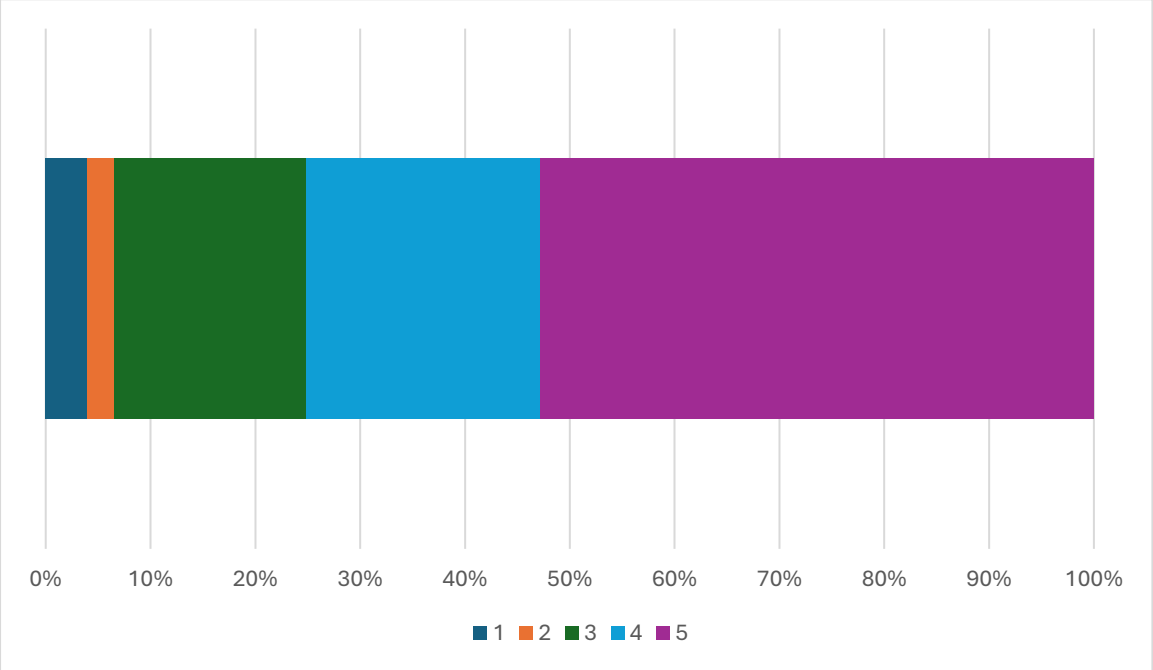
2.12 Q12. As a result of receiving the baby pack, what have you learned more about?



The most frequently cited learning areas were: **Local Family Hubs/Children's Centres** (**51%**), **Home Safety** (**38%**), **Bonding with my baby (playing, talking and reading)** (**32%**), and **My baby's development** (**27%**). Other areas included **post-natal depression and own wellbeing** (**18%**), **breastfeeding** (**17%**), and **other sources of support for new parents** (**20%**). Notably, **22%** reported that they did not learn anything new from the pack (multi-select question; totals exceed 100%).

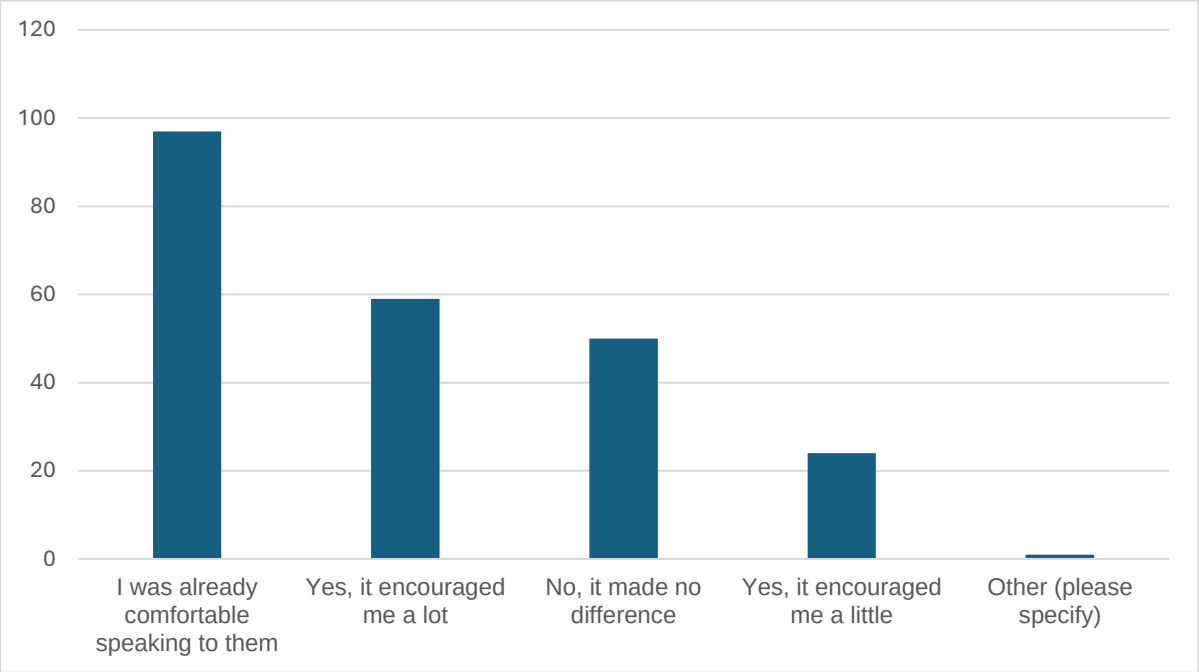
Free-text comments suggest that those reporting no new learning were often second-time parents, indicating scope to tailor information for multiparous families while retaining core guidance for first-time parents.

2.13 Q13. How useful did you find the Best Start in Life leaflet in the baby pack?



The Best Start in Life leaflet received a **weighted average rating of 4.17 out of 5**. Over half of respondents **53%,** rated it **5 stars**, and **22%** gave **4 stars**, meaning **75%** rated the leaflet positively (4 or 5 stars). **18%** gave **3 stars**, while only **7%** rated it **1 or 2 stars**. This indicates the leaflet is generally considered useful, though there is scope to enhance its relevance and clarity for all users.

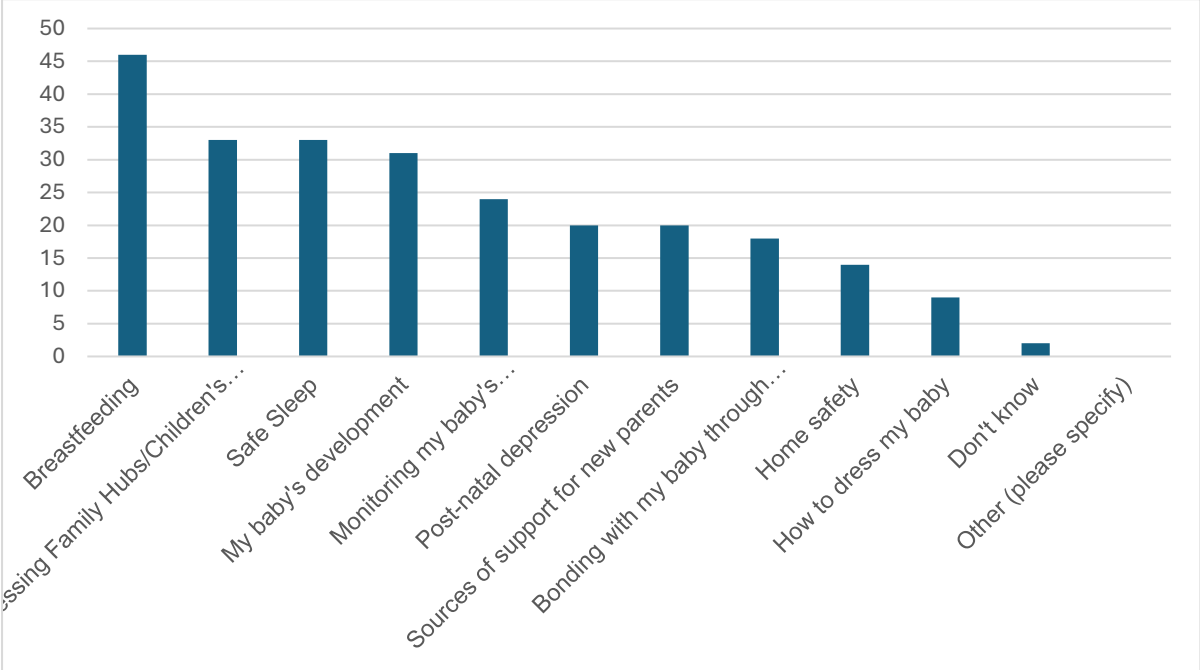
2.14 Q14. Has receiving the baby pack encouraged you to speak more with professionals, such as your midwife or health visitor?



26% said the baby pack encouraged them a lot, and **10%** said it encouraged them a little—meaning **36%** reported increased engagement with professionals. **22%** said it made no difference, while the largest group, **42%** indicated they were already comfortable speaking to professionals.

This suggests the baby pack has a positive influence on professional engagement for over one-third of recipients, complementing existing relationships for many families.

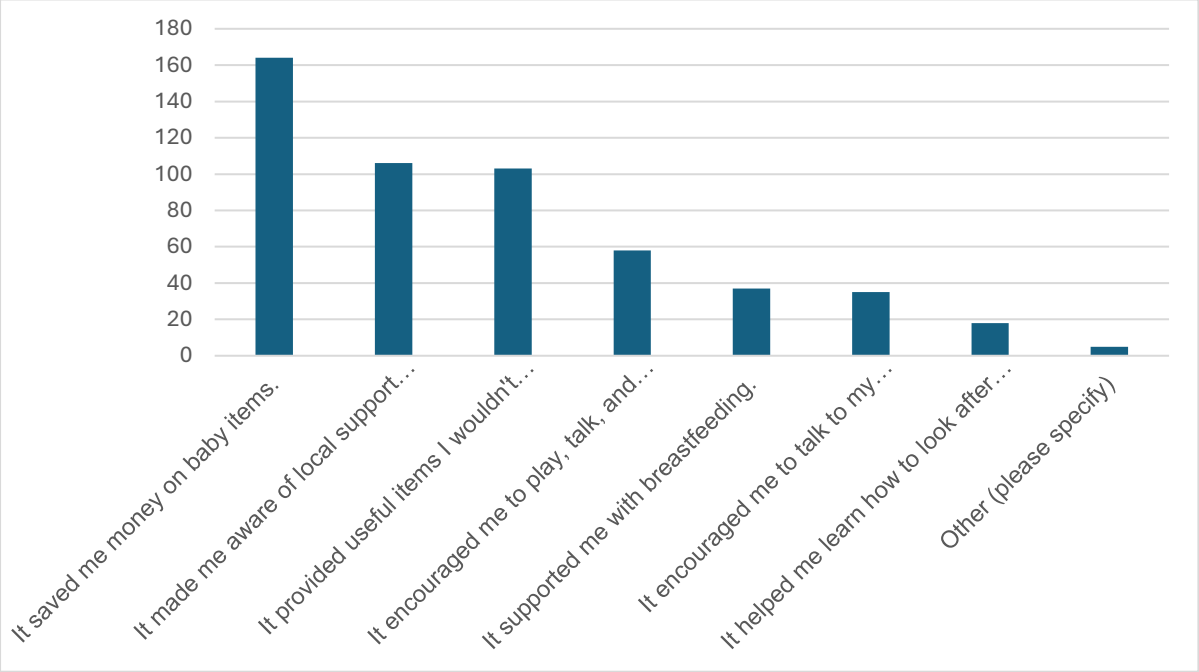
2.15 Q15. What topics did it encourage you to discuss? (Please select all that apply)



The most common topics encouraged for discussion were **Breastfeeding 56%, Accessing Family Hubs/Children's Centres 40%**, **Safe Sleep 40%** and **My baby's development 38%.** Other notable areas included **Monitoring baby's health/temperature 29%**, **Bonding through play, talk and reading 22%**, **post-natal depression** and **Sources of support for new parents** both **24%**. Smaller proportions mentioned **'Home safety' 17% and 'How to dress my baby' 10%**. Only **2%** selected "Don't know."

This indicates the baby pack is prompting conversations on **key health, safety, and emotional well-being topics**, particularly breastfeeding and local support services—critical areas for families in Rotherham, where deprivation levels heighten the importance of accessible guidance and professional engagement.

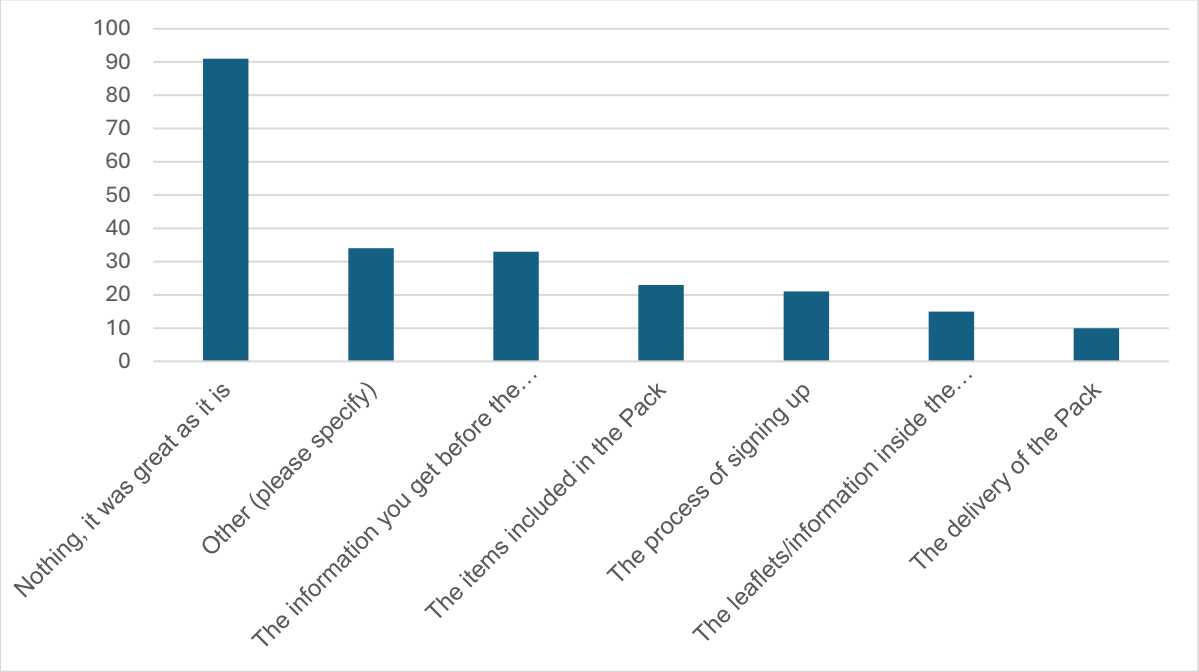
2.16 Q16. Overall, which of the following have been the main benefits of the baby pack for you personally?



The most frequently cited benefit was **saving money on baby items 72%**, followed by **providing useful items they wouldn't have bought themselves 45%** and **making them aware of local support and services 47%**. Other notable benefits included **encouraging play, talk, and reading with their baby 26%**, **supporting breastfeeding 16%**, and **encouraging conversations with midwives or health visitors 15%**. A smaller proportion **8%** stated that it helped them learn how to care for their baby, and **2%** selected "Other."

These findings reinforce the Rotheram Baby Pack's role in **financial relief**, **practical support**, and **service awareness**, which are particularly significant in Rotherham's context of high deprivation. The responses also highlight secondary benefits in promoting **early bonding**, **breastfeeding**, and **professional engagement**, aligning with public health priorities.

2.17 Q17. Finally, which part of the baby pack scheme could be improved the most for future parents?



222 respondents answered this question. The most common improvement areas were:

- **The information provided before the pack arrives 15%**
- **The items included in the pack 10%**
- **The process of signing up 9%**
- **The leaflets/information inside the pack 7%**
- **The delivery of the pack 4%**

Notably, **40%** felt **"Nothing, it was great as it is"**, while **15%** selected "Other," providing detailed comments

Key themes from free-text responses:

- **Timing of delivery**: some respondents suggested the pack should arrive **earlier in pregnancy** (ideally before 36 weeks) to avoid duplication of purchased items and maximise financial benefit.
- **Transparency of contents**: Several respondents requested a **clear list or video of included items** to help plan purchases and reduce waste.
- **Awareness and promotion**: Comments highlighted **low awareness** among expectant parents, suggesting stronger communication via midwives, antenatal classes, and online platforms.
- **Customisation and relevance**: Some respondents wanted **choice over items** or more neutral clothing options, while others noted that multiparous families may need different support.

Insight: While overall satisfaction remains high, improvements in **timing, communication, and personalisation** could significantly enhance the scheme's

impact—particularly for families in deprived areas who rely on these packs for financial relief.

A thematic analysis was conducted on the responses from Q17, with 34 parents choosing to respond.

Interpretation notes: These “% of all 292” figures are small because they apply the 33-comment theme counts to the entire respondent base. They **do not** imply that only **52%** of *all respondents* care about timing; rather, **within this qualitative subset** (33 of 292), timing was mentioned 17 times—equivalent to **6% of the total sample**.

Theme	Mentions	% within 33 responses	% of all 292 responses
Timing / Earlier delivery	17	52%	6%
Choice / Customisation / Opt-out	9	27%	3%
Transparency: list of contents in advance	7	21%	2%
Positive feedback / Non-means-tested	6	18%	2%
Awareness / Promotion	5	15%	2%
Clothing (labels/colours/assortment)	4	12%	1%
Delivery experience (slots/collection/website)	3	9%	1%
Digital info (QR / partner info)	3	9%	1%
Box design (use as bed)	1	3%	0%

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Appendix 2.

PART B – Equality Analysis Form

As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality and diversity.

This form:

- Can be used to prompt discussions, ensure that due regard has been given and remove or minimise disadvantage for an individual or group with a protected characteristic
- Involves looking at what steps can be taken to advance and maximise equality as well as eliminate discrimination and negative consequences
- Should be completed before decisions are made, this will remove the need for remedial actions.

Note – An Initial Equality Screening Assessment (Part A) should be completed prior to this form.

When completing this form consider the Equality Act 2010 protected characteristics Age, Disability, Sex, Gender Reassignment, Race, Religion or Belief, Sexual Orientation, Civil Partnerships and Marriage, Pregnancy and Maternity and other socio-economic groups e.g. parents, single parents and guardians, carers, looked after children, unemployed and people on low incomes, ex-offenders, victims of domestic violence, homeless people etc. – see page 11 of Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance.

1. Title	
Equality Analysis title: Rotherham Baby Pack: Outcomes and Future Commissioning	
Date of Equality Analysis (EA): 4 November 2025	
Directorate: Adult Social Care, Health and Housing	**Service area:** Public Health Commissioning
Lead Manager: Michael Ng	**Contact number:** 01709 808092
Is this a: ☐ **Strategy / Policy** ☒ **Service / Function** ☐ **Other** **If other, please specify**	

2. Names of those involved in the Equality Analysis (Should include minimum of three people) - see page 7 of Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance		
Name	**Organisation**	**Role (eg service user, managers, service specialist)**
Michael Ng	RMBC	Strategic Commissioning Manager
Hannah Walshe	RMBC	Commissioning Officer
Alex Hawley	RMBC	Public Health Consultant

3. What is already known? - see page 10 of Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance

Aim/Scope (who the Policy/Service affects and intended outcomes if known)
This may include a group/s identified by a protected characteristic, other groups or stakeholder/s e.g. service users, employees, partners, members, suppliers etc.)

This report sets out the recommendations for the future of The Rotherham Baby Pack Scheme and details the feedback gathered from parents and professionals on the initial two-year pilot.

The Rotherham Baby Pack Scheme aims to promote a fair and equal start for all children and to aid in supporting the best possible outcomes for all Rotherham's children by providing baby essentials and connecting families with support services. The scheme hopes to reduce inequalities and improve overall child development.

The baby pack itself includes items of clothing, developmental items, and informational resources to help motherss care for their newborns up to the age of six months old including the Start for Life Booklet.

What equality information is available? (Include any engagement undertaken)

The Rotherham Baby Pack Scheme is a Universal Offer for all expectant motherss who reside in Rotherham.

There are three registration routes for The Rotherham Baby Pack Scheme which not only captures expectant mothers who live in Rotherham and have their baby/babies delivered at The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust (TRFT) but also those that reside in Rotherham but access midwifery care in neighbouring authorities:

- Rotherham Midwifery Registration – Expectant mothers are asked if they would like a pack at or around their 25-week appointment with Maternity Services at The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust (TRFT)
- Registrar Registration – Mothers who have not registered via midwifery can do so when registering the birth at Riverside House.
- Provider Registration (FMI) - For expectant mothers who reside in Rotherham but have either chosen delivery in another hospital or have a midwife in a neighbouring authority, the Provider (FMI) is able to register them directly once the midwife has confirmed the pregnancy.

In Rotherham, on average, in the last five years, there have been 2788 babies turning 30 days compared to 2740 live births in the previous five years. The number of babies turning 30 days is slightly higher due to factors such as families moving into Rotherham or extended hospital stays.

The data has shown that there has been a 95% uptake rate since the start of the two-year pilot which commenced registrations in January 2025.

Maternities data between January 2025 and July 2025 shows the following motherss are accessing maternities and will have been offered a Rotherham Baby Pack:

Table 1 - The Ethnic Category of Mothers average percentage between 1 January and 31 July 2025:

White British	77%
Mixed	2%
Black or Black British	5%
Asian of Asian British	13%
Other	2%
Not Stated	1%

Table 2 – Percentage Breakdown of Age of Mothers at booking between 1 January and 31 July 2025:

19 & under	5%
20 to 24	19%
25 to 29	33%
30 to 34	26%
35 to 39	13%
40 to 44	3%
45 or over	1%

Table 3 – Index of Deprivation of mother at booking average percentage between 1 January and 31 July 2025):

1st Decile (most deprived)	28%
2nd Decile	12%
3rd Decile	14%
4th Decile	11%
5th Decile	6%
6th Decile	9%
7th Decile	7%

8th Decile	6%
9th Decile	5%
10Th Decile (least deprived)	2%

The predominant language spoken in Rotherham is English (96.60%) with a smaller number of Urdu, Punjabi, Polish and Slovakian speakers (1.6% combined). Arabic, Pakistani Pahari, Czech, Lithuanian and Persian/Farsi make up the remaining 0.6% Although the scheme does not require language-specific items, bidders may consider this information when developing offers.

The specification for the commissioned service clearly sets out the above requirements to ensure equal access and outcomes across all of Rotherham's communities whilst ensuring that no protected equalities group is being unintentionally disadvantaged or excluded. As per the service specification the service is a universal model.

For the initial two-year pilot wide ranging consultation took place across Public Health, CYPS & TRFT. Further consultation has taken place since The Rotherham Baby Pack Scheme was implemented which includes a questionnaire being sent to both parents (1070) and professionals to feedback their thoughts and highlight the requirements for the future supply and distribution of the baby pack scheme for Rotherham residents.
The following areas were consulted on:

- Experience of the registration process
- Usefulness of the pack and its contents
- Experience of the delivery process and timing of the pack delivery
- Impact on knowledge and behaviours for parents

The findings indicate high levels of satisfaction, strong support for the scheme, and clear evidence of financial and informational benefits. The summary of the feedback is as follows:

- **High Satisfaction & Recommendation**
  - Nearly all respondents would recommend the pack.
  - Quality and registration process scored very high.
- **Impact on Financial Support**
  - Strong agreement that the pack saved money, especially during cost-of-living challenges.
- **Awareness & Engagement**
  - Significant increase in awareness of Family Hubs and local support services.
  - Encouraged conversations with professionals for some parents.

While feedback was overwhelmingly positive, several areas for improvement were identified. The most common suggestions relate to earlier delivery of the pack, clearer communication about its contents, and increased promotion of the scheme to ensure wider awareness, as individual respondents won't be aware of the high take-up rate and are therefore recommending it to others. Addressing these issues will enhance the scheme's impact, reduce duplication of purchases, and strengthen engagement with local support services.

The above findings will continue to be monitored to build an ongoing picture of expectant mothers feedback on registering and receiving a Rotherham Baby Pack throughout the lifetime of the service.

Are there any gaps in the information that you are aware of?

All areas identified under the Equality Act 2010 protected characteristics: Age, Disability, Sex, Gender Reassignment, Race, Religion or Belief, Sexual Orientation, Civil Partnerships and Marriage, Pregnancy and Maternity and other socio-economic groups are covered as this is a Universal Offer, with very high uptake.

What monitoring arrangements have you made to monitor the impact of the policy or service on communities/groups according to their protected characteristics?

A feedback exercise has taken place with recipients of the Rotherham Baby Pack which was completed in September 2025 which asked questions on:

- Experience of the registration process
- Usefulness of the pack and its contents
- Experience of the delivery process and timing of the pack delivery
- Impact on knowledge and behaviours for parents

A survey was sent to 1070 recipients who had received a baby pack by 16 September 2025. To achieve a 95% confidence level, it is estimated that 278 questionnaires (28% response rate) would need to be returned; 279 were received.

Key findings from the exercise:

- 99% of parents would recommend the Rotherham Baby Pack to other parents, with 86% of parents rating the quality of the baby pack 5 stars and 78% agreeing that “Receiving the Rotherham Baby Pack saved them money.”
- 80% noted the scheme’s role in raising the awareness of Family hubs and other local support services.

A mapping exercise has also taken place using the postcode data collected on the registration form to monitor and analyse where the baby packs are being delivered and the index of deprivation of these areas.

Monthly operational and quarterly performance meetings are held with the provider and key stakeholders, where the uptake rate and issues are discussed and monitored. As detailed above, the scheme currently has a 95% uptake rate since the start of the two-year pilot, which commenced registrations in January 2025.

Engagement undertaken with customers. (date and group(s) consulted and key findings)	See above for engagement and key findings
Engagement undertaken with staff (date and group(s)consulted and key findings)	N/A

4. The Analysis - of the actual or likely effect of the Policy or Service (Identify by protected characteristics)

How does the Policy/Service meet the needs of different communities and groups? (Protected characteristics of Age, Disability, Sex, Gender Reassignment, Race, Religion or Belief, Sexual Orientation, Civil Partnerships and Marriage, Pregnancy and Maternity) - see glossary on page 14 of the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance)

The Rotherham Baby Pack Scheme is a universal offer for all pregnant women residing in Rotherham which aims to promote a fair and equal start for all children and to aid in supporting the best possible outcomes for all Rotherham's children, with intended benefits including:

- Reducing socio-economic and health inequalities by encouraging registration with family hubs
- Enabling information sharing to promote targeted engagement when families may benefit from additional help and support.
  Information on how to access Council Start for Life services via Family Hubs.
- Potentially providing greater benefit in expenditure avoidance for those on lower incomes (as a proportion of income), serving to reduce inequality (based on assumed near-universal uptake of a universal offer).

Does your Policy/Service present any problems or barriers to communities or Groups?

The Rotherham Baby Pack does not present any problems or barriers to communities or groups.

The Rotherham Baby Pack is a universal offer to all pregnant women that reside in Rotherham. Barriers for communities or groups have been mitigated by the scheme having three registration pathways as described above in section 3 where the registration form is completed by a professional to ensure that all pregnant women can access the service regardless of age, ethnicity, disability, race, religion etc.

Does the Service/Policy provide any positive impact/s including improvements or remove barriers?

As described throughout the Rotherham Baby Pack is a universal offer for all pregnant women residing in Rotherham. As described above the scheme aims to promote a fair and equal start for all children and to aid in supporting the best possible outcomes for all Rotherham's children, with intended benefits including:

- Reducing socio-economic and health inequalities by encouraging registration with family hubs, and through cost avoidance, with the potential that this represents proportionally greater benefit for those with less disposable income.
- Enabling information sharing to promote targeted engagement when families may benefit from additional help and support.
- Information on how to access Council Start for Life services via Family Hubs.

The current uptake rate of the scheme is 95% with 100% of baby packs being delivered to Rotherham families that requested one.

What affect will the Policy/Service have on community relations? (may also need to consider activity which may be perceived as benefiting one group at the expense of another) The Rotherham Baby Pack Scheme provides access to both products for a baby and for a mother such as the play mat and nipple cream that some mothers may not have had access to due to socio-economic and health inequalities. The pack also offers advice and guidance for recipients with the inclusion of the 'Start for Life' booklet as well as access to Family Hubs which may have not been received or accessed without receiving the baby pack.

Please list any **actions and targets** that need to be taken as a consequence of this assessment on the action plan below and ensure that they are added into your service plan for monitoring purposes – see page 12 of the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance.

5. Summary of findings and Equality Analysis Action Plan

If the analysis is done at the right time, i.e. early before decisions are made, changes should be built in before the policy or change is signed off. This will remove the need for remedial actions. Where this is achieved, the only action required will be to monitor the impact of the policy/service/change on communities or groups according to their protected characteristic - See page 11 of the Equality Screening and Analysis guidance

Title of analysis: Rotherham Baby Pack: Outcomes and Future Commissioning
Directorate and service area: Adult Care, Housing and Public Health, Strategic Commissioning
Lead Manager: Anne Charlesworth
Summary of findings:
The Rotherham Baby Pack Scheme is a universal offer for all expectant mothers who reside in Rotherham. In quarter two of the current pilot project there was a 94% uptake rate. The survey, which received 279 responses, reveals that the Rotherham Baby Pack Scheme is highly valued by expectant parents, with **99%** of respondents indicating that they would recommend it to others. Satisfaction levels are exceptionally high, with an average rating of **4.82** out of 5 for pack quality and **4.87** for the registration process. Respondents consistently highlighted the financial relief provided by the pack, with **78%** agreeing it helped save money, and many, **80%** noted its role in raising awareness of Family Hubs and local support services. While feedback was overwhelmingly positive, several areas for improvement were identified. The most common suggestions relate to earlier delivery of the pack, clearer communication about its contents, and increased promotion of the scheme to ensure wider awareness, as individual respondents won't be aware of the high take-up rate and are therefore recommending it to others. Addressing these issues will enhance the scheme's impact, reduce duplication of purchases, and strengthen engagement with local support services. This baseline provides a strong foundation for measuring progress and evaluating the effectiveness of any changes in the next survey cycle. The operational group will continue to support the uptake rate as well as implementing feedback survey results, if applicable.

Action/Target	State Protected Characteristics as listed below	Target date (MM/YY)
Carry on monitoring that IMDs that are being reached.	**O**	**ongoing**
A further feedback exercise – Planned for September 2026.	**O & PM**	**ongoing**

***A = Age, D= Disability, S = Sex, GR Gender Reassignment, RE= Race/ Ethnicity, RoB= Religion or Belief, SO= Sexual Orientation, PM= Pregnancy/Maternity, CPM = Civil Partnership or Marriage. C= Carers, O= other groups**

6. Governance, ownership and approval		
Please state those that have approved the Equality Analysis. Approval should be obtained by the Director and approval sought from DLT and the relevant Cabinet Member.		
Name	**Job title**	**Date**
Emily Parry-Harries	Director of Public Health	17 December 2025
Scott Matthewman	Assistant Director of Strategic Commissioning	17 December 2025
Councillor Victoria Cusworth	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	18 December 2025
Councillor Joanna Baker-Rogers	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health	19 December 2025

7. Publishing	
The Equality Analysis will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given. If this Equality Analysis relates to a **Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision** a copy of the completed document should be attached as an appendix and published alongside the relevant report. A copy should also be sent to equality@rotherham.gov.uk For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file and also published on the Council's Equality and Diversity Internet page.	
Date Equality Analysis completed	4 November 2025
Report title and date	Rotherham Baby Pack: Outcomes and Future Commissioning
Date report sent for publication	
Date Equality Analysis sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement equality@rotherham.gov.uk	4 November 2025

Will the decision/proposal impact…	Impact	If an impact or potential impacts are identified:			
		Describe impacts or potential impacts on emissions from the Council and its contractors.	Describe impact or potential impacts on emissions across the Borough as a whole.	Describe any measures to mitigate emission impacts	Outline any monitoring of emission impacts that will be carried out
Emissions from non-domestic buildings?	Increase	A provider may choose to bulk-order items that require storage, and additional buildings may be needed for assembling the baby packs.	A provider may choose to have the storage facility in Rotherham.	This will be assessed at the tender stage, with the expectation that the successful provider will include measures to minimise impact.	This will be assessed at the tender stage, and any actions will be monitored and mitigated through contract management.
Emissions from transport?	Increase	The provider will source, procure, transport, and store the baby packs and their contents. Therefore, emissions will be affected as these processes take place.	The provider will arrange the delivery of the baby packs across the borough, which could have a potential impact on emissions.	This will be assessed at the tender stage with an expectation that the successful provider will: • Select reliable transportation partners and routes that will ensure timely delivery while minimising costs and environmental factors. • Ensure the baby pack and its contents will need to reflect the Council's commitment to environmental	This will be assessed at tender stage and any actions will be monitored and mitigated through contract management. The provider will ensure that emissions data is collected monthly and reported annually alongside the contract monitoring meetings.

				protection and sustainability with ethical practice throughout the supply chain working with the suppliers and partners, from manufacturing to delivery of the packs to expectant mothers. • Work with supply chain partners, if applicable, to set emission reduction targets and require reporting on the progress, enhancing supply chain sustainability. • Will provide evidence that there is a system in place that tracks energy consumption, fleet emissions and waste output. The data collected will then be shared regularly to build confidence among commissioners.	

Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	Increase	The baby pack will be delivered in packaging and will also have items included, which are enclosed in packaging that will need to be recycled or disposed of.	There may be wastage of items that are included, as expectant parents may have already purchased or choose not to use.	This will be assessed at the tender stage with an expectation that the successful provider will commit to reducing carbon footprint by implementing sustainable practices in the operation, such as reducing waste, sourcing products with minimal packaging, increasing recycling efforts and using eco-friendly materials where possible.	This will be assessed at the tender stage, and any actions will be monitored and mitigated through contract management.
Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	None				
Emissions from construction and/or development?	None				
Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	None				
Identify any emissions impacts associated with this decision which have not been covered by the above fields: N/A					

Will the proposal affect Council services' resilience to climate change, or the capacity of people living in the Borough to adapt to climate change? No

Provide a summary of all impacts and mitigation/monitoring measures:
The provider will source, procure, transport, and store the baby packs and their contents. Therefore, emissions will be affected as these processes take place. The emission impact from transport, waste, and the use of non-domestic buildings will be assessed at the tender stage and monitored and mitigated as part of contract management throughout the life cycle of the contract.

Supporting information:	
Climate Impact Assessment Author	Hannah Walshe Commissioning Officer Public Health Adult Care, Housing and Public Health
Please outline any research, data or information used to complete this Climate Impact Assessment.	N/A
If quantities of emissions are relevant to and have been used in this form please identify which conversion factors have been used to quantify impacts.	N/A
Validation	Tracking Reference: CIA532 Louise Preston Climate Change Manager

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Cabinet – 09 February 2026

Report Title
Special Educational Need and Disability (SEND) Sufficiency Strategy 2026-2029

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?
Yes

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Report Summary

This report provides a review of performance against the current Special Educational Need and Disability (SEND) Sufficiency Strategy as set out in the Local Authority's Safety Valve Agreement (2021-2026). It establishes that the actions set out within the Safety Valve agreement have been achieved, contributing to the Council's wider ambition that children and young people achieve their potential.

The report outlines the key activity undertaken in developing the new Strategy, including a comprehensive needs analysis, engagement, and consultation.

The report seeks approval of the SEND Sufficiency Strategy 2026 – 2029 and outlines the timeline for implementation of the SEND Sufficiency delivery plan to address the 7 priorities identified.

Recommendations

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 (Appendix 1) for implementation from April 2026.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 SEND Sufficiency Strategy 2026-2029
Appendix 2 SEND Sufficiency Strategy Year 1 Delivery Plan
Appendix 3 Initial Equality Screening – Part A
Appendix 4 Equality Analysis – Part B
Appendix 5 Climate Impact Assessment

Background Papers

Rotherham SEND Strategy – My Life, My Rights
SEND Sufficiency Phase 4 update report – 19th June 2023
Safety Valve Cabinet annual update report - 24th April 2023
SEND Sufficiency Phase 4 Cabinet paper - October 2022
SEND Sufficiency Phase 3 Cabinet Report - November 2020
SEND Sufficiency Phase 2 Cabinet Report May 2019
SEND Sufficiency Phase 1 Cabinet Report – February 2018

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel
None

Council Approval Required
No

Exempt from the Press and Public
No

Special Educational Need and Disability (SEND) Sufficiency Strategy 2026

1. Background

1.1 Purpose of the report

1.1.1 The purpose of the report is to:

- Review the performance against the Safety Valve Agreement (the current SEND Sufficiency Strategy).
- Summarise key achievements and challenges.
- Seek approval for the new SEND Sufficiency Strategy and identified priorities for action for 2026 to 2029.

1.2 Statutory Duty and Local Responsibility

1.2.1 Under Section 14 of the Education Act 1996 the Council has a general duty to secure sufficient schools to provide primary and secondary education in their area and should have particular regard to securing special education provision.

1.2.2 Under the Children and Families Act 2014, the Council also has a responsibility for working with parents, young people and providers and commissioning and reviewing services for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disability (SEND)to ensure improvements in the standard, quality, and/or range of educational provision for children with SEND.

1.3 Rotherham Context

1.3.1 In Rotherham 17.1% of pupils are receiving SEND support with 6.2% of pupils having a statutory plan for SEND known as an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). Nationally 14.2% of young people are receiving SEND support with 5.3% having an EHCP. In order that the educational needs of children and young people in the Borough with SEND can continue to be met, the Council has a responsibility to create a sufficiency of education provision to meet the needs of all pupils.

1.4 The current SEND Sufficiency Strategy (Safety Valve Agreement)

1.4.1 The current SEND Sufficiency Strategy is set out in the Rotherham Safety Valve Agreement (2022 – 2026). This replaced the previous SEND Sufficiency Strategy 2019 – 2022 which had increased the number of specialist places available in the Borough under SEND Sufficiency phases 1, 2 and 3.

1.4.2 The key strategic aim of the Safety Valve Agreement is to enhance mainstream and specialist SEND capacity within the Borough to meet a wider level of need across all schools, promote inclusive practice and mitigate the need for children, young people, and young adults to be educated in settings outside the Borough.

1.4.3 To achieve the aim of enhanced SEND capacity within the Borough the current strategy includes implementation of the schools' Accessibility Funding Framework across mainstream and special schools.

1.4.4 Reports to Cabinet in July 2024 and December 2024 have given approval for additional increases in places as part of the continued development of Elements Academy (SEMH Special School) since its opening in September 2023. Approval was also granted for capital investment to address sufficiency challenges at Newman School and Aspire Pupil Referral Unit. The capital programme to create sufficiency of provision locally across the Safety Valve period has resulted in an increase of 336 special school places and 144 resource provision places from 2021/22 to November 2025. A resource provision is attached to a mainstream school providing specialist therapeutic input and support for pupils with a specific SEND need type. Pupils access support from the resource provision based on their individual need whilst also accessing mainstream classes and curriculum.

1.4.5 The creation of additional in borough provision has resulted in more pupils being educated locally with peers, with a phased reduction in young people in Independent Non-Maintained Special School (INMSS) and Independent Specialist Provision (ISP) placements.

1.5 Performance Review

1.5.1 The report demonstrates that the actions set out within the 2022-2026 Safety Valve Agreement, and the associated phases of SEND Sufficiency delivery, have been achieved, contributing to the Council's wider ambition that children and young people achieve their potential.

1.5.2 The capital programme has been supported with a number of initiatives to improve the consistency of the Graduated Approach in mainstream. The Graduated Approach is a four-stage cycle used to identify and support children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Required by the UK's SEND Code of Practice; it ensures that support is increasingly personalised and specialist based on a child's progress.

1.5.3 Local developments have included the implementation of a SEND School Improvement offer which has provided increased quality assurance and support for improvement across mainstream schools. Specialist Outreach Services across a range of primary need types have also been implemented providing additional training and support as part of the mainstream offer. Development in this area has supported a 5.4 percentage point increase in the proportion of pupils with an EHCP being educated in mainstream from April 2021 (30.4%) to November 2025 (35.8%).

1.5.4 Quarterly monitoring to the Department for Education (DfE) has been provided on Safety Valve progress, this has included a range of performance measures developed as part of the Safety Valve Dashboard. Data includes local SEND demand indicators, sufficiency information including where pupils are placed and financial analysis. Comparison to national data sets is

referenced to support understanding where local progress is being made and areas for continued development.

1.6 Proposed next steps

1.6.1 Approval is sought for the new SEND Sufficiency Strategy 2026 – 2029. This will ensure continued progress towards the priorities set out in the Strategy, supporting the Council to fulfil the statutory sufficiency duty and improving outcomes for children and young people with SEND.

2. Key Issues

2.1 Review of the Safety Valve Agreement

2.1.1 The Safety Valve Agreement provided a clear and ambitious framework for developing enhanced inclusive provision to meet children's SEND across the Borough with progress against the 9 conditions listed below:

1. **Reduce use of independent specialist provision outside of the LA by creating appropriate capacity within Rotherham's high needs system, with a focus on ensuring provision is high quality and value for money;**

In October 2022 Cabinet approved SEND Sufficiency Phase 4 in line with the Safety Valve agreement. An update to Cabinet in June 2023 approved the creation of 10 additional SEND resource provisions in mainstream education and thus created a minimum of 100 additional mainstream SEND places. A resource provision is attached to a mainstream school providing specialist therapeutic input and support for pupils with a specific SEND need type. Pupils access support from the resource provision based on their individual need whilst also accessing mainstream classes and curriculum. An updated provision map detailing the number of resource provisions, special schools and special school satellites is included as an appendix to this Strategy.

Further reports to Cabinet in July 2024 and December 2024 have given approval for additional increases in places as part of the continued development of Elements Academy (Social Emotional and Mental Health special school) since its opening in September 2023. Approval was also granted for capital investment to address sufficiency challenges at Newman School and Aspire Pupil Referral Unit.

The capital programme to create sufficiency of provision locally across the Safety Valve period has resulted in an increase of 336 special school places and 144 resource provision places from 2021/22 to November 2025. This has resulted in more pupils being educated locally with peers, with a phased reduction in young people in Independent Non-Maintained Special School and Independent Specialist Provision placements.

The position and trajectory in 2024/25 is that Independent Non-Maintained Special (INMSS) and Independent Specialist provision (ISP) intake has

slowed (as an overall percentage of SEND placements). However, it has not reduced in line with the development of new in-Borough provision.

Strong oversight continues across these placements, which supports quality assurance and challenge to providers as part of business as usual commissioning activity.

2.1.2 **2. Improve Rotherham's early intervention strategy, including through investment in outreach work;**

The SEND graduated response, SEND Toolkit and SEND Local Offer have been developed in partnership with parents/ carers, providers, and education practitioners. The Local Offer is a mandatory online resource from UK local authorities that details all services and support available for children and young people (aged 0-25) with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in their area, covering education, health, and social care, to help families find tailored help. The online SEND toolkit aims to provide easy access to consistent, high quality information, practical ideas and resources for school staff in Rotherham who are supporting children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

Social Emotional Mental Health (SEMH) Outreach and Communication and Interaction Secondary Outreach have been implemented. A review of impact highlighted that the SEMH outreach has supported some schools to stabilise their suspensions and exclusions whilst supporting Aspire Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) to operate a more intervention-based model. The Primary and Secondary SEMH Outreach contract with Aspire PRU has been extended for a further academic year.

2.1.3 **3. Ensure appropriate use of provision and avoid escalation of children and young people's needs by, among other things, improving the governance around placement decisions;**

Robust decision-making processes are in place for all placement decisions via the multi-agency Education Health and Care Panel with a weekly escalation panel to oversee placement decisions relating to exceptional packages, Out of Area provision and Independent Specialist Provision.

2.1.4 **4. Review support services in Rotherham to ensure value for money is achieved;**

Efficient use of public resources is considered as part of every decision. The Head of Finance for Children and Young People's Services provides regular reporting to the Rotherham Audit Committee.

2.1.5 **5. Increase the outreach offer for Social Emotional and Mental Health needs at primary and secondary;**

The SEMH Free School Elements Academy has operated from September 2022.

A formal feasibility study identified a requirement to develop a provision for Emotionally Based School Avoidant young people who require support in a smaller setting. The provision provides a maximum of 30 places operating as a second site of Elements Academy. Forty SEMH resource provision places have been created split across mainstream primary and secondary schools.

2.1.6 **6. Increase the outreach offer for specialist SEND;**

The Specialist Inclusion Team includes a universal outreach offer to all primary and secondary schools in the Borough in addition to their traded offer.

A number of Primary Special Enhanced provisions opened in 2025 where schools have identified pupils who could maintain mainstream provision but with additional support (e.g. specialist classrooms). Schools have been supported with appropriate curriculum planning, capital funding through the mainstream accessibility programme and outreach services to support the implementation of the provisions. Currently 29 young people are accessing the provisions across Rotherham with schools showing an increased confidence to meet the needs of complex SEND students in key stage 1**.**

2.1.7 **7. Develop local sufficiency arrangements, including for Rotherham's Looked After Children;**

The Rotherham Children in Care Sufficiency programme has successfully developed in-house residential children's homes providing additional homes for children in care in the Borough.

2.1.8 **8. Drive mainstream schools to adopt inclusive practice to enable more children and young people to remain in mainstream settings where appropriate;**

The Pupil Referral Unit operates as an intervention, and pupils return to mainstream.

In Spring 2023 capacity assessment work was completed by an external consultant across all special schools in Rotherham. This identified any current capacity gaps across the SEND estate which could be mitigated through Accessibility Funding. In June 2023 Cabinet approved the Schools' Accessibility Strategy and Accessibility Capital Funding Framework. The Accessibility Funding Strategy and funding framework provided £3 million of capital funding to support both mainstream and special schools to meet a wider level of SEND need. This has encompassed a small grant programme for mainstream schools, capital funding to support adaptations for individual pupils and support to improve access to the curriculum through the development of off-site special school provision.

The capital programme has been supported with a number of initiatives to improve the consistency of the Graduated Approach in mainstream. This has included the implementation of a SEND School Improvement offer which has

provided increased quality assurance across mainstream schools. Specialist Outreach Services across a range of primary need types have also been implemented providing additional training and support as part of the mainstream offer. Development in this area has supported a 5.4% increase in the number of pupils with an EHCP being educated in mainstream across the Safety Valve period.

2.1.9 **9. Maintain engagement with stakeholders through strong and collaborative governance arrangements, such as ISOS partnership work, Schools Forum High Needs subgroup, primary and secondary head teacher.**

A review of Schools Forum membership and terms of reference is now embedded and has led to improved oversight of SEND Sufficiency planning with this now being a standing agenda item.

Both the Borough SEND Executive and SEND Partnership Board are engaged fully. Both groups have recently reviewed and updated membership and terms of reference. Regular update reports are provided to Cabinet and Improving Lives Select Commission to fully inform elected members.

Clear, detailed updates are provided to Schools Forum, Secondary and Primary heads, wider SEND stakeholders including Health, Parent and Carers forums, Adult/Children's Social Care.

2.2 Local Context and Future Strategy - SEND Sufficiency Strategy 2026-2029

2.2.1 The current SEND Sufficiency Strategy aligned to Safety Valve runs until the end of 2025/2026. A new SEND Sufficiency Strategy is required so the Council can fulfil its statutory sufficiency duty and improve outcomes for children and young people with SEND.

2.2.2 Planning for the new SEND Sufficiency Strategy has included key activities over the past 12 months, including stakeholder consultation and engagement, needs analysis, comparison to national datasets and policy and a review of the resources available locally. The Strategy has been developed alongside the Rotherham SEND Strategy (My Life, My Rights 2024-2028). The plan aligns to the increased focus on Inclusion in mainstream schools as outlined in the refreshed Ofsted Inspection Framework (November 2025).

2.2.3 The Sufficiency Strategy has been developed in line with the principles of the Rotherham Charter (Four Cornerstones): 1. Welcome and care 2. Value and include 3. Communicate 4. Work in partnership.

2.2.4 Analysis of local need indicates the most prevalent primary needs for children and young people in Rotherham with EHCPs are Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) (35%), Social Emotional and Mental Health (23%), Speech,

Language and Communication Needs (17%) and Moderate Learning Difficulties (12.7%).

2.2.5 The number of children with EHCPs continues to increase which means that more SEN places will be needed in mainstream schools, special schools, and post 16 provision.

2.2.6 Based on the analysis of local need, the following ambitions are identified for the period of the Strategy. The ambitions over the next three years are to ensure:

- More young people are able to be educated locally, in their communities with mainstream peers.
- More young people are able to start their education journey successfully with a plan for their next phase of education.
- Working with the network of special schools to identify gaps in current provision and make best use of the places available across our special schools.
- Mainstream Schools are able to access a range of support and best practice guidance to create a more consistent offer to SEND pupils.
- Mainstream and special schools are more accessible places for SEND learners.
- More young people benefit from additional support to improve outcomes at post 16 and access employment.
- Ensuring that the network of local specialist provision is utilised to its fullest and continues to deliver good outcomes.

2.2.7 It is proposed that a delivery plan for the SEND Sufficiency Strategy 2026-2029 will be developed with clear milestones and performance metrics for the key ambitions documented. Progress against the delivery plan will be reported to Improving Lives Select Commission and Cabinet as part of annual updates throughout the duration of the Strategy. The delivery plan is included as Appendix 2.

2.2.8 Progress against the Strategy will be monitored by the established SEND Sufficiency Project Board. Regular updates will be provided to the SEND Executive Group, SEND and Alternative Provision (AP) Partnership and Schools Forum.

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

3.1 **Option 1:** Consideration has been given to not developing a SEND Sufficiency Strategy. This option of doing nothing would create a risk that the Council does not meet the sufficiency duty and would place a significant financial risk on the Dedicated Schools Grant High Needs Budget as those pupils with identified SEND needs would still need specialist education support. Should this provision not be available in the Borough then education provision would need to be accessed outside of Rotherham at a higher cost.

3.2 **Option 2 (preferred option):** The proposal to develop a long term SEND Sufficiency Strategy to be effective from the end of the Safety Valve period (01/04/2026) will ensure that long term SEND Sufficiency requirements are identified and delivery against priorities continues to progress. This will deliver against the Council's statutory sufficiency duty and ensure children and young people are able to access specialist education support within the Borough.

4. Consultation on proposal

4.1 In depth consultation and engagement has been completed as part of the Strategy development; this included listening events with Rotherham Parent Carer Forum and discussion with stakeholders across Education, Health, and Care. The views of teaching professionals have been captured during direct discussions with school and Academy leaders. Young people have been directly involved in the development of the Strategy with discussions held with CYPS SEND Voice and Influence Group Guiding Voices. Pupil and Parent voice is also captured as part of regular quality assurance visits to a range of education settings.

4.2 Updates have been provided to the DfE, Schools Forum, School leaders forums, and associated partners including SEND Partnership Board.

4.3 Ongoing updates linked to SEND Sufficiency and performance data are provided to Improving Lives Select Commission, Schools Forum, Education Consultative Committee and to the Department for Education as part of regular Safety Valve Monitoring.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

5.1 Timetable of activity

5.1.1
- SEND Sufficiency review and consultation – Q3 and Q4 2024/2025
- Approval new SEND Sufficiency Strategy – February 2026
- End of Safety Valve – Q4 2025/2026
- Implementation of new SEND Sufficiency Strategy Q1 2026/2027

5.2 Accountability

5.2.1 Progress against the delivery plan and review of objectives is monitored by the SEND Sufficiency Project Board and the Children and Young People's Service Directorate Leadership Team.

5.2.2 Progress against the delivery plan will be reported to Improving Lives Select Commission and Cabinet as part of annual updates throughout the duration of the Strategy.

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

6.1 There are no direct procurement implications arising from the recommendations detailed in this report. Any procurement activity arising to

support the delivery of the Strategy must be undertaken in compliance with relevant procurement legislation (Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or the Procurement Act 2023) dependent on the route to market identified as well as the Council's own Financial and Procurement Procedure Rules.

6.2 The key aim of the SEND Sufficiency Strategy is to ensure there is sufficient SEND places and provision to meet the education needs of all pupils with SEND either in mainstream schools or specialist settings. The implementation of the SEND Sufficiency Strategy 2026–2029 will have significant capital and revenue financial implications. These implications must be considered in the context of a challenging SEND landscape, characterised by sustained growth in demand for Education, Health, and Care Plans (EHCPs), increasing complexity of needs, and rising costs of specialist provision.

6.3 **Capital Implications**

6.3.1 To deliver the aspirations of the Strategy, targeted capital investment will be required to expand local capacity and improve accessibility across mainstream and specialist settings. This includes:

- Development of additional resource provision places within mainstream schools to meet a wider range of SEND needs.
- Expansion and adaptation of existing special school sites to address sufficiency gaps and improve suitability. Accessibility improvements to ensure compliance with statutory duties and promote inclusive practice.

6.3.2 Capital funding to deliver the above comes through the High Needs Provision Capital Allocations (HNPCA) - £3.681m was allocated in 2025/26. Funding allocations for future years are yet to be confirmed by the Government. By creating sufficient local provision, the Council can achieve better value for money and improve outcomes for children and young people.

6.4 Revenue Implications

6.4.1 The cost of delivering education provision and support to SEND pupils is managed within the High Needs Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG), which remains under significant financial pressure, with in-year deficits projected to continue through to 2030/31. Without intervention, the increasing demand for specialist placements and associated transport costs will exacerbate these pressures.

6.4.2 The SEND Sufficiency Strategy is a key mechanism to support financial sustainability and complements the 5-year High Needs Budget Financial Plan recently developed by:

- Enhancing early intervention and outreach services to support mainstream schools in meeting a wider range of SEND needs.

- Reducing reliance on INMSS placements by creating sufficient local provision and strengthening governance around placement decisions.
- Improving inclusiveness in schools through the Graduated Approach and SEND School Improvement Offer, reducing escalation of need.

6.4.3 Recurrent cost of creating additional SEND places and investing in Outreach and Inclusion services would be managed within the DSG High Needs Block and offset by reductions in expensive out-of-area specialist placements and associated transport expenditure over the medium term.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

7.1 Section 14 of the Education Act 1996 places a general duty upon a local authority to secure sufficient schools to provide primary and secondary education in their area and they should have particular regard to securing special education provision.

7.2 Following the enactment of The Children and Families Act 2014, the Local Authority retains responsibility for commissioning services for children and young people with SEN or a disability. The Local Authority is required to keep the provision for children and young people with SEN or disabilities under review, including its sufficiency (Section 315 of the Education Act 1996), and to promote wellbeing and improve quality, working in conjunction with parents, young people, and providers. This Act and its associated guidance is clear that, when considering any re-organisation of provision, decision makers must be clear how they are satisfied that the proposed alternative arrangements will lead to improvements in the standard, quality and/or range of educational provision for children with SEN or a disability.

7.3 In order to minimise the risk of legal challenge, the Local Authority should ensure that it is fully compliant with all relevant legislation in this area and that it continues to satisfy its statutory duties through its decision making. Furthermore, the Council should also ensure that it continues to make decisions that satisfy the terms of the Safety Vale Agreement.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

8.1 There are no direct HR implications within this report.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

9.1 Additional Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) places created within the Borough give more children and young people the opportunity to access high quality provision to meet their educational needs and in line with parental wishes.

9.2 Key considerations are referenced within the report.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

10.1 Children and Young People with SEND are disproportionately represented across a range of education and inclusion measures. SEND sufficiency aims to provide specialist education provision that supports identified cohorts with SEND needs to have enhanced education opportunities and provide support in order that all children and young people have the strongest possible preparation for Adulthood.

11. Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change

11.1 All areas of SEND Sufficiency, student place planning and educational placements have a direct environmental impact; consideration of this element is informed in provision development and provision enhancement in the Borough due to the direct impact this will have to limiting students travelling outside the Borough. This would support reduced emissions of CO_2.

11.2 Wider consideration of indirect implications or unintended consequence of work in this area has on CO_2 Emissions and Climate Change is considered across all partners as the Council are committed to long term targets to mitigate these areas of concern in the Borough. An environmental impact assessment has been completed and is an appendix to this report.

12. Implications for Partners

12.1 Ongoing updates are provided to key stakeholders including parent/carers forum, health leaders, school leaders, Schools Forum, and other associated stakeholders.

12.2 Development of SEND provision in the Borough will enhance SEND practice for all SEND need types in the Borough and will support areas of focus to enhance SEND capacity across the education system in Rotherham.

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 Across all areas of this phase of SEND Sufficiency the council will adhere to guidance and advisory outline provided to Local Authorities by DfE in relation to significant changes or changes of designation for schools. Regular update meetings are held with DfE, and this will support forward planning across this phase of SEND Sufficiency.

13.2 Across all key decisions and internal processes, decision making has had oversight of SEND Sufficiency Board which involves all key internal parties including legal, assets, HR, procurement, transport, finance, commissioning, and education specialists.

13.3 There is a risk that changes to schools Ofsted rating, inclusive practice, national SEND guidance or required capital allocation results in schools being unable to successfully complete due diligence or receive DfE approval to develop new provision.

14. Accountable Officers

Niall Devlin – Service Director of Education and Inclusion

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

	Named Officer	Date
Chief Executive	John Edwards	23/01/26
Executive Director of Corporate Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	20/01/26
Service Director of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Phil Horsfield	19/01/26

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SEND SUFFICIENCY STRATEGY ROTHERHAM 2026-2029



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SEND SUFFICIENCY STRATEGY FOREWORD

"As Lead Member for Children's Services, I am proud to present Rotherham's SEND Sufficiency Strategy 2026–2029. Our ambition is clear: every child and young person with SEND should have access to high-quality education and support as close to their local community as possible.

This strategy sets out how we will strengthen inclusive practice, expand specialist provision where needed, and work in partnership with families and schools to ensure the right support is available at the right time. Together, we will create opportunities for all children and young people to thrive and achieve their potential."



Cllr Victoria Cusworth
Cabinet Member CYPS

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the SEND Sufficiency Strategy is to make sure that the educational needs of children and young people in the borough with SEND (Special Educational Need and/or Disability) can continue to be met. The Council has a responsibility to create enough education provision to meet the needs of all pupils, this is called sufficiency. This includes support to mainstream schools to meet a wider level of SEND need and also to provide sufficiency of education where it is determined specialist provision is required.

This SEND Sufficiency Strategy identifies local needs and provision requirements so that all pupils across the SEND continuum are able to access appropriate education provision.

Vision

We have a strong clear vision. In Rotherham we are just as ambitious for children and young people with SEND as for every other child.

The SEND Sufficiency Strategy should be read in conjunction with the Rotherham SEND Strategy My Life My Rights 2024-2028.

Principles

The Four Cornerstones

The Four Cornerstones are a set of principles arising from the voices of Rotherham children and young people with SEND, their families and practitioners. Recognised as national best practice in co-production, the Rotherham Cornerstones are at the heart of this SEND Sufficiency strategy, promoting stronger relationships and building trust, in doing so helping Rotherham organisations across Education, Health and Care embed a borough-wide culture of inclusion.

The Four Cornerstones:



Progress during the last SEND Sufficiency Strategy (Safety Valve)
Supporting more children to access education within or close to their local community

I. CREATING GOOD AND OUTSTANDING LOCAL PROVISION

- The previous SEND Sufficiency Strategy coincided with additional capital funding received from the Department for Education (DfE) as part of Rotherham's Safety Valve Agreement. This focused on supporting mainstream provision to meet a wider level of SEND need across two distinct programmes of work. This included creating 100 additional resource provision places on mainstream sites across Social Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH), Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Moderate Learning Difficulties (MLD) need types. A second strand focused on improving Accessibility across mainstream and specialist sites through the implementation of a capital programme so schools can enhance their school site and improve access to the curriculum for SEND pupils.
- Across the period there has been a continued increase in places within local specialist provision with capital investment agreed to create 30 new SEMH places as part of the development of a second site of Elements Academy, investment in the continued development of Newman School and a capital programme at Aspire Pupil Referral Unit to address condition and suitability issues.

A specialist provision map for Rotherham is included as Appendix 1 to this Strategy. The provision map includes all local resource provisions on mainstream sites, all special school sites and Pupil Referral Units.



2. THE GRADUATED RESPONSE IN ROTHERHAM

Implementation of the Graduated Approach has contributed to the overall Sufficiency aim of supporting mainstream schools to meet a wider level of SEND need. Objectives include:

- Reduce use of independent specialist provision outside of the LA by creating appropriate capacity within Rotherham's high needs system, with a focus on ensuring provision is high quality and value for money.
- Improve Rotherham's early intervention strategy, including through investment in outreach work.
- Ensure appropriate use of provision and avoid escalation of children and young people's needs by, among other things, improving the governance around placement decisions.
- Review support services in Rotherham to ensure value for money is achieved.
- Increase the outreach offer for Social Emotional and Mental Health needs at primary and secondary.
- Increase the outreach offer for specialist SEND.
- Develop local sufficiency arrangements, including for Rotherham's Children in Care.
- Drive mainstream schools to adopt inclusive practice to enable more children and young people to remain in mainstream settings where appropriate.
- Maintain engagement with stakeholders through strong and collaborative governance arrangements, such as ISOS partnership work (the Isos Partnership is a specialist consultancy that works with local and national governments in England to research, evaluate, and reform the SEND system), Schools Forum High Needs subgroup, primary and secondary head teachers.

Significant progress was acknowledged on the development of the Graduated Approach during the 2024 Ofsted/CQC Joint Area SEND inspection.



3. DEVELOPMENT OF SEND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT OFFER AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

The SEND School Improvement Offer works with others to build capacity and to bring about positive change for children and young people with SEND. This ensures that the right support is given in the right place and at the right time for all children and young people.

Support is provided to whole school/college systems to identify and meet needs of learners with SEND at the earliest opportunity.

The offer includes:

- Undertaking whole school/setting SEND Reviews with leaders/ SENDCOs to identify strengths and areas for development.
- Embedding the graduated approach across the borough through Good Practice events and sharing of resources and practice.
- A centralised training offer, including a range of free training packages developed and delivered by RMBC and partners.
- Using local and national initiatives to improve practice and provision.
- Providing advice and support on SEND including termly updates on national and local issues.
- Termly SENDCO network meetings.
- Quality assurance visits to mainstream integrated resourced provisions.



4. SPECIALIST INCLUSION TEAM (SIT)

The Specialist Inclusion Team (SIT) is a SEND support service that now works with all schools and settings in Rotherham.

SIT is a team of experienced teachers and SENDCos, specialist teachers and autism specialists all with a passion for inclusion. The Specialist Inclusion Team has extensive experience with supporting families, children and young people across the graduated response.

SIT offers a wide range of support to schools including whole staff and targeted training, individual pupil assessment, individual 'Learning Support Programmes' (LSPs) and target setting, advice and support for the school SENDCo, contributing to advice around the graduated response for all pupils including Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs).

SIT supports all 123 schools and settings in Rotherham and currently 97 of these schools and settings and nine non-locality schools purchase additional traded hours. This includes work in other schools and settings where they request individual pieces of training or targeted support.

All SIT activities relate to:

- The national and local drive to promote inclusion of all children within their mainstream neighbourhood school.
- Raising attainment of all children.
- Ensuring appropriate progress of children identified as having SEND.
- Early Identification and Intervention.
- Targeted support for Pupils with Severe and Persistent Difficulties, such as Dyslexia, Dyscalculia and Autism.
- Promoting a graduated response to need in line with the SEN Code of Practice and Children and Families Act 2014.
- Equality of opportunity for all children, regardless of learning difficulties or disabilities.
- Enabling and empowering schools to meet children's diverse learning needs.
- Continuing Professional Development and Training.

Children in Rotherham Schools

Rotherham has 59,521 children aged under 18 representing 21.5% of the local population (ONS, mid 2020). There are 45,531 children and young people attending Rotherham's schools as at January 2025 School Census. 481 children in a maintained nursery school (1%), 24,408 pupils in primary schools (54%), 19,214 pupils in secondary schools (42%), 1,293 pupils in special schools (2.8%) and 135 pupils in Pupil Referral Units (PRUs) 0.3%.

Increasing demand for specialist provision

There are a growing number of requests for Education, Health, and Care Needs Assessment each year. Data shows that the number of requests submitted has doubled between 2021/22 and 2024/25 academic years. In the most recent academic year alone, there was a **17.6% increase** compared to 2023/24. Half of the special schools in Rotherham are regularly full or over their commissioned number and the alternative provision places at the Pupil Referral Units (PRUs) are close to capacity.



COMPARISON TO NATIONAL

This table shows the Safety Valve/High Needs categories that are currently tracked and monitored to inform current place planning.

School Types	% CYP in Rotherham as at SEN2 25	% CYP Nationally as at SEN2 25	Gap to National	% CYP in Rotherham as at SEN2 24	% CYP Nationally as at SEN2 24	Gap to National	% CYP in Rotherham as at SEN2 23	% CYP Nationally as at SEN2 23	Gap to National	% CYP in Rotherham as at SEN2 22	% CYP Nationally as at SEN2 22	Gap to National
**Special Schools*	*33%*	*25%*	*7.8%*	32.8%	26.9%	5.9%	34.8%	28.2%	6.6%	32.8%	29.6%	-0.8%
**Resource Provision/ SEN units*	*4.0%*	*3.8%*	*0.2%*	2.9%	3.9%	-1.0%	1.2%	3.9%	-2.7%	3.2%	4.5%	-1.3%
Mainstream Schools	36.6%	39.7%	-3.1%	34.1%	39.2%	-5.1%	32.1%	37.4%	-5.3%	28.8%	36.0%	-7.2%
**Independent Non Maintained Special Schools*	*3.3%*	*5.3%*	*-2.0%*	3.7%	5.2%	-1.5%	3.5%	5.0%	-1.5%	3.8%	5.2%	-1.4%
**Independent Specialist Provision*	*4.9%*	*1.5%*	*3.4%*	3.4%	1.5%	1.8%	3.6%	1.6%	2.0%	4.3%	1.7%	2.6%
Post 16/FE Colleges	13.7%	12.3%	1.4%	14.2%	11.7%	2.5%	13.5%	12.3%	1.2%	14.7%	14.8%	-0.1%
****All Specialist Provisions***	***45.0%***	***35.7%***	***9.3%***	***42.8%***	***37.5%***	***5.3%***	***43.2%***	***38.7%***	***4.5%***	***44.2%***	***41.0%***	***3.2%***

Included is the latest 2025 SEN2 census data for children and young people (CYP) with an EHCP, which has been aligned to the 2025 published national picture to provide a comparison.

- Rotherham has 7.8% more CYP with EHCPs accessing special school places when compared to national.
- Rotherham has 3.0% less CYP with an EHCP being educated within Mainstream school than the national average (although this figure has closed significantly by 4.1% since 2022).
- Rotherham has 1.4% more YP attending Post 16/ FE provisions than the national average.
- Rotherham has 2.0% less CYP attending independent non – maintained school schools than the national average but within our post 16 ISP settings Rotherham has 3.4% more CYP than the national average.
- Rotherham are roughly in line with the national average for CYP attending a Resource provision/ SEN unit.

NEEDS ANALYSIS

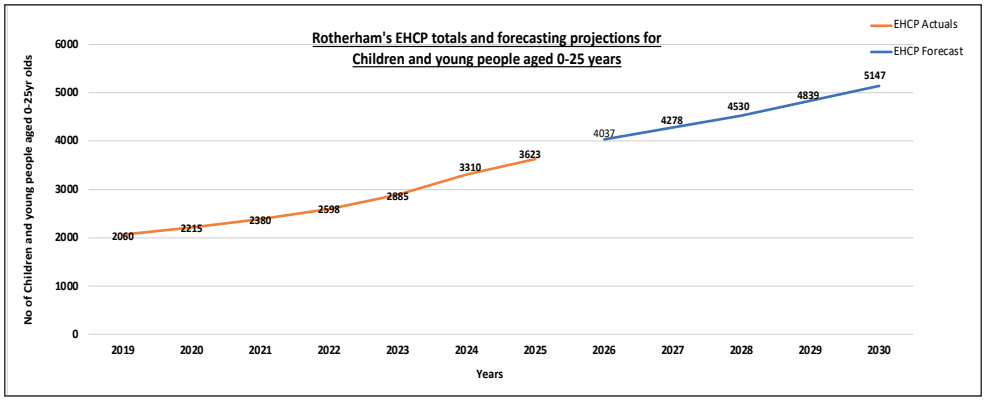
To support the development of the strategy a needs analysis has been completed utilising a range of data. This includes utilising statutory return data such as SEN2 Census and locally held EHCP trend data to build a forecasting projection to look at growth in demand for EHCPs over time. Current comparisons to the national position have been made where appropriate.

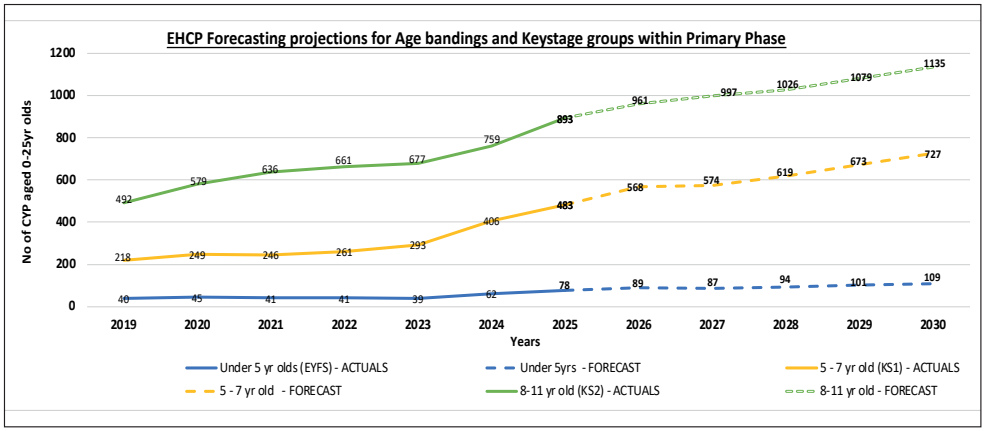
The needs analysis draws out the key themes and forecasts demand based on previous years trends to support the anticipated provision requirements for Rotherham covering the lifespan of the strategy.

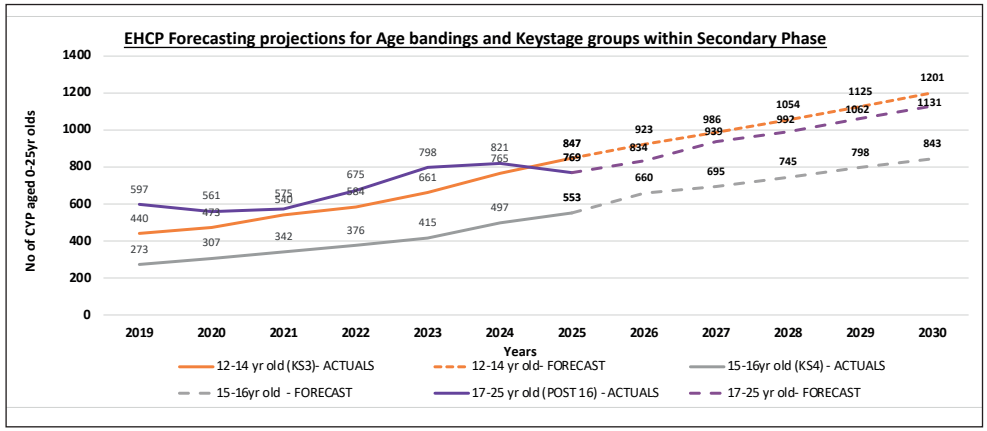


EHCP Growth Forecasting

** Data figures have been taken from previous SEN2 returns and forecasted aligned against the latest Rotherham 0–25-year-old population estimates. All forecasting is based on projections that if nothing changes in Rotherham then this could potentially be where we move/grow to for children on EHCPs.*







Forecasting projections have also been completed per Key Stage phase covering Primary aged children and Secondary/Post 16 children and young people.

PRIMARY NEED FORECASTING

EHCP NEEDS BY YEARS	Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)	Hearing Impairment (HI)	Medical (M)	Moderate Learning Difficulty (MLD)	Multi-Sensory Impairment (MSI)	Other Difficulty/ Disability	Physical Disability (PD)	Profound & Multi Learning Difficulty (PLD)	Severe Learning Difficulty (SLD)	Social, Emotional & Mental Health (SEMH)	Specific Learning Difficulty (SLD)	Speech, Language/ Communicate Difficulty (SLCD)	Visual Impairment (VI)	Total Children & Young People
2019	651	40	9	439	3	9	164	8	104	388	45	182	18	2060
2020	682	40	9	450	4	10	172	8	102	470	50	198	17	2212
2021	747	42	6	445	4	11	178	8	97	536	50	223	24	2371
2022	820	49	6	455	5	13	189	7	84	607	54	264	25	2578
2023	952	49	0	461	5	1	214	13	83	686	62	334	25	2885
2024	1142	47	0	476	6	0	216	16	63	783	71	460	30	3310
2025	1284	49	0	461	6	0	211	15	46	836	69	622	24	3623
2026	1468	50	0	448	6	6	205	14	45	889	68	815	23	4037
2027	1542	54	0	477	7	4	233	17	36	1003	78	798	29	4278
2028	1649	55	0	475	7	3	238	19	26	1068	81	879	30	4530
2029	1777	57	1	479	8	2	246	20	16	1146	85	971	31	4839
2030	1904	58	2	482	8	1	254	21	6	1224	90	1063	32	5147

Primary need forecasting has been completed to highlight our current position for children and young people on Plans with previous years' data. Based on current and previous years' data a formula has been developed to forecast changes in the percentage of children by primary need type as well as the numbers in line with Rotherham's population estimates.

Forecasting projections are available to show a forecasting position up to 2030 if nothing changes from where we have been and are at now. The percentage has been displayed to the nearest number of whole children.

- The data shows the most prevalent primary needs for CYP with EHCPs are ASD (35%), SEMH (23%), SLCN (17%) and MLD (12.7%).
- Forecasting projections indicate by 2028 nearly 365 more children would make up the ASD primary need type and by 2030 this could potentially be over 600 more children than currently.
- SEMH forecasting projections show that by 2028, 232 more children could have a EHCP which could be over 380 + CYP by 2030.

PLACE PLANNING FORECASTING

The forecasting on Place planning looks at the same data source to outline the proportions of pupils who are attending each provision type. The forecasting projections show how the growth in each provision type would be necessary to meet the need assuming we kept placing pupils in the same way as we have. It does not reflect limits on places and assumes that the additional EHCPs can be accommodated within the existing provision available.

Data reflected as of time period:	Alternative Provision (EOTAS, EHE, ASPIRE PRU)	Independent Specialist Provisions and Independent Special Schools/ Non-maintained Specialist Schools (ISP's)	Mainstream Schools	Post 16/FE Colleges	Resource Provisions	Special Schools	Other*	Total Children & Young People
Mar-21	164	199	720	300	40	831	101	2369
Mar-22	151	211	792	402	81	856	148	2641
Mar-23	32	281	956	391	81	999	223	2963
Mar-24	22	303	1223	457	98	1062	180	3345
Jan-25	77	302	1361	496	134	1168	85	3623
2025 - data from SEN2	77	302	1361	496	134	1168	85	3623
2026	107	292	1505	571	194	1229	140	4037
2027	89	332	1642	591	194	1291	139	4278
2028	77	337	1852	609	211	1312	132	4530
2029	72	367	1928	671	242	1426	134	4839
2030	66	386	2081	714	267	1501	132	5147

This 2025 SEN2 data shows that 37% of Rotherham's EHCP cohort are educated in mainstream schools with 32.8% in special schools; 13.7% young people access Post 16+ provision and 8.2% access an ISP setting which includes non-maintained specialist schools within that cohort group.

Forecasting projections from data in these provisional types, show that if nothing changes in Rotherham from where we are now and where we have been, then the trend in numbers could indicate the need for:

- 491 more specialist places needed in mainstream schools by 2028 which would grow further by 2030 to be approximately 700 more places than we currently have now. This would potentially be the equivalent of 40% of the cohort in mainstream schools by 2030.
- 144 more places needed in special schools by 2028, which could grow further by 2030 to be 333 more places needed than are provided now.
- 113 more Post 16 / FE places required by 2028 which could increase to 218 by 2030.
- Potentially if nothing changed then approximately 35 more places needed within our ISP settings by 2028 and this could grow by up to 84 more places needed by 2030. This ISP category is a combination of both independent specialist provisions (post 16) and Independent non maintained special schools.



OUR AMBITIONS

Based on our analysis of local need, the resources available, and the direction of national policy, we have identified the following ambitions for the next three years.

	Ambition	Outcome Measure How will we know when we have done it
1	More young people are able to be educated locally, in their communities with mainstream peers	% of young people with an EHCP attending mainstream settings. Increase in young people attending mainstream post 16 provision.
2	We will work with our network of special schools to identify gaps in current provision and make best use of the places available across our special schools	New targeted specialist provision places created. Reduction in the amount of young people attending Independent Non-Maintained Specialist Provision.
3	More young people are able to start their education journey successfully with a plan for their next phase of education	Place Planning systems established. Placement Trackers established for resource provision to support transitions.
4	Mainstream Schools are able to access a range of support and best practice guidance to create a more consistent offer to SEND pupils.	Increase in Specialist Inclusion Team time allocated to all schools. Development of best practice guidance and thresholds of need document. Continuation of SENDCO network events on a termly basis. Continuation and development of Outreach Services tailored to specific need types.
5	Our mainstream and special schools are more accessible places for SEND learners.	Number of capital accessibility projects funded. Increase in the % of young people with an EHCP attending mainstream settings.
6	More young people benefit from additional support to improve outcomes at post 16 and access employment	Increase the amount of young people attending the mainstream post 16 college offer Create a compliant route to market for our placements in Independent Special Schools. An increase in wthe number of young people transitioning into employment.
7	We will ensure that our network of local specialist provision is utilised to its fullest and continues to deliver good outcomes	Quality Assurance Framework embedded across different specialist provision types. Develop resource provision workstream group to identify gaps in provision and support place planning.

DELIVERY AND GOVERNANCE

The SEND Sufficiency Strategy will adopt a workstream approach to delivery, this will include working alongside the core workstreams as identified in the SEND Strategy (My Life My Rights). The specific SEND Sufficiency sub-groups are listed below:

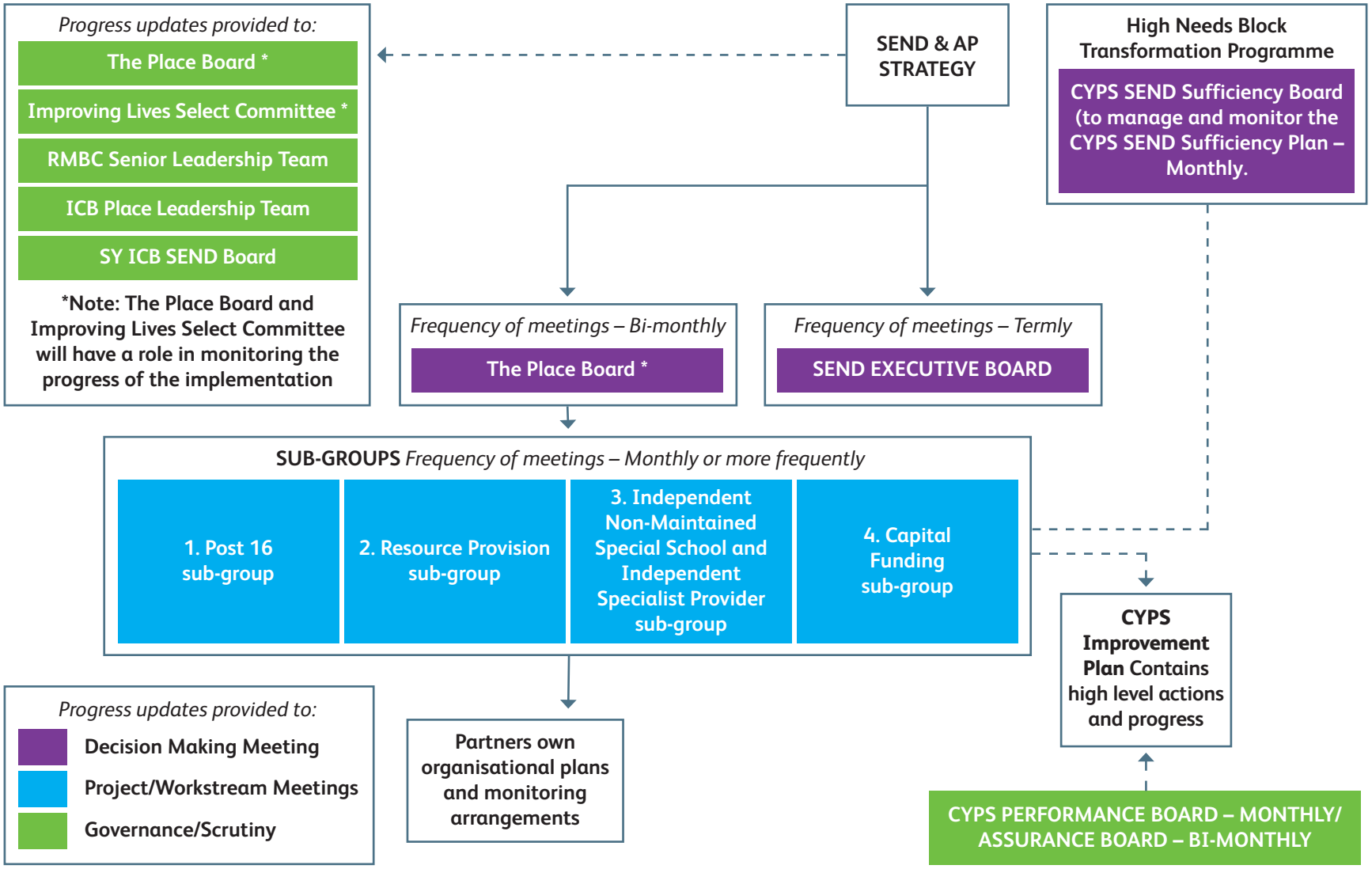
Resource Provision sub-group

16+ sub-group

Independent Non-Maintained Special School and Independent Special School sub-group

Capital Programme sub-group




Progress updates provided to:
The Place Board *
Improving Lives Select Committee *
RMBC Senior Leadership Team
ICB Place Leadership Team
SY ICB SEND Board
*Note: The Place Board and Improving Lives Select Committee will have a role in monitoring the progress of the implementation
SEND & AP STRATEGY
High Needs Block Transformation Programme
CYPS SEND Sufficiency Board (to manage and monitor the CYPS SEND Sufficiency Plan – Monthly.
Frequency of meetings – Bi-monthly
The Place Board *
Frequency of meetings – Termly
SEND EXECUTIVE BOARD
SUB-GROUPS Frequency of meetings – Monthly or more frequently
1. Post 16 sub-group
2. Resource Provision sub-group
3. Independent Non-Maintained Special School and Independent Specialist Provider sub-group
4. Capital Funding sub-group
CYPS Improvement Plan Contains high level actions and progress
Progress updates provided to:
Decision Making Meeting
Project/Workstream Meetings
Governance/Scrutiny
Partners own organisational plans and monitoring arrangements
CYPS PERFORMANCE BOARD – MONTHLY/ ASSURANCE BOARD – BI-MONTHLY

SEND and Alternative Provision Mapping across the Borough

All Special Schools, Pupil referral units (PRU) and Resource provisions (RP)

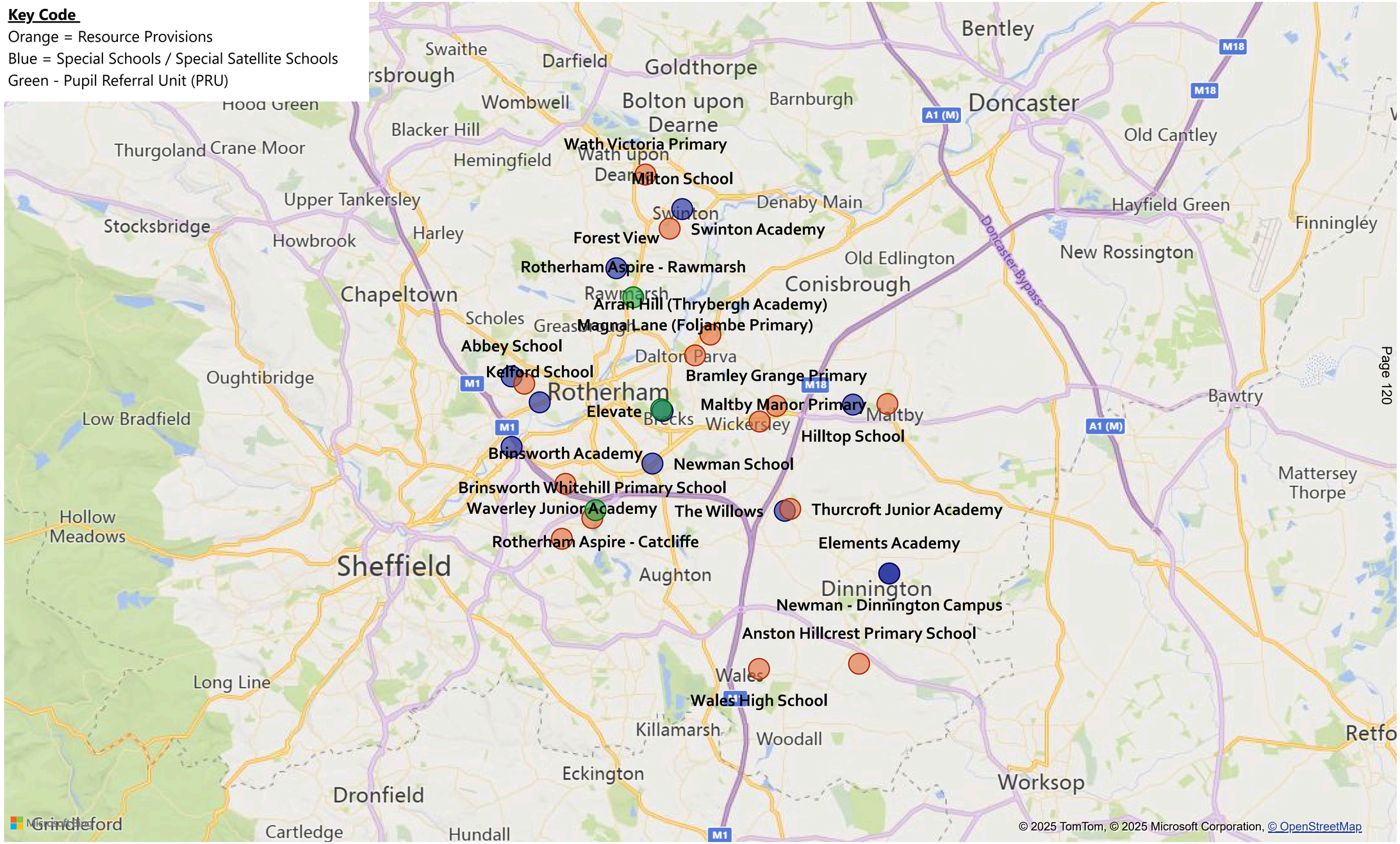
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- Enterprise Works - Source
- Forest View
- Hilltop School
- Kelford School
- Magna Lane (Foljambe Primary)
- Maltby Manor Primary
- Milton School
- Newman - Dinnington Campus
- Newman School
- Rotherham Aspire - Catcliffe
- Rotherham Aspire - Hutton Park
- Rotherham Aspire - Rawmarsh
- Swinton Academy
- The Willows
- Thurcroft Junior Academy
- Wales High School
- Wath Victoria Primary
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Key Code

Orange = Resource Provisions

Blue = Special Schools / Special Satellite Schools

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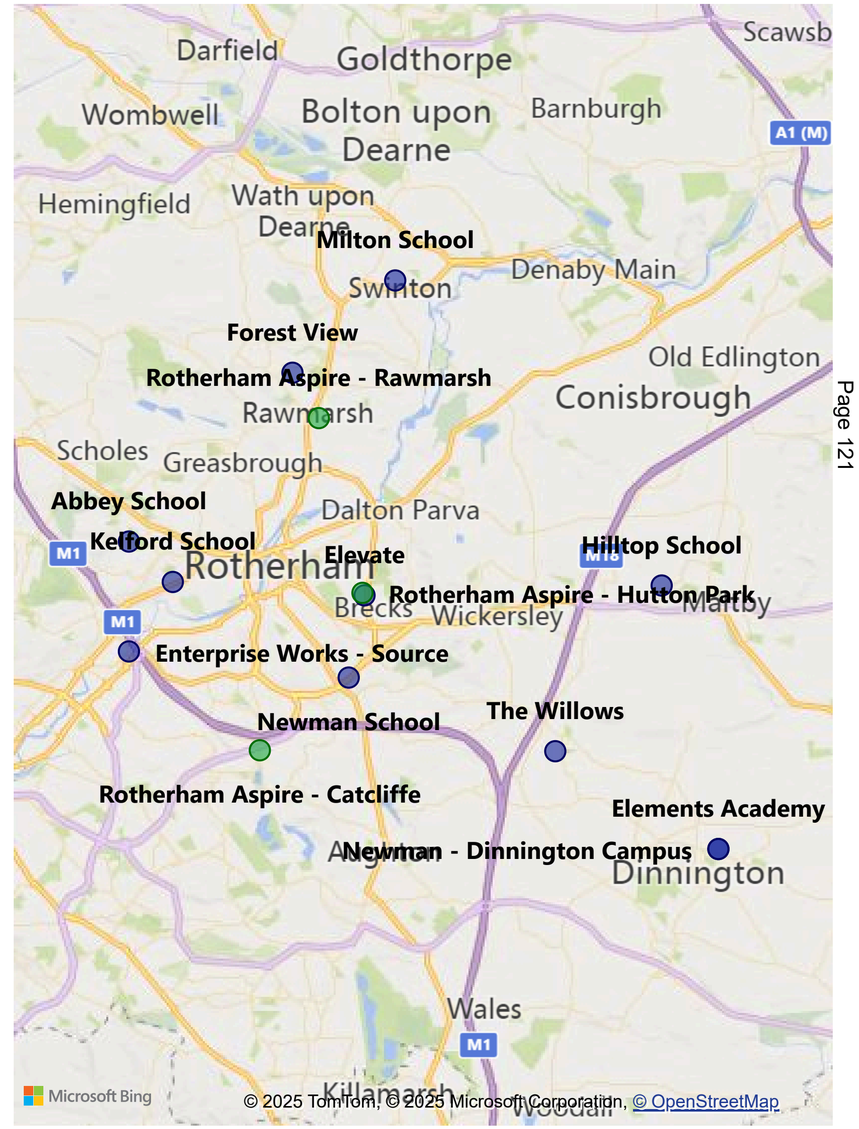
SEND and Alternative Provision Mapping across the Borough

Special Schools , Special Satellite Sites and Pupil Referral units (PRU)

Schools / Provisions	Phase Types	Provision Type	Main Primary Needs
Abbey School	All	Special School	MLD
Elements Academy	KS2-KS4	Special School	SEMH
Elevate	KS4	Satellite Site to Elements	SEMH
Enterprise Works - Source	Post 16	Satellite Site to Kelford	SPLD / SLD
Forest View	14-19 Students	Satellite Site to Hilltop and Kelford	ALL
Hilltop School	All	Special School	SLD
Kelford School	All	Special School	SPLD / SLD
Milton School	All	Special School	MLD / ASD
Newman - Dinnington Campus	KS3-KS4	Special School	SEMH
Newman School	All	Special School	ALL
Rotherham Aspire - Catcliffe	All	PRU	SEMH
Rotherham Aspire - Hutton Park	All	PRU	SEMH
Rotherham Aspire - Rawmarsh	All	PRU	SEMH
The Willows	KS2- Post 16	Special School	MLD /SLCN

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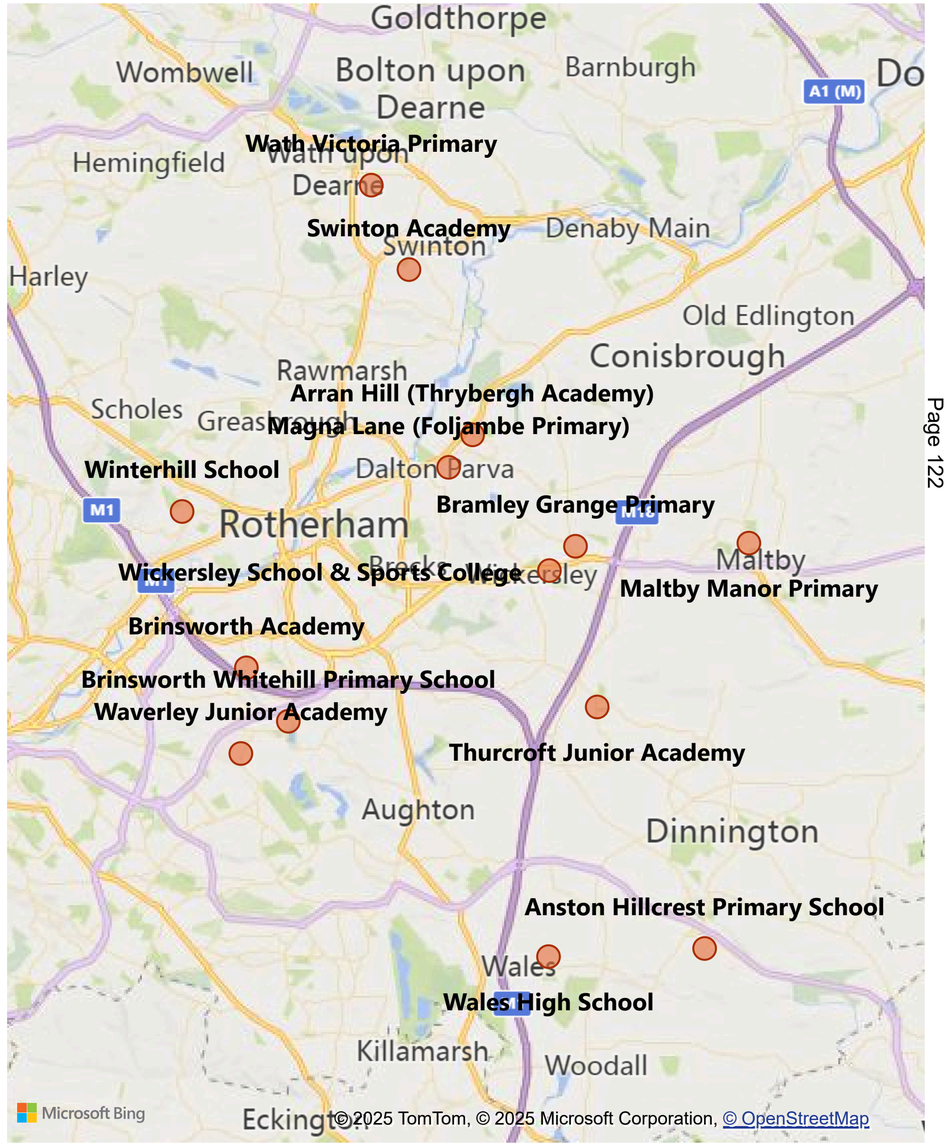
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Resource Provisions (RP)

Schools / Provisions	Phase Types	Provision Type	Main Primary Needs
Anston Hillcrest Primary School	Primary	Resource Provision (RP)	SLCN
Arran Hill (Thrybergh Academy)	Secondary	Resource Provision (RP)	SEMH
Bramley Grange Primary	Primary	Resource Provision (RP)	HI
Brinsworth Academy	Secondary	Resource Provision (RP)	MLD
Brinsworth Whitehill Primary School	Primary	Resource Provision (RP)	C&I
Magna Lane (Foljambe Primary)	Primary	Resource Provision (RP)	SEMH
Maltby Manor Primary	Primary	Resource Provision (RP)	SEMH
Swinton Academy	Secondary	Resource Provision (RP)	ASD
Thurcroft Junior Academy	Primary	Resource Provision (RP)	C&I
Wales High School	Secondary	Resource Provision (RP)	ASD
Wath Victoria Primary	Primary	Resource Provision (RP)	ASD
Waverley Junior Academy	Primary	Resource Provision (RP)	ASD
Wickersley School & Sports College	Secondary	Resource Provision (RP)	HI
Winterhill School	Secondary	Resource Provision (RP)	SEMH

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Appendix 2

SEND Sufficiency Strategy Year 1 Delivery Plan

Aspiration	Objective What do we want to do	Action Owner	Timescale	Outcome Measure
1,6	Deliver further rounds of accessibility capital funding across mainstream and special schools	Cary-Anne Sykes, Mark Cummins	Sep 26	Number of successful bids and total investment % of young people with an EHCP attending mainstream to move in line with national average
5	Implement thresholds of need documents in mainstream settings	Cary-Anne Sykes, Kate Storer	Apr 26	Improved consistency and application of the graduated approach % of young people with an EHCP attending mainstream to move in line with national average
5	Increase the amount of hours provided to mainstream schools from the Specialist Inclusion Team	Cary-Anne Sykes, Kate Storer	Apr 26	Number of additional hours provided to each school More young people having their needs met at SEN Support level
2	Strengthen place planning for SEND to support transition into the next phase of education	Mark Cummins /Cary-Anne Sykes	Sep 26	Implementation of Place Planning group. Improved Placement monitoring across different provision types
8	Establish Resource Provision working group. Create Additional capacity in Secondary Resource Provision	Mark Cummins	Sept 26	Increase in number of young people attending secondary resource provision up to 20 places More young people transitioning from primary to secondary resource provision

4	Create additional special school capacity to support an increase in Complex ASD/PMLD places	Mark Cummins	May 26	Creation of up to 24 additional places linked to place planning
5	Create Additional capacity for Specialist SEMH provision at Key Stage 3 and 4	Mark Cummins Cary-Anne Sykes	Jan 27	Creation of up to 15 additional places. Reduction in INMSS placements
8	Establish Post 16 development group to develop the local mainstream offer and identify compliant commissioning arrangements for ISP	Cary-Anne Sykes, Helen Leadley	Mar 27	More young people attending mainstream post 16 provision Improved oversight, cost control and compliant arrangements identified for post 16 ISP
All	Complete SEND Sufficiency Listening Event with RPCF. Provide feedback to stakeholders on SEND sufficiency progress through updates to School Forum, Primary and Secondary Headteachers, High Needs sub-group	Mark Cummins, Cary-Anne Sykes, Ashley Blackwell	Mar 27	

Appendix 3

PART A - Initial Equality Screening Assessment

As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality and diversity.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provide a record of both the process and decision. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions.

Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality and diversity
- whether or not equality and diversity is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an Equality Analysis (Part B).

Further information is available in the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance – see page 9.

1. Title	
Title: Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Sufficiency Strategy 2026-2029	
Directorate: CYPS	**Service area:** Education and Inclusion
Lead person: Mark Cummins	**Contact:** mark.cummins@rotherham.gov.uk
Is this a: [×] **Strategy / Policy** [ ] **Service / Function** [ ] **Other** **If other, please specify**	

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening
The report screens the activities undertaken in finalising a new SEND Sufficiency Strategy for Rotherham. The SEND Sufficiency Strategy will be implemented from 1st April 2026 running until March 31st 2029. The Strategy has been created as part of the Council's responsibility to create a sufficiency of education placements for all pupils.

Appendix 3

3. Relevance to equality and diversity

All the Council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – borough wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality and diversity.

The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are.

When considering these questions think about age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, civil partnerships and marriage, pregnancy and maternity and other socio-economic groups e.g. parents, single parents and guardians, carers, looked after children, unemployed and people on low incomes, ex-offenders, victims of domestic violence, homeless people etc.

Questions	Yes	No
Could the proposal have implications regarding the accessibility of services to the whole or wider community?	×	
Could the proposal affect service users?	×	
Has there been or is there likely to be an impact on an individual or group with protected characteristics?	×	
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns regarding the proposal?		×
Could the proposal affect how the Council's services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?	×	
Could the proposal affect the Council's workforce or employment practices?		×

If you have answered no to all the questions above, please explain the reason

If you have answered **no** to all the questions above please complete **sections 5 and 6.**

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above please complete **section 4.**

4. Considering the impact on equality and diversity

If you have not already done so, the impact on equality and diversity should be considered within your proposals before decisions are made**.**

Considering equality and diversity will help to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and take active steps to create a discrimination free society by meeting a group or individual's needs and encouraging participation.

Please provide specific details for all three areas below using the prompts for guidance and complete an Equality Analysis (Part B).

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- **How have you considered equality and diversity?**

Equality and diversity has been thoroughly considered as part of the development of the new SEND Sufficiency Strategy which is to be implemented from 1st April 2026 running until 31st March 2029.

There has been wide reaching and ongoing consultation with stakeholders as part of the development of the SEND Sufficiency Strategy this has included a focus on equality and diversity. Consultation has taken place with the following groups:

Parents/carers
Parents / Carers Forum
Schools
Pupil Referral Units
Elected Members
Department for Education
Ofsted
Teaching Staff
Health professionals

Consultation will continue throughout the lifespan of the Strategy this will include a focus on assessing the impact of the strategy on equality and diversity.

Equality information is collated as part of statutory returns on the local SEND and Alternative provision cohort to the Department for Education and for internal monitoring as part of the Education and Inclusion scorecard. This includes pupil level data such as name, DOB, address, SEND Primary need type, Ethnicity and Gender. This data will continue to be monitored throughout the duration of the Strategy.

- **Key findings**

In Rotherham 23.5% of pupils have either a statutory plan for Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND), known as an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP), or are receiving SEND support (previously known as school action and school action plus). This compares to an average of 19.6% across all England Authorities.

In order that the educational needs of children and young people in the borough with SEND can continue to be met, the Council has a responsibility to create a sufficiency of education provision to meet the needs of all pupils.

The EDI assessment suggested that the proposal would have implications for the accessibility of education provision that would affect service users (both individual and groups).

As the Strategy is in line with the Council's duty to create sufficiency of education provision and with reference to the core aspirations of the Strategy there were no negative equality and diversity impacts identified at this point.

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- **Actions**

Equality and Diversity will be included as part of this engagement, with opportunities to adapt the Strategy if monitoring suggests activity is having an adverse impact on protected groups.

Date to scope and plan your Equality Analysis:	September 2025
Date to complete your Equality Analysis:	November 2025
Lead person for your Equality Analysis (Include name and job title):	Mark Cummins SEND Transformation Project Lead

5. Governance, ownership and approval

Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening:

Name	Job title	Date
Niall Devlin	Assistant Director Inclusion and Education	October 2025
Helen Sweaton	Joint Assistant Director Commissioning, Performance and Quality	October 2025
Cary-Anne Sykes	Head of Service - SEND	October 2025

6. Publishing

This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given.

If this screening relates to a **Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision** a copy of the completed document should be attached as an appendix and published alongside the relevant report.

A copy of **all** screenings should also be sent to equality@rotherham.gov.uk For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file and also published on the Council's Equality and Diversity Internet page.

Date screening completed	10/10/2025
Report title and date	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Sufficiency Strategy
If relates to a Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision – report date and date sent for publication	09/02/2026
Date screening sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement equality@rotherham.gov.uk	19/11/2025

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PART B – Equality Analysis Form

As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality and diversity.

This form:

- Can be used to prompt discussions, ensure that due regard has been given and remove or minimise disadvantage for an individual or group with a protected characteristic
- Involves looking at what steps can be taken to advance and maximise equality as well as eliminate discrimination and negative consequences
- Should be completed before decisions are made, this will remove the need for remedial actions.

Note – An Initial Equality Screening Assessment (Part A) should be completed prior to this form.

When completing this form consider the Equality Act 2010 protected characteristics Age, Disability, Sex, Gender Reassignment, Race, Religion or Belief, Sexual Orientation, Civil Partnerships and Marriage, Pregnancy and Maternity and other socio-economic groups e.g. parents, single parents and guardians, carers, looked after children, unemployed and people on low incomes, ex-offenders, victims of domestic violence, homeless people etc. – see page 11 of Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance.

1. Title	
Equality Analysis title: Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Sufficiency Strategy 2026-2029	
Date of Equality Analysis (EA): May 2025	
Directorate: CYPS	**Service area:** Education and Inclusion
Lead Manager: Mark Cummins	**Contact number:** **01709 807123**
Is this a: [√] **Strategy / Policy** [ ] **Service / Function** [ ] **Other** **If other, please specify**	

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2. Names of those involved in the Equality Analysis (Should include minimum of three people) - see page 7 of Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance		
Name	**Organisation**	**Role (eg service user, managers, service specialist)**
Niall Devlin	RMBC	Assistant Director Education and Inclusion
Helen Sweaton	RMBC	Joint Assistant Director Commissioning, Performance and Inclusion
Cary-Anne Sykes	RMBC	Head of Service - SEND
SEND and AP Partnership Board	Multi-agency Strategic Board	

3. What is already known? - see page 10 of Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance

Aim/Scope (who the Policy/Service affects and intended outcomes if known)
This may include a group/s identified by a protected characteristic, others groups or stakeholder/s e.g. service users, employees, partners, members, suppliers etc.)

The scope includes the activities undertaken and development of the new SEND Sufficiency Strategy for Rotherham. The Strategy will be implemented from 01/04/2026 running until 31/03/2029.

Rotherham has 57,453 children aged under 18 representing 21.7% of the local population (ONS, mid 2020). There are 45,763 children and young people attending Rotherham's schools as at January 2024 School Census. 465 children in a maintained nursery school, 24,661 pupils in primary schools, 19,303 pupils in secondary schools, 1,194 pupils in special schools and 140 pupils in Pupil Referral Units (PRUs).

In order that the educational needs of children and young people in the borough with SEND can continue to be met, the Council has a responsibility to create a sufficiency of education provision to meet the needs of all pupils.

The Strategy outlines key workstreams which will support local SEND sufficiency arrangements. This includes supporting more pupils to be educated locally with peers in mainstream education with a reduction in young people being placed in settings outside of Rotherham. Distinct workstreams identified include a specific focus on Post 16 development, resource provision, Independent Non-Maintained Special and Independent Specialist Provision and the Graduated approach.

The Strategy proposes 7 key Aspirations which will if implemented have a positive impact on SEND Sufficiency arrangements and individual outcomes for pupils.

7 key aspirations

- More young people are able to be educated locally, in their communities with mainstream peers
- More young people are able to start their education journey successfully with a plan for their next phase of education

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- We will work with our network of special schools to identify gaps in current provision and make best use of the places available across our special schools
- Mainstream Schools are able to access a range of support and best practice guidance to create a more consistent offer to SEND pupils.
- Our mainstream and special schools are more accessible places for SEND learners
- More young people benefit from additional support to improve outcomes at post 16 and access employment
- We will ensure that our network of local specialist provision is utilised to its fullest and continues to deliver good outcomes

What equality information is available? (Include any engagement undertaken)

Equality information is available through the following sources:
• Performance Practice and Learning
• CYPS performance reporting – Scorecards and Dashboards (Insight)
• Audit and QA activity.
• Section 11
• DfE reporting
• Department for Health & Social Care
• Ofsted

There has been wide reaching and ongoing consultation with stakeholders as part of the development of the SEND Sufficiency Strategy. Equality and Diversity has been included at all stages of the consultation process. Stakeholders involved in shaping the strategy include:

Parents/carers
Parents / Carers Forum
Community engagement
Schools
Pupil Referral Units
Elected Members
Department for Education
Ofsted
Teaching Staff
Health professionals

Equality information is collated as part of statutory returns on the local SEND and Alternative provision cohort to the Department for Education and for internal monitoring as part of the Education and Inclusion scorecard. This includes pupil level data such as name, DOB, address, SEND Primary need type, Ethnicity and Gender. Information will be updated through performance management arrangements and quality assurance processes across a range of different education provision types throughout the life of the Strategy.

Are there any gaps in the information that you are aware of?

None identified

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What monitoring arrangements have you made to monitor the impact of the policy or service on communities/groups according to their protected characteristics? A range of approaches will be used to ensure that children, young people and families play a key part in the evaluation of the strategy and that their individual needs and protected characteristics are considered. Existing data and established methodology across the children's workforce will continue to be used to monitor impact on those groups with protected characteristics. A multi – agency SEND Strategic Board retains oversight of proposals, implementation and impact of the Strategy.	
Engagement undertaken with customers. (date and group(s) consulted and key findings)	There has been ongoing engagement as part of the development of the SEND Sufficiency Strategy. This has included continuous sessions with stakeholders such as: Sponsors / schools Staff Elected members Local residents Parent/carer forum Parents/children who will be attending the schools / settings Neighbouring schools across the authority Wider community engagement Transport Ofsted Department for Education Schools Forum Education Consultative Committee Rotherham Education Strategic Partnership The consultation has identified that a SEND Sufficiency Strategy is required locally with specific workstreams that are identified in the proposed Strategy.
Engagement undertaken with staff (date and group(s)consulted and key findings)	Staff in both the LA and schools/settings have been involved (as above) and where necessary / appropriate this has also included involvement from wider staffing including RMBC HR, legal, Finance, Asset Management, planning and RMBC Education and Inclusion

4. The Analysis - of the actual or likely effect of the Policy or Service (Identify by protected characteristics)
How does the Policy/Service meet the needs of different communities and groups? (Protected characteristics of Age, Disability, Sex, Gender Reassignment, Race, Religion or Belief, Sexual Orientation, Civil Partnerships and Marriage, Pregnancy and Maternity) - see glossary on page 14 of the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance)

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The SEND Service covers a wide range of need and includes working directly with different communities and groups. Delivery of the proposed Strategy will support the service to take account of cultural differences and strengths, and the unique circumstances of some young people and families in Rotherham. The impact of changes across the protected characteristics groups that SEND works with is monitored regularly as part of a broader SEND Strategy and is most likely to be initially experienced in the form of less frequent interventions, different models of engagement and reduced education placement moves. We will continue to monitor and check the impact across service users with protected characteristics and will adapt the provision under the strategy should monitoring identify an adverse or unequal impact on one group
Does your Policy/Service present any problems or barriers to communities or Groups? No
Does the Service/Policy provide any positive impact/s including improvements or remove barriers? Children and young people of Rotherham will be provided with a clear engagement process. As such, access to several engagement forums, through their schools, Voluntary organisations, school, and the Guiding Voices group will give children the opportunity to feedback into the service so that service provision can be effectively tailored to their needs. The impact of the SEND Sufficiency Strategy will be work with partners to reduce barriers and increase access to educational, training and employment opportunities for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.
What affect will the Policy/Service have on community relations? (may also need to consider activity which may be perceived as benefiting one group at the expense of another) The SEND Sufficiency Strategy will ensure that the service continues to work with specific groups identified through the Protected Characteristics and does not differentiate between different groups.

Please list any **actions and targets** that need to be taken as a consequence of this assessment on the action plan below and ensure that they are added into your service plan for monitoring purposes – see page 12 of the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance.

5. Summary of findings and Equality Analysis Action Plan

If the analysis is done at the right time, i.e. early before decisions are made, changes should be built in before the policy or change is signed off. This will remove the need for remedial actions. Where this is achieved, the only action required will be to monitor the impact of the policy/service/change on communities or groups according to their protected characteristic - See page 11 of the Equality Screening and Analysis guidance.

Title of analysis: Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Sufficiency Strategy 2026-2029
Directorate and service area: CYPS. Commissioning, Performance and Quality
Lead Manager: Mark Cummins
Summary of findings:
The report screens the activities undertaken in creating a new SEND Sufficiency Strategy for Rotherham

Action/Target	State Protected Characteristics as listed below	Target date (MM/YY)
Delivery of additional school capacity and improved provision achieved through the implementation of the SEND Sufficiency Strategy.	A, D, S, GR, RE,	**By 31/03/2029.**

***A = Age, D= Disability, S = Sex, GR Gender Reassignment, RE= Race/ Ethnicity, RoB= Religion or Belief, SO= Sexual Orientation, PM= Pregnancy/Maternity, CPM = Civil Partnership or Marriage. C= Carers, O= other groups**

6. Governance, ownership and approval		
Please state those that have approved the Equality Analysis. Approval should be obtained by the Director and approval sought from DLT and the relevant Cabinet Member.		
Name	**Job title**	**Date**
Niall Devlin	Assistant Director Education and Inclusion	November 2025
Helen Sweaton	Joint Assistant Director Commissioning, Performance and Quality	November 2025
Cllr Victoria Cusworth	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	November 2025

7. Publishing	
The Equality Analysis will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given. If this Equality Analysis relates to a **Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision** a copy of the completed document should be attached as an appendix and published alongside the relevant report. A copy should also be sent to equality@rotherham.gov.uk For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file and also published on the Council's Equality and Diversity Internet page.	
Date Equality Analysis completed	November 2025
Report title and date	SEND Sufficiency Strategy Update
Date report sent for publication	February 2026
Date Equality Analysis sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement equality@rotherham.gov.uk	November 2025

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Climate Impact Assessment, Appendix 5, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Sufficiency Strategy 2026-2029

Will the decision/proposal impact…	Impact	If an impact or potential impacts are identified:			
		Describe impacts or potential impacts on emissions from the Council and its contractors.	Describe impact or potential impacts on emissions across the Borough as a whole.	Describe any measures to mitigate emission impacts	Outline any monitoring of emission impacts that will be carried out
Emissions from non-domestic buildings	Increase	Emissions will remain at similar levels to current across the borough.	All buildings are currently occupied– once works are complete emissions would remain broadly at the same levels as previous.	Adaptations to existing buildings / extensions to existing buildings to create the additional SEND capacity across the borough will be completed to current building code and overseen by Facilities Management service.	Monitoring of transitions of pupils will be facilitated and monitored via EHCP process / SEND protocols. The local governing bodies will also hold oversight of the establishment and provision
Emissions from transport	Decrease	There will be some variation in journey times for pupils in most instances there will be a positive impact on emissions as more pupils are educated locally in Rotherham. Any Transport journeys will be evaluated by RMBC Corporate Transport Unit and EHCP team.	Pupils travel to school in line with their travel to school plan. Any changes to school placement are determined via the EHCP and School Transport process.	Mitigating measures are considered via the individual pupil's travel to school plan and monitored by the Transport team.	Transport to school arrangements are kept under review by the Corporate Transport Unit. Ongoing monitoring / assessment by Transport Unit.
Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	Increase	There will be no change in the overall amount of waste generated by schools overall compared to present.		Schools have a waste management process.	Impact will be monitored by the school governing body and Local Authority when this is a maintained school.

Emissions from housing and domestic buildings	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Emissions from construction and/or development	Increase	There will be an increase in emissions during any capital development required as part of the Strategy.	N/A	Refurbishing an existing building is less carbon intensive than building a new building. Refurbishment of buildings will be prioritised over new build where this is possible	Monitoring of the construction process will be coordinated by Facilities Management Service and Governing Bodies.
Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Identify any emissions impacts associated with this decision which have not been covered by the above fields: *None*					

Will the proposal affect Council services' resilience to climate change, or the capacity of people living in the Borough to adapt to climate change?

There are no directly identifiable impacts on resilience as a result of this Strategy. However, depending on location, access to relevant services closer to home may benefit residents where climate impacts may make travel more difficult.

Provide a summary of all impacts and mitigation/monitoring measures:

The SEND Sufficiency Strategy has a number of carbon impacts..

- There will be some short-term carbon impacts on waste during any identified capital works
- In terms of emissions from construction, the reuse and re-purposing of existing buildings is much less carbon intensive than the construction of a new building.

Where possible suitable mitigations have been identified within the Carbon Impact Review with these being monitored regularly throughout the project.

Supporting information:	
Climate Impact Assessment Author	Mark Cummins Transformation Lead Commissioning Children and Young People's Services
Please outline any research, data or information used to complete this Climate Impact Assessment.	*N/A*
If quantities of emissions are relevant to and have been used in this form please identify which conversion factors have been used to quantify impacts.	*N/A*
Validation	Tracking Reference: CIA 580 Louise Preston Climate Change Manager

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Public Report
Cabinet

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting
Cabinet – 09 February 2026

Report Title
Rotherham Safeguarding Children's Partnership (RSCP) Annual Report 2024/25

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?
No, but it has been included on the Forward Plan

Executive Director Approving Submission of the Report
Nicola Curley, Executive Director of Children and Young People's Services

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Ward(s) Affected
Borough-Wide

Report Summary
Each Local Safeguarding Children's Partnership (SCP) is required to produce and publish an annual assurance report. The report for 2024/25 is appended for Cabinet to note.

Recommendations

1. That Cabinet note the contents of the Rotherham SCP Annual Assurance Report 2024/25.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 Rotherham Safeguarding Children's Partnership: Annual Assurance Report, 2024-25
Appendix 2 Initial Equality Impact Assessment
Appendix 3 Carbon Impact Assessment

Background Papers
Working together to safeguard children 2023: statutory guidance
Cabinet Report - Multi Agency Safeguarding Arrangements Nov 2024
South Yorkshire Multi Agency Safeguarding Arrangements

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel
Improving Lives Select Commission on 2nd December 2025

Council Approval Required
No

Exempt from the Press and Public
No

Rotherham Safeguarding Children's Partnership – Annual Report 2024/25

1. Background

1.1 Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023 is statutory guidance which governs how agencies work to help and protect children. This introduced Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements (M.A.S.A.), changing how the three statutory safeguarding partners (Local Authority, Integrated Care Board (ICB) and Police) should work in partnership to discharge their responsibilities to safeguard children as part of the Local Safeguarding Children's Partnership. The Rotherham Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements were endorsed at Cabinet on 18th November 2024.

1.2 Under the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements, the Lead Safeguarding Partners are:

- The Chief Executive of Rotherham Council
- The Chief Executive of South Yorkshire ICB
- The Chief Constable of South Yorkshire Police

1.3 The Delegated Safeguarding Partners are:

- Executive Director, Children's Services, Rotherham Council
- Director of Nursing, South Yorkshire ICB
- Chief Superintendent for Rotherham, South Yorkshire Police

1.4 Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023 expects that each Local Safeguarding Children's Partnership publish an annual report by the end of September each year. The report should be transparent and easily accessible to families and professionals. The report should be shared with the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel and the Department for Education within 7 days of publication.

1.5 The annual assurance report, dated September 2025 and covering the period April 2024 to March 2025, was considered and approved by the Lead Safeguarding Partners ahead of its submission to the national Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel and the Department for Education. The report was considered at Improving Lives Select Commission in December 2025.

2. Key Issues

2.1 Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023 specifies that the LSCP Annual Assurance Report should address:

- What partnerships have done as a result of the arrangements, including on child safeguarding practice reviews.
- How effective the arrangements have been in practice.
- The contribution of each safeguarding partner to the functioning and structure of the multi-agency safeguarding arrangements.
- Any themes emanating from aggregated methods of scrutiny, for example, reviews and scrutineer activity and multi-agency audits.

- Evidence of the impact of the work of the safeguarding partners and relevant agencies, including training, on outcomes for children and families.
- An analysis of any areas where there has been little or no evidence of progress on agreed priorities.
- An analysis of learning from serious incidents.
- A record of key decisions and actions taken by the safeguarding partners in the yearly cycle, including in relation to implementing the recommendations from any local and national child safeguarding practice reviews and the impact this has had.
- Ways in which the safeguarding partners have sought and utilised feedback from children and families to inform their work and influence service provision.
- The breakdown of costs in delivering the arrangements for that period, including the financial contributions of individual partners, any changes to funding and an assessment of the impact and value for money of this funding.
- Evidence of how safeguarding partners are ensuring the adequate representation and input of education at both the operational and strategic levels of the arrangements.
- An overview of how data is being used to encourage learning within the arrangements and evidence of how information sharing has improved practice and outcomes.
- A review of the impact and learning from independent scrutiny arrangements to ensure the leadership is strong and the arrangements are leading to the desired and necessary impact.
- Any updates to the published arrangement with the proposed timescale for implementation.
- Evidence that national reforms have been implemented, taking into account key decisions and actions taken by safeguarding partners in response to reforms, and any issues or concerns encountered within the yearly cycle.

2.2 The Independent Scrutineer has determined that the Annual Assurance Report 2024/25 meets these criteria.

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

3.1 That Cabinet note the contents of the Rotherham Safeguarding Annual Assurance Report 2024/25.

4. Consultation on proposal

4.1 There was no formal consultation conducted for the Annual Assurance Report. The Local Safeguarding Children's Partnership has a number of mechanisms to consult with children and families and obtain feedback.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

5.1 Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023 required that the Rotherham Safeguarding Children's Partnership (RSCP) Annual Assurance Report

2024/25 was approved by the Lead Safeguarding Partners and submitted to the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel and the Department for Education by 30th September 2025. Failure to do so may result in the notification of the Secretary of State.

5.2 The report covers activity from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025. The Partnership has an Independent Scrutineer and Chair who approves and contributes to the report.

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the publication of the RSCP Annual Assurance Report for 2024/25. The report outlines the key partnership activities during the year and how effective these arrangements have been in practice.

6.2 The total cost of undertaking the partnership activities for 2024/25 is £0.253m, which is funded through funding contributions from partner organisations and carry forward resources from the previous year, totalling £0.289m. An overall underspend of £0.036m is reported for the partnership for the year, which has been carried forward into 2025/26.

6.3 There are no direct procurement implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

7.1 The Children Act 2004, Section 16 E (as amended by the Children and Social Work Act 2017) defines safeguarding partners as the Local Authority, the Integrated Care Board (ICB) and Chief Officer of police in the local areas. It dictates that safeguarding partners have a joint and equal duty to make arrangements to work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in the local area. Such collaboration involves acting as a team rather than a voice for the agency alone, as prescribed by Working Together 2023 statutory guidance. Relevant agencies should also be included to review progress against agreed priorities and identify areas for scrutiny with a focus on achieving outcomes for children.

7.2 The annual assurance report 2024/25 is noted to include progress against statutory guidance and strategic priorities, in line with the reporting requirements set out at Section 16 G (7) of Children Act 2004 and Working Together 2023, to provide a publication of those arrangements in a yearly report. Such report should be submitted and published by the 30th of September every year and should be reflective of work undertaken during the previous financial year. The statutory guidance also states that if partners fail to submit the yearly report, this may be escalated to the Secretary of State. By noting the contents of this annual assurance report, as per the recommendations at paragraph 3.1, there are no legal implications.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

8.1 There are no direct HR implications within this report.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

9.1 The RSCP Annual Assurance Report 2024/25 outlines how partner agencies, particularly the three statutory safeguarding partners and education, work together to keep children safe and details how effective this has been in the preceding twelve months. Clear accountability and coordination are critical to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

10.1 The Rotherham Safeguarding Children's Partnership, and the role and representation of the Council within RSCP, contributes to the Council's mission to reduce inequality and promote the rights of children and their families. Where children are more likely to be vulnerable or suffer harm, RSCP works to coordinate and oversee effective safeguarding systems for children, and where children and families may experience unequal outcomes, RSCP encourages and challenges all partner agencies to work together to address this.

10.2 An Initial Equality Impact Assessment (Part A) has been completed and is attached as Appendix 2. Cabinet are being asked to note the report, and this is an Annual Assurance Report as opposed to a policy or strategy, which means that there is no potential for impact on Council services or the public. The report itself has no implications for equality. All Council strategies and policies referred to within the Annual Assurance Report that required Cabinet approval were subject to an individual equality analysis. Given this, there is no need for a Part B Equality Analysis.

11. Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change

11.1 There are minimal implications for CO2 emissions and climate change. Travel for bimonthly groups is minimal as most meetings are held online. Work to promote children's welfare and integration into universal services reduces health and other inequalities which improves climate resilience.

12. Implications for Partners

12.1 Publication of the RSCP Annual Assurance Report 2024/25 discharges the equal responsibilities for the three statutory safeguarding partners, which includes partners in the ICB and Police. It also details the hard work and dedication of other partner agencies who contribute to the strategic multi-agency work to safeguard children.

12.2 The annual assurance report is expected to be transparent and easily accessible for partner agencies to allow them to also consider the impact of the Local Safeguarding Children's Partnership.

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 If the Local Safeguarding Children's Partnership did not publish a compliant annual assurance report by the required date, the Secretary of State may be notified. There would be a risk that public and partner confidence would be lost.

13.2 A compliant annual assurance report was published on time.

14. Accountable Officers

Helen Sweaton – Joint Service Director, Commissioning, Quality & Performance

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

	Named Officer	**Date**
Chief Executive	John Edwards	23/01/26
Executive Director of Corporate Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	20/01/26
Service Director of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Phil Horsfield	19/01/26

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Appendix 1

ROTHERHAM SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP

Annual Assurance Report 2024/25



Rotherham Safeguarding Children Partnership

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the annual assurance report from the Rotherham Safeguarding Children Partnership (RSCP). The RSCP report for 2024/25 will provide an update on the key partnership activity during the year, based on the strategic priorities. The impact of the work against these priorities will be demonstrated alongside a summary of any activity by the key partner agencies.

It will also cover what the partnership has done as a result of the arrangements, including Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews (CSPR), and how effective these arrangements have been in practice.

In addition, the report will include:

- The contribution of each safeguarding partner to the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements (MASA)
- Any themes identified from scrutiny and audit processes
- Evidence of the impact of the work of the safeguarding partners and relevant agencies
- Analysis of areas where there has been little or no evidence of progress on agreed priorities
- Analysis of learning from serious incidents
- Key decisions and actions taken by the safeguarding partners in the yearly cycle
- How safeguarding partners have sought and utilised feedback from children and families
- Financial arrangements for the period
- How safeguarding partners ensure adequate representation and education at both operational and strategic levels
- How data is being used to encourage learning, and how information sharing has improved practice
- The learning identified from independent scrutiny
- Any updates to the published arrangements
- Evidence that national reforms have been implemented.

The RSCP priorities have been renewed for 2024-2025 and are themed under three key delivery objectives:

- **Child Exploitation**
- **Neglect**
- **Safeguarding in Education**

The above priorities were also informed by the below key principles, which underpinned all activity undertaken by the RSCP to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in Rotherham:

- **Safe at Home**
- **Safe in the Community**
- **Safe Safeguarding Systems**

The Safeguarding Partners for the 2024-2025 were:

Chris Edwards, Chief Officer, NHS Rotherham Integrated Care Board.

Sharon Kemp, Chief Executive, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Hayley Barnett, Deputy Chief Constable, South Yorkshire Police

FOREWORD

from the RSCP Independent Scrutineer – Darren Downs

It is a great pleasure to not only contribute to the Rotherham Safeguarding Children Partnership (RSCP) annual report but also to be the independent chair and scrutineer, having taken on the role in early 2023. The partnership has excellent engagement from all the key partners and a culture of challenge, driving what has been a journey of continuous improvement. The partnership has strong foundations, and it continues to grow and improve the services that are delivered and strives to challenge itself to be the best.

The Annual Report for 2024-25 reflects our continued commitment and passion to deliver the best we can for the children and young people of Rotherham. The report evidences the good work that has been delivered and identifies the areas where we are still looking to make improvements. Since becoming the independent chair and scrutineer, I continue to be impressed by the strength and level of engagement across the partnership and the drive to safeguard our children, giving them the best start in life. The partnership has seen some new members arrive and some changes to the executive team, and it is an ideal opportunity to thank those who have left the partnership for their work and tireless efforts in recent years. The partnership is in a strong position as a result of their commitment, and it is testament to the strength of the partnership that changes are seamless and almost unnoticed. Despite these changes, I am confident that the partnership will continue to push forward and see further improvements.

The year has seen more statutory inspections, and excellent performance across organisations, which, given the pressures on finances and resources, is pleasing and reassuring to see. We look forward to further inspections in the coming year, learning from the processes and continuing to drive to be the best and deliver the best for the children and young people of Rotherham.

The data within the report will evidence that we are delivering excellent S47 conclusions, and that decisions around risk of harm are largely robust. The number of Looked after Children (LAC) has reduced further and well below those of our statistical neighbours. Child in Need (CiN) assessments are lower than the national average, indicating that we are working well at Early Help, but we need to do further work this year to fully understand this. Finally, the areas around education are similar to the national picture, with more children in Elective Home Education (EHE) than previous years, but the work around this is robust and effective, with many children returned to educational settings and work in the Safeguarding in Education group managing the concerns this raises.

As we move into the next year and plans are refreshed for the 2025-2026 activities, I look forward to continuing to push the partnership to make positive improvements and give children the best start in life. Much of the current work will continue and strengthen the activities they deliver, such as EVOLVE and MACE. We will also push forward on new work, and a major area of work will be to implement and embed the Families First Programme, ensuring it delivers what is expected and required, and work is actively ongoing in this area.

WELCOME TO ROTHERHAM



Rotherham is a large minster town in South Yorkshire, England which along with its nearby settlements form the Metropolitan Borough of Rotherham, with a population of 268,354 (ONS, 2022). There are 61,636 0–19-year-old children living in the Borough (22.9% of the local population – ONS, 2022).

23% of children living in Rotherham are in low-income families (England 19.8% - 2023). Our Free School Meal (FSM) entitlement rate is above national average, 26.6% compared to 24.3% at Primary phase and 27.9% compared to 24.1% at Secondary phase (DfE 2023/24).

22.8% of our school age population is from BME background (England 38.7%) (DfE 2023/24).

Inspections of Statutory Partners

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council received a focused visit and full SEND inspection in 2024-25, other partners were not inspected during the year but have had recent inspections with details below.

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Summary of Inspection Findings

Organisation	Inspection Body and Date	Overall Rating	Key Strengths	Areas for Improvement
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council (RMBC)	Ofsted (2022)	Good	• Strong safeguarding • Effective multi-agency work (Evolve service) • Good progress for children in care • Child-centred decision-making	• Improve response to initial contacts • Better identity needs assessment • Raise ambition for care leavers • Improve quality of case audits
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council (RMBC)	Ofsted Focused Visit (July 2024)	N/A (Positive)	• Effective child protection planning • Strong leadership and corporate support	N/A
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council (RMBC)	Inspection (Oct 2024)	1 (highest rating)	• Positive outcomes for children with SEND • Active improvement efforts	• Improve the quality of EHC plans • Reduce wait times for assessment

Summary of Inspection Findings - continued

Organisation	Inspection Body and Date	Overall Rating	Key Strengths	Areas for Improvement
South Yorkshire Police	HMICFRS PEEL (2022)	Outstanding (Protecting Vulnerable People)	• Strong governance and strategy • Effective multi-agency collaboration • High-quality assurance and victim feedback • Strong domestic abuse response • Mental health support access • Officer well-being prioritised	None in respect of safeguarding
The Rotherham Foundation Trust (TRFT)	CQC (2021)	N/A	• Improved inter-agency collaboration • Clear injury documentation guidance	• Low safeguarding training compliance • Staff uncertainty in reporting abuse • Uneven safeguarding referral workload • Need to embed safeguarding improvements ***Progress made in all areas as shared with RSCP***

Rotherham in numbers - Core data by statutory Partner

The vast majority of child-centred data is held by Rotherham Council. The Neglect and Child Exploitation delivery groups have introduced increased multi agency data into the scorecards for 2025-26 and this will be reported on next year.

Intervention	RMBC 2024-25	RMBC 2023-24	Statistical Neighbour Average	National Average
Referrals	2964	2780		
Section 47 completions (individual children)	1572	1406		
S47s per 10k	221	194	229	187
Child in Need per 10k	310		398	332
Child protection Plans per 10k	54	45	54	41
Children looked after per 10k	83	88	109	60

All partner data is subject to scrutiny and oversight within the Performance, Practice and Learning (PPL) Delivery Group. These numbers tell us that referrals are fairly consistent in the borough. Over 95% of children subject of a s47 investigation are found to have harm substantiated, which suggests a robust process in the strategy meetings held and that the right children are taken through this process.

Child Protection numbers are historically higher than the national average and this remains the case, alongside a reduction in the numbers of children looked after. This number is in line with statistical neighbours and does not suggest an issue of concern.

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Early Help

1,266 Early Help Assessments were completed in year, with 32% of these completed by partners, up from 28% in 2023-24. Partners are supported by Integrated Working Leads and this increased engagement gives a positive foundation upon which to support the launch of the Rotherham Neglect pathway in 2025-26. Rotherham's commitment to prevention and community working is evidenced with 98% of children aged under 5 registered with a children's centre and 82% accessing children's centre activities.

Education

The Safeguarding in Education Group has been overseeing the development of policy to address the potential risks to a minority of children Electively Home Educated (EHE). In the borough at present there are 747 children EHE at 31 March 2025, with a significant increase from 501 in 23/24. Of these 35 arrangements were considered unsuitable.

The links between exclusions and safeguarding are well established and have been supported by RSCP audit activity this year. There have been 6 primary and 56 secondary exclusions in 2024-25 with 6 rescinded. This represents a positive reduction from 13 and 94 respectively in 23/24. Positively, persistent absence is below the national and neighbour average for the year.

Youth Justice Service (YJS)

Intervention	RMBC	Neighbour	National
1st time entrants	171	179	161
Use of custody	0.04	0.13	0.07

The above highlights the positive efforts to avoid custody for young people in Rotherham, with roughly a third of children in custody compared to statistical neighbours and also below the national average. This is alongside a 13% reoffending rate compared to 35% for statistical neighbours' average and 20% nationally.

Missing from Home and Return Home Interviews

There were 1,016 missing episodes in 2024-25, with 46 children missing 3 or more times. 43% of these were children in care. Return home interviews were offered on 932 or 91.5% of occasions. 335 of the children missing were known for CCE risks and 39 for CSE – demonstrating the prevalence of CCE for vulnerable children in the borough.

Secure Units

There are no secure children's establishments located within the Rotherham local authority area. As such, there have been no incidents of restraint requiring review under the Youth Justice Board, Youth Custody Service, or His Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons reporting framework. The RSCP continues to monitor any placements of Rotherham children in secure settings outside the borough and ensures appropriate safeguarding oversight is maintained.

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Governance and Structure of the RSCP

The RSCP was established in September 2019 in accordance with the Children Act 2004 (as amended by the Children and Social Work Act 2017) and Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 (WT18).

The new legislation enshrined in Working Together 2023 (WT23) has reaffirmed the role of the three statutory safeguarding partners, and has further defined the remit of chief officers, leaders and managers within the governance. The partnership has reviewed and published an updated MASA in line with the WT23 guidance, and the governance structures have remained the same as the previous year.

The Executive Group continues to set the direction and priorities of the Partnership. The priorities are aligned with those of the other key partnership boards, Health & Wellbeing, Rotherham Safer Partnership and the Safeguarding Adults Board. The three main statutory partners, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council, South Yorkshire Police and South Yorkshire ICB continue to work collaboratively with the wider partnership and Voluntary Consortium to deliver a safer Rotherham.

Rotherham Safeguarding Children Partnership continues to have Delivery Groups alongside the strategic priorities for 2023-2026. A safeguarding education group (SEDG) was created last year in anticipation of the enhanced role of education services in safeguarding and in response to emerging themes around the importance of education in safeguarding. In addition, a delivery group

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focusing solely on Neglect (NeDG) has made progress in setting the groundwork to deliver in the complex and challenging context that exists around neglect. The Practice Performance and Learning (PPL) delivery group focuses on the areas of quality assurance, training and learning from practice. This includes the oversight and management of all safeguarding practice reviews. Finally, the Child Exploitation Delivery Group (CEDG) has remained and is focused on the exploitation of children and young people and the delivery of the new Child Exploitation Strategy. The partnership has maintained strong links with the Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) throughout 2024/25; this process transferred to the Health and Wellbeing Board for oversight in mid-2024/25, and this arrangement will continue into 2025/26 and beyond.

The delivery groups have a nominated chair and representatives from across the different multi-agencies that make up the partnership, ensuring everyone has accountability in the partnership, and that accountability and challenge are maximised. These groups meet every two months and progress activity, before reporting progress into the bi-monthly Executive Board, providing reassurance on activity to executive members, and having their work scrutinised.

RSCP Budget

- The RSCP budget has an underspend of £36,413 for the year 2024/25. This is due to a carry forward from 2023/24 of just over £12k and slippage for the period April to October due to a staffing vacancy. In addition, the £5k Budget for Safeguarding Practice Reviews was not required 2024/25, creating an in-year saving. This underspend will carry forward into 2025/26 to relieve any funding pressures.
- The eCDOP Licence costs for 2024/25 and beyond have been transferred over to Public Health.
- Contributions from partners are at the same rate as 2023/24 since the proposed budget for 2024/25 with partner contributions for 25/26 yet to be agreed. LSPs will meet in September 2025 to agree on new funding arrangements following findings from a report completed by the sub-regional scrutineers.



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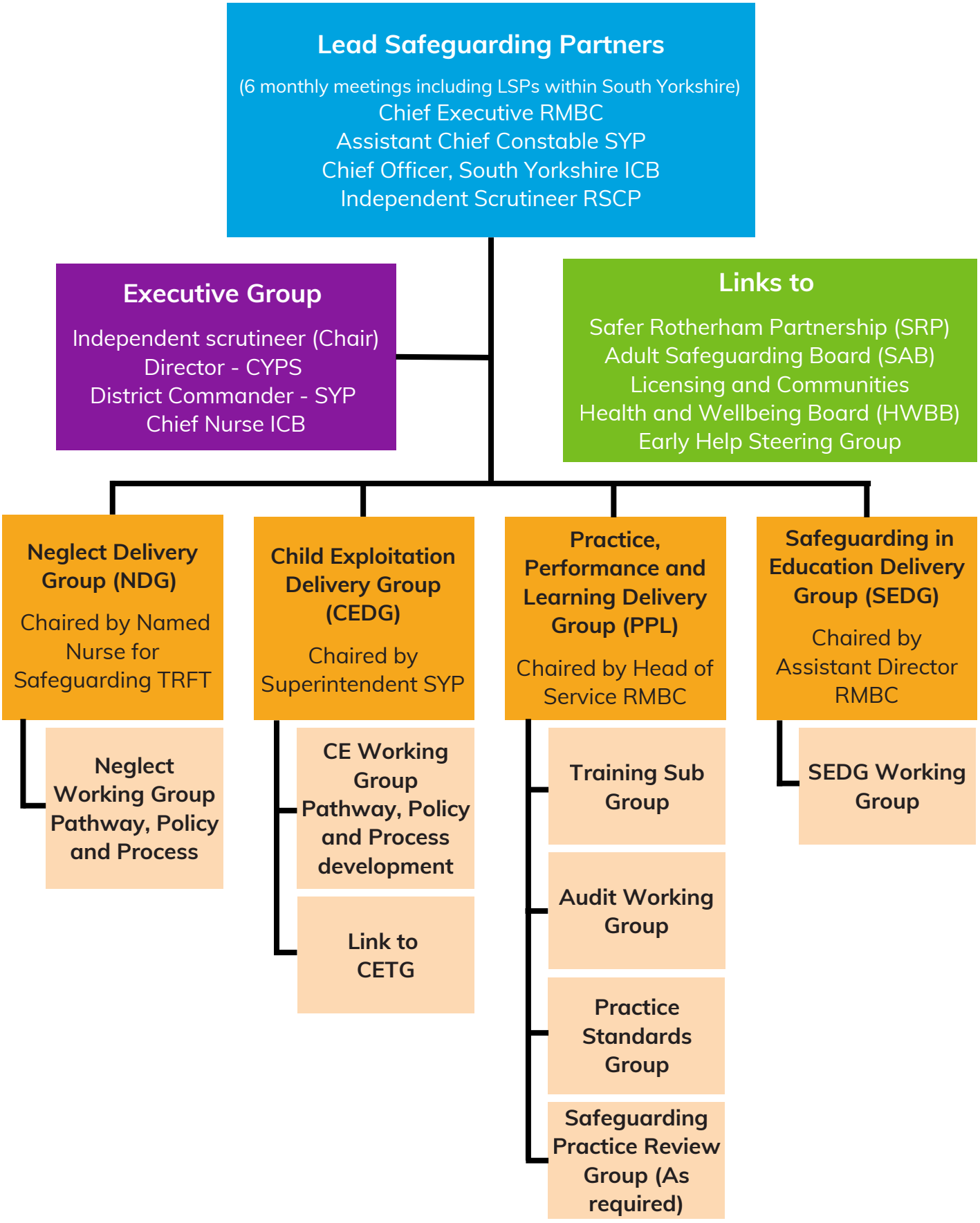
Safeguarding Budget 2024/25				
Course	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Variance
RMBC Contribution	-115,352	-115,352	-115,352	0
RCCG Contribution	-115,352	-115,352	-115,352	0
SYPCC Contribution	-44,475	-44,475	-44,475	0
Probation Service	0	-2,049	-2,049	-2,049
Total for Expenditure	275,179	252,839	252,839	-22,340
Total for Income	-275,179	-277,228	-227,228	-2,049
Total	0	-24,389	-24,389	-24,389
c/f from 2023/24	0	-12,024	-12,024	-12,024
Grand Total	0	-36,413	-36,413	-36,413

The small underspend will also support activity within the delivery groups to generate a direct impact on reducing abuse in our borough through the following activity:

- A Neglect Conference to include representatives from all partners and key third sector partners, the intent would be to raise awareness of neglect across the borough with a supporting media campaign
- Increased provision of neglect training to increase the confidence of all practitioners in addressing neglect at the earliest stages, working alongside families and their networks in line with the Families First Partnership Programme guidance.
- An enhanced website and digital offer, which will enable greater public access to key information and support.
- Targeted specialist training in respect of Intra Familial Child Sexual Abuse, following the recommendations from the National Panel.

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RSCP Structure



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Neglect

What is working well at present, and what are the success stories for the group?

The Neglect Delivery Group has positive and consistent engagement from all partners. Our focus for 2024-25 has been on developing a clear pathway to assist with the recognition and prevention of neglect. Key achievements this year have been in delivering training in the completion of the Graded Care Profile 2, with an increase in colleagues completing the training from social work and health. Increased trainer capacity will enable the training offer to be upscale across Rotherham in 2025-26 and beyond.

To achieve consistency, a pathway for children in need and children on child protection plans has been launched, with guidance on the timely completion of the GCP2 in order to scale the level of neglect and to target intervention.

Alongside this a screening tool (RESHHAPED) for neglect has been approved for use by the NSPCC and a pilot is underway in a selection of schools. This will then be evaluated and launched across all schools over the summer of 2025. South Yorkshire Police continue to use the SHAREDD tool to identify factors of neglect when attending homes, supporting the recognition of neglect across the partnership.

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The Neglect Strategy was formally launched this year as part of Safeguarding Awareness week, supported by facilitated sessions from the Chair of the Neglect Delivery Group and the LSCP Business Manager.

What needs to improve, and what areas of work are we concentrating on at present?

The data in relation to neglect in Rotherham has been developed this year and is being refined currently with the aim of understanding the impact of the Neglect Strategy and workplan. The impending launch of the Neglect screening tool will support early identification of neglect in universal services and should enable greater targeted support as part of the Team around the Family Approach.

A further focus will be to increase community engagement and awareness of neglect, working alongside partners across the Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board (RSAB), RSCP and Safer Rotherham Partnership (SRP) to identify opportunities where messages can be shared that will help the community to identify neglect. This will be supported by the Rotherham Family Hubs and the Rotherham Family Approach – which emphasises the key role that wider families can play in keeping their network safe.

What is the current performance picture and how does this fit with this priority?

Rotherham has high levels of dental caries in children. Due to the way data is collated, it is difficult to understand the true picture of this. We are working with colleagues at The Rotherham Foundation Trust (TRFT), the Integrated Care Board (ICB), and public health to develop this work further, particularly in relation to under 5s and communities in Rotherham that may struggle to access dental care.

What are the priorities for 2025-26?

To further enhance and embed the data scorecard with detail on children not brought to medical appointments, dental extractions, and to further audit to better understand the 'issues/themes' behind neglect, enabling more focused interventions to take place.

Child Exploitation

What is working well at present and what are the success stories for the group?

Prevention, education and training continues to be a focus for the group. There is good work ongoing around licensing, and a new Fearless campaign will be launched early in 2025-2026.

The use of digital and online technology, including the sharing of images, continues to pose significant risk to young children and people. Education and training have been provided, including a video, to reach more children and parents/ carers. Social media is one aspect that has been used to support this expansion.

Child Exploitation Task Group (CETG) currently brings together partners from South Yorkshire Police, Youth Justice, Housing, Health, Education, Licensing and Social Care. The forum meets weekly and highlights intelligence linked to child exploitation that has been compiled by the local intelligence teams. The range of this intelligence in incredibly broad, encompassing reports ranging from locations known for child drug use, all the

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way to children being routinely exploited or targeted by specific individuals. The most important aspect of this forum is the eclectic nature of the discussions surrounding the intelligence; in many cases, the intelligence comes readily developed by our intelligence teams but is lacking in enough corroboration to be acted upon. In the meeting this corroboration is supported by partner agencies who can add extra intelligence or highlight certain risks which were not immediately apparent to police. This enables the group to eliminate blind spots and hold each other to account around our plans to tackle exploitation.

Successes within the CETG forum are numerous. A recent example involves a nightclub in Rotherham, where intelligence suggested it was being attended by young females who were being served alcohol and potentially exploited. Within one meeting licensing staff were tasked with attending alongside SYP Exploitation teams to investigate the venue, consequently, the venue's license was revoked. SYP were able to retrieve CCTV footage within the venue and this is now being reviewed to support victims and apprehend suspects.

Another example demonstrates positive information sharing across the partnership which has supported the serving of child abduction warning notices (CAWN) and subsequent victim testimony. Without the CETG forum, it is clear that this offending would not have been highlighted as quickly, and the information held by partners would not have been available to act upon.

What needs to improve, and what areas of work are we concentrating on at present?

Joint working across the partnership around disruptions of organised crime groups is important, especially those who are linked to CSE/CCE. We are focused on improving intelligence submissions, which will help us to disrupt the behaviour of exploitative adults as a partnership. We are refreshing the intelligence drive across the partnership, including delivering presentations to partners. We will continue to monitor this to ensure that no matter how small, we are sharing the information and intelligence. We are introducing a monthly disruption document across the partnerships to capture this work.

Appreciative case studies allow us to understand what went well, identify any gaps and look to address them as partnership. This brings good discussions from the group.

We are looking to introduce a children's panel to help understand the voice of the child and engage young people, gaining their perspectives on how we can offer any further support for people who may be at risk of CSE/CCE.

We have also introduced input from the Child Exploitation Tactical Group into the agenda of the meeting. This provides us with reassurance around the work ongoing, intelligence development across the partnership, and also to support this group to ensure they have the relevant support and attendance.

The RSCP recognises the national issue of taxis being licenced to other local authorities. This was raised as a concern in the recent report to government by Dame

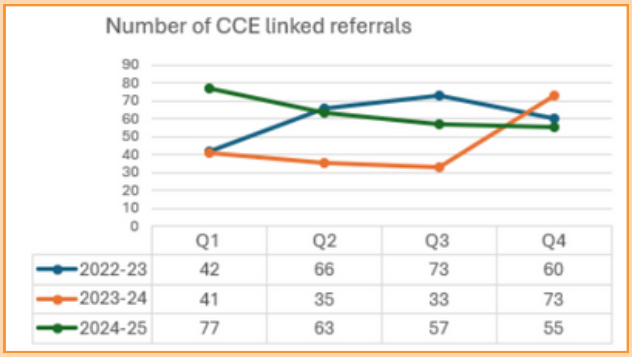
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Louise Casey. Alongside further clarity from central government the RSCP is working to ensure that Uber drivers and Taxi drivers from other authorities are aware of relevant safeguarding issues and practices, and that they deliver their services to Rotherham residents in a safe manner.

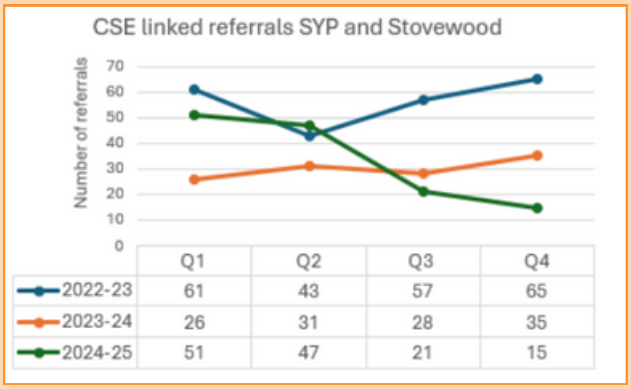
What is the current performance picture, including any gaps in data?

The data demonstrates a consistent picture in relation to exploitation in that we have seen CSE numbers and activity continue to stabilise whilst criminal exploitation continues to represent the greater proportion of exploitation in Rotherham. In addition, we are seeing a significant increase in online offences in line with the national picture.

This is demonstrated in the graphs below:



	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2022-23	42	66	73	60
2023-24	41	35	33	73
2024-25	77	63	57	55



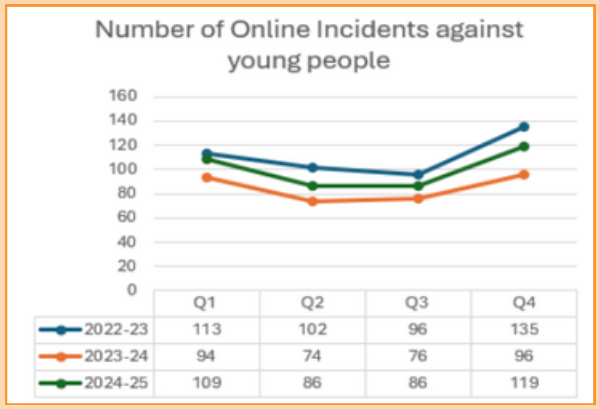
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2022-23	61	43	57	65
2023-24	26	31	28	35
2024-25	51	47	21	15

The CE workplan highlights the preventative measures that can be taken in educating children and young people about the risks in relation to online abuse. The graph above shows a correlation across the past three years in terms of the numbers, with a steep rise in Q4. This may be due to more young people have internet-enabled devices after Christmas. The CEDG is planning to understand this data to a greater extent in 25/26.

Alongside the data, our audit activity has confirmed the link between exploitation and engagement in school. With the Safeguarding in Education priority well established, CEDG and SEDG will work closely together to ensure that children are given sufficient support to remain in education and benefit from the broad positives of school life.

Transitional Safeguarding

The RSCP recognises the importance of transitional safeguarding for young people moving from children's to adults' services. While this remains an emerging area of focus, the partnership is committed to strengthening pathways that ensure continuity of care and protection. In 2025–26, the RSCP will work with the Rotherham



	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2022-23	113	102	96	135
2023-24	94	74	76	96
2024-25	109	86	86	119

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Safeguarding Adults Board (RSAB) and other partners to develop a joint approach to transitional safeguarding, with particular attention to care leavers, young people with SEND, and those at risk of exploitation or mental health challenges. This will include mapping current transition protocols, identifying gaps, and co-producing solutions with young people.

What is the impact on children?

We continue to see effective and meaningful engagement with young people at risk from exploitation in the borough from a variety of professionals, the numbers of children scaled at high risk and therefore receiving a service from the multi-agency EVOLVE team has reduced from last year and year on year.

What are the priorities for 2025-26?

The launch of the Harm Outside The Home (HOTH) pathway in May 2025 will improve our ability to enhance community safety to ensure that young people enjoy Rotherham as much as possible without fear of abuse. This will require the RSCP to engage across the public sector and with non-traditional partners in formulating preventative and responsive solutions for young people at risk of exploitation.
We will continue to work and develop awareness across the online space, ensuring risks are understood and that we do all we can to mitigate that risk to children by raising awareness to parent's, professionals and the local community.
We will further develop information and intelligence sharing across the partnership so we can divert young people from exploitation and identify and target individuals and groups that may present a risk to the children of Rotherham.

Safeguarding in Education

What is working well at present, and what are the success stories for the group?

The group has successfully developed and updated the Safeguarding in Education Work Plan, which is key for implementing the strategic intent of the group. The workplan focuses on Understand, Protect and Include, similar to the "4 Ps" used for the Child Exploitation Delivery Group. There has been a positive increase in group membership, ensuring broader representation across different phases of education and all settings. The group now includes representatives from Early Years, Primary, Secondary, College, Special, and Nursery settings, alongside other professional groups outside education.
The process for Section 175 returns has been well-received following the cessation of the Virtual College reporting mechanism, with return rates at 95%. There has also been positive engagement and follow up meetings held with schools to offer challenge and scrutiny.
The area Designated Safeguarding Leads meeting continues to be very successful, with the majority of schools represented. This group provides the RSCP with the opportunity to share learning and plans with education colleagues to engage them in RSCP activity.

What needs to improve, and what areas of work are we concentrating on at present?

The education scorecard will support the group's ability to track key indicators of risk and will identify areas for improvement. The current scorecard has been refined and requires further development in 2025-

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A heavy focus going forward will be to understand and respond to child on child abuse, including, harmful sexual behaviour, online bullying and the sharing of indecent images. We will deliver guidance to schools in relation to their safeguarding practice in this area.

There also is increasing evidence of the harm caused by illicit vapes, which can often be used by young people, and whilst not specific to the education arena, the RSCP recognises the crucial role that school and education settings can play in delivering key messages to young people.

The number of children Electively Home Educated (EHE) continues to rise in line with national data. Recent research from the National Panel clearly demonstrates the complexities in addressing harm where children are also educated at home. In response the EHE services will build on their success in reducing children being taken off roll by their families with additional capacity in 2025-26.

What is the impact on children?

The s175 process gave assurance that schools are well equipped to meet their safeguarding requirements, and an increase in Early Help Assessment completion from education partners suggests that confidence in managing arising concerns has increased.

What are the priorities for 2025-26?

Publication of the Safeguarding in Education Strategy will crystallise the intent in bringing Education partners clearly into the business of the RSCP and in line with the national agenda. The strategy and further planning will be influenced by the views of young people, and work has commenced to gain children's views and to drive safety for children in schools and alternative education settings.

The benefit of this group being at a strategic level is that it can influence the activity in other areas and gain from shared expertise across the partnership. The strategic priorities in relation to Neglect and Child Exploitation have a significant bearing on safeguarding practice in the education sector, and these relationships will be enhanced further in 2025-26.

The new Education Working Group will be developing a guide for intervention and knowledge regarding Child on Child abuse to sit alongside the s175 process, enabling schools to assess their needs inn this emerging area of practice.

In relation to EHE, the group will oversee the governance and safeguarding practice of children at risk and home educated.



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Practice, Performance and Learning

The Practice, Performance and Learning (PPL) Delivery Group oversees the quality assurance and training offer from the RSCP. In addition, the group has responsibility for coordination the learning from case reviews and escalations. Four subgroups sit under the PPL Delivery Group.

- **The Audit Working Group** – coordinates all audit activity
- **The Practice Standards Group** – resolution of partner dispute/escalation and oversight of policy
- **The Training and Learning subgroup** – coordination of training activity and implementation of learning
- **The Safeguarding Practice Review Group** – meets when required to discuss any children potentially requiring a rapid review.

Audit activity 2024-25

This year RSCP has completed five audits.

- March 2024: The JTAI Serious Youth Violence
- July 2024: The Partnership Response to Neglect
- September 2024: Electively Home Educated Children
- November 2024: The JTAI Domestic Abuse
- February 2025: The Partnership Response to Child Exploitation

Colleagues across the multi-agency partnership completed comprehensive audits, analysing the detail of records and available documents, to assess the impact for children and families of professionals' practice. The scrutiny and challenge enabled good practice to be identified alongside learning and opportunities for further training in areas such as neglect, child sexual abuse.

Learning for practice was identified in the following areas, which have informed the learning and development action plan for 2025-26, which will be coordinated by the PPL Delivery Group and reported to the Executive.

Key learning themes

- Cross-border information sharing processes could be more collaborative, effective and timely to protect children and families from risk and harm.
- Improving the routine completion by all partners of GCP2 to understand the impact of neglect and cumulative harm.
- MASA and MAIS processes continue to effectively identify risk and provide immediate protection for children and families.
- Assessments and plans need to routinely include consultation with fathers and absent carers.
- Where family networks are identified, they are routinely supported by partners and provided with clear expectations for them to support children.
- Education review and challenge processes are in place and robust in scrutinising and challenging alternative education provision, including subsequent modified timetables.
- Evidence of the improvement in consistent recording of children's voices and the impact of diversity, intersectionality and unique characteristics.

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- Evidence that genograms and chronologies are consistently initiated at MASH and are subsequently reviewed and updated.

Actions so far

- GCP2 pathway and screening tool agreed and launching in April 2025. The impact of this will be reviewed in August 2025.
- Harm Outside the Home Pathway agreed and launched in May 2025.
- SEDG to receive six monthly updates in respect of Elective Home Education and review processes for alternative education and modified timetables.
- In addition to increased GCP2 training, a Partnership neglect training proposal to be approved, and training delivered to partners by March 2026.

Planned Audit Activity for 2025/26

- Quarter 1: Intrafamilial Child Sexual Abuse
- Quarter 2: Child Protection Medicals
- Quarter 3: Evidence of Impact - RSCP Delivery Groups
- Quarter 4: TBC

Practice Standards

For vetoes 2024-25, there were 5. The group supported the Chair's veto for 3 and did not support for 2.

There were 3 appraisals referred. These were returned to the referrer for direct discussion between managers.

Safeguarding Practice Reviews

This year has seen no SPRs undertaken although a review from last year has been completed, with actions being tacked through the PPL Delivery Group.

Training Group

The training subgroup launched in 2024 and is focused on developing the RSCP learning offer for 25/26 and beyond. At present, it is acknowledged that our learning offer is smaller than similar safeguarding partnerships and that this has not changed much over the last several years.

The RSCP has continued to provide a core offer of training for colleagues in 2024-25. In this time, 856 staff have attended courses as detailed in the table below:

Course	Sessions	Staff attended
Abianda (Girls in Gangs and Groups) Training	8	102
Child Exploitation and Contextual Safeguarding	4	45
Complexity and Curiosity in the Context of Child Exploitation	6	87
Cumulative Harm and Child Neglect	2	10
The Role of Designated Safeguarding Leads and Processes within Rotherham CYPS and MASH	3	59
Education Safeguarding Forum	3	330
LADO and Allegations Management	1	21
Level 3 Safeguarding Children	2	57
Multiagency Level 3 Safeguarding Training	7	145

PROGRESS ON STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

In November 2024, the RSCP held Safeguarding Awareness Week in conjunction with RSAB. The theme was neglect, and over 100 colleagues and senior leaders attended both the local and regional launch.

Over the course of the week, 20 further sessions were delivered to colleagues, and covered themes such as professional curiosity, modern slavery and online risks for young people. Professionals attending gave the following feedback:

- More detailed background information regarding far-right extremist groups and how to identify.
- More information about the Graded Care Profile and how this can inform practice.
- Legislation around dogs, data around dog attacks and their frequency with specific reference to South Yorkshire.
- The content was very informative, helpful guidance regarding the apps young people are using and the language they use.
- The cultural discourse that dominates perspectives on domestic abuse and those involved and affected by it, and the resistant discourse. What constitutes coercive control and how the signs can be overlooked by professionals and not recognised by the victims.
- ·Safer sleeping advice provided.

What is the impact on children?

The group oversees all activity regarding child reviews and audits and as such informs the development of procedures and practice. This year we have seen guidance on assessing dangerous dogs and follow up regarding inter agency working.

Planning for 2025-26 includes

- The refreshed RSCP prospectus, completed March 2025.
- A review of course content for Child Exploitation and Harm Outside the Home to reflect the Contextual Pathway.
- Increasing the cohort of GCP2 trainers, bringing GCP2 training into the partnership rather than through the LA learning and development service in order to reflect the access by all safeguarding partners. Development of a shorter briefing/training around neglect/GCP2/screening tool and working with resistance.
- Enhanced collation of course feedback, to be produced in a report back to the training subgroup
- Closer ties with RSAB training and potential for joint training in areas such as self-neglect, trafficking and mental health.
- Development of our use of Eventbrite/Microsoft forms to enhance the booking experience.
- Training alongside health partners for safer sleeping and safeguarding children around dogs
- To develop professional curiosity training alongside delivery to DSL forum.



THE ROLE OF INDEPENDENT SCRUTINY



Rotherham Safeguarding Children Partnership has an Independent Chair and Scrutineer, who deliver two main roles within the partnership that are essential to its running. The chair and scrutineer coordinate the activity across the partnership on behalf of both the DSPs and LSPs.

The key roles that the chair and scrutineer ensure are delivered are:

- The functions required under the MASA and WT23 are complied with by all the relevant agencies and partners.
- The relevant organisations are delivering to the expectations of the partnership and are actively contributing.
- The governance is functioning, and there is a culture of accountability, through high support and high challenge.
- The approach to safeguarding is collaborative and expands beyond the partnership to other statutory boards such as the RSAB and SRP.
- That local learning and learning from National reviews and work is embedded into core practice.
- The wider partnership and other relevant stakeholders are contributing to safeguarding across Rotherham
- The audit schedule is effective, including the management of Section 11 and Section 175 audits.

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- There is an effective scorecard that provides reassurance to the communities and professionals alike.

The chair and scrutineer also engages in direct scrutiny with organisations and professionals to provide reassurance over the findings of audits, such as school visits and mock inspections. This helps validate that services are delivering as expected, and impact is being seen within the communities.

The key guiding principles of scrutiny that the partnership adheres to are that the role will:

- Provide constructive "critical friend" challenges to all areas of activity.
- Ensure the voice and concerns of children and young people are addressed.
- Drive an improvement in public services across the partnership.
- Be aware of the local, regional and national pressures and best practice.

During the last year, the chair and scrutineer has:

- Reviewed performance information and enhanced the scorecard across the partnership.
- Delivered a joint Section 11 event with RSAB and is progressing the subsequent improvement plan.
- Developed a programme of scrutiny and audits to reassure professionals and children and young people.
- Delivered wider partnership events focused on themes of "Unseen Children" and the challenges connected to EHE.
- Worked with other scrutineers across the region, providing assistance, learning and identification of best practice.
- Assisted with the development and launch of a number of new strategies
- Obtained reassurance from other areas for the executive, such as CDOP, LADO and the Rotherham Together Partnership.

During the next year, and 2025 to 2026, the chair and scrutineer will:

- Review and develop the audit schedule for activity against the priorities
- Continue to embed and enhance the scorecard
- Enhance the voice of the children in the executive and work of the partnership
- Continue to deliver wider partnership themed events
- Continue to build relationships with relevant stakeholders and the voluntary community
- Refresh the funding principles across the sub-region in collaboration with other Children partnerships
- Work with partners to implement the Families First Programme.



CONCLUSION



The RSCP has enjoyed a productive year with many of the strategic priorities seeing significant progress and activity. This period has consolidated our efforts, and in 2025-26, it is expected that we will see increased positive impact on the children of Rotherham. Examples of this are in relation to the Neglect pathway, which should target increased recognition and earlier intervention, reducing negative outcomes for children, and also with regard to the Harm Outside the Home pathway which takes the Child Exploitation offer in Rotherham further by refocusing on risk which is contextual to communities and individuals who may pose risk to our young people.

It is anticipated that our data suite will continue to support our ability to collate the evidence of our impact across the partnership, including information from non-statutory partners.

The Families First Partnership Programme will bring exciting and comprehensive changes to the field of child protection in the next year and is an exciting opportunity to continue our journey of improvements. The RSCP will be at the forefront of this delivery in supporting our partners to deliver against the set timescales and objectives. We are confident that the Safeguarding in Education (SiE) priority and the supporting Delivery Group put us ahead of the curve in relation to working alongside education partners and achieving strategic oversight at the heart of the partnership. The SiE strategy will be launched in late 2025 and will reaffirm this commitment.

As always, the RSCP continues to rely on the strength of its relationships, partners remain honestly robust and collaborative, supported by a small but highly stable and experienced business unit. Child Protection practice in the first quarter of this century continues to evolve to deliver in complex and changing times, and this partnership is steadfast in its flexibility and determination in order to meet these challenges head on.

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PART A - Initial Equality Screening Assessment

As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality and diversity.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provide a record of both the process and decision. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions.

Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality and diversity
- whether or not equality and diversity is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an Equality Analysis (Part B).

Further information is available in the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance – see page 9.

1. Title	
Title: RSCP Annual Assurance Report 2024/25	
Directorate: CYPS	**Service area:** Safeguarding
Lead person: Chris MacDonald, Head of Safeguarding	**Contact:** Chris.macdonald@rotherham.gov.uk
Is this a: ☐ **Strategy / Policy** ☐ **Service / Function** ☒ **Other** **If other, please specify: Annual Assurance Report**	

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening
Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023 expect that each Local Safeguarding Children's Partnership publish an annual report by end September each year. The report should be transparent and easily accessible to families and professionals. The report should be shared with the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel and the Department for Education within 7 days of publication. Governance and approval of the Annual Assurance Report is managed within the Local Safeguarding Children's Partnership structures. Cabinet is asked to note the report. It is not a Council strategy or policy.

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3. Relevance to equality and diversity		
All the Council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – borough wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality and diversity. The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are. When considering these questions think about age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, civil partnerships and marriage, pregnancy and maternity and other socio-economic groups e.g. parents, single parents and guardians, carers, looked after children, unemployed and people on low incomes, ex-offenders, victims of domestic violence, homeless people etc.		
Questions	**Yes**	**No**
Could the proposal have implications regarding the accessibility of services to the whole or wider community?		x
Could the proposal affect service users?		x
Has there been or is there likely to be an impact on an individual or group with protected characteristics?		x
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns regarding the proposal?		x
Could the proposal affect how the Council's services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?		x
Could the proposal affect the Council's workforce or employment practices?		x
If you have answered no to all the questions above, please explain the reason		
Cabinet are being asked to simply note the report, and this is an annual assurance report as opposed to a policy or strategy, which means that there is no potential for impact on Council services or the public. The report itself has no implications for equality. All Council strategies and policies referred to within the Annual Assurance Report that required Cabinet approval were subject to an individual equality analysis. The work of the Local Safeguarding Children's Partnership has equality and diversity as a constant vein given the functions are to oversee the quality and effectiveness of professionals and agencies safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. There is a legislative and policy backdrop that sets these requirements, and the report covers the demographic data, including protected characteristics. The LSCP uses cross-organisational data to consider how safeguarding effectiveness and intervention interacts with protected characteristics.		

If you have answered **no** to all the questions above please complete **sections 5 and 6.**

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If you have answered **yes** to any of the above please complete **section 4.**

4. Considering the impact on equality and diversity
If you have not already done so, the impact on equality and diversity should be considered within your proposals before decisions are made**.** Considering equality and diversity will help to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and take active steps to create a discrimination free society by meeting a group or individual's needs and encouraging participation. Please provide specific details for all three areas below using the prompts for guidance and complete an Equality Analysis (Part B).
• **How have you considered equality and diversity?** The work of the Local Safeguarding Children's Partnership has equality and diversity as a constant vein given the functions are to oversee the quality and effectiveness of professionals and agencies safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. There is a legislative and policy backdrop that sets these requirements, and the report covers the demographic data, including protected characteristics. The LSCP uses cross-organisational data to consider how safeguarding effectiveness and intervention interacts with protected characteristics. We also see and respond to disproportionality, such as: • Romani children and young people are over-represented in children in care. • Children are more likely to experience many forms of abuse than adults. • Children with disabilities are more likely to experience many forms of abuse than children without a disability. • Children from a BME background are more likely to have a Child Protection Plan, although there is variation within different communities.
• **Key findings** The RSCP Annual Assurance Report is one of a number of methods that the Local Safeguarding Children's Partnership utilises to promote quality and diversity through highlighting any areas of disproportionality or inequality in safeguarding systems. Within the report, there are sections which address demographic data and disproportionality. The Rotherham Safeguarding Children's Partnership, and the role and representation of the Council within RSCP, contributes to the Council's mission to reduce inequality and promote the rights of children and their families. Where children are more likely to be vulnerable or suffer harm, RSCP works to coordinate and oversee effective safeguarding systems for children, and where children and families may experience unequal outcomes, RSCP encourages and challenges all partner agencies to work together to address this.

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- **Actions**

The Annual Assurance Report is provided to Cabinet to note. It has been finalised and it has been submitted to the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel and the Department for Education.

Cabinet are being asked to simply note the report, and this is an annual assurance report as opposed to a policy or strategy, which means that there is no potential for impact on Council services or the public. The report itself has no implications for equality. All Council strategy and policy referred to within the Annual Assurance Report that required Cabinet approval was subject to an individual equality analysis.

Given this, there is no need for a Part B Equality Analysis.

The work of the Local Safeguarding Children's Partnership has equality and diversity as a constant vein given the functions are to oversee the quality and effectiveness of professionals and agencies safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. There is a legislative and policy backdrop that sets these requirements, and the report covers the demographic data, including protected characteristics. The LSCP uses cross-organisational data to consider how safeguarding effectiveness and intervention interacts with protected characteristics.

The Local Safeguarding Children's Partnership will continue to coordinate arrangements to safeguard children and provide oversight and scrutiny, including analysis of disproportionality.

Date to scope and plan your Equality Analysis:	See above
Date to complete your Equality Analysis:	See above
Lead person for your Equality Analysis (Include name and job title):	Chris MacDonald – Head of Safeguarding CYPS

5. Governance, ownership and approval

Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening:

Name	Job title	Date
Nicola Curley	Executive Director of Children & Young Peoples Service	04.12.25

6. Publishing

This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given.

If this screening relates to a **Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision** a copy of the completed document should be attached as an appendix and published alongside the relevant report.

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A copy of **all** screenings should also be sent to equality@rotherham.gov.uk For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file and also published on the Council's Equality and Diversity Internet page.	
Date screening completed	19th September 2025
Report title and date	RSCP Annual Assurance Report For Cabinet February 2026
If relates to a Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision – report date and date sent for publication	For Cabinet February 2026
Date screening sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement equality@rotherham.gov.uk	19/09/25

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Will the decision/proposal impact…	Impact	If an impact or potential impacts are identified:			
		Describe impacts or potential impacts on emissions from the Council and its contractors.	Describe impact or potential impacts on emissions across the Borough as a whole.	Describe any measures to mitigate emission impacts	Outline any monitoring of emission impacts that will be carried out
Emissions from non-domestic buildings?	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Emissions from transport?	None	N/A	Meetings of multi-agency strategic groups may involve travel.	The majority of meetings are held online to minimise travel.	N/A
Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Emissions from construction and/or development?	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Identify any emissions impacts associated with this decision which have not been covered by the above fields:					

Will the proposal affect Council services' resilience to climate change, or the capacity of people living in the Borough to adapt to climate change? Any impact will be neutral or beneficial. Improving access to universal and community services for children in need of help and protection can reduce health and other inequalities. This can increase resilience to climate change where extreme heat can exacerbate health conditions. Any travel impact through the routine attendance at bimonthly delivery groups is mitigated through the vast majority occurring online.

Provide a summary of all impacts and mitigation/monitoring measures: The Rotherham Safeguarding Children's Partnership report outlines work on multi-agency safeguarding responses to children. It has a minimal direct carbon impact, mitigated through virtual meetings.

Supporting information:	
Climate Impact Assessment Author	Chris MacDonald Head of Safeguarding Safeguarding and QA Children and Young People's Services
Please outline any research, data or information used to complete this Climate Impact Assessment.	*N/A*
If quantities of emissions are relevant to and have been used in this form please identify which conversion factors have been used to quantify impacts.	*N/A*
Validation	Tracking Reference: CIA 529 Arthur King Principal Climate Change Officer

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Public Report
Cabinet

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting
Cabinet – 09 February 2026

Report Title
Inclusion Strategy and Annual Report

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?
Yes

Executive Director Approving Submission of the Report
Judith Badger, Executive Director of Corporate Services

Report Author(s)
Michael Holmes, Policy and Strategy Officer
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Ward(s) Affected
Borough-Wide

Report Summary
The report summarises the Council's new Inclusion Strategy, which updates the previous Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Strategy.

Building on the vision of the Council Plan of creating inclusive growth, the new strategy sets out the Council's approach to addressing inclusion-related issues, ensuring services are accessible and the voices of all communities are heard.

In addition, the annual report for 2024-25 includes key achievements and case studies that demonstrate progress in addressing EDI issues.

Recommendations

That Cabinet:

1. Approve the Inclusion Strategy 2026-30.
2. Approve the action plan for February 2026 to March 2027.
3. Note the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Annual Report 2024-2025.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 Inclusion Strategy 2026-30
Appendix 2 Inclusion Strategy action plan February 2026 to March 2027
Appendix 3 EDI Annual Report 2024-25
Appendix 4 Consultation Report
Appendix 5 Equality Screening
Appendix 6 Equality Analysis
Appendix 7 Climate Impact Assessment

Background Papers

EDI Strategy 2022-25

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

N/A

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

Inclusion Strategy and Annual Report

1. Background

1.1 The Equality Act 2010 (the Act) requires the Council to be compliant with the Public Sector Equality Duty by having due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act.
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

1.2 The nine protected characteristics under the Act are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.

1.3 The Council also has a specific duty to publish equality objectives at least every four years. These are part of the Inclusion Strategy, which is appended to this report and summarised below.

1.4 In addition, the Council produces an annual report to demonstrate how it is delivering against the duty. The annual report for 2024/25 is appended to this report. It provides an overview of relevant activity and achievements over the last year.

2. Key Issues

2.1 The Council Plan 2025-2030 sets out the ambition to create an inclusive borough where no one is left behind and everyone can achieve their potential.

2.2 The Inclusion Strategy 2026-2030 reflects this ambition. It reinforces the inclusive growth focus of the Council Plan's vision of building a borough where opportunity is extended to everyone, where people can grow, flourish and prosper, and where no one is left behind. It describes how the Council will focus on listening to residents, engaging with them meaningfully – particularly those whose voices are not always heard - to address their concerns and ensure services are accessible.

2.3 It acknowledges that the Council has made good progress on inclusion and inclusive growth issues, such as providing equality of opportunity and fostering good relations between different groups.

2.4 Several significant recent achievements are highlighted in the Strategy. This includes receiving an outstanding Ofsted rating for Children and Young People's Services, establishing the RASCAL (Rotherham Adult Social Care Always Listening) group to enable individuals with lived experience to shape future adult care services, and working with local organisations to deliver a community cohesion programme after securing £600,000 from the government's Community Recovery Fund.

2.5 At the same time, it recognises that more can be done to ensure that people do not feel excluded, disadvantaged or held back due to their race, gender, disability, or any other characteristic.

2.6 The Strategy is informed by a series of focus groups held between August and November 2025, as well as an online survey. Participants in the focus groups reflected the range of protected characteristics.

2.7 Details can be found in the consultation report at Appendix 4, but some of the issues raised included:

- the importance of regular and appropriate communication.
- the accessibility of services.
- Co-producing with communities.
- Sharing feedback from consultation.
- Concerns about safety.

2.8 These and other findings have directly informed the Strategy's themes and areas of focus.

2.9 The Strategy focuses on the following themes:

- *Working together* – demonstrating how the Council will continue to engage with residents and, where possible, design and produce services and plans with them, acknowledging the need to proactively reach out to those who find it more difficult to engage.
- *Responsive services* – focused on the importance of listening to residents, consistently providing feedback, and showing how services are being reshaped (where appropriate) in response.
- *Welcoming places* – reflecting concerns about feeling safe, which is a significant issue for some groups.
- *Employer of choice* – outlining ongoing efforts to ensure that the Council's workforce reflects its diverse communities, with an inclusive approach to recruitment and staff engagement.

2.10 Each theme includes an indication of what excellent looks like based on relevant criteria from the Equalities Framework for Local Government.

2.11 A series of actions are included for each theme, providing a focus for activity over the lifetime of the Strategy. A more detailed action plan for 2026-27 is attached at Appendix 2.

2.12 The Annual Report for 2024-25 (Appendix 3) provides a summary of recent achievements within the framework of the 2022-25 EDI strategy. Examples include:

2.13 **Understanding, listening to and working with Rotherham's communities**

- Children's Capital of Culture engagement – supported five festivals, engaging over 10,000 participants and embedding youth voice into local events.
- Rotherham's Learning Disability Strategy was shaped by nearly 250 people with lived experience, including those with learning disabilities, carers, and professionals.

2.14 **Leadership, partnership and organisational commitment**

- Rotherham's services for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) received the top rating from Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission. Inspectors praised how well local organisations work together to support children and families.
- Rotherham held its Holocaust Memorial Day event in January 2025 to honour victims of genocide and promote reflection on inclusion and justice. The event brought together faith leaders, councillors, schools, and residents to share messages of remembrance and hope.

2.15 **Responsive services and customer care**

- The Council provided free baby packs to expectant mothers, containing essentials like clothes, toys, and books to support early parenting. Over 600 families signed up in the first few months, with feedback showing the packs are a lifeline for many. The scheme also shares health advice and connects families to wider support services.
- In 2024/25, the Council delivered £12.3 million in validated social value, with a strong focus on employment, education, and community support.

2.16 **Diverse and engaged workforce**

- Around 200 employees attended a wellbeing event for frontline staff at the Hellaby depot, offering support on mental health, finances, and general wellbeing.
- In late 2024, a wide-ranging engagement exercise was carried out to understand how different communities perceive the Council as an employer. A series of focus groups and workshops enabled participants to explore innovative, inclusive ways to attract, recruit, develop, and retain a more diverse workforce.

2.17 The Annual Report also includes several case studies that illustrate how positive equality, diversity and inclusion outcomes have been achieved as part of the delivery of services and initiatives.

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

3.1 The recommendations are:

That Cabinet:

1. Approve the Inclusion Strategy 2026-30.
2. Approve the action plan for February 2026 to March 2027.
3. Note the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Annual Report 2024-2025.

3.2 The recommendations reflect the priorities that have been highlighted during the consultation. They also ensure ongoing compliance with the Council's statutory duties.

3.3 An alternative option is to not agree the Inclusion Strategy and, instead, consider publishing alternative objectives in order to comply with statutory duties.

4. Consultation on proposal

4.1 Substantial consultation was carried out through twelve focus groups, as well as an online survey. The focus groups mainly involved voluntary and community sector organisations or advocacy organisations, as well as Council officers. Participants reflected the range of protected characteristics, including people who might face particular barriers to accessing services. Detailed information is included in Appendix 4.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

5.1 Progress in delivering the Strategy will be included in subsequent annual reports, which will be presented to Cabinet.

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. In the event that any costs are subsequently identified in future, these will be highlighted and addressed through the monthly revenue budget monitoring process and will need to be managed within the existing budgets.

6.2 There are no direct procurement implications arising from the recommendations detailed in this report. However, where there is a need to appoint third party organisations to deliver against the strategy and action plan, these must be procured in compliance with relevant legislation (Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or the Procurement Act 2023) dependent on the route to market identified and the Council's own financial and procurement procedure rules.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

7.1 Under the Equality Act 2010, the Council is subject to the Public Sector Equality Duty requiring it to have due consideration to eliminating discrimination, advancing equality, and fostering good relations for people with protected characteristics (as set out above) when exercising its functions. This means that the Council must consider the reduction of inequalities and fostering good relations, not just avoid direct discrimination as required generally under the Equality Act 2010. This requirement also involves publishing equality objectives and data, as required by the Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties and Public Authorities) Regulations 2017 demonstrating how the Council meets these duties.

7.2 The Strategy and associated action plan sets out how the Council will comply with the above duties, and ensure the Council continues to adhere to the requirements of the Equality Act 2010.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

8.1 Inclusion will be an underpinning theme within the Council's updated Workforce Plan. This will particularly support delivery of the Inclusion Strategy's *employer of choice* theme, including monitoring and taking action on workforce diversity, and ensuring relevant learning and development provision is in place.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

9.1 Age is a protected characteristic under the provisions of the Equality Act, which applies to children and young people as it does to other age groups. An important aspect of the work around inclusion is to ensure that the voices of vulnerable adults and young people are heard and acted upon.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

10.1 In developing and implementing a strategy to ensure people are included in society, can access the services they rely on, and feel safe in their communities, the Council is directly addressing equalities and human rights considerations and fulfilling its equality duty.

11. Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change

11.1 This report has no significant implications for CO2 emissions and climate change. However, certain protected characteristic groups, such as older or younger people or those with physical disabilities, are likely to be more vulnerable to the effects of climate change.

12. Implications for Partners

12.1 Partnership working is an important aspect of the Council's approach to inclusion. In delivering the strategy, it is recognised that there will need to be close working with partners in the voluntary and community sector, as well as other public sector organisations.

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 Any significant risks that are identified will be assessed, mitigated and monitored through the corporate risk management processes.

14. Accountable Officers

Fiona Boden, Head of Policy, Performance and Intelligence

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

	Named Officer	**Date**
Chief Executive	John Edwards	21/01/26
Executive Director of Corporate Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	20/01/26
Service Director of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Phil Horsfield	19/01/26

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This report is published on the Council's website.

Rotherham MBC

Inclusion Strategy 2026-30

Foreword

The Council Plan for 2025-2030 restates the importance of Rotherham being an inclusive borough where all are welcome and people are treated fairly. After the disorder at Manvers in the summer of 2024, it's crucial that we emphasise these values and focus on bringing communities together, countering divisive narratives and ensuring that people feel safe and listened to.

No one in our town should feel that they are excluded, disadvantaged or held back due to their race, gender, disability, or any other characteristic. Rotherham must be a place where everyone can achieve their aspirations and live as happily and healthily as possible.

The Inclusion Strategy sets out how we will continue to work towards this.

We have made good strides in recent years. Our own assessments and, importantly, external reviews from other councils have confirmed that we are making progress. There is more to do, though, to embed this consistently. We need to ensure that equality considerations inform all our decisions, that inclusive practice is reflected throughout our policies, processes and activities, that – where appropriate - services are reshaped based on community feedback or produced with communities, and that, critically, we can show how outcomes are improving for different groups.

Our focus on an inclusive economy is central to the overall approach. This means that we are committed to tackling economic disadvantage and health inequalities, recognising that these issues are deep-seated but that addressing them is vital to creating a fair and inclusive society.

Practical examples of this range from the Employment Solutions service, which provides tailored support to help people into work or training, to our social value commitments, where we are maximising the benefits for local people and places from every pound we spend. This is one of many areas where we are working closely with partner organisations, combining our efforts, learning from each other, and multiplying our impact.

When we talked to local people as part of developing this strategy, the importance of communication came up constantly. Not just communicating regularly but doing it well – using methods that are appropriate and accessible, and showing that we're listening to and acting on the things people tell us. This will be another cornerstone of our approach to inclusion.

Underpinning all of this is our firm commitment to the Public Sector Equality Duty and protected characteristics. We have established staff networks based on the protected characteristics and strive to be an employer of choice that is representative of the communities we serve.

In Rotherham, we're also conscious of supporting other groups that are disadvantaged or at risk of exclusion. This includes people in care, refugees and migrants, those with caring responsibilities, people who are unemployed or on low incomes, ex-offenders, victims of domestic violence, homeless people, and veterans and their families. We facilitate and contribute to various initiatives, groups and partnership boards, enabling us to work with diverse communities, organisations and people to increase engagement with services and improve outcomes.

Ultimately, we know that inclusion is a continuous journey. Our commitment is to keep listening, keep learning and keep improving as we seek to create a place that everyone is proud to call home.

Vision and purpose

Our overall vision for Rotherham, set out in the Council Plan for 2025-2030, emphasises the importance we place on inclusivity and equality. It stresses that 'We value decency and dignity and seek to build a town where opportunity is extended to everyone, where people can grow, flourish and prosper, and where no one is left behind.'

This is underpinned by our values: caring, honest and proud - celebrating Rotherham, communicating openly, knowing our communities and residents, and taking time to listen and understand what matters.

To work purposefully and effectively towards these aspirations, we need to ensure that the services we deliver are informed by a clear understanding of the people in our communities, shaped by meaningful interaction with them, including those whose voices aren't always heard, and accessible to everyone.

The Inclusion Strategy describes how we will achieve this in the context of our obligations under the Equality Act and Public Sector Equality Duty.

There are several ways in which we ensure that the strategy is embedded across the Council. We require that all actions in our annual delivery plans for the Council Plan consider equality, diversity and inclusion issues; that the same considerations apply to individual services' plans for the year; and that all Cabinet and Council decisions are informed by equality screenings and, where the screenings determine it's necessary, more detailed equality analyses.

Taken together, this provides confidence that an explicit consideration of how people may be excluded or disadvantaged runs through everything we do.

Maintaining a strong focus on inclusion has never been more important.

In a time where divisive narratives, misinformation, and polarising debates can undermine trust and social cohesion, it is vital that public institutions lead by example. We remain committed to fostering a culture of respect, understanding, and shared belonging—where every resident feels seen, heard, and valued.

This strategy reaffirms our ambition to make Rotherham a place where diversity is celebrated, and where people from all backgrounds can thrive. We recognise that inclusion is essential to building resilient communities, improving outcomes, and ensuring fairness.

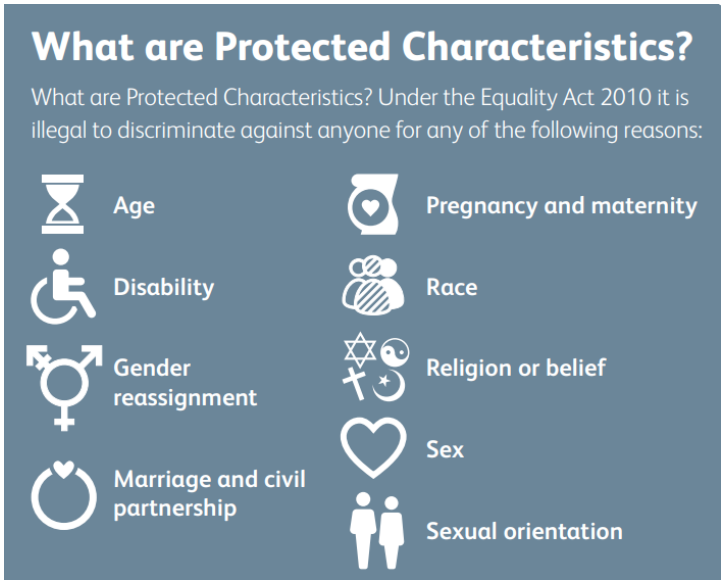
By embedding inclusion into our policies, services, and workforce practices, we aim to remove barriers to opportunity. We will continue to listen to our residents, learn from lived experience, and act on what we hear—ensuring that our decisions reflect both our legal duties and the realities of those we serve.

Policy Context

Rotherham Council's approach to equality, diversity, and inclusion is shaped by national legislation, statutory duties, and best practice frameworks.

The Public Sector Equality Duty (Equality Act 2010) requires us to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.



Under the Equality Act, there are four main types of discrimination:

- **Direct discrimination**

This form of discrimination is when someone is treated differently or worse than someone else because of that person's protected characteristic.

- **Indirect discrimination**

This form of discrimination occurs when a company put a general rule or plan in place, which puts some people with protected characteristics at a disadvantage. In the workplace, this general rule is only discriminatory when there's no justification for implementing it.

- **Harassment**

This form of discrimination is where someone conveys negative behaviour towards someone else to harm that person's dignity. Typical forms of harassment include bullying, harmful nicknames, asking inappropriate questions and gossiping.

- **Victimisation**

This form of discrimination is when someone becomes a victim of harmful behaviour because they support (or are expected to support) someone who possesses a protected characteristic. To be a victim of victimisation, you don't need to have a protected characteristic yourself.

There is also legal provision covering **positive discrimination.** This is a form of discrimination that favours someone by treating them differently in a positive way. An example is an organisation appointing someone from an underrepresented group into a role without considering whether they have the right skills for the post over other candidates who are better qualified. Positive discrimination is unlawful.

The **British Sign Language (BSL) Act 2022** requires local authorities to recognise BSL as a language of England, Scotland, and Wales, promote its use in public services and communications, and ensure deaf BSL users can access information and engage with services in an inclusive and equitable way.

From March to June 2025, the government consulted on mandatory ethnicity and disability pay gap reporting to help shape proposals in the forthcoming **Equality (Race and Disability) Bill**. The findings are yet to be published. The government is also expected to enact the **Equality Act's socio-economic duty**. This would require public authorities to consider how their decisions might help to reduce the inequalities associated with socio-economic disadvantage.

We draw on the **Equality Framework for Local Government**, which provides a structured approach to assessing progress and improving equality outcomes. The framework's principles – such as strong leadership, meaningful community engagement, and a focus on measurable improvements – underpin this strategy.

Demographics

Rotherham is one of four metropolitan boroughs in South Yorkshire. Our 25 Council wards cover a wide range of urban, suburban, and rural areas. The borough has a population of 276,595 (2024), mostly living in the urban areas of Rotherham.

- Age
  - Rotherham's population is ageing: 1 in 5 residents are aged 65 and over, representing 19.7% of the total population.
  - Rotherham has a below average percentage of people aged 18 to 29, (13.2% compared to 15% nationally) a result of young people choosing to study and work elsewhere.
  - In 2024, 19% of the population in Rotherham was aged 0 to 15, compared to 18.4% in England and 18.4% in Yorkshire & The Humber.
- Race/ethnicity
  - The borough has an increasingly diverse community. The Census 2021 found that 88.3% of the population are White British and 11.7% are from minority ethnic groups.
  - The Pakistani community is the second largest ethnic group in Rotherham after White British, with almost a third of Rotherham's 31,193 ethnic minority residents from Pakistani backgrounds (10,001 residents).

High level ethnic group	Percent
White: English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British	88.3
Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh	5.3
Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African	1.1
Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups	1.4
White other	2.8
Other ethnic group	1.1

  - Over half of the borough's ethnic minority population live in Rotherham's three central wards.
  - In Rotherham schools, 24% of pupils have an ethnic minority background (2024-25) whereas only 3% of pensioners (65+) are from ethnic minority backgrounds (Census 2021).
- Gender
  - Rotherham's population is 49.2% male and 50.8% female, compared to 49% male and 51% female in England (2024)
  - In 2025, full-time female workers in Rotherham earned only 75% of full-time male workers. The GB average for full-time female workers is 87% of male full-time earnings.
- Disability
  - 56,177 people in Rotherham (21.1% of the population) have a long-term health condition, whilst 9.8% report severe limitations (7.5% nationally).
- Sexuality/gender reassignment
  - 2.1% of residents in Rotherham identify as lesbian, gay or bisexual according to census data.

    - The census also reveals 0.6% of Rotherham residents aged over 16 identify as transgender, non-binary or have a gender identity different from their sex registered at birth, compared to 0.5% nationally.
- Religion
    - 49% Christian, 5.1% Muslim, 39.8% no religion (Census 2021)
- Deprivation
    - The borough is amongst the 15% most deprived local authority districts in England. 11,904 children are living in “absolute poverty” (Department for Work and Pensions, 2022-23).
    - Life expectancy in the most deprived areas of Rotherham is 9.9 years lower for men and 9.5 years lower for women than in the least deprived.
    - Healthy life expectancy at birth in Rotherham for males is 56 years and for females is 55.6 years (Public Health England public health profiles 2021-23) compared to 61.5 years for males and 61.9 years for females in England.

Key achievements

- **Outstanding services for children and young people**
  The Council’s Children and Young People’s Services were rated as outstanding in an Ofsted report published in December 2025. Rotherham is one of only nine councils in England to hold this rating alongside the top area outcome for the local partnership’s arrangements for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Ofsted highlighted that children’s voices are central to assessment**,** planning and support, with lived experience actively shaping services. This includes initiatives such as the Children in Care Council, ‘In Care Voice’ group, and ‘Look Ahead’ for care leavers.

- **Embedded Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) in Adult Social Care**
  Planned and delivered a comprehensive training programme: 15 one-day EDI courses (April 2024–June 2025), two service events attended by over 100 staff (November 2024), and a planned cultural competence programme (May 2025–June 2026) comprising 15 practitioner sessions and four tailored sessions for 59 elected members.

- **RASCAL – Commitment to co-production, inclusion and continuous improvement**
  The newly established RASCAL (Rotherham Adult Social Care Always Listening) group brings together individuals with lived experience of adult social care to shape future services. Meeting monthly, the board ensures feedback is embedded into decision-making and service design. Supported by the Council, it uses accessible formats such as BSL interpretation to promote inclusive engagement and continuous improvement.

- **Tenant engagement framework**
  The development of our new tenant engagement framework has been a genuinely collaborative process. Tenants and other key stakeholders have been involved throughout, including our group of 26 regularly involved tenants. Through a series of co-design workshops, tenants, key staff, the Cabinet Member for Housing and a representative from tenant engagement experts, Tpas, helped to define what brilliant tenant engagement looks like and created draft outcomes. The feedback was supplemented by responses to a survey completed by over 100 tenants. This engagement process is central to our target of achieving Tpas exemplar accreditation, a mark of excellence that sets the bar for the highest standards of tenant engagement.

- **Community Recovery Fund**
  Following the August 2024 disorder in Manvers, Rotherham secured £600,000 through the Community Recovery Fund to support long-term community cohesion. The funding enabled grassroots initiatives, youth engagement programmes, and education-based interventions, all shaped by local organisations and residents. This rapid, inclusive response helped rebuild trust and promote unity across affected communities.

- **Baby Packs**
  Since March 2025, we have been delivering new baby packs to pregnant women across the borough, as part of a £360,000 family-friendly investment to give every child the best start in life. Packs include clothing, a toy, a book, and other essentials for the first six months. On average, there are 2,740 babies born each year who live in Rotherham, and all are eligible to receive a pack.

- **Crisis Support**
  We have provided crisis support funded through a combination of the government's Household Support Fund grant and Council funding. Working with the voluntary sector, we ensured that this funding reached our most vulnerable households. We have also provided food vouchers to help ensure that children had enough to eat during school holidays, an energy scheme to help with fuel bills, and specific financial support for our care leavers.

- **Rothercare**
  Rothercare is Rotherham's in-house assistive technology service, supporting over 5,600 households to live independently. A revised delivery model has modernised the service, expanded digital connectivity, and improved customer choice. Consultation showed 88% of users want the service to continue, with many citing reassurance and safety as key benefits. Rothercare plays a vital role in preventative care and inclusive service delivery.

- **Cultural Events – Holocaust Memorial Day, International Women's Day, Reclaim the Night, WOW (Women of the World)**
  The Council supported a wide range of cultural events in 2024-25 that celebrated diversity and inclusion. This included Holocaust Memorial Day, which brought together faith leaders, schools, and residents, and the 10th annual Reclaim the Night march, part of the WOW Festival, which featured creative workshops and public calls for safe, inclusive spaces.

- **Inclusion-Focused Strategies**
  We have developed and are implementing a range of strategies to promote independence, inclusion, and safety. This includes the Learning Disability Strategy, SEND Strategy and All Age Autism Strategy, which were co-produced with service users. Other key strategies, such as the Digital Inclusion Strategy, and Safer Rotherham Partnership Strategy, involved extensive consultation and elements of co-design.

- **New Council Values**
  Launched in April 2024, following engagement with staff across the organisation, the Council's refreshed values—*Caring, Honest, Proud*—reflect a commitment to inclusive, transparent, and ambitious public service. These values guide how the Council works with communities, makes decisions, and delivers services that celebrate Rotherham and support its people.

- **Independent Travel Training**
  A tailored programme for young people (aged 14+) with additional needs designed to build confidence and life skills through supported use of public transport. Delivered in partnership with families and schools, each young person is matched with a travel trainer to develop a personalised plan that promotes independence, self-esteem, and access to education, employment, and leisure.

- **Social Value Policy 2024–2027**
  This sets out how supplier contracts must actively support local employment, apprenticeships, and training—especially for disadvantaged groups—turning procurement into a tool for inclusive growth and opportunity in Rotherham.

Our new strategy will build on these significant achievements. This means taking further steps to consistently deliver inclusive, responsive services. It also means working closely with all our communities to develop strategies and initiatives that reflect their experiences, recognise their strengths, and meet their needs.

Approach and themes

The strategy is shaped by the responses we received from local people and groups during the consultation exercise. It is also informed by the equality, diversity and

inclusion informal peer review carried out by City of Doncaster Council (CDC) in 2024/25.

Consultation
From August to November 2025, several focus group sessions took place with local community and advocacy groups and their service users. The aim was to ensure that all protected characteristic groups were represented. An online survey was also available, enabling all residents to have their say on inclusion issues.

What we heard is that people…

- Don't always feel listened to:
    - it can be difficult to communicate with the Council and accessibility barriers can vary for different groups
    - the Council doesn't always appear to act on feedback, explain what action has been taken, or maintain a dialogue with groups
- Sometimes feel unsafe:
    - this can be particularly pronounced for some communities
    - there is a view that more deprived places are overlooked
- Want to be part of the solution:
    - co-production—designing services together—is crucial
    - regular engagement mechanisms would help, particularly for those who feel excluded or ignored

A separate report is available with more details of the consultation process and findings.

Informal peer review
CDC's informal peer review team visited the Council for three days in December 2024, speaking to staff, senior leaders, and a small number of tenants. Following the visit, additional information was provided and further virtual meetings took place.

The review report set out the Council's strengths and areas of good practice, whilst also highlighting areas for development. The findings were aligned to the Equality Framework for Local Government (EFLG) and are incorporated in the themes and actions outlined below.

Themes
Guided by the consultation feedback and informal peer review, our strategy focuses on:

1. Working together
2. Responsive services
3. Welcoming places

In addition, it is important for the Council to demonstrate that it values inclusivity and diversity in its workforce. To reflect this, we have added a fourth theme:

4. An employer of choice

For each theme, we have outlined the current position and areas of focus for improvement. Underneath this, we have included the relevant EFLG 'excellent' criteria and the broad actions that will be taken. This will form the basis of our approach to monitoring progress.

1. Working together
What we do already and how we'll strengthen it

We have a strong history of working with our residents and communities and strive to create services and plans designed with and for the people using them. For example, RASCAL (Rotherham Adult Social Care Always Listening) co-production group was set up in 2024 to enable people who use RMBC adult social care services to influence service changes and plans. Meeting monthly, the group has helped to shape the adult social care website and produced an e-bulletin.

Our tenant engagement team have a particular role in ensuring that the voice of our residents is heard and that tenants can shape services to meet their needs. This includes tenant panels and events, regular estate walkabouts, and the 'screen team', which reviews and improves the way we communicate with tenants.

The consultation feedback clearly showed that people are eager to engage with the Council and welcome the opportunity to collaborate to develop solutions and improve services to ensure they are inclusive and accessible. One way to achieve this is by utilising our strong relationships with voluntary and community sector organisations, who often act as a gateway to the groups they support. Elected councillors also play a crucial role as community leaders: engaging, listening to and working with constituents, and championing inclusion.

In Children and Young People Services (CYPS), voice and co-production mechanisms are well-established. Based on the Four Cornerstones principles (*welcome and care, value and include, communicate,* and *work in partnership*), several forums exist that give young people and their families the opportunity to shape and influence services. This includes the voice of young people in care, care-experienced adults, and young people and their families accessing SEND provision.

We continue to build our understanding of communities and places within the borough and the issues that affect them. The Rotherham data hub, for example, brings together a wealth of data and intelligence on health needs and the factors that affect health, helping us to target efforts to reduce health inequalities. As noted in the informal peer review report, cross-departmental efforts to share data are helping

services better understand overlapping needs, particularly in areas such as health inequalities and social care.

Despite the good practice highlighted above, the informal peer review report suggested that consultation and engagement efforts are fragmented, with concerns about repetitively consulting the same communities. It also identified that more effective sharing of data with partners could improve our understanding of intersectionality.

This demonstrates that more needs to be done to consistently and effectively engage groups and communities that are less likely to work with the council, ensuring their voice is heard and services reflect their needs and concerns.

What excellent looks like

- Services are co-produced with service users wherever possible and service users can influence changes
- Formal and informal interactions take place between the organisation and its diverse and under-represented communities
- All under-represented groups are actively participating in and influencing decision making and intersectionality is explored and accounted for
- Key decision makers are involved in the engagement process
- There is evidence of partnership arrangements for engagement leading to improved outcomes in participation. Partners are open to challenge and constructive criticism and there is openness in considering the views of different groups and stakeholders without bias towards the loudest voice(s)
- The Council's leaders' maintain a high profile on community relations, making use of members' links with different communities depending on circumstances
- Participation of under-represented groups has improved and people across a range of protected characteristics are able to influence decisions
- There is evidence of service improvements driven by greater participation from under-represented groups

Key actions

- Identify opportunities to develop and maintain a dialogue with diverse and under-represented communities
- Roll out the use of new consultation software to make our approach more consistent and improve accessibility
- Embed a more consistent approach to co-production based on an agreed framework or approach
- Work with partners to share information and good practice on inclusion issues

2. Responsive services

What we do already and how we'll strengthen it

The Council delivers a wide range of services that directly support those who may face barriers to inclusion. This ranges from services for those with special educational needs and disabilities, to targeted employment support initiatives, school holiday food provision for children from lower income families, and support for domestic abuse victims.

Part of our approach to ongoing service improvements is to gather feedback from customers, recognising that this provides valuable insight into how we're performing.

We realise, though, that we must do more to show how the feedback we receive is changing the way we do things. As people emphasised during the consultation, listening without acting or without communicating what we're doing in response, only causes frustration and a loss of trust.

Crucially, we must also ensure that we don't only listen to those who find it easy to make their voice heard. This means doing more to ensure there are easy ways for all our customers and residents to get in touch, raise concerns, and highlight how we could do things better.

The informal peer review highlighted that senior officers are committed to improving customer experience and there are good examples of how we make our services accessible and adapt communications to reach diverse communities. Our website has been externally validated as one of the more accessible local authority sites – most of it can be navigated using speech recognition software and listened to using a screen reader. For in-person contact we can offer an interpretation service for customers whose first language isn't English.

However, the review found that this needs to be more consistent across services, with further evidence that service delivery is being shaped or redesigned based on engagement or consultation. We also need to track outcomes for different groups, demonstrating whether changes are improving access and reducing specific barriers.

The use of equality analyses to understand how service changes might risk excluding or having a detrimental impact on particular groups is central to our decision-making process.

This is working well, as acknowledged in the peer report, but we will go further in improving the links between inclusion objectives and service plans and ensuring that services report on their performance from an inclusion perspective.

Another critical aspect highlighted in the consultation is the importance of community facilities and delivering services locally. There are several examples of this approach, including our family hubs and the Open Arms Rotherham financial inclusion project. Both initiatives take a one-stop-shop approach, using a range of local venues across the borough and working closely with our voluntary and community sector partners.

What excellent looks like

- Services are accessible and offer different access routes to meet the varying needs of different communities
- There is evidence of how levels of customer satisfaction with services and associated outcomes have improved over time
- There are examples of how different customers' experiences are analysed and acted upon to improve services
- There is a clear link between meeting inclusion objectives and delivering positive outcomes for communities, and we can show that improvements are being delivered
- Service and business plans are designed and written with inclusion objectives in mind
- Gaps have been identified in terms of who may not be using services and why. Action has been taken to change services in response
- There is evidence of improving outcomes, disaggregated where appropriate to demonstrate the effects on different communities/protected groups

Key actions

- Develop the staff training offer to improve understanding of inclusion issues and customers' varying needs
- Strength equality impact assessments by reviewing the forms, updating guidance and providing appropriate training
- Review the way in which inclusion issues are considered within service plans, including commissioned services
- Systematically use data and intelligence to ensure services are inclusive and to understand whether outcomes are improving for different groups
- Make proactive, practical changes to communication methods and platforms, including the Council's main website and galaxy sites, to ensure they are accessible to all communities
- Deliver a wide range of core and targeted services that meet community needs

3. Welcoming Places

What we do already and how we'll strengthen it

We want all towns, villages and public spaces in Rotherham to be welcoming places for everyone where people always feel safe. This is an important aspect of being an inclusive and diverse town.

Based on the consultation feedback, we know that there are people in our communities who do not always feel safe in certain areas of Rotherham, at different times of the day, or just being themselves.

We understand that a welcoming place is made up of more than the physical environment. It includes the services that we and other organisations deliver and the diverse people that make up our communities. It is also about a way of working –

building relationships, bringing people together, and using the assets that exist across our neighbourhoods, including residents' skills and knowledge, to jointly solve problems and plan improvements.

Our commitment to improving services in line with local people's priorities is the basis for our ward plans, which are shaped and delivered with residents, community groups and partner organisations.

Cultural and creative activities can also play a major role in helping people to feel included and valued. Our unique Children's Capital of Culture programme explicitly aimed to celebrate Rotherham's diversity and remove barriers to accessing culture. Many of the young people who participated identified as LGBTQ+, disabled or neurodivergent.

We will use this strategy to influence other plans, activities and services, making sure groups feel both included and safe in Rotherham. This includes working with colleagues and partner organisations involved in Rotherham's community safety partnership, which has a specific focus on creating safer neighbourhoods.

The partnership has overseen a significant programme of activity on hate crime, increasing the number of reporting centres and working extensively with local schools to raise awareness, including creating a professional development package.

More broadly, we will ensure that the needs and safety of all residents are considered in planning and designing changes to our borough. This includes working towards more of what people have consistently told us is important to them: well-kept parks and green spaces, more connected communities, peaceful and quiet areas with less anti-social behaviour, cleaner streets and safe roads, good local amenities, and revitalised town and village centres.

What excellent looks like

- There is evidence of improved safeguarding outcomes for under-represented groups
- Service design and delivery is producing equality outcomes for all under-represented groups in the community
- The Council takes a sophisticated approach to fostering good relations, resulting in measurable improvements in relationships between diverse communities
- The organisation works with others to improve performance on good relations between diverse communities
- The Council plays a leading role in bringing partners and the community together if there are serious incidents of hate crime

Key actions

- Deliver a range of events and activities across Rotherham that help to bring people together
- Focus on the use of education and engagement to prevent hate crime
- Consult on, produce and deliver ward plans, working closely with local groups and residents
- Oversee ongoing community cohesion initiatives working with local voluntary and community groups
- Improve local places, making them more accessible and appealing and utilising key assets

4. Employer of choice
What we do already and how we'll strengthen it

The Council is one of the borough's largest employers, with nearly six thousand full-time equivalent employees. We are committed to fostering an inclusive workplace where everyone feels valued, respected, and able to thrive.

It is also important that our workforce reflects the diversity of Rotherham's communities. One of the ways we have done this is through targeted recruitment and engagement with schools, the voluntary sector, and community groups. These efforts will continue, alongside new initiatives to attract and retain talent from underrepresented backgrounds, so our workforce truly represents the borough.

As a Disability Confident employer, we continue to develop our recruitment approach to attract and retain talent from all backgrounds. Our aim is to ensure recruitment processes are inclusive, accessible, and insight driven. By embedding inclusive principles and strengthening support for hiring managers, we seek to remove barriers and create fairer opportunities for all applicants.

We offer flexible working arrangements, development opportunities, and a broad range of benefits to support work-life balance. Inclusion is embedded in our workforce development, with apprenticeships and internships helping young people gain meaningful experience and build career pathways. Meeting apprenticeship targets remains a priority, particularly in supporting young people from underrepresented backgrounds, including care leavers.

CYPS are currently creating two positions for people from communities who are currently less represented in the workforce. These will be entry level posts with a clear career path. At the same time, Council staff will be taking advantage of a national initiative providing leadership training for people of colour.

Staff networks play a vital role in championing diversity, providing safe spaces for employees to connect, share experiences, and influence change. We will strengthen these networks by expanding participation and developing a framework that enables greater organisational impact.

We are committed to fostering a workplace culture that supports wellbeing, and inclusion. This approach reflects our values—listening and working together, being open and accountable, and striving for the best for our people and place.

We will continue to build a sense of belonging by encouraging wider staff participation in events and initiatives that celebrate diversity. We want all employees to have a voice in shaping what we do, ensuring decisions are informed by experience and local insight.

What excellent looks like

- The workforce profile, including major commissioned service providers, broadly reflects the diversity of the local community and labour market
- Equality outcomes for the whole workforce are clearly prioritised and demonstrably achieved
- Staff involved in equality networks are satisfied that they are listened to and that they can make a difference in the organisation
- Workforce strategy and management practices are informed by robust, comprehensive employment data, with benchmarking and sharing of good practice embedded
- We consistently consider equality in decision making, resource allocation and service design
- Services are provided by well-trained staff who understand and meet the diverse needs of local communities
- The organisation actively supports career progression for under-represented groups, fostering a culture of opportunity and fairness
- A positive health and wellbeing culture is embedded across all levels, promoting identity, self-esteem, and psychological safety for all employees

Key actions

- Expand participation in staff networks and offer flexible ways to get involved
- Ensure that workforce data can be disaggregated to enable analysis by protected characteristic, supporting workforce planning
- Ensure the learning and development offer supports the progression of under-represented groups across the Council
- Embed inclusive principles into recruitment and selection by reviewing processes to ensure they are fair and accessible, and using feedback to identify barriers and improve practice
- Ensure the refreshed Workforce Strategy emphasises inclusivity, with specific actions identified
- Explicitly link inclusion to wellbeing by embedding it in the workplace wellbeing programme and related initiatives
- Increase staff involvement in diversity events to strengthen engagement and celebrate inclusion across the organisation

Measuring progress

Progress will be monitored via an annual action plan setting out key activity across the strategy's four themes. This will be subject to regular oversight and reporting via robust internal governance arrangements. The relevant EFLG criteria will also be used to gauge progress.

Each year, an annual report will provide an overview of progress, highlighting key achievements and case studies.

In addition, both the Council Plan and annual plans for individual Council services will clearly set out how inclusion, equality and diversity issues are being considered and addressed in the planning and delivery of priority activity.

We will also ensure that our internal staff networks and external groups representing or advocating for those with protected characteristics are given the opportunity to hold us to account.

Appendix 2: Inclusion Strategy Action Plan February 2026 to March 2027

Inclusion strategy action	Specific action	Target date	Lead officer / service
Theme 1: Working Together			
Identify opportunities to develop and maintain a dialogue with diverse and under-represented communities	Refresh the community reference group and widen membership to include additional inclusion groups	Q4 25/26	Head of Organisational Development
	Arrange an annual inclusion summit to raise awareness of activity and gather feedback from local communities	Q3 26/27	Head of Organisational Development
Roll out the use of new consultation software (Citizen Space) to make our approach more consistent and improve accessibility	Complete initial phase of staff training	Q4 25/26	Head of Policy, Performance and Intelligence
	Launch Citizen Space	Q1 26/27	Head of Policy, Performance and Intelligence
Embed a more consistent approach to co-production based on an agreed framework or approach	Embed the Rotherham Adult Social Care Always Listening Co-Production Board (RASCAL) within the approach to change across adult social care	Q4 25/26	Service Director of Adult Care & Integration
	Publish the *Adult Social Care Involvement Framework*, which sets out the approach and commitment to co-production and involvement across adult social care	Q1 26/27	Service Director of Adult Care & Integration
	Publish the co-designed tenant engagement framework	Q4 25/26	Service Director of Housing
Work with partners to share information and good practice on inclusion issues	Explore how data can be more effectively shared across partner organisations to better understand communities and intersectionality	Q4 26/27	Head of Policy, Performance and Intelligence
Theme 2: Responsive Services			
Develop the staff training offer to improve understanding of inclusion issues and customers' varying needs	Utilise the Community Recovery Fund to deliver a workforce development programme which focuses on Equality Act 2010 protected characteristics and Public Sector Equality Duty	Q4 25/26	Head of Organisational Development
Strengthen equality impact assessments by reviewing the forms,	Review and refresh equality screening/assessment forms and update the guidance, including consideration of intersectionality	Q3 26/27	Head of Policy, Performance and Intelligence

Inclusion strategy action	Specific action	Target date	Lead officer / service
updating guidance and providing appropriate training	Commence training to key staff to help them understand the process and improve the quality of assessments	Q4 26/27	Head of Policy, Performance and Intelligence
Review the way in which inclusion issues are considered within service plans, including commissioned services	Review service plan templates and guidance to improve the way in which inclusion issues are considered at the strategic service level	Q4 25/26	Head of Policy, Performance and Intelligence
Systematically use data and intelligence to ensure services are inclusive and to understand whether outcomes are improving for different groups	Create a comprehensive framework for collecting equality, diversity and inclusion data to drive a more equitable and responsive approach to housing services	Q4 26/27	Service Director of Housing
Make proactive, practical changes to communication methods and platforms, including the Council's main website and galaxy sites, to ensure they are accessible to all communities	Produce and disseminate easy read and summarised versions of the inclusion strategy	Q1 26/27	Head of Policy, Performance and Intelligence
	Expand the range of services available digitally to improve access, including implementing calendar booking and payment upfront online functions. This will include a digitalised pest control appointment service.	Q4 25/26	Service Director of Customer, Information & Digital
	Work closely with the contracted interpretation and translation provider to review and implement solutions that enable real-time, on-demand BSL communication for in-person interactions	Q3 26/27	Service Director of Customer, Information & Digital
Deliver a wide range of core and targeted services that meet community needs	Provide food vouchers, meals and activities to children eligible for free school meals during the school holidays, as part of the Household Support Fund and Holiday Activities and Food programmes	Q4 25/26	Service Director of Financial Services / Early Help
	Deliver independent travel training to at least 30 children and young people to increase independence, through the new Home to School Transport Policy	Q4 25/26	Service Director of Community Safety & Street Scene
	Support 27 Rotherham secondary schools and colleges, including SEND schools and pupil referral units, to enhance their careers provision	Q4 25/26	Service Director of Planning, Regeneration & Transport

Inclusion strategy action	Specific action	Target date	Lead officer / service
	Deliver holistic, community-based support for families through the Family Hubs network and children's centres, working with voluntary and community sector partners to raise awareness and increase engagement	Q4 25/26	Service Director of Family Help
	Issue 73% of Education, Health and Care Plans within 20 weeks ensuring children receive effective support when needed	Q4 25/26	Service Director of Education & Skills
	Agree an updated Domestic Abuse Strategy to continue to improve the support available to victims and the actions taken to address perpetrators of violence and abuse	Q4 25/26	Service Director of Community Safety & Street Scene
	Complete the building work for Castle View day service which will provide new day opportunities for people with high support needs	Q4 25/26	Service Director of Adult Care & Director of Public Health
	Deliver the Learning Disability Strategy priorities for 2025, including a new transition pathway for young people preparing for adulthood, increasing the number of young people accessing employment opportunities and embedding the voice of the young person in their care and support journey	Q4 25/26	Service Director of Adult Care & Integration
	Appointment of inclusion lead for Rotherham Music	Q1 26/27	Service Director of Culture, Sport and Tourism
	Develop SEND specific music offer for schools	Q3 26/27	Service Director of Culture, Sport and Tourism
	Through the Employment Solutions Service, support a minimum of 455 unemployed people to access employment opportunities (including training, education, apprenticeships, and paid employment), and enable 160 economically inactive participants to move into work as part of the Economic Inactivity Trailblazer	Q4 25/26	Service Director of Housing
	Engage with employers to develop and implement inclusive recruitment programmes, focusing on job descriptions,	Q4 26/27	Service Director of Planning, Regeneration & Transport

Inclusion strategy action	Specific action	Target date	Lead officer / service
	recruitment practices, and in-work support as part of the Pathways to Work initiative		
	Support local residents to overcome barriers to employment by connecting them to work opportunities and addressing challenges related to long-term health conditions and disabilities. Deliver Q4 activities under the Pathways to Work programme, including targeted support for 151 neurodiverse individuals, aiming for 50% in-work outcomes.	Q4 26/27	Service Director of Planning, Regeneration & Transport
	Commission specialist organisations to embed Individual Placement Support within services already accessed by people on probation, survivors of domestic violence, and those experiencing homelessness	Q4 26/27	Service Director of Planning, Regeneration & Transport
	Deliver the Council's Local Council Tax Support Top Up scheme, providing up to £126 to working households in receipt of council tax support	Q4 25/26	Service Director of Financial Services
Theme 3: Welcoming Places			
Deliver a range of events and activities across Rotherham that help to bring people together	Deliver a diverse programme of cultural events throughout the borough, underpinned by a series of programming principles which ensure they are accessible, representative of their communities and inclusive to all.	Q4 26/27	Service Director of Culture, Sport and Tourism
	Continue to celebrate international days, such as International Women's Day, and explore how they can be used to bring people together and engage with communities	Ongoing throughout	Head of Communications and Marketing
	Celebration event for intergenerational community grants programme	Q4 25/26	Service Director of Culture, Sport and Tourism
	Deliver a targeted intergenerational family learning programme with ethnic minority communities and a co-produced intergenerational family learning programme with older people and children	Q4 26/27	Service Director of Culture, Sport and Tourism
Focus on the use of education and engagement to prevent hate crime	Tackle hate crime incidents and the drivers of hate crime through the delivery of education and engagement group and individual sessions:	Q4 25/26	Service Director of Community Safety & Street Scene

Inclusion strategy action	Specific action	Target date	Lead officer / service
	• 600 children and young people to attend group sessions • 600 children and young people to attend group sessions • 55 one to one sessions		
Consult on, produce and deliver ward plans, working closely with local groups and residents	Delivery of ward plans through ward reports being reported to Council from July 2025, which have been informed by local communities	Q4 25/26	Head of Neighbourhoods
Oversee ongoing community cohesion initiatives working with local voluntary and community groups	Support communities across the borough through the delivery of the Community Cohesion Grant fund	Q4 25/26	Head of Policy, Performance and Intelligence
	Actions to be identified from the cohesion strand of Rotherham's regeneration plan (Pride in Place programme)	Q4 26/27	Service Director of Planning, Regeneration & Transport
Improve local places, making them more accessible and appealing and utilising key assets	Improve four play areas as part of the children's playground programme, ensuring they are accessible to disabled children	Q4 25/26	Service Director of Culture, Sport and Tourism
	Deliver a range of schemes through the Our Places fund, breathing new life into public spaces, enhancing safety and maintaining local infrastructure	Q4 26/27	Service Director of Planning, Regeneration & Transport
	Invest £300k in community facilities across the borough - including the Black Hut and Oaklea Retreat - to sustain and increase the participation, activities and engagement within them	Q4 2025/26	Service Director of Property & Facilities Service
Theme 4: Employer of Choice ***(Activity within this theme aligns with criteria from the Equality Framework for Local Government and working towards being an Employer of Choice)***			
Expand participation in staff networks and offer flexible ways to get involved.	Establish and implement a clear governance structure to ensure that staff networks are proactively able to influence the organisation and provide feedback	Q4 25/26	Head of Organisational Development
	Conduct an annual survey for staff networks to feedback satisfaction levels about how network voice is being heard and acted on by the organisation, with a focus on continuous improvement and inclusivity	Q4 26/27	Head of Organisational Development

Inclusion strategy action	Specific action	Target date	Lead officer / service
Ensure that workforce data can be disaggregated to enable analysis by protected characteristic, supporting workforce planning.	Promote workforce diversity in underrepresented areas of the organisation by using disaggregated data to inform the development of initiatives Develop and implement targeted career development strategies into leadership and management roles for existing staff members from underrepresented groups within the workforce	Q4 26/27	Head of Human Resources Head of Organisational Development
	Targeted activity to encourage staff to disclose equality information: - Cultural engagement to be delivered by OD focusing on the fact that disclosing information is in the individual's best interest (link to reasonable adjustments etc) - Communications around updating info on self-serve once a year. In first instance to be actioned at 6-month intervals to measure progress and create baseline for future years	Q1 & Q3 26/27 Q2 & Q4 26/27	Head of Organisational Development
	Explore establishing a reporting mechanism to ensure that harassment and bullying incidents can be analysed by protected characteristics - Ensure quarterly monitoring and analysis reports of incidents, leading to action being taken where issues are identified - Implement and embed a process to monitor and address specific complaints of staff from protected groups - Use data to identify recurring themes and address as necessary e.g. through education and awareness training	Q2 26/27	Head of Human Resources
Ensure the learning and development offer supports the progression of under-represented groups across the Council	Conduct a training needs analysis of the learning and development offer across the Council to identify where there is variation across directorates. Expand the offer of learning and development based on the needs analysis.	Q2 26/27	Head of Organisational Development

Inclusion strategy action	Specific action	Target date	Lead officer / service
	Increase the proportion of new starter apprenticeships created within the Council, aiming for at least 80 at any one time	Q4 26/27	Head of Organisational Development
	Develop and implement an apprenticeship action plan that documents the work with partners to develop more apprenticeships across the borough	Q4 25/26	Head of Organisational Development
Embed inclusive principles into recruitment and selection by reviewing processes to ensure they are fair and accessible, and using feedback to identify barriers and improve practice.	Establish a process to ensure that data on applicants and people shortlisted is systematically collected and can be disaggregated by protected characteristic Utilise the anonymised data to inform recruitment initiatives that address disparities in protected groups, as necessary	Q2 26/27 Q3 26/27	Head of Human Resources Head of Organisational Development
	Deliver inclusive training for recruitment panels	Q2 26/27	Head of Organisational Development
Ensure the refreshed Workforce Strategy emphasises inclusivity and workforce outcomes align with the Inclusion Strategy.	Refreshed Workforce Plan agreed and implemented	Q4 25/26	Service Director, Human Resources and Organisational Development
Explicitly link inclusion to wellbeing by embedding it in the workplace wellbeing programme and related initiatives.	Refresh the employee wellbeing programme	Q4 26/27	Head of Organisational Development
Increase staff involvement in diversity events to strengthen engagement and celebrate inclusion across the organisation.	Support staff networks to deliver internal events across the year	Ongoing throughout	Head of Organisational Development
	Identify opportunities to celebrate inclusion and achievements (e.g. introduce a Diversity and Inclusion Champion award at Big Hearts, Big Changes)	Ongoing throughout	Head of Organisational Development

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FOREWORD

Rotherham Council remains committed to promoting equality and fostering a cohesive society built on mutual respect, where no one is left behind. This principle shapes our policy priorities, with a strong focus on tackling inequalities embedded throughout our work.

Equality considerations continue to influence the Council's internal operations and decision making. As this report highlights, engagement with diverse communities has helped co-produce services. We've also worked closely with local voluntary, community, and faith sector organisations to support residents during the ongoing cost-of-living crisis.

In 2024/25, over £5 million was allocated to crisis support, funded through a combination of the government's Household Support Fund grant and Council self-funding. Working with the voluntary sector, we ensured that this funding reached our most vulnerable households. We also provided food vouchers to help ensure that children had enough to eat during school holidays, an energy scheme to help with fuel bills, and specific financial support for our care leavers.

Our Employment Hub supported around 700 residents into sustainable employment or accredited training, reflecting our commitment to removing barriers and helping people reach their potential.

Over the past year, the Council and partners have promoted events celebrating diversity and marking awareness days, including Holocaust Memorial Day, International Women's Day, Carers Rights Day, Inter-Faith Week, Rotherham Show, Armed Forces Day, and Mental Health Awareness Week.

A standout moment was the 10th annual Reclaim the Night event, part of the Women of the World Festival (WOW) Rotherham. The evening featured creative workshops and a town centre walk, with banners created by local artists and groups calling for action against gender-based violence and advocating for safe, inclusive spaces.

In August 2024, our community was deeply affected by the violent attack on the Holiday Inn in Manvers, which was housing asylum seekers. This unacceptable act of hate targeted some of the most vulnerable people in our borough. In its aftermath, we worked closely with partners, the police, and community leaders to provide support and reassurance, while reaffirming our commitment to ensuring Rotherham remains a safe, inclusive, and welcoming place for all.

We continue to take a coordinated approach to advancing equality, diversity and inclusion, with leadership and staff working together to embed inclusive practices and shape a more representative and supportive workplace culture.

Equality and inclusivity are central to Forging Ahead, our new Council Plan for 2025-30. The plan sets out an ambitious programme, focused on expanding opportunities and harnessing the knowledge and skills of community groups and local residents.



Councillor Saghir Alam OBE
Cabinet Member for Finance

INTRODUCTION

Over the past year, Rotherham Council has continued to put equality, diversity and inclusion at the centre of its work. We've done this while facing ongoing economic and social challenges. The Council has stayed focused on supporting the borough's most vulnerable residents, providing targeted assistance where it is most needed.

As we continue to strive for the best possible outcomes for our residents, our commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion remains central. In the past year, we've built stronger partnerships, worked closely with communities, and continued to tackle the inequalities that exist in the borough.

This report highlights some of our key achievements from 2024/25, using the four themes identified in the current EDI Strategy:

- **THEME 1: Understanding and working with our communities**
- **THEME 2: Leadership, partnership, and organisational commitment**
- **THEME 3: Responsive services and customer care**
- **THEME 4: Diverse and engaged workforce**

It also shares case studies and identifies priorities for the first year of the new Inclusion Strategy (2026-29). As we look ahead, we remain committed to building a fairer, more inclusive Rotherham where everyone can thrive, no matter their background or circumstances.

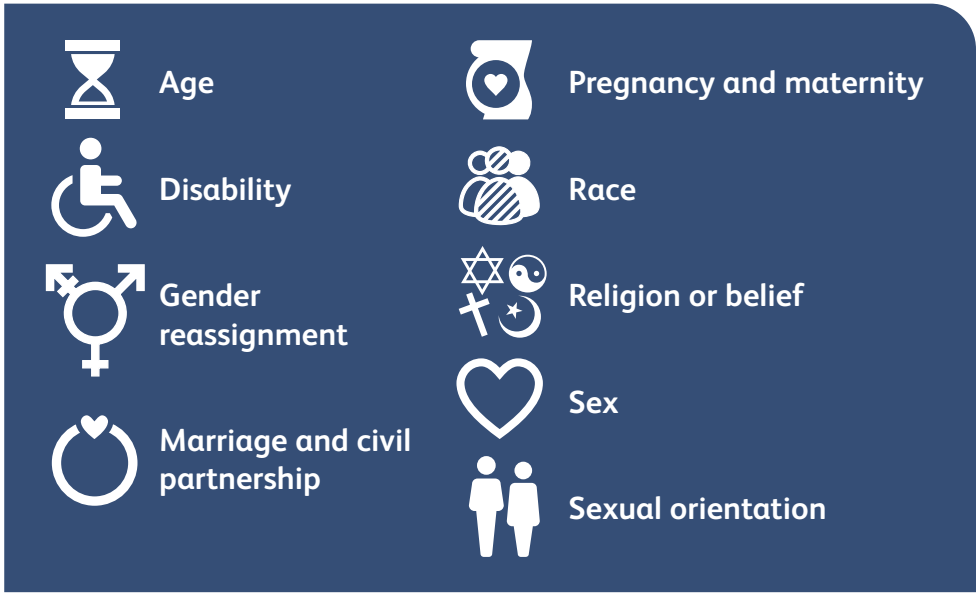


POLICY CONTEXT

The Equality Act 2010 places a general duty on the Council and others carrying out public functions to have due regard to the need to:

- **Eliminate discrimination**, harassment and victimisation
- **Advance equality of opportunity** between people with and without protected characteristics.
- **Foster good relations** between different groups.

A fair society cannot exist if some communities remain disadvantaged because of protected characteristics, which include:



The Council must actively embed equality in all its work and ensure suppliers do the same. We are also expected to consider how our decisions affect different people and communities.

In addition, the Council aims to address socio-economic inequalities by focusing on reducing unequal outcomes when making strategic decisions.

Equality Framework for Local Government (EFLG)

The EFLG helps councils to deliver accessible and inclusive services and to meet their legal requirements in relation to equality. It does this by:

- Identifying areas of activity that councils need to address to deliver good equality outcomes.
- Helping councils to understand how they can build equality into processes and practices.
- Supporting organisations to become inclusive employers.
- Enabling councils to informally self-assess their progress on the equality improvement journey and determine where and how they need to improve.

The Council has used this framework to assess its progress, including through peer assessments from other councils.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy 2022-2025

In 2021, the Council committed to refreshing its equality objectives, taking into account the impact of Covid-19. This led to the development of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Strategy 2022–2025, shaped by engagement with elected members, staff, partners, and local communities.

The EDI Strategy provides a framework for embedding equality, diversity, and inclusion in everything the Council does. It sets out how the Council aims to remove barriers that prevent full participation in the borough's social, cultural, political, and economic life.

The strategy includes four key objectives:

- Understanding, listening to and working with Rotherham's communities
- Delivering accessible and responsive services that meet diverse needs
- Providing leadership and organisational commitment to promote equalities
- Ensuring a diverse and engaged workforce

These objectives align with the EFLG and inform an annual work plan.

As we near the end of the current strategy, work is underway to develop a new Inclusion Strategy.



THEME I: UNDERSTANDING, LISTENING TO AND WORKING WITH ROTHERHAM'S COMMUNITIES

As outlined in the EDI Strategy, reducing inequalities and tackling discrimination begins with a clear understanding of the needs and priorities of our communities.

This means collecting and analysing equalities data – such as information on age, ethnicity, disability, gender, and socio-economic background – to identify where disparities exist. It also involves engaging meaningfully with local people, fostering good community relations, and supporting residents to participate fully in public life.

Key achievements in 2024/25 include:

- **Children & Young People's Partnership** Board gives young people a real say in how services are planned and delivered. It's co-chaired by a councillor and a youth representative and focuses on issues young people care about. One key priority they've raised is tackling hate crime.
- **Rotherham's Learning Disability Strategy** was shaped by nearly 250 people with lived experience, including those with learning disabilities, carers, and professionals. Their feedback focused on feeling welcome, being included, and having clear communication. This approach ensured the strategy reflects real-life experiences and priorities.
- **RASCAL (Rotherham Adult Social Care Always Listening co-production group) Board** is a new board made up of people with experience of adult social care, helping shape future services in Rotherham. Members meet monthly to share feedback and influence decisions. Their work is supported by the Council and includes accessible communication like BSL interpretation.
- **Children's Capital of Culture engagement** – supported five festivals, engaging over 10,000 participants and embedding youth voice into local events.
- Funded by **Arts Council England**, each festival received **up to £2,000**
- Partnered with:
  - Eastwood Fun Festival (June, Rotherham East ward)
  - Harthill Carnival (July, Wales ward)
  - Aston Carnival (August, Aston and Todwick ward)
  - Ferham Festival (August, Rotherham West ward)
  - Reclaim The Night (November, Boston Castle ward)
- Engaged **499 school pupils and 130 children and young people** in youth provision
- Total reach: **10,000+ participants**
- Ferham Festival highlights:
  - **2,000+ attendees**
  - Creative projects with **154 children** from Kimberworth and Thornhill primary schools
  - Youth-led performances including the Thornhill Rap and a Roma-hip hop dance fusion
  - Family involvement from the Liberty Church youth group

CASE STUDY:

Ferham Mother, Baby & Toddler Group – Supporting Families, Building Trust

The Ferham Mother and Baby Group was created by the Infant Feeding Team and nursery nurse, Musaret Nazir, to support the Pakistani community in Ferham. Hosted at Jamia Masjid Noor-Ul-Huda mosque, which generously provides the space free of charge, the group was developed in response to a clear gap: while many families were breastfeeding, they weren't accessing local support.

Sessions run fortnightly, focusing on baby development and open conversations with health professionals. Families helped shape the programme, suggesting sensory-themed activities like lights, messy play, and texture exploration. Guest speakers from oral health, weaning, genetic counselling, and children's literacy have also joined, helping families connect with wider services.

One early challenge was keeping families informed about session dates. Initially, Musaret made individual calls, which was time-consuming. This was resolved when a mother trained in Solihull Breastfeeding Peer Support created a WhatsApp group to share updates and invite others – including expectant mums – to join.

Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with families praising the friendly environment, engaging activities, and the chance to connect and share experiences. The group has helped reduce health inequalities by offering education in a familiar, informal setting, and has strengthened relationships between staff and families.

In 2025, the initiative was recognised with the **Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust Proud Award for Diversity & Inclusion**. The team celebrated alongside peer supporter Yasmin and Louise Willis from Grimm & Co, marking a milestone in inclusive community support.

Hear from Alice Edwards (Infant Feeding Team) and Yasmin (Peer Supporter and service user) as they share their experiences and insights about the group in this short video: ***Watch on YouTube***.



Winner - Diversity and Inclusion Award
Infant Feeding Team

CASE STUDY:

Rotherham Sight & Sound – Inclusive Design through Meaningful Engagement

The Upper Millgate and Corporation Street public space scheme is a key part of Rotherham's town centre regeneration, creating a vital link between the new Forge Island leisure development and the wider town centre. The project aims to deliver a more pedestrian-friendly environment, with improved access, green spaces, and safer crossing points to Riverside Gardens, the cinema, hotel, and restaurants.

Key proposals included:

- Widening footways and enhancing the public realm along Corporation Street.
- Reducing crossing distances to improve pedestrian access.
- Retaining traffic restrictions (except for buses) on the uphill section of Corporation Street, while allowing bicycles to travel in both directions.
- Replacing signalised crossings at Upper Millgate with a raised informal crossing.
- Permanently removing traffic lights at the High Street/Ship Hill junction, following a successful trial, and redesigning the junction to improve visibility and pedestrian safety.

To ensure the community had a clear understanding of the proposals and the opportunity to provide meaningful feedback, a comprehensive communications plan was developed. This identified specific audiences and tailored communication methods to encourage engagement.

A stakeholder database was created, including local businesses, community groups, educational institutions, and organisations representing protected characteristic groups.

Stakeholders were offered one-to-one meetings and alternative formats of the plans to ensure accessibility. This approach led to Rotherham Sight & Sound (RSS)—a key organisation supporting people with sensory impairments—requesting a dedicated meeting to discuss the impact of the proposals on their service users.

Two officers from Rotherham Investment and Development Office (RiDO) met with RSS at their Ship Hill offices, sharing printed and tactile versions of the plans. The group raised several concerns, particularly around the removal of signalised crossings and the challenges this would pose for visually impaired pedestrians.



Key points raised included:

- The need for a safe, even if longer, route between Ship Hill and Riverside House.
- The current route involves five separate crossings, which is particularly difficult for those with visual impairments.
- A preference for signal-controlled crossings over zebra crossings, which can be difficult to navigate safely without clear driver cues.
- The importance of a crossing on Westgate near Ship Hill, as many RSS clients walk up Corporation Street and would struggle to cross safely at that junction.
- While RSS acknowledged that not all crossings could be signalised, they felt a strong case existed for a controlled crossing between Ship Hill and Main Street, due to its importance as a key route for visually impaired people accessing Council services.

The feedback was formally included in the consultation and flagged as a priority for further design consideration.

A follow-up meeting and site visit were arranged with RSS to review updated proposals. Printed plans were shared again, and the group walked the route to assess the impact of the proposed changes.

During the visit, RSS reiterated the need for a signal-controlled crossing on Westgate, and discussions were held about how to ensure visually impaired people were made aware of the changes. It was suggested that project funding could support route training for RSS clients, helping them adapt to the new layout and identify safer routes—particularly between the bus station and Riverside House via Riverside Gardens.

As a result of the meeting, the following actions were agreed:

- RMBC would instruct the design team to explore the feasibility of a standalone signal-controlled crossing on Westgate between Main Street and Ship Hill, recognising the specific needs of visually impaired pedestrians.
- RMBC would provide RSS with a recommended accessible route from Rotherham Interchange to Riverside House, using existing and proposed signalised crossings and the new Riverside Gardens path.

A further meeting took place in September 2024, where representatives from RSS, the Council's Project Manager, and the design team walked the full route to identify any remaining issues and ensure the proposed solution was practical and safe.

Outcomes

The engagement with RSS led to tangible changes in the scheme's design and delivery. RSS were satisfied with the revised proposals and the commitment to implementing a safer crossing point. They also requested a pre-opening visit to Forge Island for their service users, which was arranged for August 2024 to help familiarise them with the new environment.

In addition, RSS offered to deliver free visual impairment awareness training to the RiDO team, which took place in June 2024. The training was extremely well received and provided valuable insight into the challenges faced by people with sensory impairments—insight that will inform future public realm projects.

This case study highlights the importance of early, inclusive engagement and the value of listening to lived experience. By working closely with RSS, the Council was able to adapt its plans to better meet the needs of all residents.

THEME 2: LEADERSHIP, PARTNERSHIP AND ORGANISATIONAL COMMITMENT

The Council plays a pivotal role as a local leader in championing equality, diversity, and inclusion across Rotherham. This leadership extends to embedding these values in all aspects of its work—from decision-making and communications to partnership working, priority setting, employment practices, policy development, and the delivery of projects and programmes.

In 2024/25, the Council's key achievements included:

- **Rotherham Council supported a range of events in 2024 that celebrated diversity and brought communities together.** These included the WOW Festival for women and non-binary people, Rotherham Show and Reclaim the Night. Each event helped raise awareness of inclusion and gave residents a chance to connect and take part.
- **Rotherham held its Holocaust Memorial Day event** in January 2025 to honour victims of genocide and promote reflection on inclusion and justice. The event brought together faith leaders, councillors, schools, and residents to share messages of remembrance and hope.



- **Launched the WalkSafe app** to help people feel safer when out and about, especially women and vulnerable groups. The app lets users share their location with trusted contacts and shows which venues have safety measures in place. It's free to download and part of a wider effort to make public spaces more inclusive.
- **Rotherham's services for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)** received the top rating from Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission. Inspectors praised how well local organisations work together to support children and families. The result means no reinspection is needed for five years, showing

CASE STUDY:

Standing Together – Community Response to August 2024 Disorder

Following the incident on 4 August 2024, when violent disorder broke out outside a local hotel housing asylum seekers in Manvers, the Council, voluntary and community sector organisations, other partners and the local community came together in a show of unity to support residents and restore the area.

The violence caused damage to nearby family homes, and many residents witnessed the events first-hand. Some families felt unable to leave or return to their homes, and concerns were raised about the safety of local faith buildings. This created a climate of fear and disrupted daily life for many.

In the immediate aftermath, Council teams worked closely with partner agencies and the community to understand what was needed to rebuild trust and restore a sense of safety and cohesion. The Community Safety and Street Scene teams supported clean-up efforts alongside local residents, while the Early Help team provided a visible and compassionate presence, listening to families and offering reassurance. The Communities Team also worked with faith leaders to ensure mosques remained safe spaces and to help counter misinformation.

To support longer-term recovery and strengthen community cohesion, Rotherham was allocated £600,000 through the Community Recovery Fund. This funding has been used to deliver a range of initiatives in partnership with local organisations and residents. These include:

- **Grant programmes** to support grassroots community cohesion efforts
- **Innovative approaches** to building relationships and trust across communities
- **Additional resources** for education providers to engage and support young people

Despite the short funding window, partners across the borough have worked at pace to develop and begin delivering these plans, ensuring that the response is shaped by and for the community.



CASE STUDY:

Raising the Bar: Embedding Equality and Safety in Rotherham's Night-time Economy

In 2025, the Council undertook its statutory five-year review of the Licensing Act policy. Historically, such reviews have focused on meeting minimum legal requirements, with limited emphasis on innovation or progressive practice.

This time, however, the Licensing Team at RMBC took a bold step forward – choosing to lead by example and embed the principles of equality, diversity, and inclusion at the heart of the borough's licensing framework.

Inspiration and Approach

Motivated by a desire to go beyond compliance and reflect the Council's broader priorities around community safety and social inclusion, the team drew inspiration from Rotherham's nationally recognised taxi licensing policy. They explored best practice across the UK, engaged with stakeholders, and considered national concerns around safety in licensed venues.

Key themes emerged through engagement with South Yorkshire Police, the Community Safety Unit, the Violence Reduction Unit, and local licensees. These included:

- Women's safety in the night-time economy
- The visibility and effectiveness of schemes such as Ask for Angela
- The need to improve awareness and understanding of diversity and inclusion within licensed settings

The team also considered feedback from residents, complaints data, and insights from local forums such as Licence Watch, as well as national media coverage.

Policy Enhancements

The revised Licensing Act policy now includes clear guidance encouraging licensed venues to adopt good practice in the following areas:

- Women's safety – including regular staff training, promotion of recognised safety schemes, and routine testing of safety protocols
- Equality and diversity – including inclusive venue design, equitable service provision, and staff training on EDI principles

While these measures are not mandatory, they are strongly recommended. By setting a clear example, the Council aims to encourage voluntary adoption of higher standards across the sector.

Impact and Aspirations

The inclusion of EDI and safety guidance represents a meaningful shift in approach. The policy provides licensees with practical tools and a clear framework for improvement – supporting them to become better employers, responsible neighbours, and valued community partners.

The Licensing Team recognised that many licensees are willing to make positive changes but often lack clarity on how to do so. The revised policy helps bridge that gap, offering direction and support without imposing unrealistic demands.

The Council hopes that, like its taxi licensing framework, this policy will be seen as a model of best practice and inspire similar approaches across other local authorities.

Conclusion

This case study demonstrates how RMBC is using its regulatory powers not just to enforce standards, but to empower change—promoting safer, more inclusive public spaces and embedding equality, diversity, and inclusion into everyday practice.

THEME 3: RESPONSIVE SERVICES AND CUSTOMER CARE

The Council works hard to make sure its services are accessible to everyone in Rotherham. One way we do this is by using the way we buy goods and services—known as commissioning and procurement—to create more jobs and training opportunities for local people. We're especially focused on helping young people and those who are currently unemployed to access these opportunities

In 2024/25, the Council's key achievements included:

- **In 2024/25, the Council delivered £12.3 million in validated social value**, with a strong focus on employment, education, and community support.

Highlights include:

  - 695 apprenticeship weeks delivered – a 43% increase on the previous year.
  - £6480,000 invested in support for unemployed individuals, nearly doubling the previous year's figure, with around 130 hours of tailored support.
  - 6Over 20 jobs created for long-term unemployed residents.
  - 61,850 training weeks committed to support skills development across the borough.
  - £682,000 worth of equipment and resources and 234 hours of business advice donated to VCS organisations.
- **The Council provided free baby packs to expectant mothers**, containing essentials like clothes, toys, and books to support early parenting. Over 600 families signed up in the first few months, with feedback showing the packs are a lifeline for many. The scheme also shares health advice and connects families to wider support services
- **A major job fair in March 2025 connected nearly 400 residents with employers**, training providers, and support services. Attendees explored opportunities in sectors like childcare, construction, and care work, with many submitting applications on the day. The event also offered tailored support for women and neurodiverse individuals to help overcome barriers to employment.

These initiatives are helping to reduce barriers to employment, improve health and wellbeing, and ensure that every resident can benefit from the borough's growth.

CASE STUDY:

Rothercare – Empowering Independent Living Through Assistive Technology

Rothercare is Rotherham's in-house assistive technology service, designed to support residents with care and support needs to live independently, safely, and with dignity in their own homes.

Aligned with the Council's Adult Social Care vision, Rothercare plays a vital role in supporting people to live their best lives, with people they value, close to home with access to the right support at the right time.

The Challenge

With increasing demand for care services and the need to optimise resources, the Council recognised the importance of expanding its use of assistive technology. A service review highlighted operational challenges, including the upcoming analogue switch-off and limitations in the current delivery model. There was also a need to improve customer choice and modernise the service offer, particularly around digital connectivity.

Rothercare provides a comprehensive, end-to-end service that includes:

- Referral and triage
- Equipment installation
- 24/7 monitoring and emergency response
- Procurement of hardware and software

The service supports around 5,600 households, with approximately 1,200 new customers joining each year. Importantly, it is accessible without a formal Care Act assessment, making it a preventative tool for maintaining independence and reducing reliance on formal care.

The Solution

Following the review, the Council implemented a revised delivery model:

- Rothercare work collaboratively with a technology partner to manage technical elements including assessments and access to a wide range of technology
- Rothercare continue to deliver core service functions including the referral element and response service



Technology in Use

Rothercare's assistive technology includes:

- Environmental sensors (smoke, carbon monoxide, temperature, door sensors)
- Personal sensors (fall detectors, location trackers, medication prompts)
- Enhanced safety and monitoring (bed/chairs sensors, epilepsy sensors, property exit sensors)
- Voice-activated technology and digital connectivity options

These tools interface with a 24/7 monitoring centre to mobilise appropriate responses, including emergency services when needed.

Customer Insights

Consultation with service users revealed:

- 88 % want the Council to continue providing Rothercare
- 84 % believe the service offers good value for money
- 40 % cited reassurance in emergencies as the main benefit
- Many want greater choice, including opting out of mandatory charges and access to Wi-Fi-enabled devices
- Suggestions included video support, daily welfare calls, and carer-specific services

Impact

Rothercare contributes to:

- Delaying or avoiding admission to care homes
- Reducing the need for home care
- Supporting strengths-based approaches
- Enhancing wellbeing and safety
- Providing peace of mind for carers and families

Next Steps

The Council aims to:

- Increase awareness of assistive technology
- Expand provision across the borough
- Ensure the service remains responsive, modern, strengths-based and person-centred

CASE STUDY:

East Herringthorpe – Inclusive and Energy-Efficient Housing

At the Northern Housing Awards 2025, Rotherham Council's housing development in East Herringthorpe was named Best Affordable Housing Development (up to £5m).

The scheme delivered ten affordable homes, including the Council's first one-bedroom houses and a four-bedroom dormer-style bungalow designed to meet the needs of a household with complex health challenges. The homes were built with energy-efficient features such as Air Source Heat Pumps, solar panels, underfloor heating, and mechanical ventilation with heat recovery, aimed at reducing running costs and improving indoor comfort.

This development forms part of the Council's wider ambition to deliver 1,000 additional homes by 2027. As part of this programme, the 650th property was acquired in February 2025, and the 700th in July 2025, marking continued progress in expanding the borough's housing stock.

The homes delivered through the Housing Growth Programme are designed to meet the needs of Rotherham's diverse population, including residents with protected characteristics, those facing health or mobility challenges, and people struggling due to the ongoing cost-of-living crisis.

Tenants across the programme have shared how their new homes have made a difference:

"We haven't had a shower before and this met the medical needs of our son. Outside it's very private and a double drive allows easy access in and out of our vehicle. All block paved in the area on the estate, so all looks smart."



"We love the house. The best thing is the downstairs toilet, as I have children with additional needs, so this is easy to get to. The garden is a nice size too."

Tenants at East Herringthorpe also reported significant improvements to their wellbeing:

"This move has improved my mental health, decreased my anxiety, and reduced my bills – it's life changing."

"I can now move around freely and no longer feel embarrassed having visitors. It's given my children their childhood back."

Ian Spicer, Strategic Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health, said:

"In 2018 we made a commitment to support our residents with their housing needs by providing an additional 1,000 affordable council homes for local people to rent by 2027 and we will deliver on this.

These homes are well-built and designed to be affordable to run, which is vital as households face rising energy costs.

This award is testament to the hard work and commitment of all those involved in the development, but the biggest achievement is the impact that the homes are having on the tenants."

The scheme was delivered by local contractors R H Fullwood & Co Ltd., with delivery led by the Council's Strategic Housing and Development team.



***Alex Young** and **Uzma Sattar** from **Rotherham Council's Strategic Housing and Development team** collecting their award at the Northern Housing Awards.*

THEME 4: DIVERSE AND ENGAGED WORKFORCE

In 2024/2025, we focused on strengthening our workforce by promoting diversity, engagement, and wellbeing. This work has been central to building a culture where staff feel valued, empowered, and supported to deliver high-quality services. It has also enhanced collaboration across teams and with the communities we serve.

In 2024/25, the Council's key achievements included:

- **A wellbeing event for frontline staff at the Hellaby Depot** offered support on mental health, finances, and general wellbeing, with help from local organisations. Around 200 employees attended and found the event valuable and informative. Many said they would follow up with the services they learned about.
- **A self-defence class was held for female staff at Rotherham Council,** teaching practical techniques to boost safety and confidence. The session was well received, with participants finding it both useful and empowering. Due to strong interest, more workshops are being planned.
- **Staff attended a session about Ramadan** to better understand how religious festivals affect people's lives and engagement with services. It encouraged empathy, cultural awareness, and inclusive customer service. Feedback was positive, with staff appreciating the respectful and informative approach.
- **Between November and December 2024, Rotherham Council carried out engagement activities with over 200 individuals** from a wide range of organisations, including Wales High School, St Bernard's School, Sheffield Hallam University, and members of Black and Minority Ethnic communities. The Council also held focus groups and workshops with internal staff networks to gather insights from its own workforce. The purpose of this engagement was to understand how different communities perceive RMBC as an employer and to explore innovative, inclusive ways to attract, recruit, develop, and retain a more diverse workforce.



CASE STUDY:

Embedding Community Strengths-Based Approaches in Rotherham

Between October 2024 and July 2025, the Council undertook a programme to embed Community Strengths-Based Approaches across its workforce. This initiative was part of a commitment to working in partnership with communities, recognising their assets, and fostering a culture of empowerment and collaboration.

To deliver the training, the council commissioned experts from Leeds City Council and the "We Are Seacroft" Asset-Based Community Development team, whose work has been nationally recognised for its innovative, community-led approach.

Eight sessions were delivered between October and December 2024, with a further four sessions in July 2025. Around 200 people took part in the training, including external partners.

This work complemented the council's online module on strengths-based approaches, which has now been completed by over 1,800 staff members.

Why It Matters

The motivation behind the training was clear: to embed strengths-based thinking across the organisation and support a shift in how services engage with communities. This approach aligns with Rotherham's commitment to:

- Locality working
- Staff development
- Community empowerment
- Cross-directorate collaboration

By focusing on what communities already have – rather than what they lack – the council aims to build more resilient, connected, and self-sustaining neighbourhoods.

Importantly, this training helps staff work more effectively with and empower some of the most vulnerable and diverse communities in the borough, ensuring that services are inclusive, responsive, and shaped by lived experience.



Outcomes and Impact

The training has already led to several positive developments:

- Community of Practice: a quarterly forum has been established where colleagues share learning, reflect on practice, and build a shared understanding of strengths-based work.
- Strategic Integration: the principles are being embedded in key documents, including the Council Plan, service plans, and individual year ahead plans.

What People Said

Feedback from participants has been overwhelmingly positive. One attendee said:

"Really engaging speakers. I learnt a lot and it changed my way of thinking. I feel more empowered to do the difficult thing – engaging early on with communities."

This reflects a broader shift in mindset across the organisation – from delivering services to building relationships.

Looking Ahead

The Council remains committed to embedding strengths-based approaches as a core part of its work. With continued leadership support, a growing network of champions, and strong community partnerships, the council is building a culture where staff are empowered, communities are valued, and services are shaped by the people they serve.

CASE STUDY:

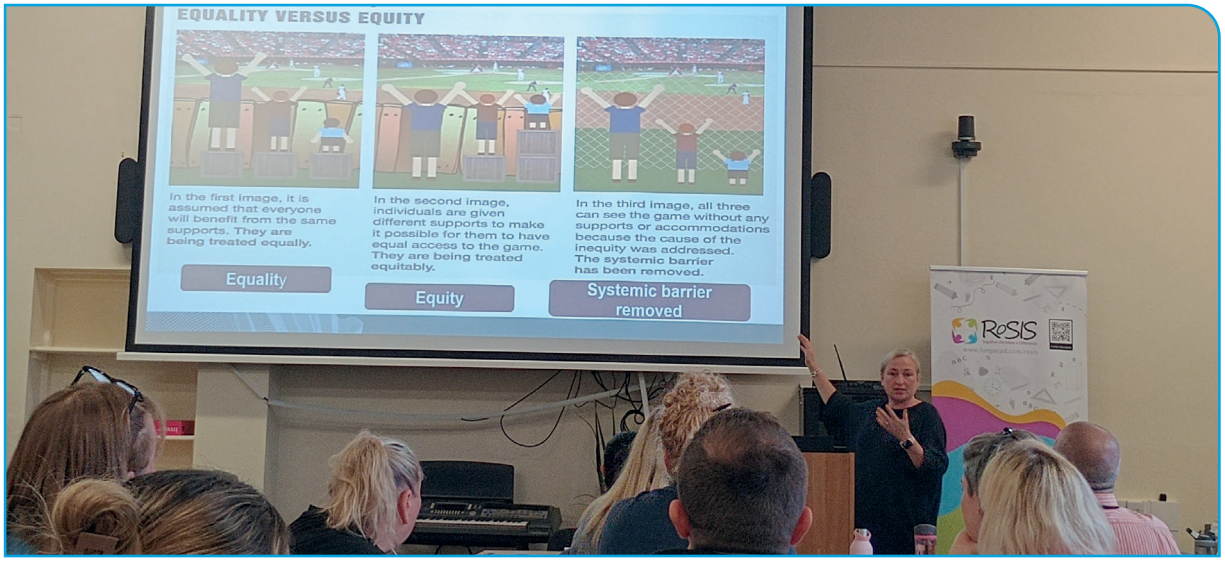
Embedding Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in Adult Social Care

Equality and diversity training is a mandatory requirement for all social care practitioners. In April 2024, the service began rolling out a programme of fifteen one-day diversity, equality and inclusion courses, scheduled for completion by June 2025.

In November 2024, assistant directors in Adult Social Care planned and led two whole service events focused on equality, diversity and inclusion. These events were attended by over 100 staff, including middle and senior managers, and provided a valuable opportunity to reflect on practice, share learning, and reinforce the Council's commitment to inclusive service delivery.

Building on this momentum, from May 2025 through to June 2026, Adult Social Care will deliver fifteen one-day cultural competence training courses for the workforce, alongside four sessions tailored for 59 elected members. These courses are designed to equip both practitioners and councillors with the knowledge, skills, and behaviours needed to work effectively and respectfully with individuals from diverse cultural, religious, ethnic, and social backgrounds.

The programme is currently being reviewed at a corporate level to explore how elements of the training could be incorporated into the Council's wider workforce development offer.



LOOKING AHEAD

Some of the key actions for 2025/26 are set out below.

THEME 1: UNDERSTANDING, LISTENING TO AND WORKING WITH ROTHERHAM'S COMMUNITIES

- Delivery of ward plans shaped by meaningful engagement with local communities.
- Refreshing the Thriving Neighbourhood Strategy to reaffirm the Council's commitment to working collaboratively with communities and integrating locality-based services.
- Deliver the Community Cohesion Grant Fund to support and strengthen communities across Rotherham.
- Co-design a new Tenant Engagement Framework to empower tenants to shape housing services and influence neighbourhood improvements.

THEME 2: DELIVERING ACCESSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE SERVICES THAT MEET DIVERSE NEEDS

- Tackle hate crime and its drivers by delivering educational sessions to 600 young people and 55 individuals, promoting understanding and inclusion.
- Deliver the SEND Centre at Eric Manns Building, enabling Rotherham Parents Carers Forum to provide dedicated support for children with SEND.
- Open the new Castle View Day Service to provide meaningful day opportunities for people with high support needs.
- Support 25 young people aged 16–25 into paid employment through traineeships and internships as part of the Children's Capital of Culture Programme.
- Improve service accessibility and convenience through the expansion of digital booking and payment options.

THEME 3: PROVIDING LEADERSHIP AND ORGANISATIONAL COMMITMENT TO PROMOTE EQUALITIES

- Deliver the Learning Disability Strategy priorities for 2025, which will include a new transition pathway for young people preparing for adulthood, increasing the number of young people accessing employment opportunities and embedding the voice of the young person in their care and support journey.
- Further embed inclusive and strength-based working across the Council and its partners through a targeted learning and development programme for staff and Elected Members.
- We will demonstrate leadership in inclusive and ethical practice by delivering Phase 2 of the Social Value Action Plan across commissioning and partnerships.
- Embed the Rotherham Adult Social Care Always Listening Co-Production Board (RASCAL) within the approach to change across adult social care.

THEME 4: ENSURING A DIVERSE AND ENGAGED WORKFORCE

- Aim for over 50% staff participation in the Employee Opinion Survey to better understand engagement and satisfaction levels.
- Support workforce diversity and development by delivering the Apprenticeship Action Plan and expanding borough-wide apprenticeship opportunities through strategic partnerships.
- Strengthen workforce inclusion and succession planning by delivering the Career Pathways Programme, offering diverse entry routes through internships, apprenticeships, and graduate schemes.
- Refresh the Council's recruitment approach through community engagement, jobs fairs, and strategic partnerships to attract applicants who reflect the diversity of Rotherham's communities.

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Inclusion Strategy

Consultation Report

December 2025



Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

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1. Introduction and background

In late summer and autumn 2025, the Council carried out a public consultation on its approach to equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) to inform the development of a new inclusion strategy, which will replace the EDI strategy 2022-2025. This involved a 14-week public consultation period, including focus groups and an online survey.

The aim of the consultation was to hear people's views, gather their feedback on the existing themes, and understand their experiences to help shape the new inclusion strategy. This exercise is vital to fulfilling our duty to consider how our work, policies and decisions affect diverse communities and to reduce disadvantage for people with protected characteristics. It also helps us fulfil our obligations to protect staff and customers from discrimination.

The Public Sector Equality Duty (Equality Act 2010) requires us to have due regard to:

- Eliminating discrimination
- Advancing equality of opportunity
- Fostering good relations

The nine protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 are: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.

This report outlines the methodology used, the engagement profile of respondents, the main themes from the consultation, quantitative and qualitative analyses of the survey results, and a conclusion summarising the findings.

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2. Methodology

The consultation began on 6 August 2025 and ran to 12 November 2025. During this time, Rotherham residents were consulted via a survey (online and print copies) and a series of focus groups and other engagement activities. The online survey was available on the Council website from 22 August to 27 October 2025. It was promoted to staff and residents via e-bulletins, social media, and the focus groups. A total of 12 focus groups were held to ensure a wide range of people from protected characteristics groups could participate in the consultation and provide more in-depth views and feedback.

The focus groups organised around protected characteristics were arranged through local community organisations, as well as internally with staff groups sharing protected characteristics. Full details of the groups involved are outlined in section 3 (engagement profile) below.

The focus groups involved semi-structured and open conversations around inclusion issues. Although the aim of the conversations was to be as free flowing as possible, prompts were provided for facilitators to set the tone for the discussion, or to ensure that certain topic areas were covered. These prompts included:

- Do you have any general comments about inclusion issues in Rotherham? (what does inclusion mean to you?)
- Which issues are most important to you?

- What is your experience of accessing Council services or working with the Council?
- What affects you the most?
- What improvements or changes do you think are important?
- In what ways do you think the council can understand, listen to, and work with Rotherham communities?
- What are the important things to consider when trying to deliver accessible and responsive services that meet diverse needs?
- How can the Council provide leadership and actively promote equality?

Following the close of the consultation, notes and written comments on the survey were analysed by identifying themes across responses, and survey responses were also analysed statistically.

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3. Engagement profile

A total of **22** responses were received through the online survey, with 12 **(54.5 %)** respondents providing consent for the Council to use their equalities monitoring information. While the feedback is valuable, the number of responses represents a small sample size and is unlikely to fully reflect the views of the whole borough.

Age **(22.7%** of respondents provided an answer): 0-15 0%, 16-24 0%, 25-64 100%, 65 and over 0%.

Gender **(54.5%** of respondents provided an answer): 27.3% female, 18.2% male, 2.6% other, 45.5% no response.

Gender reassignment **(54.5%** of respondents provided an answer): 4.5% transgender, 4.5% prefer not to say, 45.5% no, 45.5% no response.

Sexuality **(54.5%** of respondents provided an answer): gay/lesbian 18.2%, heterosexual/straight 13.6%, other 9.1%, prefer not to say 9.1%, bisexual 4.5%, 45.5% no response.

Marital status (**54.5%** of respondents provided an answer): married 18.2%, living with partner 13.6%, prefer not to say 13.6%, divorced/separated 4.5%, single 4.5%, 45.5% no response.

Pregnancy and maternity (**54.5%** of respondents provided an answer): no 45.5%, prefer not to say 9.1%, 45.5% no response.

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Disability (**54.5%** of respondents provided an answer): 36.4% long-term disability, 13.6% no disability, 4.5% prefer not to say, 45.5% no response.

Ethnicity (**54.5%** of respondents provided an answer): 4.5% Asian or Asian British – Pakistani, 4.5% prefer not to say, 4.5% White - any other background, 36.4% White – British, 4.5% White – Irish, 45.5% no response.

Religion (**54.5%** of respondents provided a response): 22.7% no religion, 13.6% Christian (all denominations), 9.1% prefer not to say, 4.5% Jewish, 4.5% Muslim, 45.5% no response.

Refugee or asylum seeker status (**54.5%** of respondents provided a response): 45.5% neither, 9.1% prefer not to say, 45.5% no response.

Carer (**54.5%** of respondents provided a response): 22.7% yes, 22.7% no, 9.1% prefer not to say, 45.5% no response.

Focus groups

There were 12 focus groups in total. Three took place online, eight were held in person and one was a hybrid meeting. The focus groups engaged with borough residents and staff, ensuring representation from a wide range of demographics and organisations/service users representing specific cohorts (e.g. ethnicity, sexuality, gender, disabilities, age).

Date	Name of group	No. of attendees	Membership/groups attending	Online/in person
6 August 2025	VCS focus group at Voluntary Action Rotherham	6	Rainbow Project, Voluntary Action Rotherham, NHS Mental Health Community Connectors, Rotherham United Community Sports Trust, Rotherfed	In person
7 August 2025	Sense	50	Sense service users, carers and staff	In person
7 August 2025	RMBC internal staff networks	11	RMBC staff	Hybrid
19 August 2025	VCS online focus group	5	Rotherham Ethnic Minority Alliance, Rotherham Muslim Community Forum, SEND Youth Club, Clifton Learning Partnership, Voluntary Action Rotherham	Online
19 August 2025	Rainbow Project	15	Staff members and service users	In person
21 August 2025	Faith Leaders	6	Faith group leaders from across Rotherham	Online
2 September 2025	Steel City Consultancy	24	Community group focused on supporting women and their families. 2 sessions hosted for service users – one for women (18 attendees) and one for men (6 attendees)	In person
5 September 2025	Sight and Sound	13	Service users and staff	In person

10 September 2025	Youth Cabinet	9	Youth Cabinet members	In person
12 September 2025	Our Borough That Cares	11	Member organisations and RMBC staff	Online
26 September 2025	Deaf Futures	27	Service users, carers and BSL interpreters	In person
12 November 2025	United Multicultural Centre	18	Service users and staff	In person

Any specific issues raised in these focus groups have been fed back to relevant services, and the main themes and findings are outlined in section 4.2 below.

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4. Findings from the consultation and engagement methods

The following section outlines the findings from each of the consultation and engagement methods and summarises common themes.

4.1 Online survey

The online survey asked respondents a number of questions, as below. There were 22 responses received in total. To encourage further responses, the survey period was extended and it was promoted through various networks and channels.

Q1. Do you feel that [the current strategy's] priorities are something we should all work towards?	Number	Percentage
Strongly agree	13	59.1%
Agree	3	13.6%
Neither agree nor disagree	3	13.6%
Disagree	2	9.1%
Strongly disagree	1	4.5%

Respondents were then given an opportunity to expand on their view, with 14 participants providing additional comments, including:

- Recruitment for a diverse and engaged workforce should be offered to the most qualified applicants, rather than based upon protected characteristics.
- Everyone is important and should have equal access to services.
- The current priorities are too broad; without specific commitments, they risk being open to interpretation and may not lead to meaningful change.
- Women's safety in the workplace should be recognised as a key issue.
- The voices of underrepresented groups must be actively heard and included.
- Delivery and accountability should be central to all Council services.
- Leadership should model inclusive behaviours throughout the organisation.
- Communication aids and tools should be available for vulnerable individuals at Riverside House, such as those who are deaf or visually impaired.

- Greater provision should be made for older people.

Respondents were asked to comment on ***objective 1 of the current strategy: "understanding, listening to, and working with Rotherham's communities"***. Of the 22 survey participants, 14 (63.6%) provided comments, while 8 (36.4%) did not.

Respondents offered a range of suggestions, including:

- Consultation with communities should take place after the strategy's scope has been defined by councillors and the leadership team.
- Creative industries should be recognised as vital community assets.
- Engagement must ensure all voices are heard, especially those who feel overlooked during previous consultations.
- The Council should be more open, transparent, and welcoming in its approach.
- Promotion of consultations needs to be improved to increase participation.
- Greater support is needed for Council staff equality networks.
- The Council should commit to delivering all priorities outlined in the strategy.
- A clear definition of "communities" is needed to guide inclusive engagement.
- Specific issues such as women's safety, disability access, and LGBTQ+ inclusion must be explicitly recognised to avoid being overlooked.
- The strategy should include a commitment to equity not just equality to ensure engagement leads to meaningful and fair outcomes.
- Groups most at risk of marginalisation should be explicitly named and considered throughout the strategy.

Respondents were asked to comment on ***objective 2 of the current strategy: "delivering accessible and responsive services that meet diverse needs"***. Of the 22 survey participants, 15 (68.2%) provided comments, while 7 (31.8%) did not.

Recommendations for improvement from respondents included:

- The strategy should explicitly reference safety, safeguarding, and protection from harassment, particularly for individuals in public-facing roles or services.
- The Council should actively engage with the community in the delivery and implementation of the finalised strategy.
- Greater emphasis should be placed on in-person support, recognising that many residents lack the facilities or digital literacy to access online services.
- Acknowledge that some community members rely on relatives or support workers to access services at Riverside House, and ensure provision to accommodate this.
- Ensure service information is accessible and clearly promotes the availability of translation and interpretation services for those requiring additional support.
- Provide comprehensive training for staff to better support customers, particularly in understanding and responding to the needs of individuals with disabilities.
- Reword the priority to: "meeting the needs of people and delivering inclusive services."

Respondents were asked to comment on ***objective 3 of the current strategy: "providing leadership and organisational commitment to actively promote equalities".*** Of the 22 survey participants, 11 (50%) provided comments, while 11 (50%) did not.

Respondents offered a range of suggestions, including:

- Place stronger emphasis on equity, accountability, and explicit protections for women and other marginalised groups.
- Replace the word "promote" in the heading of the priority, as its meaning is unclear. Consider using alternatives such as "encourage," "support," or "model behaviours."
- Celebrate cohesive and inclusive communities.
- Ensure that all Council staff voices are heard, potentially through suggestion boxes placed in Council buildings.
- Establish a dedicated equalities team to lead on this agenda and ensure appropriate action is taken across the organisation.
- Promote leadership transparency and accountability, while also inspiring pride among the workforce.

Respondents were asked to comment on ***objective 4 of the current strategy: "ensuring a diverse and engaged workforce".*** Of the 22 survey participants, 12 (54.5%) provided comments, while 10 (45.5%) did not.

Recommendations from respondents for improvement included:

- Support unemployed individuals through workplace placements to equip them with the skills and knowledge needed to secure employment.
- Improving Council staff skills is essential to ensure service users are successfully supported.
- The best person for the job should be selected based on merit, not on their protected characteristics.
- Staff equality networks are a positive initiative; however, there needs to be clear direction and promotion of the benefits of participation, to enable constructive challenge in the delivery of corporate strategies.
- Develop a workforce that reflects the diversity of the town, including engagement with communities whose first language is not English.
- There should be explicit policies and enforcement mechanisms addressing sexual harassment, sexist behaviour, and gender-based discrimination.
- Monitor representation by grade, level, gender, ethnicity, and disability; track retention, promotion, and reasons for exit; and record incidents of harassment and discrimination.
- The advertising and recruitment process for Council roles is slow, which increases the risk of applicants accepting positions elsewhere.

The final question gave respondents the opportunity to provide additional comments about the consultation. Of the 22 survey participants, 6 (27.3%) provided comments, while 16 (72.7%) did not.

Respondents offered a range of suggestions, including:

- Once the strategy is live, bring it to communities in each ward to invite challenge and share updates on the work being undertaken.

- The current four priorities are too generic and open to interpretation.
- Clearly define "communities," as it is unclear who the Council is working with to deliver improvements.
- A question emerged regarding how the objectives will be delivered, as they currently read more like statements than actionable goals.
- There is no terminology or mention of LGBTQ+ people.
- Refer to the Tourism Strategy as an example of accessible information and effective community engagement

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4.2 Summary of findings across focus groups

A total of **195** service users, carers, and staff from community equality networks participated in the consultation. While there is a history of engagement on key policies, strategies, and service design, frustrations remain due to a lack of feedback on what has been achieved and what actions are possible based on community input. Despite this, there is a strong interest in working collaboratively with the Council and a sense of optimism that meaningful change can occur.

At the start of each focus group session, participants were asked the question, ***"what does inclusion mean to you?"***. A word cloud has been created to visually represent the responses shared.
Common themes that emerged included feeling connected, having access to opportunities and services, being treated with respect, feeling safe, and the importance of inclusion, leadership, and the Council setting a positive example.



Community experiences of accessing Council services or engaging on matters of inclusion were generally negative.
Key concerns raised include:

- **Lack of transparency and communication**: Feedback from consultation exercises is not consistently shared with communities, and there is limited explanation of how decisions are made.
- **Feelings of frustration**: Many feel unheard and unable to access services that meet their specific needs.
- **Barriers to inclusive service delivery**: There is a lack of appropriate knowledge and understanding among staff on how to effectively support customers with additional needs, which negatively impacts the customer experience.

Recommendations from service users for improvement include:

1. Engage communities early in the process to ensure their voices help shape strategies before they are developed.
2. Establish Inclusion Champions across the organisation to support services in working more effectively and inclusively with all customers.

3. Hold dedicated question-and-answer sessions with customers who have accessibility needs to gain a deeper understanding of the barriers they face and to identify the specific support required to improve their experience.
4. Develop clear, inclusive, and accessible policies that actively promote equity, foster a sense of belonging, and ensure all individuals can engage with services confidently and without barriers.
5. Raise awareness of available translation services to support effective communication of individual needs and ensure people are directed to the appropriate services.

A wide range of concerns were shared in response to the question, ***"what inclusion issues are most important to communities?"*** These have been visually represented in a word cloud to acknowledge all responses (see below). Where relevant, officers carrying out the consultation contacted specific services on the issues raised, helping to ensure that feedback is acted on. The top 10 issues were:

1. **Accessible communications:** Ensure information is available in different languages, formats, and with text-to-voice assistance on the Council website.
2. **Feeling safe:** Concerns around safety are influenced by several factors, including a lack of visible police and community support officer presence, inadequate street lighting, public disorder, and the negative reputation of certain areas within the borough. These issues contribute to individuals feeling unsafe and discourage them from accessing public spaces, particularly during the evening.
3. **Accessible Council services:** Clear advertisement about service availability, particularly for community drop-in events, is essential to ensure residents know when and where they can access support. It is recommended that contact details be consistently displayed on officer email signatures, promotional leaflets, and across all materials outlining the support offer, to improve accessibility and engagement.
4. **Learning from residents' experiences:** Communities have shared valuable feedback through consultations, engagement activities, and customer satisfaction surveys to help improve the customer experience. However, there is a sense among respondents that appropriate actions are not being taken, as decisions and outcomes are not consistently reported back to community equality networks.
5. **Advocacy:** To ensure all residents can access Council services equitably, support should be available for completing customer forms, particularly for those who may face barriers. Additionally, the promotion of translation and interpretation services is essential to help residents with language needs engage confidently and effectively with available support.
6. **Revitalisation of towns and villages:** While significant regeneration is underway in Rotherham town centre and towns such as Wath, Dinnington, and Swinton have benefited from government investment, there is a shared view that all areas across the borough should be improved. This would help reduce inequalities and ensure that every community has access to vibrant, well-supported local environments.
7. **Council supporting the integration of communities:** To help ensure that all communities feel connected and have equal access to opportunities, it was suggested that Council officers regularly attend community equality network

meetings and maintain a visible presence within local neighbourhoods. This approach would strengthen relationships, build trust, and support the integration of diverse communities across the borough.

8. **Customer care training for Council staff:** There have been instances where residents reported negative experiences when interacting with Council staff, particularly at Riverside House and via telephone. Common concerns include enquiries not being appropriately addressed and individuals being directed to access services online, even when this option is not suitable. It is recommended that Council staff receive training focused on understanding and supporting individuals with accessibility needs, and on delivering respectful, inclusive customer service.
9. **Parking, health support, perception of the Council:** Equal number of votes were received across these three priorities, highlighting their shared importance to residents. Pavement parking is particularly problematic for wheelchair users and individuals with visual impairments, as obstructed pathways limit safe and independent movement. Long waiting lists and limited funding for health services are causing frustration among residents who feel their needs are not being met in a timely manner. Some residents expressed discomfort in accessing Council services, citing unwelcoming environments in Council buildings and unhelpful interactions with staff.
10. **Litter:** A clean and well-maintained environment is essential for supporting healthy communities and encouraging the use of shared spaces across the borough. This includes reliable waste collection services and effective education around recycling, which are key to preventing issues such as rodent infestations and promoting environmental responsibility.



The top 5 priorities that emerged for the objective ***"in what ways do you think the Council can understand, listen to, and work with Rotherham communities?"***, are as follows:

1. **Partnering with communities:** Co-produce solutions with communities to ensure services reflect lived experiences and local needs. Embed strengths-based approaches and training to empower both staff and residents in shaping inclusive services.
2. **Accessible communications:** Ensure information is available in different languages, formats, and with text-to-voice assistance on the Council website. Recognise that not all members of the community are digitally enabled - engage through alternative channels such as libraries, schools, and places of worship.
3. **Feedback from consultations:** Consultation feedback is not consistently shared with communities, and there is often a lack of clarity around how decisions are made. This contributes to negative perceptions of the Council and a lack of trust in the consultation process.
4. **Council to lead by example:** As one of the largest employers in the borough, the Council has a vital role in shaping perceptions of the town. It is essential to foster a culture where all members of the community and employees feel valued, supported, and included, ensuring local needs are recognised and addressed through inclusive leadership and practice.
5. **Voices of children and young people:** The Youth Cabinet plays a vital role in representing the views of children and young people across the borough. It is essential that the Council continues to support its work and promote the value of youth participation in shaping local policies and services.

Three top priorities, each receiving an equal number of votes, emerged from responses to the question, ***"in what ways do you think the Council can understand, listen to, and work with Rotherham communities?",*** and aligned closely with the objective, ***"how can the Council provide leadership and actively promote inclusion?"*** These priorities are:

1. **Accessible services and communications:** Ensure services are clearly advertised, including details on availability, eligibility criteria, and the support offered. Collaborate with local partner organisations to effectively communicate key messages to diverse communities.
2. **Perception of the Council:** To strengthen trust and improve perceptions of the Council, councillors, officers, volunteers, and community members should work collaboratively on local issues. Building these partnerships can foster stronger community bonds and demonstrate a shared commitment to inclusive and responsive service delivery.
3. **Council to lead by example:** Empowering the Council's leadership team to champion inclusion and embed inclusive practices throughout the workplace. The Council must lead by example by developing clear, inclusive, and accessible policies that promote equity and belonging. Host events to commemorate religious and cultural festivals, creating opportunities for people, groups, and communities to come together, share experiences, and foster understanding. Councillors and Council officers to meet regularly with community members to understand their needs and act on concerns shared.

The top 3 important things to consider for the objective ***"delivering accessible and responsive services that meet diverse needs"*** were:

1. **Valuing community facilities and accessible communications:** Communities rely heavily on local amenities, such as libraries, customer service centres, and community hubs to support overall health and wellbeing. There is a strong recognition of the need for continued investment to ensure these services remain operational and that facilities are well-maintained. Equally important is the provision of accessible communication, including materials available in multiple languages and formats, to ensure all customers can engage with services effectively.
2. **Training of volunteers to support communities:** Volunteers play a vital role in supporting the most vulnerable individuals, offering both practical assistance and emotional support. Investing in their training ensures they are equipped with the skills and knowledge needed to respond effectively and compassionately to diverse community needs.
3. **Engage service users in the co-design and co-delivery of services:** Involving local communities in the development of policies, strategies, and services ensures that their needs are accurately understood and addressed.

The top 3 actions that could be taken in response to the objective ***"ensure that the Council and other agencies have a diverse and engaged workforce"*** included:

1. **Leadership accountability:** Ensure leadership accountability by integrating diversity and inclusion into performance objectives and evaluation frameworks.
2. **Reputation of the Council:** Equip Council officers with the skills, knowledge, and training needed to succeed in their roles and progress within the organisation. Encourage staff to model positive behaviours within the community. Ensure employees feel heard and valued, particularly when consulted on new policies and procedures.
3. **Workforce diversity:** Share workforce diversity data with internal staff networks to inform and support inclusive recruitment campaigns and workforce planning**.**

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5. Overall summary

The main points that arose across all methods of engagement focused on the following:

Feeling safe, secure and listened to – including how the council works with, listens to and engages with all communities in Rotherham:

- **Partnering with and listening to communities:** Co-produce solutions with communities to ensure services reflect lived experiences and local needs. Engagement must be inclusive and ensure all voices are heard, particularly those who have felt overlooked in previous consultations. A clear definition of "communities" is needed to guide meaningful and inclusive engagement.
- **Feedback from consultations:** Feedback from consultations is not consistently shared with communities, and there is often a lack of transparency around how decisions are made. This contributes to negative perceptions of the Council and a lack of trust in the consultation process.

Promotion of consultations should be improved to increase participation. Engagement with communities should take place after the strategy's scope has been defined by councillors and the leadership team, and there should be an open dialogue to share how the Council has acted on people's feedback.

- **Feeling safe and welcome:** As one of the largest employers in the borough, the Council plays a vital role in shaping perceptions of the town. It is essential to foster a culture where all community members and employees feel valued, supported, safe and included. Local needs should be recognised and addressed through inclusive leadership and practice. The Council should adopt a more open and transparent approach to ensuring that all towns, villages and areas across Rotherham are welcoming spaces for everyone so that people always feel safe.

Accessibility and ensuring council services consider different needs, especially when dealing with individual issues. This included:

- **Customer experience:** Feedback on customer experience was generally negative, with participants reporting difficulties in contacting the Council. Many were signposted to incorrect departments or found that their enquiries could not be resolved promptly. In order to improve the overall customer experience, respondents recommended that Council officers receive additional training on the structure and operations of Council services, as well as on how to effectively support communities requiring extra assistance. There was limited confidence expressed that the Council would deliver meaningful improvements in response to the feedback received through this consultation.

- **Accessible services:** Greater emphasis should be placed on in-person support, recognising that many residents lack the facilities or digital literacy to access online services. Given that some community members rely on relatives or support workers to access services at Riverside House, there should be provision to accommodate this.

- **Accessible communications:** Ensure service information is accessible and clearly promotes the availability of translation and interpretation services for those requiring additional support. Participants also highlighted the need for accessible communication tools to support people with disabilities. One example was the inclusion of a text-to-speech function on the Council's website, which would benefit users with visual impairments, dyslexia, or those who prefer auditory content.

Another theme focused on the council acting as a leader, celebrating and championing inclusivity. This included:

- **Celebrating cohesive and inclusive communities**: Host events in community spaces, such as churches and community centres across the borough to promote inclusion and ensure everyone can access the provision.

- **Leadership:** Encourage transparency and accountability within leadership, while also inspiring pride among the workforce. Ensure all Council staff voices are heard, for example by placing suggestion boxes in Council buildings.
- **Championing inclusion**: Enable the leadership team to champion inclusion and embed inclusive practices throughout the workplace. Establish a dedicated equalities team to lead on this agenda and ensure appropriate action is taken across the organisation.

Internally, suggestions focussed on the empowerment and development of the Council's workforce. Suggestions included:

- **Employment programmes**: Support unemployed individuals and young people through workplace placements to equip them with the skills and knowledge needed to secure employment.
- **Learning and development**: Improving the skills of Council staff is essential to ensure service users are effectively supported. Enhance the learning and development offer by integrating mentoring programmes and expanding opportunities for professional growth.
- **Recruitment and selection**: Design recruitment campaigns that attract a diverse range of candidates across various roles and service areas. Selection should be based on merit, not on protected characteristics. Develop a workforce that reflects the diversity of the town, including engagement with communities whose first language is not English.

  Address delays in the advertising and recruitment process, which increase the risk of applicants accepting positions elsewhere. Monitor representation by grade, level, gender, ethnicity, and disability; track retention, promotion, and reasons for exit; and record incidents of harassment and discrimination.
- **Equality networks**: Staff equality networks are a positive initiative; however, clearer direction and promotion of their benefits are needed to enable constructive challenge in the delivery of corporate strategies. Leverage these networks to embed inclusive practices and foster trusted, collaborative relationships with Human Resources.

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PART A - Initial Equality Screening Assessment

As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality and diversity.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provide a record of both the process and decision. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions.

Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality and diversity
- whether or not equality and diversity is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an Equality Analysis (Part B).

Further information is available in the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance – see page 9.

1. Title	
Title: Inclusion strategy 2026-2030 and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Annual Report 2024-25	
Directorate: ACX	**Service area: Policy, Performance & Improvement**
Lead person: Michael Holmes	**Contact: Michael.Holmes@rotherham.gov.uk**
Is this a: [X] **Strategy / Policy** [ ] **Service / Function** [ ] **Other** **If other, please specify**	

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening
This screening covers three related documents that will be presented together in a single cabinet report: • **Inclusion Strategy 2026–2030:** A refreshed approach outlining the Council's priorities and commitments on inclusion through to 2029.

- **Equalities Action Plan 2026-27:** Builds on the strategy by detailing specific actions RMBC will deliver in the first year of the strategy. Actions will require their own equalities screenings via the responsible directorate.

- **Equalities Annual Report 2024-25:** Summarises equalities-related activities undertaken during 2024-25 and includes case studies showcasing key achievements.

3. Relevance to equality and diversity

All the Council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – borough wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality and diversity.

The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are.

When considering these questions think about age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, civil partnerships and marriage, pregnancy and maternity and other socio-economic groups e.g. parents, single parents and guardians, carers, looked after children, unemployed and people on low incomes, ex-offenders, victims of domestic violence, homeless people etc.

Questions	Yes	No
Could the proposal have implications regarding the accessibility of services to the whole or wider community?	X	
Could the proposal affect service users?	X	
Has there been or is there likely to be an impact on an individual or group with protected characteristics?	X	
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns regarding the proposal?		X
Could the proposal affect how the Council's services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?	X	
Could the proposal affect the Council's workforce or employment practices?	X	

If you have answered no to all the questions above, please explain the reason

If you have answered **no** to all the questions above please complete **sections 5 and 6.**

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above please complete **section 4.**

4. Considering the impact on equality and diversity

If you have not already done so, the impact on equality and diversity should be considered within your proposals before decisions are made**.**

Considering equality and diversity will help to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and take active steps to create a discrimination free society by meeting a group or individual's needs and encouraging participation.

Please provide specific details for all three areas below using the prompts for guidance and complete an Equality Analysis (Part B).

- **How have you considered equality and diversity?**

Equality and diversity have been considered throughout the production of all three documents. The Inclusion Strategy 2026–2030, Equalities Action Plan 2026-27, and Equalities Annual Report 2024-25—are intrinsically equality-oriented. Together, they refresh the Council's equality objectives, set out a strategic approach to embedding inclusion and equalities across all services, and demonstrate accountability for progress. This work underpins the new Council Plan and ensures that equalities are integrated into everything the Council does, rather than treated as a standalone consideration.

- Key findings

A consultation was undertaken both externally and with council staff on draft equality objectives and key actions over the medium term. The outcomes of the consultation have informed the final strategy and accompanying one-year workplan.

Feedback included:

- It can be difficult to communicate with the Council and accessibility barriers can vary for different groups
- The Council doesn't always appear to act on feedback, explain what action has been taken, or maintain a dialogue with groups
- People sometimes feel unsafe and this can be particularly pronounced for some communities
- There is a view that more deprived places are overlooked
- People want to be part of the solution and co-production - designing services together - is crucial
- Regular engagement mechanisms would help, particularly for those who feel excluded or ignored

- **Actions**

From listening to and analysing the feedback we received, we developed four key themes that underpin the strategy and action plan. These will guide our inclusion-related activities throughout the lifespan of the strategy:

- **Working Together** – Embedding co-production and collaboration so that communities are active partners in designing solutions.
- **Responsive Services** – Ensuring services are accessible, inclusive, and shaped by ongoing dialogue with communities.
- **Welcome Places** – Creating safe, welcoming environments where everyone feels valued and respected.
- **Employer of Choice** – Building a diverse, inclusive workforce and a culture where all employees feel supported and able to thrive.

Date to scope and plan your Equality Analysis:	11/12/2025
Date to complete your Equality Analysis:	12/12/2025
Lead person for your Equality Analysis (Include name and job title):	Paul Stafford Policy Officer

5. Governance, ownership and approval

Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening:

Name	Job title	Date
Michael Holmes	Policy and Strategy Officer	16/12/2025

6. Publishing

This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given.

If this screening relates to a **Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision** a copy of the completed document should be attached as an appendix and published alongside the relevant report.

A copy of **all** screenings should also be sent to equality@rotherham.gov.uk For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file and also published on the Council's Equality and Diversity Internet page.

Date screening completed	12/12/2025
Report title and date	Inclusion strategy 2026-2030 and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Annual Report 2024/25
If relates to a Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision – report date and date sent for publication	09 February 2026
Date screening sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement equality@rotherham.gov.uk	16/12/2025

PART B – Equality Analysis Form

As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality and diversity.

This form:

- Can be used to prompt discussions, ensure that due regard has been given and remove or minimise disadvantage for an individual or group with a protected characteristic
- Involves looking at what steps can be taken to advance and maximise equality as well as eliminate discrimination and negative consequences
- Should be completed before decisions are made, this will remove the need for remedial actions.

Note – An Initial Equality Screening Assessment (Part A) should be completed prior to this form.

When completing this form consider the Equality Act 2010 protected characteristics Age, Disability, Sex, Gender Reassignment, Race, Religion or Belief, Sexual Orientation, Civil Partnerships and Marriage, Pregnancy and Maternity and other socio-economic groups e.g. parents, single parents and guardians, carers, looked after children, unemployed and people on low incomes, ex-offenders, victims of domestic violence, homeless people etc. – see page 11 of Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance.

1. Title	
Equality Analysis title: Inclusion strategy 2026-2030 and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Annual Report 2024-25	
Date of Equality Analysis (EA): 12/12/2025	
Directorate: PSE	**Service area: Policy, Performance & Improvement**
Lead Manager: Michael Holmes	**Contact number: Michael.Holmes@rotherham.gov.uk**
Is this a: [X] **Strategy / Policy** [ ] **Service / Function** [ ] **Other** **If other, please specify**	

2. Names of those involved in the Equality Analysis (Should include minimum of three people) - see page 7 of Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance		
Name	**Organisation**	**Role (eg service user, managers, service specialist)**
Michael Holmes	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council	Policy and Strategy Officer
Paul Stafford	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council	Policy Officer
Oscar Holden	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council	Corporate Improvement Officer

3. What is already known? - see page 10 of Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance

Aim/Scope (who the Policy/Service affects and intended outcomes if known)
This may include a group/s identified by a protected characteristic, others groups or stakeholder/s e.g. service users, employees, partners, members, suppliers etc.)

The Inclusion Strategy 2026–2030 aims to ensure that inclusion is embedded across all RMBC activities within the borough. It primarily affects people with protected characteristics and those facing barriers due to socio-economic circumstances. The intended outcomes are to:

- Expand access to opportunities for all residents.
- Deliver services that meet the needs of diverse communities.
- Work collaboratively with communities to design services that reflect their priorities.
- Create vibrant, safe, and welcoming spaces for everyone.

The strategy focuses on the following themes:

- *Working together* – demonstrating how the Council will continue to engage with residents and, where possible, design and produce services and plans with them, acknowledging the need to proactively reach out to those who find it more difficult to engage.
- *Responsive services* – focused on the importance of listening to residents, consistently providing feedback, and showing how services are being reshaped (where appropriate) in response.
- *Welcoming places* – reflecting concerns about feeling safe, which is a significant issue for some groups.
- *Employer of choice* – outlining ongoing efforts to ensure that the Council's workforce reflects its diverse communities, with an inclusive approach to recruitment and staff engagement.

What equality information is available? (Include any engagement undertaken)

RMBC maintains extensive equality data, gathered through local consultations and national datasets such as the Census and the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. This

information helps us understand the borough's diverse communities and informs inclusive policy development.

About Rotherham

Rotherham is one of four metropolitan boroughs in South Yorkshire. It comprises 25 Council wards, covering urban, suburban, and rural areas. The borough has a population of **276,595 (2024)**, with most residents living in the urban areas of Rotherham.

Equality Profile

Age

- Rotherham's population is ageing: **19.7%** of residents are aged 65 and over (1 in 5 people).
- The borough has a below-average proportion of young adults aged 18–29 (**13.2% vs 15% nationally**), reflecting outward migration for study and work.

Race/Ethnicity

- Rotherham is increasingly diverse, with **31,193 people (11.7%)** from minority ethnic groups (Census 2021).
- The Pakistani community is the largest minority ethnic group after White British.

Gender

- In 2025, full-time female workers in Rotherham earned **75% of male earnings**, compared to **87% nationally**.

Disability

- **56,177 people (21.1%)** have a long-term health condition; **9.8%** report severe limitations (vs **7.5% nationally**).

Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity

- **2.1%** of residents identify as lesbian, gay or bisexual (Census 2021).
- **0.6%** of residents aged 16+ identify as transgender, non-binary or have a gender identity different from their sex at birth (vs **0.5% nationally**).

Religion

- **49% Christian**, **5.1% Muslim**, **39.8% no religion** (Census 2021).

Deprivation

- Rotherham is among the **15% most deprived local authority districts in England**.
- **11,904 children** live in absolute poverty (DWP, 2022/23).
- Life expectancy in the most deprived areas is **9.9 years lower for men** and **9.5 years lower for women** than in the least deprived.
- Healthy life expectancy at birth:

- **Males: 56 years**
- **Females: 55.6 years**
  (England averages: 61.5 and 61.9 years respectively – PHE, 2021–23).

Engagement Overview

Online Survey

- **Total responses:** 22
- **Equalities monitoring consent:** 12 respondents (54.5%)
  Note: Small sample size – findings may not represent the whole borough.

Demographics of respondents

- **Age:** 100% aged 25–64
- **Gender:** Female 27.3%, Male 18.2%, Other 2.6%, No response 45.5%
- **Gender reassignment:** Transgender 4.5%, Prefer not to say 4.5%, No 45.5%, No response 45.5%
- **Sexuality:** Gay/Lesbian 18.2%, Heterosexual 13.6%, Other 9.1%, Bisexual 4.5%, Prefer not to say 9.1%, No response 45.5%
- **Disability:** Long-term disability 36.4%, No disability 13.6%, Prefer not to say 4.5%, No response 45.5%
- **Ethnicity:** White British 36.4%, Asian (Pakistani) 4.5%, White Irish 4.5%, White Other 4.5%, Prefer not to say 4.5%, No response 45.5%
- **Religion:** No religion 22.7%, Christian 13.6%, Jewish 4.5%, Muslim 4.5%, Prefer not to say 9.1%, No response 45.5%
- Other characteristics (marital status, pregnancy/maternity, carer status, refugee/asylum) were also captured.

Focus Groups

- **12 focus groups** held: 3 online, 8 in person, 1 hybrid.
- The focus groups engaged with borough residents and staff, ensuring representation from a wide range of demographics and organisations/service users representing specific cohorts (e.g. ethnicity, sexuality, gender, disabilities, age).

Key messages from engagement

- **Communication barriers:** Difficulty contacting the Council; lack of feedback loops.
- **Safety concerns:** Particularly among some communities; perception that deprived areas are overlooked.
- **Desire for co-production:** Strong appetite for collaborative service design and regular engagement mechanisms.

Are there any gaps in the information that you are aware of?

The consultation process, coupled with use of pre-existing data sets, aimed to minimize gaps in the information available. While some gaps in data are inevitable, the service and the local authority are committed to an ongoing programme of improvement, including regular reviews and the integration of new data sources where possible. This ongoing programme of improvement will include follow up engagement with all groups that have been involved in the engagement process.

What monitoring arrangements have you made to monitor the impact of the policy or service on communities/groups according to their protected characteristics?

The impact of the policy on communities and groups with protected characteristics will be monitored through a combination of structured reporting, governance, and engagement mechanisms:

- **Regular Reporting:** Progress will be tracked through Q2 and Q4 reports to Cabinet on Council Plan Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and Year Ahead Delivery Plan progress.
- **Annual Reviews:** The Equalities Annual Report will provide a review of progress against the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) strategy and workplan. This report will identify forward actions and share good practice through case studies. In addition, an annual action plan will set out key activities across the strategy's four themes and will be subject to oversight through robust internal governance arrangements.
- **Integration into Planning:** Both the Council Plan and annual service plans will explicitly demonstrate how inclusion, equality, and diversity considerations are embedded in the planning and delivery of priority activities.
- **Engagement and Accountability:** Internal staff networks and external representative groups advocating for people with protected characteristics will be actively engaged and provided with opportunities to hold the Council to account.

These arrangements ensure that equality considerations remain central to policy implementation and that progress is transparent, measurable, and informed by stakeholder input.

Engagement undertaken with customers. (date and group(s) consulted and key findings)	**Focus group 1: Voluntary and Community Sector Focus Group – 6th August 2025** Participants included representatives from Rainbow Project, Voluntary Action Rotherham, NHS Mental Health Community Connectors, Rotherham United Community Sports Trust, Rotherfed. They stressed the need for clearer definitions of which communities are represented, acting on feedback, and co-designing solutions. They highlighted that delivering accessible and responsive services should be a top priority, with simplified objectives and stronger leadership to promote equalities. Key concerns included poor customer experience, barriers to accessing services, lack of face-to-face engagement, safety issues, and the

	need for investment in green spaces, regeneration, volunteering, and inclusive communication, alongside calls for a dedicated equalities team and more diverse recruitment practices. **Focus group 2: Sense Centre – 7th August 2025** Participants included Sense service users, carers and staff. They raised concerns about accessibility, customer experience, and inclusion, highlighting poor pavement and road conditions, limited accessible facilities, and challenges with disabled travel passes and cinema seating. They called for better Council communication, staff training, work shadowing with community services, and co-design of inclusive services, alongside improvements in public transport, safety, and consultation processes. Suggestions also included hosting disability awareness events, providing accessible toilets, and creating more opportunities for ethnic minority groups and disabled adults. **Focus group 4: Rainbow Project – 19th August 2025** Participants at Montgomery Hall included staff members and service users. They raised concerns about safety in Rotherham town centre, particularly for LGBTQ+ individuals, and called for more inclusive facilities such as gender-neutral toilets. They highlighted gaps in support for homeless people, the need to improve the night-time economy, and suggested relocating Rotherham Pride to a safer, quieter venue like Clifton Park. Other issues included an intimidating complaints process, poor accessibility at Riverside House, and limited awareness of homelessness services. Recommendations included staff training on equality and sexual health, introducing mystery shoppers to assess inclusivity, and improving website accessibility with features like speech-to-text and customizable display options. **Focus group 5: Faith Leaders – 21st August 2025** Participants from local faith groups praised positive experiences with Council services, citing efficient Parking Services and strong engagement with the mosque during community events. They stressed the need for inclusive public engagement, better promotion of consultations, and clear communication on how feedback shapes decisions. Key priorities included improving town centre safety and regeneration, fostering community cohesion, upgrading civic spaces, and equipping young people to challenge misinformation and understand local democracy

	Focus group 6: Steel City Consultancy – 2nd September 2025 Participants included community groups focused on supporting women and their families. One session was hosted for women and one for men. Residents in Kimberworth raised concerns about inequality in investment, deteriorating environments in areas like Ferham, and barriers to accessing Council services, including long phone wait times and limited face-to-face support. Safety issues, lack of visible policing, and poor communication on consultation outcomes were highlighted, alongside calls for councillor surgeries and better community integration. Additional priorities included overcrowded housing, borough-wide selective licensing, school admission inequalities, inadequate social care, health disparities, and ineffective active travel infrastructure, with participants stressing the need for visible leadership and dedicated funding to address inclusion. **Focus group 7: Sight and Sound – 5th September 2025** Participants at Sight and Sound (service users and staff) highlighted a lack of consistent feedback following consultations, noting that outcomes and decisions are rarely communicated or explained. Key concerns included pavement parking, absence of audible traffic signals for visually impaired residents, missed garden waste collections, and feeling unsafe due to anti-social behaviour. Negative experiences at Riverside House were reported, where residents struggled to access in-person support and were directed online, prompting calls for staff training to ensure inclusive and effective customer service. **Focus group 8: Youth Cabinet - 10th September 2025** Participants from the Rotherham Youth Cabinet highlighted concerns about poor public toilet facilities, lack of free sanitary products, and safety issues when walking home or using green spaces. They stressed the need for better mental health support for young people, improved promotion of services and consultations, and more accessible activities for communities with limited transport options. Suggestions included hosting inclusive community events, providing sustained funding for equality networks, and offering Council work experience

	placements for 16–18-year-olds to build engagement and future opportunities. **Focus group 9: A Borough That Cares Network - 12th September 2025** Participants from the Borough That Cares member organisations and RMBC staff stressed the need for early community engagement before strategies are developed, better support for service users with complex needs, and inclusion champions to provide tailored assistance. Key priorities included building a diverse workforce, fostering a sense of belonging, and improving access to services through libraries and neighbourhood hubs. Recommendations focused on transparent commissioning and funding processes, accessible communication in easy-read and non-digital formats, and regular collaboration with equality networks. Leadership was urged to model inclusive practices consistently, while HR should work with staff networks and partners to embed diversity across the organisation. **Focus group 10: Deaf Futures - 26th September 2025** Participants at Herringthorpe United Reformed Church (service users, carers and BSL interpreters) expressed frustration over decades of feeling unheard and highlighted major barriers to communication, particularly for the deaf community, which has led to isolation and poor mental health. Key concerns included inaccessible phone support, lack of advocacy and translation services at Riverside House, difficulties with online travel pass applications, and inequities in public transport access for disabled and elderly residents. They also called for fairer funding for equality-focused community networks and greater recognition of support for vulnerable individuals. **Focus group 11: United Multicultural Centre – 12th November 2025** Participants at the United Multicultural Centre (service users and staff) stressed that inclusion means equal access to services without discrimination and called for more initiatives to integrate diverse communities. Key concerns included public safety, poor road and pavement conditions, overcrowded housing for refugees, inadequate street lighting, and barriers to accessing Council services due to language and technology issues. Additional priorities were education

	support through English classes, employment pathways, tackling drug-related crime, and improving responsiveness and communication from Council officers. The group supported the Inclusion Strategy objectives but requested regular face-to-face engagement, better promotion of multiculturalism, and more funding for community organisations to strengthen cohesion and deliver accessible services.
Engagement undertaken with staff (date and group(s)consulted and key findings)	**Focus group 3: RMBC Internal Staff Networks – 7th August 2025** Participants from the Council's internal equality networks highlighted the need for more inclusive communication, including translation and accessibility tools like text-to-speech on the Council website. They recommended a unified "One Council" approach, equality champions across directorates, and proactive community recovery efforts to strengthen cohesion. Suggestions for workforce diversity included mentoring programmes, expanded development opportunities, and collaboration between HR and staff networks to remove recruitment barriers. Leadership accountability was seen as critical, with calls to embed inclusion into performance objectives and policies. Participants also stressed co-designing services with users to ensure accessibility and responsiveness.

4. The Analysis - of the actual or likely effect of the Policy or Service (Identify by protected characteristics)

How does the Policy/Service meet the needs of different communities and groups? (Protected characteristics of Age, Disability, Sex, Gender Reassignment, Race, Religion or Belief, Sexual Orientation, Civil Partnerships and Marriage, Pregnancy and Maternity) - see glossary on page 14 of the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance)

The Inclusion Strategy is designed to complement and strengthen the ambitions set out in the Council Plan 2025–2030 by embedding equality, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) principles across all services and decision-making. While the Council Plan established a commitment to fairness and opportunity for all, the Inclusion Strategy provides a framework for delivering these aims in practice.

The strategy ensures that the Council meets its obligations under the Equality Act 2010 and the Public Sector Equality Duty, which require it to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment, and victimisation.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Foster good relations between people from different backgrounds.

It addresses the needs of all protected characteristic groups (Age, Disability, Sex, Gender Reassignment, Race, Religion or Belief, Sexual Orientation, Civil Partnership and Marriage, Pregnancy and Maternity) by:

- **Accessible services**: Improving physical and digital accessibility.
- **Targeted support**: Delivering tailored initiatives alongside inclusive cultural events and community cohesion programmes.
- **Safety and wellbeing**: Working with partners through the Safer Rotherham Partnership to tackle hate crime, improve community safety, and create welcoming spaces for all.
- **Inclusive economy**: Using the Social Value Policy and Employment Solutions service to create jobs, apprenticeships, and training opportunities for underrepresented groups.
- **Workforce diversity**: Strengthening recruitment practices to attract candidates from diverse backgrounds and supporting staff networks.

Some examples of actions that will be undertaken as part of the strategy/action plan include:

Working together

- Roll out the use of new consultation software (Citizen Space) to make the approach more consistent and improve accessibility
- Embed the Rotherham Adult Social Care Always Listening Co-Production Board (RASCAL) within the approach to change across adult social care
- Complete building work on the SEND centre at Eric Manns and hand over to the Rotherham Parents Carers Forum

Responsive Services

- Provide food vouchers, meals and activities to children eligible for free school meals during the school holidays, as part of the Household Support Fund and Holiday Activities and Food programmes.
- Agree an updated Domestic Abuse Strategy to continue to improve the support available to victims and the actions taken to address perpetrators of violence and abuse.
- Commission specialist organisations to embed Individual Placement Support within services already accessed by people on probation, survivors of domestic violence, and those experiencing homelessness.

Welcoming Places

- Support communities across the borough through the delivery of the Community Cohesion Grant fund.
- Tackle hate crime incidents and the drivers of hate crime through the delivery of education and engagement group and individual sessions
- Improve four play areas as part of the children's playground programme, ensuring they are accessible to disabled children

Employer of Choice

- Promote workforce diversity in underrepresented areas of the organisation by using disaggregated data to inform the development of initiatives.

- Develop and implement targeted career development strategies into leadership and management roles for existing staff members from underrepresented groups within the workforce.

- Increase the proportion of new starter apprenticeships created within the Council
- Conduct a training needs analysis of the learning and development offer across the Council to identify where there is variation across directorates. Expand the offer of learning and development based on the needs analysis.

The strategy also commits to co-designing services with communities, ensuring that feedback informs service improvements. Progress will be monitored through annual action plans and ongoing engagement activity.

Does your Policy/Service present any problems or barriers to communities or Groups?

No problems or barriers have been identified. The Inclusion Strategy is specifically designed to reduce and eliminate barriers faced by communities and protected groups, ensuring equitable access to services and promoting fairness across the borough.

Does the Service/Policy provide any positive impact/s including improvements or remove barriers?

Yes. The Inclusion Strategy is designed to deliver positive impacts by promoting equality, improving access to services, and removing barriers that prevent participation. It aims to create fairer opportunities for all communities by addressing inequalities, enhancing customer experience, and ensuring services are inclusive and responsive to diverse needs.

What affect will the Policy/Service have on community relations? (may also need to consider activity which may be perceived as benefiting one group at the expense of another)

The strategy explicitly aims to bring different groups together through the delivery of diverse events and creative programmes, to involve service users generally and particular cohorts who are at risk of exclusion in shaping and designing services, and to make places more welcoming and safer.

Please list any **actions and targets** that need to be taken as a consequence of this assessment on the action plan below and ensure that they are added into your service plan for monitoring purposes – see page 12 of the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance.

5. Summary of findings and Equality Analysis Action Plan

If the analysis is done at the right time, i.e. early before decisions are made, changes should be built in before the policy or change is signed off. This will remove the need for remedial actions. Where this is achieved, the only action required will be to monitor the impact of the policy/service/change on communities or groups according to their protected characteristic - See page 11 of the Equality Screening and Analysis guidance

Title of analysis: Inclusion Strategy 2026-2030 and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Annual Report 2024-25
Directorate and service area: PSE – Policy, Performance and Intelligence
Lead Manager: Michael Holmes
Summary of findings:
The Equality Analysis demonstrates that the Inclusion Strategy 2026–2030, Equalities Action Plan 2026-27, and Equalities Annual Report 2024-25 collectively embed equality, diversity, and inclusion across Council services, aligning with statutory duties under the Equality Act 2010. Engagement through surveys and focus groups highlighted priorities such as improved communication, safety, and co-production, while equality data confirms significant diversity and socio-economic challenges in Rotherham. No adverse impacts were identified; instead, the strategy delivers positive outcomes by removing barriers, promoting fairness, and fostering good relations. Progress will be monitored through quarterly reviews, annual reporting, and ongoing engagement with equality networks to ensure transparency and continuous improvement.

Action/Target	State Protected Characteristics as listed below	Target date (MM/YY)
Initial feedback to groups that took part in the engagement process / ongoing engagement with those groups	All	March 2026 / Ongoing
The action plan will be reviewed quarterly to assess progress	All	April, July, October 26; January, April 27
Annual action plans will be produced to identify specific actions for the year ahead.	All	April 27, April 28, April 29
Annual reports will be produced to review all progress made annually and highlight key achievements and areas for improvement.	All	Late summer each year

***A = Age, D= Disability, S = Sex, GR Gender Reassignment, RE= Race/ Ethnicity, RoB= Religion or Belief, SO= Sexual Orientation, PM= Pregnancy/Maternity, CPM = Civil Partnership or Marriage. C= Carers, O= other groups**

6. Governance, ownership and approval		
Please state those that have approved the Equality Analysis. Approval should be obtained by the Director and approval sought from DLT and the relevant Cabinet Member.		
Name	**Job title**	**Date**
Fiona Boden	Head of Policy, Performance and Intelligence	02/01/2026
Lynsey Linton	Service Director of Human Resources	02/01/2026

7. Publishing	
The Equality Analysis will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given. If this Equality Analysis relates to a **Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision** a copy of the completed document should be attached as an appendix and published alongside the relevant report. A copy should also be sent to equality@rotherham.gov.uk For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file and also published on the Council's Equality and Diversity Internet page.	
Date Equality Analysis completed	16/12/2025
Report title and date	**Inclusion** strategy 2026-2030 and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Annual Report 2024-25
Date report sent for publication	09/01/2026
Date Equality Analysis sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement equality@rotherham.gov.uk	16/12/2025

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Will the decision/proposal impact…	Impact	*If an impact or potential impacts are identified:*			
		Describe impacts or potential impacts on emissions from the Council and its contractors.	*Describe impact or potential impacts on emissions across the Borough as a whole.*	*Describe any measures to mitigate emission impacts*	*Outline any monitoring of emission impacts that will be carried out*
Emissions from non-domestic buildings?	None				
Emissions from transport?	Increase	*Several actions include increased transportation across the Borough, including consultation activities, community support programmes, school careers, and events programmes.*	*Events and other community-based activities may increase transport emissions depending on target audiences and access arrangements.*	*Consider advertising active or public transport as part of external programmes and encourage car sharing or public transport where possible for staff.*	*Emissions for staff transport are monitored annually by the climate change team.*
Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	Increase	*Waste may be increased as a result of events and construction activities. Small amounts of waste may also be produced through consultation activities.*		*Consider the waste hierarchy and inclusion of sustainable materials as part of events planning. Advice can be received through the Council's events environmental champion on this topic and plans for the events progress.*	*Waste management may vary depending on location of event or activity. It will therefore need to be reviewed where monitoring is possible. Alternatively, qualitative monitoring of positive swaps or avoided waste can be monitored.*
Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	None				

Emissions from construction and/or development?	Increase	*Increase in emissions as a result of SEND centre, Eric Manns refurbishment, play area refurbishment and community building facilities investment.*		*Inclusion of carbon monitoring and sustainability considerations in new tenders.*	*Review carbon impact as part of KPIs where feasible.*
Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	None				

Identify any emissions impacts associated with this decision which have not been covered by the above fields:

There are a number of other actions which cannot be assessed at this stage due to their current stage and/or impacts outside of the scope of the Council's emissions boundaries. For example, utilisation of software such as Citizens Space which may hold data on servers or systems outside of the Council's control for monitoring. There are also actions which have minimal obvious emissions which may need to be considered at the implementation stage such as the wider implications of changes to internal organisational policies and governance relating to inclusion. It is likely in these cases that further impact assessments or wider review will be required.

Will the proposal affect Council services' resilience to climate change, or the capacity of people living in the Borough to adapt to climate change?

The strategy itself—aside from the carbon associated with publishing and storing it electronically and producing any paper copies—will not have a direct climate impact. However, the activities arising from the actions within the strategy will. Separate climate impact assessments will be carried out by the relevant teams as part of the governance process when progressing those actions. Some of the actions to increase inclusivity and the Council's ability to listen and learn from residents will put the Council in a better position to effectively respond to climate impacts and support residents to do the same.

Provide a summary of all impacts and mitigation/monitoring measures:

The strategy itself will have minimal direct climate impact, aside from the emissions associated with publishing and storing it electronically and producing any paper copies. To mitigate this, where possible, we will distribute electronic copies rather than printed versions.

A number of actions require in person activities, which are necessary to achieve the required engagement, inclusion and feedback. In these cases mitigations have been presented such as encouraging active travel and public transport though it is noted that in many cases this will not be possible due to the nature of the activity and those involved. Any future activities arising from the strategy's actions may have climate impacts. These will be assessed separately by the relevant teams as part of the governance process before implementation.

Supporting information:	
Climate Impact Assessment Author	Paul Stafford Policy Officer Policy, Performance & Intelligence Policy, Strategy and Engagement
Please outline any research, data or information used to complete this Climate Impact Assessment.	No external documents, research, or datasets were used to complete this assessment. The response is based on the nature of the strategy itself and standard considerations for potential emissions impacts.
If quantities of emissions are relevant to and have been used in this form please identify which conversion factors have been used to quantify impacts.	**N/A**
Validation	Tracking Reference: CIA 577 Louise Preston Climate Change Manager

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Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Public Report
Cabinet

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting
Cabinet – 09 February 2026

Report Title
Business Rates Discretionary Relief Renewals in 2026/27

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?
Yes

Executive Director Approving Submission of the Report
Judith Badger, Executive Director of Corporate Services

Report Author(s)
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Ward(s) Affected
Borough-Wide

Report Summary

To consider the renewal applications for the awards of Discretionary Business Rate Relief for the organisations and premises listed in Appendix 1 of this report. This is in accordance with the Council's Discretionary Business Rates Relief Policy (approved by Officer Delegated Decision on 01/07/2025).

Recommendations

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.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 Business Rates Discretionary Relief Renewals in 2026/27
Appendix 2 Part A Initial Equality Screening Document
Appendix 3 Part B Equality Analysis
Appendix 4 Carbon Impact Assessment

Background Papers

Discretionary Rate Relief Policy - Approved by Officer Delegated Decision on 1 July 2025.

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel
No

Council Approval Required
No

Exempt from the Press and Public
No

Business Rates Discretionary Relief Renewals in 2026/27

1. Background

1.1 Section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act (LGFA) 1988 conveys power on local authorities to allow discretionary relief that would be additional to any mandatory relief that may be applicable.

1.2 The Council can grant discretionary relief to: -

- Registered Charitable Organisations, including Community Amateur Sports Clubs. The relief granted is up to 20% of the rate liability as these organisations are eligible for 80% mandatory rate relief.

- Other organisations or institutions that are not established or conducted for profit and whose aims are charitable or otherwise, philanthropic, religious, concerned with education, social welfare, science, literature or fine arts. Relief can be granted up to 100% of the business rates liability.

- Properties occupied by not-for-profit sports or social clubs, societies or other organisations for the purposes of recreation. Relief can be granted up to 100% of the business rates liability.

- Rate relief to ratepayers – Section 47 of the LGFA 1988 as amended by Section 69 of the Localism Act 2011 gives the Council the discretion to grant relief to any other body, organisation or ratepayer, providing there is a decision of the Council to award relief in those circumstances and it is in the interests of the Council Tax payers in its area.

1.2.1 The Council has operated a system of awarding relief through the application of a Policy that was approved by Officer Delegated Decision on 1 July 2025.

1.2.2 Central Government and councils share every £1 of rates due as follows:

Central Government	50%
South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority	1%
Rotherham MBC	49%

2. Key Issues

2.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the applications from the organisations in Rotherham that are currently awarded Discretionary Rate Relief who have reapplied for relief for the 2026/27 financial year as shown in Appendix 1. The financial implications of awarding relief based on the business rates multipliers for 2026/27, announced by the Government, and on the 2026 Draft Rating List published by the Valuation Office Agency, are set out in Section 6 and Appendix 1 of this report.

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

3.1 Given the discretionary nature of the relief requested, the Council can determine either to award or not award relief.

3.2 In helping Members make such a decision, the Council has put in place a specific Policy framework to consider individual applications. In accordance with that Policy, applications (including supporting documentation) for relief have been considered in line with the qualifying criteria and other considerations set out in that Policy.

3.3 In line with the Council's Business Rates Discretionary Relief Policy, having regard to the financial cost of the proposed relief, the charitable use of the premises and the contribution that these organisations make to the local community, it is recommended that an award for discretionary relief be granted for the applicants as listed in Appendix 1.

3.4 The alternative option is to decline to award relief. This has been rejected as a recommendation as the applications meet the Council's Policy.

3.5 Although the recommendation is to approve the award of Discretionary Business Rate Relief for the organisations listed in Appendix 1 any award must comply with the Subsidy Control Act 2022 before it is applied to the Business Rates Relief account. The Council will therefore undertake an assessment of each of the approved applications before 31st March 2026 to ensure that they meet the requirements of the Act.

4. Consultation on proposal

4.1 The recommendation in the report is based on the application of an existing Policy. There has been no specific consultation carried out in relation to any individual organisation referred to within this report.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

5.1 The applicants will be advised by letter of the outcome of their application for relief within 10 working days of the Cabinet decision.

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

6.1 The applicants have completed a full application for the proposed relief to ensure compliance with the Council's discretionary scheme criteria.

6.2 The estimated total cost of granting the relief for the financial year 2026/27 is set out below in paragraph 6.5 alongside the specific cost to the Council. The figures are based on the business rates multipliers for 2026/27 announced by the Government at the Autumn budget and on the 2026 Draft Rating List published by the Valuation Office Agency at the same time as the Autumn budget.

6.3 As the business rates multipliers are changing from 1 April 2026, assumptions have been made as to the appropriate multiplier to apply when calculating the level of relief and have taken no account of any transitional relief a ratepayer may be entitled to. The transitional relief scheme for 2026/27 has not yet been finalised and is awaiting Regulations being laid in Parliament. Should any ratepayer be entitled to transitional relief, the level of discretionary relief will be reduced to reflect the reduced level of business rates liability.

6.4 As indicated in paragraph 1.2.2, 49% of the cost of the relief is met by the Council with 50% falling on Central Government and 1% on the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service.

6.5 Value of Proposed Business Rates Discretionary Relief Renewals

Year	Total Amount of Relief	Cost to RMBC (49%)
2026/27	£853,572.19	£418,250.37

6.6 There are no direct procurement implications arising from the recommendations detailed in this report.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

7.1 The statutory framework for discretionary relief is set out in the body of the report.

7.2 The recommendation is made in accordance with the Council's Business Rates Discretionary Relief Policy and with consideration to the criteria. A decision to refuse the applications when the criteria set out within the Policy has been met would leave the Council open to legal challenge.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

8.1 There are no direct human resources implications arising from this report.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

9.1 The organisations provide recreational activities and/or support services to children, young people and vulnerable adults throughout the borough which aim to make a difference to the lives of people within the local community.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

10.1 The recommendation in the report is to grant discretionary relief which will positively impact the organisations ensuring continuity of service provision which helps tackle inequality. This recommendation is based on the Council's Discretionary Business Rates Relief Policy under which other businesses may make an application.

10.2 An Initial Equality Screening Document has been completed and attached as Appendix 2. A Part B Equality Analysis was completed on 21/05/2025 and is attached as Appendix 3.

11. Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change

11.1 It is anticipated that an award of relief would not change the organisations' current operational activities and therefore will not impact CO2 emissions.

12. Implications for Partners

12.1. As stated in 1.2.2, 1% of the cost of any relief granted is met by the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority.

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 The Government has issued guidance notes to advise authorities what criteria should be used in considering applications for Discretionary Rate Relief. Authorities have been strongly advised to treat each individual case on its own merits and to not adopt a policy or rule which allows them to not consider each case without proper consideration. In cognisance of these guidance notes, the Council has formally adopted a Policy framework for considering individual discretionary business rates relief applications with the decision to award reserved for Cabinet.

14. Accountable Officers

Rob Mahon, Service Director, Financial Services

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

	Named Officer	**Date**
Chief Executive	John Edwards	21/01/26
Executive Director of Corporate Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	20/01/26
Service Director of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Phil Horsfield	19/01/26

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This report is published on the Council's website.

Appendix 1 – Busniess Discretionary Relief Renewals in 2026-27

Ratepayer	Address	Rateable Value (RV)	Type of Organisation	£ Estimated Amount of Award 26/27	%
Chesterwood Trading Ltd	Adjacent United Biscuits (UK) Ltd, Chesterton Road, Eastwood Trading Estate, Rotherham, S65 1ST	158,000	Sports Facility	£67,940.00	100
City Of Sheffield Gymnastics Club Communicty Interest Company	Unit 13 Block C, Waleswood Road, Wales, Sheffield, S26 5PY	26,000	Sports Facility	£9,932.00	100
Food Aware Community Interest Company	Unit 2, Pearl Enterprise Park, Sandbeck Way, Hellaby, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S66 8QL	35,250	Food Bank	£15,228.00	100
Food Aware Community Interest Company	25, 26 & 27 Pearl Enterprise Park, Sandbeck Way, Hellaby, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S66 8QL	12,250	Food Bank	£5,292.00	100
Food Aware Community Interest Company	Rooms 39-41 Pearl Enterprise Park, Sandbeck Way, Hellaby, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S66 8QL	7,200	Food Bank	£3,110.40	100
Maltby Community Development Trust Ltd	The Wesley Centre, Blyth Road, Maltby, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S66 8JD	20,000	Community Group	£8,640.00	100
Miramar Judo Academy Ltd	1st Floor Terrapin, Aldwarke Developments, Aldwarke Lane, Parkgate, Rotherham, S65 3SR	17,750	Sports Facility	£6,780.50	100
Novacity Ltd	Summit 1, Mangham Road, Greasbrough, Rotherham S61 4RJ	59,000	Sports Facility	£22,538.00	100
Parkgate Recreational Services	Green Lane, Rawmarsh, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S62 6LA	26,750	Sports Facility	£5,109.25	50
Places for People Leisure	Sports Centre, Aughton Road, Aston, Sheffield, S26 4SF	277,500	Sports Centre	£119,325.00	100
Places for People Leisure	Rotherham Leisure Complex, Effingham Street, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S65 1BL	435,000	Sports Centre	£187,050.00	100
Places for People Leisure	Wath Sports Centre, Festival Road, Wath-Upon-Dearne, Rotherham, S63 7HL	175,000	Sports Centre	£75,250.00	100
Places for People Leisure	Maltby Leisure Centre, Braithwell Road, Maltby, Rotherham, S66 8LE	292,500	Sports Centre	£125,775.00	100
The Really Neet Project Limited	Unit A1 Taylors Court, Parkgate, Rotherham, S62 6NU	12,000	Education	£5,184.00	100
The Really Neet Project Limited	Unit 7 Enterprise Court, Farfield Park, Wath Upon Dearne, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S63 5DB	15,750	Education	£6,804.00	100
Rotherham Open Arts Renaissance	2nd Floor, Westgate Chambers, Westgate, Rotherham, S60 1AN	21,500	Arts Group	£8,213.00	100
Unity Boxing Centre CIC	Grd Floor Terrapin, Aldwarke Developments, Aldwarke Lane, Parkgate, Rotherham, S65 3SR	18,500	Sports Facility	£7,067.00	100
Wickersley Community Centre Association	Wickersley Community Centre, Ground Floor, 286 Bawtry Road, Wickersley, Rotherham, S66 1JJ	15,750	Community Group	£6,016.50	100
Anston Cricket Club	Ryton Road, North Anston, Sheffield, S25 4DL	8,300	Community Amateur Sports Club	£634.12	20
Brookhouse Village Cricket Club	Brookhouse, Laughton, Sheffield, S25 1YA	4,350	Community Amateur Sports Club	£332.34	20
Dinnington Rugby Union Football Club	Dinnington R U F C, Lodge Lane, Dinnington, Sheffield, S25 2PB	31,000	Community Amateur Sports Club	£2,368.40	20
Harthill Cricket Club	Cricket Ground Pavilion, Thorpe Road, Harthill, Sheffield, S26 7YF	4,700	Community Amateur Sports Club	£359.08	20
Rotherham Sailing Club	Harthill Reservoir, Carver Close, Harthill, Sheffield, S26 7XA	6,800	Community Amateur Sports Club	£519.52	20
Scholes Cricket Club	Sports Ground, Scholes Lane, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S61 2RG	2,950	Community Amateur Sports Club	£225.38	20
Todwick Parish Bowling Club	Goosecarr Lane, Todwick, Sheffield, S26 1HG	3,850	Community Amateur Sports Club	£294.14	20

Ratepayer	Address	Rateable Value (RV)	Type of Organisation	£ Estimated Amount of Award 26/27	%
Whiston Parish Church Cricket Club	Whiston Parish Cricket Ground, Whiston, Rotherham, S60 4HQ	14,500	Community Amateur Sports Club	£1,107.80	20
27th Rotherham Woodsetts Scout Group	Gildingwells Road, Woodsetts, Worksop, Nottinghamshire, S81 8QE	1,500	Scout Group	£114.60	20
46th Rotherham Scout Group	Scouts Hut, Brecks Lane, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S65 3JQ	8,200	Scout Group	£626.48	20
Anston Parish Council Recreation Ground	Welfare Hall, Ryton Road, North Anston, Sheffield, S25 4DL	13,250	Community Group	£1,012.30	20
Anston Parish Council Recreation Ground	Anston Bowling Club, Ryton Road, North Anston, Sheffield, S25 4DN	1,550	Sports Facility	£118.42	20
Arc Church	Storage Container, Community Centre, Harding Avenue, Rawmarsh, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S62 7ED	1,425	Food Bank	£123.12	20
Aston-Cum-Aughton Parish Hall - Management Committee	Aston Parish Hall, Rosegarth Avenue, Aston, Sheffield, S26 2DB	19,000	Community Group	£1,451.60	20
Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice	Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice, Cramfit Road, Anston, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, S25 4AY	183,000	Hospice	£17,568.00	20
Bramley Scouts	Scout Association, 62A Main Street, Bramley, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S66 2SQ	6,600	Scout Group	£504.24	20
Bramley Village Trust	Cross Street, Bramley, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S66 3QJ	9,900	Community Group	£756.36	20
Bramley Village Trust	Youth Centre, Flash Lane, Bramley, Rotherham, S66 1TY	7,800	Community Group	£595.92	20
Bramley Village Trust	Bill Chafer Centre Changing Rooms, Flash Lane, Bramley, Rotherham, S66 1TY	990	Sports Facility	£75.64	20
Catcliffe Memorial Hall	Old School Lane, Catcliffe, Rotherham, S60 5SP	11,750	Community Group	£897.70	20
Cortonwood Comeback Community Centre	Community Centre, Chapel Avenue, Brampton, Barnsley, S73 0XQ	9,400	Community Group	£718.16	20
Dinnington Area Regeneration Trust Ltd	Middleton Hall, Barleycroft Lane, Dinnington, Sheffield, S25 2LE	11,750	Community Group	£897.70	20
Dinnington Colliery Band	Laughton Road, Dinnington, Sheffield, S25 2PS	2,450	Musical Group	£187.18	20
Dinnington Community Centre and Recreation Ground	Community Centre, Laughton Road, Dinnington, Sheffield, S25 2PP	61,000	Community Group	£4,660.40	20
Ferham Islamic Cultural Centre	59 Holmes Lane, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S61 1BH	5,600	Community Group	£427.84	20
Firbeck Village Hall	New Road, Firbeck, Worksop, S81 8JY	7,300	Community Group	£557.72	20
Grimm and Co Limited	Former Talbot Lane Church, Moorgate Street, Rotherham, S60 2RB	40,250	Literacy Group	£3,477.60	20
Harthill Village Hall Ltd	Harthill Village Hall, Winney Hill, Harthill, Sheffield, S26 7YL	10,000	Community Group	£764.00	20
Harthill with Woodall Community Association	Sports Centre, Woodall Lane, Harthill, Sheffield, S26 7YQ	6,600	Community Group	£504.24	20
Headway Rotherham	Rawmarsh City Learning Centre, Rosehill Road, Rawmarsh, Rotherham, S62 7HJ	2,475	Support Group	£213.84	20
Highfield Park/Woodland Gardens Community Association	Community Centre, Woodland Gardens, Maltby, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S66 7NW	3,550	Community Group	£271.22	20
Holy Trinity Thorpe Hesley (Anglian & Methodist)	Community Centre, Holy Trinity Church, Sough Hall Avenue, Thorpe Hesley, Rotherham, S61 2QG	16,250	Community Group	£1,241.50	20
Hope Church Rotherham	Unit C22, Alexandra Centre, Rail Mill Way, Parkgate, Rotherham, S62 6JE	9,900	Food Bank	£855.36	20
Hopian – formerly Rotherham Rise	2nd floor at 18 High Street, Rotherham, South Yorkshire S60 1PP	19,000	Support/Advice for Women and Children at Risk	£1,641.60	20

Ratepayer	Address	Rateable Value (RV)	Type of Organisation	£ Estimated Amount of Award 26/27	%
Hopian – formerly Rotherham Rise	Part ground flr at 18 High Street, Rotherham, South Yorkshire S60 1PP	15,250	Support/Advice for Women and Children at Risk	£1,317.60	20
Hopian – formerly Rotherham Rise	Ff07 First Floor At, 18 High Street, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S60 1PP	1,150	Support/Advice for Women and Children at Risk	£99.36	20
Hopian – formerly Rotherham Rise	Ff18 First Flr At, 18 High Street, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S60 1PP	8,900	Support/Advice for Women and Children at Risk	£768.96	20
Hopian – formerly Rotherham Rise	Ff06 First Floor At, 18 High Street, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S60 1PP	1,700	Support/Advice for Women and Children at Risk	£146.88	20
Hopian – formerly Rotherham Rise	Ff10 First Flr At, 18 High Street, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S60 1PP	3,250	Support/Advice for Women and Children at Risk	£280.80	20
Kilnhurst Action Group Community Resource Centre Ltd	116 Victoria Street, Kilnhurst, Rotherham, S64 5SQ	16,250	Community Group	£1,241.50	20
Kiveton Park & Wales Village Hall	Walesmoor Avenue, Kiveton Park, Sheffield, S26 5RF	24,750	Community Group	£1,890.90	20
Lighthouse Homes	The Lighthouse, 71 Westgate, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S60 1BQ	5,500	Support for the Homeless	£475.20	20
Lighthouse Homes	The Lighthouse for Women, 2 Barnsley Road, Wath Upon Dearne, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S63 6PY	5,500	Support for the Homeless	£475.20	20
Magna Trust	Magna Project Office, Sheffield Road, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S60 1DX	255,000	Science Museum	£21,930.00	20
Manvers Lake and Dearne Valley Trust Limited	The Boathouse at Manvers Lake, Station Road, Wath Upon Dearne, Rotherham S73 7DG	25,250	Sports Facility	£1,929.10	20
Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre (South Yorkshire) Ltd	St Marys Drive, Catcliffe, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S60 5TN	30,250	Support/Therapy for MS Sufferers	£2,613.60	20
Rain Rescue	Summerfield Lodge, Moat Lane, Wickersley, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S66 1DZ	25,750	Animal Welfare	£2,224.80	20
Rotherham Abuse Counselling Service	38 Moorgate Road, Rotherham, S60 2AG	14,500	Support Group	£1,252.80	20
Rotherham Cancer Care Centre	Badsley Grange, 93 Badsley Moor Lane, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S65 2PS	10,000	Support Group for those with Cancer	£864.00	20
Rotherham Community Transport Ltd	485B Fitzwilliam Road, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S65 1PX	40,750	Community Transport Group	£3,520.80	20
Rotherham Crossroads- Caring for Carers	Unit H, The Point, Bradmarsh Way, Rotherham S60 1BP	47,750	Support Group	£4,125.60	20
Rotherham Crossroads Caring for Carers	29 Bridgegate, Rotherham S60 1PL	13,250	Support Group	£1,012.30	20
Rotherham & District Citizens Advice Bureau	2 Upper Millgate, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S60 1PF	23,750	Advice & Support	£2,052.00	20
Rotherham Talking Newspaper	Victoria Park, Rosehill Road, Rawmarsh, Rotherham, S62 7HJ	4,400	Support Group	£380.16	20

Ratepayer	Address	Rateable Value (RV)	Type of Organisation	£ Estimated Amount of Award 26/27	%
Rotherham Unit 287 of the Sea Cadets Corps	College Road, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S60 1JE	7,100	Sea Cadet Group	£542.44	20
Rotherham Unit 287 Of The Sea Cadet Corps	Off Doncaster Road, Thrybergh, Rotherham, S65 4JS	1,425	Sea Cadet Group	£108.87	20
Rotherham West (Brinsworth) Community Association	Brinsworth Community Centre, Brinsford Road, Brinsworth, Rotherham, S60 5DT	4,000	Community Group	£305.60	20
Rotherham United Community Sports Trust	Parkgate Astro, School Lane, Parkgate, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S62 6FH	60,500	Sports Group	£4,622.20	20
Safe Haven Rotherham	38/40 College Street, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S65 1AG	31,500	Support for the Homeless	£2,721.60	20
Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind	Ground -2nd Floors, 8 Ship Hill, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S60 2HG	23,750	Support for the Blind	£2,052.00	20
Shiloh (Rotherham)	Station Road, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S60 1HN	17,500	Support for Vulnerable Adults	£1,512.00	20
Social Eyes	Unit B10 Alexandra Centre, Rail Mill Way, Parkgate, Rotherham, S62 6JE	8,300	Day Service Provision for Adults with Learning Difficulties	£717.12	20
Social Eyes	The Church, Princess Street, Wath-Upon-Dearne, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S63 6RD	26,000	Day Service Provision for Adults with Learning Difficulties	£2,246.40	20
South Yorkshire Transport Museum Ltd	Units 8 & 9, Waddington Way, Aldwarke, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S65 3SH	93,500	Transport Museum	£7,143.40	20
South Yorkshire Transport Trust	Units 2 & 3, Chesterton Road, Eastwood Trading Estate, Rotherham, S65 1ST	68,500	Transport Museum	£5,233.40	20
Speak Up Self Advocacy Ltd	Unit 1, Galax Business Centre, Fitzwilliam Road, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S65 1SL	22,750	Support for those with Mental Health Issues	£1,965.60	20
Sunnyside Community Centre	Flanderwell Lane, Sunnyside, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S66 3RL	10,000	Community Group	£764.00	20
Swallownest Community Association	Community Centre, Rotherham Road, Swallownest, Sheffield, S26 4UR	9,400	Community Group	£718.16	20
Swinton Recreation Ground	Adj. Park View Social Club, Park Road, Swinton, Mexborough, S64 8JH	6,300	Sports Ground	£481.32	20
The Drop-In Centre (Rawmarsh)	Community Centre, Harding Avenue, Rawmarsh, Rotherham S62 7ED	5,800	Community Group	£443.12	20
The Lanes Community Association	67 The Lanes, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S65 3SA	7,100	Community Group	£542.44	20
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints Rotherham	24 Corporation Street, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S60 1NG	4,350	Community Group	£375.84	20
The Rotherham Hospice Trust	The Rotherham Hospice, Broom Road, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S60 2SW	132,000	Hospice	£12,672.00	20
The Rotherham Hospice Trust	Unit C20, Alexandra Centre, Rail Mill Way, Parkgate, Rotherham, S62 6JE	8,100	Hospice	£618.84	20
The Rotherham Hospice Trust	194 Bawtry Road, Wickersley, Rotherham, S66 1AA	24,000	Hospice	£1,833.60	20
The Rotherham Hospice Trust	87 Browning Road, Rotherham, S65 2NW	8,900	Hospice	£679.96	20
The Rotherham Hospice Trust	2 College Walk, Rotherham, S60 1QWB	12,750	Hospice	£974.10	20

Ratepayer	Address	Rateable Value (RV)	Type of Organisation	£ Estimated Amount of Award 26/27	%
The Rotherham Hospice Trust	Unit 5, Great Eastern Way Retail Park, Beale Way, Parkgate, Rotherham, S62 6EJ	129,000	Hospice	£11,094.00	20
The Rotherham Hospice Trust	17/19 High Street, Wath Upon Dearne, Rotherham, S63 7QQ	12,250	Hospice	£935.90	20
The Rotherham Hospice Trust	23 Laughton Road, Dinnington, Sheffield, S25 2PN	9,200	Hospice	£702.88	20
The Rotherham Hospice Trust	Unit 3 , Onyx Retail Park, Harris Hawk Way, Wath Upon Dearne, Rotherham, S63 7FN	18,500	Hospice	£1,413.40	20
The Rotherham Hospice Trust	56 Station Street, Swinton, Mexborough, S64 8PZ	5,400	Hospice	£412.56	20
The Rotherham Hospice Trust	72 Station Street, Swinton, Mexborough, S64 8PZ	5,400	Hospice	£412.56	20
The Wentworth Village Community Association	Mechanics Institute, Main Street, Wentworth, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S62 7TL	7,600	Community Group	£580.64	20
Thornberry Animal Sanctuary	Silverthorpe Farm, Braithwell Road, Ravenfield, Rotherham, S65 4LP	6,500	Animal Sanctuary	£561.60	20
Thornberry Animal Sanctuary	The Stables,Todwick Road, Dinnington, Sheffield, S25 3SE	48,750	Animal Sanctuary	£4,212.00	20
Thurcroft Welfare Community Hall Ltd	Thurcroft Welfare Community Hall, Katherine Road, Thurcroft, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S66 9HF	14,500	Community Group	£1,107.80	20
Todwick Village Hall	Todwick Village Hall, Kiveton Lane, Todwick, Sheffield, S26 1HL	11,500	Community Group	£878.60	20
Treeton Community Centre	Treeton Village Community and Resource Centre, Pit Lane, Treeton, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S60 5UY	19,000	Community Group	£1,451.60	20
United Multicultural Centre	34 Spring Street, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S65 1HD	2,325	Community Group	£177.63	20
Woodsetts Village Hall Management Committee	Woodsetts Village Hall, Gildingwells Road, Woodsetts, Worksop, Nottinghamshire, S81 8QB	5,200	Community Group	£397.28	20
				£853,572.19	

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Appendix 2

PART A - Initial Equality Screening Assessment

As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality and diversity.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provide a record of both the process and decision. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions.

Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality and diversity
- whether or not equality and diversity is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an Equality Analysis (Part B).

Further information is available in the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance – see page 9.

1. Title	
Title: Business Rates Discretionary Rate Relief Renewals in 2026/27.	
Directorate: Corporate Services	**Service area: Financial Services**
Lead person: Rob Mahon	**Contact number: 01709 822034**
Is this a: ☐ **Strategy / Policy** ☐ **Service / Function** ☑ **Other** **If other, please specify** Cabinet Report to consider the renewal applications for awards of Business Rates Discretionary Relief for the 2026/27 financial year.	

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening
The report presents applications for the award of Business Rates Discretionary Relief which have been considered in line with the policy agreed by Officer Delegated Decision on 1 July 2025. The policy criteria includes consideration of organisations who actively encourage membership from particular groups in the community which include, young people, women, persons with a disability and ethnic minorities. A Part B equality analysis was completed for the Business Rates Discretionary Relief Policy on 21/05/2025 covering all equalities implications.

Appendix 2

The applicants have submitted equalities information in support of their applications which have not presented any additional actions.

3. Relevance to equality and diversity

All the Council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – borough wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality and diversity.

The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are.

When considering these questions think about age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, civil partnerships and marriage, pregnancy and maternity and other socio-economic groups e.g. parents, single parents and guardians, carers, looked after children, unemployed and people on low incomes, ex-offenders, victims of domestic violence, homeless people etc.

Questions	Yes	No
Could the proposal have implications regarding the accessibility of services to the whole or wider community?		✓
Could the proposal affect service users?		✓
Has there been or is there likely to be an impact on an individual or group with protected characteristics?	✓	
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns regarding the proposal?		✓
Could the proposal affect how the Council's services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?		✓
Could the proposal affect the Council's workforce or employment practices?		✓

If you have answered no to all the questions above, please explain the reason

If you have answered **no** to all the questions above please complete **sections 5 and 6.**

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above please complete **section 4.**

4. Considering the impact on equality and diversity

If you have not already done so, the impact on equality and diversity should be considered within your proposals before decisions are made**.**

Appendix 2

Considering equality and diversity will help to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and take active steps to create a discrimination free society by meeting a group or individual's needs and encouraging participation.

Please provide specific details for all three areas below using the prompts for guidance and complete an Equality Analysis (Part B).

- **How have you considered equality and diversity?**

The recommendation in the report is to renew the awards of discretionary relief to all applicants for the 2026/27 financial year which will positively impact the organisations ensuring continuity of service and will ensure service users with protected characteristics can continue access and receive services.

- **Key findings**

The individual applicants have submitted equalities information in support of their applications which have not presented any additional actions.

- **Actions**

A Part B equality analysis was completed on 21/05/2025 in relation to the Council's Business Rates Discretionary Relief Policy.

Date to scope and plan your Equality Analysis:	See above
Date to complete your Equality Analysis:	See above
Lead person for your Equality Analysis (Include name and job title):	n/a

5. Governance, ownership and approval

Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening:

Name	Job title	Date
Rob Mahon	Service Director of Corporate Services	

6. Publishing

This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given.

If this screening relates to a **Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision** a copy of the completed document should be attached as an appendix and published alongside the relevant report.

A copy of **all** screenings should also be sent to equality@rotherham.gov.uk For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file and also published on the Council's Equality and Diversity Internet page.

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Date screening completed	10 December 2025
Report title and date	Business Rates Discretionary Rate Relief Renewals in 2026/27 – 9 February 2026.
If relates to a Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision – report date and date sent for publication	
Date screening sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement equality@rotherham.gov.uk	11 December 2025

Appendix 3

PART B – Equality Analysis Form

As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality and diversity.

This form:

- Can be used to prompt discussions, ensure that due regard has been given and remove or minimise disadvantage for an individual or group with a protected characteristic
- Involves looking at what steps can be taken to advance and maximise equality as well as eliminate discrimination and negative consequences
- Should be completed before decisions are made, this will remove the need for remedial actions.

Note – An Initial Equality Screening Assessment (Part A) should be completed prior to this form.

When completing this form consider the Equality Act 2010 protected characteristics Age, Disability, Sex, Gender Reassignment, Race, Religion or Belief, Sexual Orientation, Civil Partnerships and Marriage, Pregnancy and Maternity and other socio-economic groups e.g. parents, single parents and guardians, carers, looked after children, unemployed and people on low incomes, ex-offenders, victims of domestic violence, homeless people etc. – see page 11 of Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance.

1. Title	
Equality Analysis title: Business Rates Discretionary Relief Policy	
Date of Equality Analysis (EA): 14 April 2025	
Directorate: Finance and Customer Services	**Service area: Revenues, Benefits and Payments**
Lead Manager: Rachel Humphries	**Contact number: 01709 255119**
Is this a: **x** **Strategy / Policy** ☐ **Service / Function** ☐ **Other** **If other, please specify**	

2. Names of those involved in the Equality Analysis (Should include minimum of three people) - see page 7 of Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance		
Name	**Organisation**	**Role (eg service user, managers, service specialist)**
Rob Mahon	RMBC	Assistant Director
Adrian Blaylock	RMBC	Head of Service
Rachel Humphries	RMBC	Operational Manager

3. What is already known? - see page 10 of Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance

Aim/Scope (who the Policy/Service affects and intended outcomes if known)

This policy sets out the Council's intentions for dealing with business rates discretionary rate relief applications (including hardship relief requests) from Charities, Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs), Non-Profit Making Organisations (NPMOs), and other businesses situated within the borough of Rotherham.

Although allowing for discretion, the business rates regulations do prohibit Councils from adopting a strict policy or rule for granting discretionary relief. The Government has however provided good practice guidance to advise Councils of the criteria to use when considering applications for relief. Authorities are strongly advised to treat each case on its own merits. Councils can, however, agree on a general basis on which it will approach any application made. Rotherham's business rates discretionary relief policy considers all applications made on their individual merits.

The policy has the potential to affect all business ratepayers. They must have access to and be provided with the relevant information and the opportunity to claim any reliefs that they may be entitled to. This is to ensure that they are charged the correct amount of business rates.

What equality information is available? (Include any engagement undertaken)

The Council has a duty to consider all applications for discretionary rate relief from individuals and organisations. In doing so, we do encounter diverse groups but do not, currently, routinely gather information on those groups.

Are there any gaps in the information that you are aware of?

Due to the diverse range of businesses, the identification of those who support/impact customers with protected characteristics can only take place as part of the application process.

What monitoring arrangements have you made to monitor the impact of the policy or service on communities/groups according to their protected characteristics?

Data will be recorded including location, business type/sector and target customer base, e.g. whether this is a specific community/group, number and value of award.

This information will be analysed in order to ensure the policy is applied fairly and equitably and to assess its impact on businesses and communities, particularly those representing or serving communities/groups with protected characteristics.

Engagement undertaken with customers. (date and group(s) consulted and key findings)	No direct engagement with customers has been undertaken in respect of this policy. The policy requires ratepayers to complete an initial application for consideration of relief. if relief is granted an annual renewal application is required for consideration of continued relief.
Engagement undertaken with staff (date and group(s)consulted and key findings)	The Business Rates Discretionary Relief Policy has been developed with support from colleagues in Revenues, Benefits & Payments; RMBC legal services and an external legal review. The policy is subject to ongoing review by all stakeholders. Council Members and Officers and partners play a vital role in the application of the policy. Monthly management information is provided to the Head of Service and the Assistant Director.

4. The Analysis - of the actual or likely effect of the Policy or Service (Identify by protected characteristics)

How does the Policy/Service meet the needs of different communities and groups? (Protected characteristics of Age, Disability, Sex, Gender Reassignment, Race, Religion or Belief, Sexual Orientation, Civil Partnerships and Marriage, Pregnancy and Maternity) - see glossary on page 14 of the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance)

The Council recognises that some businesses might have difficulty in making an application for business rates discretionary relief and those individual ratepayers who are vulnerable may need help with this process. The Council will ensure businesses are offered as much support as possible to be able to access the relevant information.

In cases of hardship, the Council will assist businesses in discussing and maintaining reasonable payment plans. In appropriate cases, the Council will consider suspending recovery action pending an application or further investigation of disputes and complaints.

The Council will also advise businesses experiencing exceptional hardship of the range of mandatory and discretionary discounts, reliefs, and reductions where appropriate.

The Council will signpost any people struggling to manage their business rates liability and finances to agencies that could help them assess their financial position Finance and support for your business - GOV.UK.

Does your Policy/Service present any problems or barriers to communities or Groups?

The Council is committed to providing ratepayers with the full range of communication channels to overcome any barriers experienced with the following protected characteristics:

- **Age:** Communication methods may present barriers for older adults unfamiliar with digital technology. However, according to data provided by Statista, in 2022 there was an overall ownership in smartphones of 93%. In 2016, less than half of that 93% over the age of 55 owned a smartphone in comparison to 2022 where the figure rose to 82%. It may be presumptuous then to speculate that only the elderly population could be disadvantaged by digital communication channels. However, even if customers have not got access to a smartphone, the Council's telephony service is available daily Monday to Friday.

- **Disability:** ratepayers with disabilities may face challenges understanding or responding to communications, particularly if they have cognitive, sensory, or mobility impairments. Telephone support and online access through digital communication methods are anticipated to help overcome access barriers. It does mean that those who maybe have physical disabilities or are struggling with sight or hearing impediments can access the service via other methods that may be more accessible to their needs.

- **Gender Reassignment:** transgender individuals may face challenges if incorrect personal information (e.g., name, title) is used, leading to distress or delays.

- **Marriage and Civil Partnership:** joint liabilities/debts may create unequal burdens, particularly in cases of relationship breakdown.

- **Pregnancy and Maternity:** individuals on maternity leave or with caregiving responsibilities may affect individuals' ability to engage with application process (e.g. timing of contact).

- **Race:** language barriers may prevent individuals from understanding application processes or communications.

- **Religion or Belief:** religious observances or beliefs may affect individuals' ability to engage with application process (e.g. timing of contact).

- **Sex:** women, particularly single mothers, may face greater financial vulnerability due to caregiving responsibilities.

- **Sexual Orientation:** no specific barriers identified however, ensure inclusivity in communication to avoid assumptions.

Does the Service/Policy provide any positive impact/s including improvements or remove barriers?
The Council is committed to breaking down barriers and ensuring that the following actions provide a positive impact for communities or groups with protected characteristics. • **Age:** ensure that multiple communication channels are offered (e.g., telephone, mail, online) to provide ease of access to information around the business rates discretionary relief policy and business rates information. • **Disability:** offer accessible formats (e.g., large print, braille, audio). Train staff to recognise and support individuals with disabilities. • **Gender Reassignment:** ensure that systems allow for updated personal information and that staff are trained on respectful communication practices. • **Marriage and Civil Partnership:** address correspondence on an individual basis where appropriate, ensuring fair treatment for both parties (where a joint business rates liability). • **Pregnancy and Maternity:** be aware and communicate clearly about application deadlines during periods of maternity leave or caregiving. • **Race:** provide translated materials and access to interpreters as needed. • **Religion or Belief:** accommodate religious practices when dealing with applications and relevant deadlines. Continue to provide flexible contact times • **Sex:** Ensure equal treatment in policy application. • **Sexual Orientation** use neutral language in all communications and ensure staff are trained on inclusive practices.
What affect will the Policy/Service have on community relations? (may also need to consider activity which may be perceived as benefiting one group at the expense of another) It is not envisaged that the Business Rates Discretionary Relief Policy will have any negative impact on community relations.

Please list any **actions and targets** that need to be taken as a consequence of this assessment on the action plan below and ensure that they are added into your service plan for monitoring purposes – see page 12 of the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance.

5. Summary of findings and Equality Analysis Action Plan

If the analysis is done at the right time, i.e. early before decisions are made, changes should be built in before the policy or change is signed off. This will remove the need for remedial actions. Where this is achieved, the only action required will be to monitor the impact of the policy/service/change on communities or groups according to their protected characteristic – See page 11 of the Equality Screening and Analysis guidance

Title of analysis: Business Rates Discretionary Relief Policy
Directorate and service area: Finance and Customer Services
Lead Manager: Rachel Humphries – Operational Manager for Local Taxation
Summary of findings:
The policy sets out the Council's intentions for dealing with business rates discretionary rate relief applications (including hardship relief requests) from Charities, Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs), Non-Profit Making Organisations (NPMOs), and other businesses situated within the borough of Rotherham. The Council has a duty to consider all applications for discretionary rate relief from individuals and organisations. Due to the diverse and wide range of businesses, the identification of those who support**/**impact customers with protected characteristics can only take place as part of the application process.

Action/Target	State Protected Characteristics as listed below	Target date (MM/YY)
The business rates discretionary relief application will be updated to capture information as to how the ratepayer supports/impacts protected groups which will allow relevant information to be provided in future cabinet reports. On receipt of new, or renewal applications, any data relating to a protected characteristic will be recorded along with the outcome of the application.	A,D,S,GR,RE,RoB,SO,P M,CPM,C,O	06/25

***A = Age, D= Disability, S = Sex, GR Gender Reassignment, RE= Race/ Ethnicity, RoB= Religion or Belief, SO= Sexual Orientation, PM= Pregnancy/Maternity, CPM = Civil Partnership or Marriage. C= Carers, O= other groups**

6. Governance, ownership and approval		
Please state those that have approved the Equality Analysis. Approval should be obtained by the Director and approval sought from DLT and the relevant Cabinet Member.		
Name	**Job title**	**Date**
Rob Mahon	Assistant Director of Finance & Customer Services	21/05/2025

7. Publishing	
The Equality Analysis will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given. If this Equality Analysis relates to a **Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision** a copy of the completed document should be attached as an appendix and published alongside the relevant report. A copy should also be sent to equality@rotherham.gov.uk For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file and also published on the Council's Equality and Diversity Internet page.	
Date Equality Analysis completed	21/05/2025
Report title and date	**Business Rates Discretionary Relief Policy**
Date report sent for publication	01/07/2025
Date Equality Analysis sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement equality@rotherham.gov.uk	21/05/2025

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Will the decision/proposal impact…	Impact	If an impact or potential impacts are identified:			
		Describe impacts or potential impacts on emissions from the Council and its contractors.	Describe impact or potential impacts on emissions across the Borough as a whole.	Describe any measures to mitigate emission impacts	Outline any monitoring of emission impacts that will be carried out
Emissions from non-domestic buildings?	None				
Emissions from transport?	None				
Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	None				
Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	None				
Emissions from construction and/or development?	None				
Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	None				

Identify any emissions impacts associated with this decision which have not been covered by the above fields: N/A

Will the proposal affect Council services' resilience to climate change, or the capacity of people living in the Borough to adapt to climate change? Whilst there will be no direct impacts on resilience of this decision, the discretionary relief for these organisations will enable the support of additional families throughout the Borough, indirectly supporting resilience through increased capacity which intends to support the most vulnerable of Rotherham's residents.

Provide a summary of all impacts and mitigation/monitoring measures: There are no carbon impacts directly associated with this decision.

Supporting information:	
Climate Impact Assessment Author	Rachel Humphries Operational Manager Local Taxation, Revenues, Benefits & Payments Corporate Services
Please outline any research, data or information used to complete this Climate Impact Assessment.	
If quantities of emissions are relevant to and have been used in this form please identify which conversion factors have been used to quantify impacts.	
Validation	Tracking Reference: CIA 576 Louise Preston Climate Change Manager

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Public Report
Cabinet

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting
Cabinet – 09 February 2026

Report Title
December 2025/26 Financial Monitoring Report

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?
Yes

Executive Director Approving Submission of the Report
Judith Badger, Executive Director of Corporate Services

Report Author(s)
Rob Mahon, Service Director – Financial Services
01709 254518 or rob.mahon@rotherham.gov.uk

Ward(s) Affected
Borough-Wide

Report Summary

The report sets out the financial position as at the end of December 2025 and forecast for the remainder of the financial year, based on actual costs and income for the first nine months of 2025/26. Financial performance is a key element within the assessment of the Council's overall performance framework and is essential to achievement of the objectives within the Council's policy agenda. To that end, this is the fifth financial monitoring report of a series of reports for the current financial year which will continue to be brought forward to Cabinet on a regular basis.

As of December 2025, the Council's forecast outturn for 2025/26 is an overspend of £3.4m, and whilst there have been movements within services, this is consistent with the position reported in November financial monitoring.

The forecast position is made up of a Directorate overspend of £9.2m, offset by a projected Central Service underspend of £5.8m. The forecast position will continue to be monitored closely but it is possible that even with mitigations the Council will need to call on reserves to achieve a balanced outturn for 2025/26. In order to help mitigate the position, Directors are expected to take all steps to reduce the overall overspend, ensuring grant maximisation, restricting any non-essential expenditure and delaying recruitment where possible.

The Directorate overspend of £9.2m is largely due to demand and market pressures in relation to Children's residential placements and placement types, and the cost and

complexity of care packages in Adult Social Care. Market prices are increasing at above inflation levels, placing further pressures on the Council's Budget. These pressures were anticipated and a corporate provision of £5.4m was maintained within Central Services as part of the Budget and Council Tax Report 2025/26.

The Local Government Pay Award was agreed at 3.2% at all pay bands up to senior officer. The impact of this is a cost of £2.3m above the budget allocated when setting the Council's Budget. The Council has no control over the level of pay award agreed.

Central Services is forecasting an underspend of £5.8m, reflecting use of the £5.4m Social Care Contingency approved within the Council's Budget and Council Tax Report 2025/26, the impact of the Local Government Pay Award and savings generated within the Council's Treasury Management Strategy.

The report also provides an updated position on the Council's Capital Programme.

The report also provides details regarding the Department for Education's (DfE) request for the Council to become the grant recipient for the Strategic School Improvement Capital Budget funding for Newman School.

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.

5. 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 allocations of the Gainshare Feasibility Grant and any variations required through its delivery, as detailed in section 2.20.1 of the report.

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.

List of Appendices Included
Appendix 1 Equalities Impact Assessment
Appendix 2 Carbon Impact Assessment

Background Papers
Budget and Council Tax 2025/26 Report to Council on 5th March 2025
Budget Monitoring, May 2025 to Cabinet July 2025

Budget Monitoring, July 2025 to Cabinet September 2025
Budget Monitoring, September 2025 to Cabinet November 2025
Budget Monitoring, November 2025 to Cabinet January 2026

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel
No

Council Approval Required
No

Exempt from the Press and Public
No

December 2025/26 Financial Monitoring Report

1. Background

1.1 As part of its performance and control framework the Council is required to produce regular and timely reports for the Strategic Leadership Team and Cabinet to keep them informed of financial performance so that, where necessary, actions can be agreed and implemented to bring expenditure in line with the approved budget for the financial year.

1.2 Delivery of the Council's Revenue Budget, Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and Capital Programme within the parameters agreed by Council is essential if the Council's objectives are to be achieved. Financial performance is a key element within the assessment of the Council's overall performance framework.

1.3 This report is the fifth in a series of financial monitoring reports to Cabinet for 2025/26, setting out the projected year end revenue budget financial position in light of actual costs and income for the first nine months of the financial year.

2. Key Issues

2.1 Table 1 below shows, by directorate, the summary forecast revenue outturn position.

Table 1: Forecast Revenue Outturn 2025/26 as at December 2025

Directorate	Budget 2025/26	Forecast Outturn 2025/26	Forecast Variance over/under (-)
	£m	£m	£m
Children and Young People's Services (CYPS)	74.2	79.2	5.0
Adult Care, Housing & Public Health (ACH&PH)	145.3	149.7	4.4
Regeneration and Environment Services (R&E)	55.1	55.9	0.8
Finance and Customer Services (FCS)	38.1	37.5	-0.6
Assistant Chief Executive (ACX)	9.3	8.9	-0.4
Central Services (CS)	37.0	31.2	-5.8
Directorate Forecast Outturn	**359.0**	**362.4**	**3.4**
Dedicated Schools Grant			2.6
Housing Revenue Account (HRA)			-2.3

2.2 As at December 2025 the forecast position is made up of a Directorate overspend of £9.2m, offset by a projected Central Service underspend of £5.8m. The forecast position will continue to be monitored closely but it is possible that even with mitigations the Council will need to call on reserves to achieve a balanced outturn for 2025/26. In order to help mitigate the position, Directors are expected to take all steps to reduce the overall

overspend, ensuring grant maximisation, restricting any non-essential expenditure and delaying recruitment where possible.

2.3 The Directorate overspend of £9.2m is largely due to demand and market pressures in relation to Children's residential placements and placement types, and the cost and complexity of care packages in Adult Social Care. Market prices are increasing at above inflation levels, placing further pressures on the Council's Budget. These pressures were anticipated and a corporate provision of £5.4m was maintained within Central Services as part of the Budget and Council Tax Report 2025/26. The Council's overspend position at this point due to placement pressures within Children and Young People's Services is £5.7m, and the overspend on the cost of care packages in Adult Social Care is £4.8m.

2.4 As part of setting the Council's Budget and MTFS for 2025/26 the Council set a Social Care Contingency budget to act as a provision to support anticipated pressures across Social Care placements, principally linked to CYPS placements. Central Services is forecasting an underspend of £5.8m, reflecting use of the £5.4m Social Care Contingency approved within the Council's Budget and Council Tax Report 2025/26 to mitigate social care cost pressures, the impact of the Local Government Pay Award and savings generated within the Council's Treasury Management Strategy.

2.5 The budget as approved at Council on 5th March 2025 included allocations for inflation, pay award and anticipated cost pressures. These budgets are held centrally at the start of the year and allocated to services as costs are confirmed and incurred. The table below sets out the headline reasons for the movement between opening budgets and the latest budget that has been forecast against in this report.

2.6 **Table 2: Budget Movements during 2025/26**

	Opening Budget 2025/26	Pay Award / Fees & Charges Income Inflation	Contract Inflation & Central Provision Allocations to Services	Service Transfers between Directorates	Latest Budget 2025/26
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
CYPS	**68.8**	2.0	3.4	0	**74.2**
ACH&PH	**135.9**	2.0	7.4	0	**145.3**
R&E	**48.6**	2.5	4.2	-0.2	**55.1**
FCS	**35.1**	2.4	1.7	-1.1	**38.1**
ACX	**8.3**	0.6	0.2	0.2	**9.3**
CS	**62.3**	-9.5	-16.9	1.1	**37.0**
TOTAL	**359.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**359.0**

2.7 The Council's Financial Outturn report 2024/25 reported that £4.902m of prior year savings remained undelivered. In addition, the Budget and Council Tax report 2025/26 included the delivery of £2.592m of new savings, giving £7.494m to be delivered during 2025/26. Currently, £6.968m of delivery has been secured. The table below shows the total amount of all savings to be delivered during 2025/26 and the amount that has been delivered to date. Activity is ongoing to deliver the remaining £526k of savings. The majority of the residual savings are still expected to be completed; however, the saving linked to increased income targets at Waleswood Caravan and Camping Park is unlikely to be delivered until 2027/28 when the full year impact of the improved on-site drainage works will take effect.

Table 3: Delivery of Agreed Savings

Directorate	**2025/26 Saving to be delivered £'000**	**Secured as at 31st December 2025 £'000**	**Still to be delivered £'000**
Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	600	450	150
Children's and Young People Services	6,163	6,163	-
Regeneration and Environment	731	355	376
Total	**7,494**	**6,968**	**526**

2.8 The following sections provide further information regarding the Council's forecast outturn of £3.4m, the key reasons for forecast under or overspends within directorates and the progress of savings delivery.

2.9 Children and Young People Services Directorate (£5.0m forecast overspend)

2.9.1 Children & Young People Services has a budget pressure of £5.0m at the end of December 2025 (an increase of £0.1m compared to November's reported position). The overall forecast continues to be driven by pressures in Children's Social Care placements of £5.7m and Education Inclusion Services of £0.4m. These pressures are offset in part by grant maximisation measures and staff vacancies and turnover savings.

2.9.2 The children in care placements forecast overspend of £5.7m remains unchanged to the position reported in November and is mainly attributable to external residential care placements.

2.9.3 The following are key points to note in the latest children in care placements forecast:

- The overall number of children in care has increased to 467 at the end of December, from 461 in November. The increased placements during the month were in council-owned foster carers and supported accommodation.

- Overall placement costs for December remain unchanged from last month, however costs have risen sharply since the last quarter (September), which has been driven primarily by higher expenditure on external residential placements.
- External residential placements remain the main driver of the placement budget pressures, with 39 children placed in external children's homes in December against a budgeted target of 33. This pressure is further compounded by the proportion of children (12) placed in high-cost residential provision (at an average cost of £12,891 per week) due to the complexity of their needs.
- Occupancy levels in Council-owned children's homes currently stand at 93%, an improvement compared to the last reported position of 87%. Efforts continue to place and support more children and young people within council-owned homes.
- The number of children placed in foster care (i.e. in-house carers, with families & friends and independent fostering agencies) currently stands at 302, an increase compared to 297 in November.

Despite the reported forecast overspend, the Council has made year-on-year progress in reducing underlying placement costs and demand. However, the mix of placement types, increasing unit cost and complexity of care needs remain significant challenges.

2.9.4 A forecast overspend of £0.4m (unchanged from last month) is currently estimated against the Education Inclusion Services. This is mainly attributed to a shortfall in Education Psychology Service trading income from schools as well as the continued use of locum and agency staff to maintain core statutory provision.

2.9.5 A balanced budget position is currently forecast against the element of Home to School Transport budgets that are managed within CYPS (for children in care and post 16 learners with Education, Health and Care Plans).

2.9.6 The CYPS pressures detailed above have been partly mitigated through staff turnover and vacancy savings across the directorate, as well as maximising or redirecting the use of grant funding (where there is scope and flexibility to do so).

Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) budgets (£2.6m forecast deficit)

2.9.7 A net surplus of £1.2m is forecast across all maintained schools for 2025/26. This surplus is ring-fenced for use by individual schools. Within this overall position, four schools are projecting budget deficits totalling £0.4m (including the Aspire Pupil Referral Unit). Budget recovery plans have been agreed with each of these schools to return them to a balanced or surplus position within an appropriate timeframe.

2.9.8 A cost pressure of £2.6m (a reduction of £0.7m compared to the November position) is currently forecast against the central DSG budgets, of which a deficit of £3.3m relates to the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) / High Needs Block. The high needs budget deficit reflects sustained cost / demand pressures across the SEND system. The latest forecast for the DSG reserve is a £3.4m cumulative deficit at year-end, which will be carried forward to 2026/27 under the DSG statutory override rule.

2.9.9 Work has been completed on the 5-year DSG Financial Plan - informed by the recent SEND needs and sufficiency analysis. The 5-year financial plan showed

continuing annual deficits over the medium term with a cumulative DSG deficit of £16.1m projected at the end of 2030/31. These financial projections exclude the impact of anticipated reforms or additional funding by the Government to address financial sustainability concerns in the SEND system.

2.10 Adult Care, Housing and Public Health (£4.4m overspend)

2.10.1 The directorate is forecast to overspend by £4.4m, a £400k increase since the previous period. High demand and complexity of care packages make up all the projected overspend. The cost of care packages is forecast to overspend by £4.8m within Adult Care, offset by a forecast underspend in Housing.

2.10.2 The areas of biggest overspend are older people, learning disabilities and mental health services. The increase in costs is due to rising complexity of care need leading to an increased cost of care packages and an increase in volume of people qualifying for support. There has been a significant volume of back-payments confirmed across Older People and Physical and Sensory Disabilities packages. Back-payments occur when an individual has been accepted for a care package but the funding of that care package has not been agreed. This is in part due to the complex nature and variety of how care packages can commence, with some commencing from the NHS and some via the Council; there is a period where service is provided whilst an assessment of liability is worked through between the NHS and the Council. In addition, there has been a growth in Mental Health placements.

2.10.3 The increase in the period is due to increased Mental Health costs following settlement of where the responsibility for funding a number of care package resides. This process is used when different Councils are involved in the care of an individual.

2.10.4 Housing is forecast to underspend by £400k, representing no change since the previous period. Additional grant has been received in year to deal with homelessness that has offset some of the costs of providing the service.

2.10.5 Public Health continues to be forecast to budget.

2.11 Regeneration and Environment Directorate (£0.8m forecast overspend)

2.11.1 The Directorate is forecasting an overspend of £0.8m which is in line with the last report to Cabinet. There are a number of overspends within the forecast which are being offset to some extent by assorted underspends, some of which are detailed below.

2.11.2 The Markets service is forecasting a £0.5m overspend because of income shortfalls which is a similar position to previous years. It is hoped this position improves in future years as the redevelopment continues.

2.11.3 The Waste service is forecasting delayed delivery of the £0.5m saving approved as part of the Budget and Council Tax Report 2025/26. As work progresses on the route optimisation plan that will increase the efficiency of waste rounds, the position with regards to the delivery of this saving will become clearer. However, the full year impact of the saving will not be realised in 2025/26. It is currently forecasting a shortfall in delivery of £0.2m. The service is operating a popular Bulky Waste collection service,

which is also £0.2m overspent due to increased disposal costs. These positions are both in line with the previous report.

2.11.4 The Home to School Transport forecast remains the same as last month with spend of £9.4m and a £0.4m overspend. The service is operating 343 routes for 1,295 passengers.

2.11.5 These overspends are offset by a £0.3m underspend in Community Safety and Regulation owing to vacancies and delays in implementation of the new Street Safe Team. Licensing is also projecting a £0.2m underspend as a result of vacancies, which is a similar position to last year. The Regeneration team is capitalising staff salaries of project managers delivering the capital programme, resulting in a £0.2m underspend.

2.12 Finance and Customer Services (£0.6m underspend)

2.12.1 The directorate is currently forecasting an overall underspend of £0.6m. Robust budget management and additional income generation in Building Cleaning are offsetting pressures across the wider directorate.

2.12.2 Property and Facilities Services (PFS) is forecast to be underspent by £0.2m. Within this net position there is an underspend of £1.1m within Cleaning as income is greater than budgeted and, following a review of work underway, the Building Consultancy service is expected to exceed its income budget by £1.6m. This is largely offset by Facilities Management's £1.4m overspend due to assorted building costs, mostly repairs and maintenance, being above budget. There is also a £0.5m overspend within the Catering Service and £0.4m in Asset Management due to income under-recovery.

2.12.3 Within Customer, Information and Digital Services, activity is ongoing to minimise the impact of increased postage costs. Recruitment challenges are creating a temporary cost reduction, which is offset by over-recruitment within Customer Services contact centre to help manage the difficulties caused by high staff turnover and service demand in this area, that impacts on call waiting times.

2.12.4 A piece of work to review the Schools' PFI contract is underway. Improvements have been made in how the Council manages these contracts, but there is further work to do.

2.13 Assistant Chief Executive (£0.4m underspend)

2.13.1 The directorate is currently forecasting an underspend of £361k, which is a further reduction in projected spend of £85k from November due to recruitment delays. Factors contributing to the overall underspend include external grant income and a number of vacancies across the Directorate, in addition to overachievement of income from salary sacrifice schemes.

2.14 Central Services (£5.8m underspend)

2.14.1 Central Services has a £5.8m forecast underspend, reflecting use of the Social Care Contingency set aside when the Budget was approved and the net impact of the Local

Government Pay Award alongside additional Treasury Management savings and New Burdens grant income.

2.14.2 There continue to be significant financial challenges as a result of increased market costs causing pressure on the Council's inflation budgets and the impact of the 2025/26 Local Government Pay Award. Ongoing uncertainty in the global and UK economy remains a significant budget risk.

2.14.3 The Council's Treasury Management Strategy continues to perform well, with the Council's approach to borrowing adapted to minimise the level of borrowing and to borrow short term to ultimately minimise interest costs. This approach will see the Council generate savings to support Council wide pressures. The use of short-term borrowing only as required, along with slippage on the Capital programme in 2024/25 means that the level of financing costs for 2025/26 is less than anticipated. It should be noted that the Council's Budget and Council Tax Report 2025/26 approved a requirement for the Treasury Management Strategy to generate a saving of at least £3m in 2025/26; this is on track.

2.14.4 The Central Services budgets are made up of a number of corporate budgets for levies and charges such as the Integrated Transport Levy (ITA), PFI Financing, and Treasury Management. A list of the main budget areas within Central Services was provided as part of the Council's Budget and Council Tax Report 2025/26, approved at Council on 5th March 2025. The costs within this area are largely fixed costs, set out prior to the start of a financial year, not specific to a particular Directorate and are therefore not controllable by the directorates and thus held centrally.

2.15 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) (£2.3m underspend)

2.15.1 The Housing Revenue Account is a statutory ring-fenced account that the Council has to maintain in respect of the income and expenditure incurred in relation to its council dwellings and associated assets. The HRA is currently forecast to underspend by £2.3m in the year due to reduced energy costs, higher rental income than forecast and the impact of savings from contractor gainshare agreements. The increase in the period of £1.6m is due to estimates of savings receivable from contractors through a gainshare agreement.

2.16 Capital Programme Update

2.16.1 The revised Capital Programme for 2025/26 is £168.389m split between the General Fund £101.324m and HRA £67.065m. This is a decrease of £1.529m from the position as at the end of November 2025 reported to Cabinet on 19th January 2026. The movement for the current financial year is based on the latest profiles of expenditure against schemes, including slippage and re-profiles. It should also be noted that the full Capital Programme has been extended to five years to include 2029/30. The 2029/30 financial year as shown below represents the approved HRA Programme. In addition, the 2029/30 year reflects the impact of adding the cyclical General Fund capital schemes and the capital investments proposals included within the Budget and Council Tax Report 2026/27.

2.16.2 **Table 4: Variations to the Capital Programme 2025/26 to 2029/30**

	Total Impact	2025/26 Impact	Post 2025/2026 Impact
	£m	£m	£m
Corporate Resources – General Fund	21.322	0.000	21.322
Corporate Resources – HRA	120.107	0.000	120.107
Revised Grant and Funding Estimates	0.000	0.000	0.000
Slippage / reprofiling	0.000	-1.528	1.528
Total	**141.429**	**-1.528**	**142.957**

2.16.3 The main items contributing to the reprofiling of the Capital Programme are:

- **Warm Homes**, £127k slippage. The scheme was delayed pending grant funding agreement being sent and surveying of properties is currently taking place for work requirements. Work to properties will commence in 2026/27 and funding of £950k is brought forward into 2026/27 to commence programme delivery.

- **Council operational buildings**, £510k slippage on the recurring budget for maintenance requirements as a lower volume of work has been identified that requires completion in this financial year. The Council is working towards a planned maintenance approach and is undertaking comprehensive surveys of the estate.

- **Electric vehicle charging infrastructure**, £423k slippage. Work on this scheme is not expected to start until quarter 4 of 2025/26 meaning costs will fall into next financial year. There have been delays getting elements of the work approved by Northern Powergrid.

- **Education IT system replacement**, £140k. The project team was not recruited to as quickly as was anticipated therefore the funds have been slipped into year two of the programme.

- **Newman (including Dinnington site) school refurbishment**, £1.175m slippage. Project is at feasibility / design stage and work will not be on site this financial year.

- **Rawmarsh PRU,** £68k slippage. When work was completed on phase 1 additional work was identified to the roof so work had had to be delayed to allow for a new specification to be developed. It is now intended to tender in Spring and then deliver the work over the Summer of 2026.

- **In house residential complex needs**, £98k slippage. This project was reviewed following approval as part of the Budget and Council Tax Report 2025/26.

Following an unsuccessful bid for match funding the scheme was halted. The need for a further complex needs residential home was assessed and it was decided that this was no longer the best approach, with these placement types best left to external provision. The remaining budget will be moved to the Capital Contingency.

- The variations to future financial years are to reflect the 2029/30 Capital Programme year. This includes the HRA Capital Programme and the General Fund capital investments that have been set out for approval within the Budget and Council Tax Report 2026/27. The detail of these allocations is provided in the separate Budget and Council Tax report on the agenda for this meeting.

2.16.4 New grant funded schemes are added to the Capital Programme on an ongoing basis in accordance with the Financial and Procurement Procedure Rules. There have been no Grant schemes added or reduced since the November Cabinet report.

2.17 Capital Programme Variations

2.17.1 The following variations to the Capital Programme cover significant virements between capital projects that are either a key decision value or a change in use of corporate resources and as such need reporting to Cabinet.

A) *Templeborough Business Zone*

The original tender price for the project was issued back in December 2023. The project is large and has complex legal and contractual arrangements in place. There have been delays to the project due to these complex arrangements and protracted negotiations leading to increased costs due to inflation. This variation is to increase the budget for this project by £659k to achieve a new project budget of £9.070m.

The proposed source of finance for the identified gap is through reallocating unspent budget from other Local Regeneration - (Pathfinder) interventions.

B) Health Hubs Phase 1 and 2

At the start of this project, a direct award procurement route was recommended on the basis of accelerating the procurement process and appointing a contractor as quickly as possible given the multi-million pound Market Redevelopment scheme is dependent on ensuring timely vacant possession of the Indoor Covered Market. Following receipt of tender prices and a full independent review of the project and its costs, the cost for Phase 1 will now be higher than the allocated budget. It is proposed that the increased costs for Phase 1 are funded by reducing the budget allocated for undertaking Phase 2 feasibility works, whilst still working within the same budget envelope for the overall scheme. This will mean the scope of works for Phase 2 will have to be reduced or further funding identified at a later stage for completion of Phase 2.

To maintain alignment with the wider town centre programme and avoid delays to the Markets project, it is recommended that Phase 1 proceeds on the basis of

the tendered figure. Sufficient flexibility exists within the overall £1.7m Health Hub allocation to accommodate the Phase 1 variance while still enabling Phase 2 feasibility work. Approval is therefore sought to utilise part of the Phase 2 envelope to meet the Phase 1 cost pressure.

A summary of the funding is as follows -

Funding - Pathfinder funds (now Local Regeneration Fund) allocated from unviable Town Centre Music Venue project. Approved by Town Board & Cabinet	£m
Phase 1	1,308,575.00
Phase 2	400,000.00
Total	**1,708,575.00**
Cost of Phase 1	1,478,983.18
Remainder for Phase 2	229,591.82

2.18 New Corporate Borrowing

The Council's corporate borrowing budget has been increased by £80.634m (made up of £21.322m General Fund and £59.312m HRA) to factor in the capital investments as proposed for approval within the Council's Budget and Council Tax report 2026/27 and Medium Term Financial Strategy report at Cabinet in February 2026 and HRA investments as previously approved within the HRA Business Plan by the Council in January 2026. The HRA programme has increased by £120.107m in total which includes £59.3m of new borrowing to support the programme.

2.19 New HRA Funding

As previously approved within the HRA Business Plan by the Council in January 2026, there is additional funding of £1.1m of Grants and Contributions, £37.995m of Major Repairs Allowance, £23.584m of capital receipts and £9.0m revenue contributions have been added to the HRA Capital Programme. This extends the HRA Capital Programme into 2029/30.

2.20 MCA Approvals

2.20.1 The South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) acts as accountable body for a number of different Government funding streams and as the accountable body for Gainshare. As reported to Cabinet in November a funding request of £2.050m was to be made for revenue Gainshare funding that SYMCA hold but is earmarked for the Council. This bid was to support further work on the Rotherham gateway mainline station. To maintain momentum on the scheme and ensure the Masterplan can progress in conjunction with the station development, RMBC propose utilising Gainshare funding. This will enable the development of three priority workstreams from the Masterplan, plus provide capacity to deliver the work. The workstreams will include the station area public realm, the gateway anchor building and the Effingham Street active travel route.

- **Station Area (Floormat) Public Realm:** Further work is required to develop the outline designs for the space surrounding the station. These plans will ensure the Station area is a welcoming transit interchange with good design and high-quality

public realm that will create a 'sense of place' and act as a gateway into Rotherham.

- **Innovation Gateway Anchor Building:** To activate the Station area (floormat) and create a well-used, safe space, the Masterplan proposes the development of an anchor building on site. This should be a high-quality, flagship building of architectural merit with an anchor tenant to act as a gateway into Rotherham.
- **Effingham Street Active Travel Route:** The proposed Station site is located 15-20 minutes-walk outside of the town centre. It is essential that the town centre benefits from the development of the station, and key to this will be ensuring commuters can easily travel between the two locations.

The bid will be considered by SYMCA's Board on 27th January 2026. This report seeks approval to delegate authority to the Service Director of Planning, Regeneration and Transport in consultation with the Service Director of Financial Services and the Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy to approve the specific allocations of the grant and any variations required through its delivery.

2.21 Capital Programme 2025/26 to 2029/30

2.21.1 The proposed updated Capital Programme to 2029/30 is shown by directorate below.

Table 5: Proposed Updated Capital programme 2025/26 to 2029/30

Directorate	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	Total
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
General Fund Capital						
Children and Young People's Services	9.586	14.133	6.283	16.100	2.910	49.011
Regeneration and Environment	66.939	91.121	21.620	6.521	2.582	188.783
Adult Care & Housing	11.727	7.098	6.394	6.927	1.760	33.907
Assistant Chief Executive	0.439	0.255	0.210	0.210	0.210	1.324
Finance and Customer Services	12.633	19.456	12.791	19.451	7.615	71.946
Total General Fund Capital	**101.324**	**132.063**	**47.298**	**49.209**	**15.077**	**344.970**
Total HRA Capital	67.065	78.843	52.207	97.866	127.479	423.459

Total RMBC Capital Programme	**168.389**	**210.906**	**99.505**	**147.075**	**142.556**	**768.429**

2.21.2 The Capital Programme for 2025/26 remains ambitious even with a significant level of re-profiling of schemes into 2026/27. The Council will therefore need to keep close control of project spend profiles and delivery milestones to keep these projects on track. The Council will also review the deliverability of this increased Capital Programme and, where necessary, re-profile some schemes into future financial years

2.22 Funding Position of capital programme 2025/26

Table 6: Funding of the Approved Capital Programme

Funding Stream	**2025/26**
	Budget
	£m
Grants and Contributions	46.150
Unsupported Borrowing	54.111
Capital Receipts	0.926
HRA Contribution	0.137
Total Funding - General Fund	**101.324**
Grants and Contributions	8.842
Unsupported Borrowing	14.647
Housing Major Repairs Allowance	34.497
Capital Receipts	4.032
Revenue Contribution	5.047
Total Funding - HRA	**67.065**
Total	**168.389**

2.23 Capital Receipts

2.23.1 To date General Fund useable capital receipts of £0.789m have been generated. Although loan repayments will be received during the financial year, these cannot be used to support the revenue budget as only those receipts by the disposal of property, plant and equipment can be used in that way.

2.23.2 **Table 7: Capital Receipts received in year**

Description	Total as at 31st December 2025
	£m
Miscellaneous	-0.024
Far Field Lane Wath upon Dearne	-0.765
Total Capital Receipts (Excluding loan repayments)	**-0.789**
Repayment of Loans	-0.018
Total Capital Receipts	**-0.807**

2.24 Capital Achievements

2.24.1 The following outputs have been achieved during the period of September to December 2025/26 financial year to date:

Strategic Housing and Development

- Completion of 10 new Council homes via HRA capital investment at Albert Road and Princess Street (HRA owned sites).
- The Albert Road and Princess Street scheme delivered over 100% of its committed Social Value. R H Fullwood & Co Ltd supported the growth of responsible regional businesses and invested in Rotherham by spending £145k in the local supply chain through the contract (e.g. kitchens, concrete, plastering and bricks).
- £4.6m external grant funding secured via the Homes England Affordable Homes Programme, which will contribute to the HRA capital investment in Maltby sites (Addison Road, Larch Road, Elm Tree Road). This external grant funding was vital in supporting the delivery of the 45 new homes, and the delivery of a balanced programme.
- Bid placed for £1.9m in external grant funding via the Brownfield Housing Fund to support the delivery of new homes in Maltby (Addison Road, Larch Road, Elm Tree Road) and Eastwood (York Road and Netherfield Court). This will contribute to the HRA capital investment in the schemes and will play a vital role (if secured) in the feasible delivery of new homes.
- Completion of 4 new Council build bungalows with HRA capital investment at the former Ship Inn site in Swinton.
- Completion of 4 Section 106 Council owned homes with HRA capital investment, which included our 750th new Council home milestone.
- Purchase of 5 properties as part of the HRA Market Acquisition Programme. These properties will now undergo capital void refurbishment before being allocated for social rent.
- Bid placed for £3.1m in external grant funding from the Homes England Affordable Homes Programme, to support the delivery of new homes across 3 sites in Wath (Denman Road, Bushfield Rad and Valley Drive).
- Overall, the Council has now delivered 755 new Council homes since January 2018.

Community Safety and Street Scene

- The CCTV Team have collaborated with RMBC's Principal Drainage Officer to purchase and deploy cameras across nine locations within the borough. Drawing on data from multiple sources, alongside specialist knowledge, the cameras were strategically positioned in known flood-risk areas to capture visual evidence and enhance planning during periods of heavy rainfall or flooding. During the recent spell of heavy rain and snow, the Highways Service made effective use of these cameras, which proved invaluable in supporting planning and informing the Council's response efforts.
- Following the success and clear benefits of this initiative, the Drainage Team will explore an additional ten locations for further camera installations to strengthen future response capabilities.

2.25 Updated 2025/26 Capital Budget vs Original Budget

2.25.1 In order to enable effective monitoring and scrutiny of the movement in the capital budget during the year the below table shows the current 2025/26 capital budget against the original capital budget reported to Cabinet in July.

Table 8: Comparison of the Original and Current Capital Programme

Directorate	Original Budget £m	Updated Budget £m
General Fund Capital		
Children and Young People's Services	14.879	9.586
Regeneration and Environment	104.493	66.939
Adult Care & Housing	13.902	11.727
Assistant Chief Executive	0.441	0.439
Finance and Customer Services	15.561	12.633
Total General Fund Capital	**149.276**	**101.324**
Total HRA Capital	**61.749**	**67.065**
Total RMBC Capital Programme	**211.025**	**168.389**

2.26 Newman School

2.26.1 The Department for Education (DfE) has made a request for the Council to become the grant recipient for the SSICB funding for Newman School. This is following the decision of the DfE to re-broker the existing Multi Academy Trust arrangements and bring in another Trust to run the School. In order to ensure that the Newman School project continues to be delivered and the key outcomes are still achieved, the Council proposes to accept this request. This request will be accepted on the basis that DfE confirm;

- The Multi-Academy Trust responsible for the school would complete the contract with the preferred bidder and then immediately novate this to the Council
- That any incoming Academy Trust would accept the current scope, design and specification for the scheme.

2.26.2 As part of becoming the grant recipient and to take into account the delays experienced through the approval process with the DfE, the Council recognises the increasing probability that costs will increase for the scheme; this includes both works on the main-site and those required at Dinnington. Therefore, the Council is seeking assurances that the in-principle funding arrangement from DfE remains in place for the main Whiston site with availability of the centrally held DfE contingency should this be required to mitigate against cost increases.

2.26.3 The Council's Building Design Team will continue to act as Technical Adviser for the scheme and will liaise with any potential new responsible body to ensure that the project progresses and achieves the required sufficiency solution for Newman School. In taking on this responsibility the Council does run the risk that any cost increases may need to be covered by the Council should the DfE not provide additional funding in order to complete the scheme over and above the existing budget provision.

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

3.1 With regard to the current forecast net revenue budget overspend of £3.4m, further management actions continue to be identified with the clear aim of ensuring a balanced budget position can be achieved. If mitigation actions cannot be identified, then the Council will need to use reserves to balance the outturn position.

4. Consultation on proposal

4.1 The Council consulted on the proposed budget for 2025/26, as part of producing the Budget and Council Tax Report 2025/26. Details of the consultation are set out in the Budget and Council Tax 2025/26 report approved by Council on 5th March 2025.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

5.1 Executive Directors, Managers and Budget Holders will ensure ongoing tight management and close scrutiny of spend this financial year.

5.2 Financial Monitoring reports are taken to Cabinet meetings during the year. The Financial Outturn report for 2025/26 will be taken to Cabinet in July 2026.

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

6.1 The Council's overspend position is detailed within the report along with the estimated impact of current financial pressures from inflation and increases in demand. This position continues to be monitored closely. Control over spending remains critical to both maintaining the robust Reserves Strategy and Medium-Term Financial Strategy.

6.2 An update on the Council's Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) has been provided to Cabinet in November 2025. This provided a more detailed update on the Council's Medium Term Financial Planning factoring in the impact of the current year financial pressures and the longer-term impacts on the MTFS and reserves strategy.

6.3 There are no direct procurement implications arising from the recommendations detailed in this report. Project specific implications have been addressed in the Key Issues section.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

7.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the report

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

8.1 There are no direct Human Resources implications arising from this report.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

9.1 The report includes reference to the cost pressures on both Children's and Adult Social care budget. It also provides details of a proposal from the Department for Education for the Council to become the grant recipient for the Strategic School Improvement Capital Budget funding for Newman School.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

10.1 This is a finance update report, providing a review of current progress to date on the Council's revenue and capital budgets; any equalities and human rights impacts from service delivery have been or will be detailed as service budgets and capital projects are pulled together for inclusion within the Council's revenue budget or capital programme. The Equality Impact Assessment is attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

11 Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change

11.1 There are no direct implications arising from the report. The Carbon Impact Assessment is attached as Appendix 2 to the report.

12. Implications for Partners

12.1 At a time of economic difficulty and tight financial constraints, managing spend in line with the Council's budget is paramount. Careful scrutiny of expenditure and income across all services and close budget monitoring therefore remain a top priority if the Council is to deliver both its annual and medium-term financial plans while sustaining its overall financial resilience

13. Accountable Officers

Rob Mahon, Service Director – Financial Services

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers:-

	Named Officer	**Date**
Chief Executive	John Edwards	23/01/2026
Executive Director of Corporate Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	23/01/2026
Service Director of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Phillip Horsfield	21/01/2026

Report Author: *Rob Mahon, Service Director – Financial Services*

This report is published on the Council's website.

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Initial Equality Screening Assessment (Part A)

As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality and diversity.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provide a record of both the process and decision. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions.

Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality and diversity
- whether or not equality and diversity is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an equality analysis.

Directorate: Corporate Services	**Service area: Finance**
Lead person: Rob Mahon	**Contact number: 01709 254518**

1. Title:

Is this a:

☐	**Strategy / Policy**	X	**Service / Function**	☐	**Other**

If other, please specify

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening

The Council has a framework of budgetary monitoring and reporting that ensures budget management is exercised within annual cash limits.

Each month the Budget Manager receives timely information on income and expenditure to enable them to fulfil their budgetary responsibilities. Following the review of the budget information, each budget manager provides a forecast of their projected outturn position on each service. The Executive Director subsequently provides a consolidated forecast for their directorate to the Chief Finance Officer and relevant Cabinet Member.

A budget monitoring report, which includes an up-to-date outturn forecast, information about significant variances from approved budgets and proposals for dealing with them, is submitted to Cabinet at least 6 times a year, culminating with the Councils Financial Outturn report.

Whilst the framework described above relates to revenue budgets, the capital programme is also similarly monitored and reported alongside the Council's revenue

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position.

The financial monitoring position report summarises the key variances for each directorate and considers the key financial pressures and risks.

This report is the second financial report in the financial year, it sets out the Councils latest revenue forecast position. The report also covers off any other key items to be noted at this time.

Given that the revenue and capital budgets have been approved by Council in February each year, when equality assessments would have been considered at that time in respect of the budget proposals, there are no further issues in respect of equality and diversity.

3. Relevance to equality and diversity

All the Council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – borough wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality and diversity.

The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are.

When considering these questions think about age, carers, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation and any other relevant characteristics (for example socio-economic status, social class, income, unemployment, residential location or family background and education or skills levels).

Questions	Yes	No
Could the proposal have implications regarding the accessibility of services to the whole or wider community?		x
Could the proposal affect service users?		x
Has there been or is there likely to be an impact on an individual or group with protected characteristics?		x
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns regarding the proposal?		x
Could the proposal affect how the Council's services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?		x
Could the proposal affect the Council's workforce or employment practices?		x

If you have answered no to all the questions above, please explain the reason.

Given that the revenue and capital budgets have been approved by Council in February each year, when equality assessments would have been considered at that time in respect of the budget proposals, there are no further issues in respect of equality and diversity.

If you have answered **no** to all the questions above please complete **sections 5 and 6.**

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If you have answered **yes** to any of the above please complete **section 4.**

4. Considering the impact on equality and diversity	
If you have not already done so, the impact on equality and diversity should be considered within your proposals prior to carrying out an **Equality Analysis.** Considering equality and diversity will help to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and take active steps to create a discrimination free society by meeting a group or individual's needs and encouraging participation. Please provide specific details for all three areas below and use the prompts for guidance.	
• **How have you considered equality and diversity?** N/A	
• **Key findings** N/A	
• **Actions** N/A	
Date to scope and plan your Equality Analysis:	n/a
Date to complete your Equality Analysis:	n/a
Lead person for your Equality Analysis (Include name and job title):	n/a

5. Governance, ownership and approval		
Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening:		
Name	**Job title**	**Date**
Rob Mahon	Service Director Financial Services	16/1/26

6. Publishing
This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given. If this screening relates to a **Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision** a copy of the completed document should be attached as an appendix and published alongside the relevant report. A copy of **all** screenings should also be sent to equality@rotherham.gov.uk For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file and also published on the Council's Equality and Diversity Internet page.

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Date screening completed	16/1/26
Report title and date	December 2025/26 Financial Monitoring Report to Cabinet 9th February 2026
If relates to a Key Delegated Decision, **Executive Board**, **Council** or a **Significant Operational Decision** – **report date and date sent for publication**	
Date screening sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement equality@rotherham.gov.uk	19/01/2026

Will the decision/proposal impact…	Impact	If an impact or potential impacts are identified:			
		Describe impacts or potential impacts on emissions from the Council and its contractors.	Describe impact or potential impacts on emissions across the Borough as a whole.	Describe any measures to mitigate emission impacts	Outline any monitoring of emission impacts that will be carried out
Emissions from non-domestic buildings?	None				
Emissions from transport?	None				
Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	None				
Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	None				
Emissions from construction and/or development?	None				
Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	None				

Identify any emissions impacts associated with this decision which have not been covered by the above fields
This report constitutes an update on previously approved activity. All Capital schemes will have already been subject to their own climate impact assessments as part of their approval. It should be noted that where delays or slippage has been identified throughout the report it is likely that any original emissions savings are also delayed, for examples any year 1 carbon savings associated with the Warm Homes Phase 2 plan and EV Infrastructure delivery. Similarly, carbon forecast to be emitted through construction of delayed schemes will also be impacted.

Will the proposal affect Council services' resilience to climate change, or the capacity of people living in the Borough to adapt to climate change?
There are no specific impacts on resilience identified as part of this assessment. Significant new actions will be or have been subject to their own climate impact assessments.

Provide a summary of all impacts and mitigation/monitoring measures:
As this report is a financial update on previous events, updates on levels of funding moving forwards and doesn't approve anything directly to happen, it does not have any carbon implications.

Supporting information:	
Climate Impact Assessment Author	Nikki Kelly Finance Manager (Corporate Finance) Financial Services Corporate Services
Please outline any research, data or information used to complete this Climate Impact Assessment.	This assessment reproduces content published in the climate impact assessment to November's financial monitoring report, reference CIA 574.
If quantities of emissions are relevant to and have been used in this form please identify which conversion factors have been used to quantify impacts.	*N/A*
Validation	Tracking Reference: CIA 588 Arthur King Principal Climate Change Officer

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Public Report
Cabinet

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting
Cabinet – 09 February 2026

Report Title
Budget and Council Tax 2026/27 and Medium Term Financial Strategy

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?
Yes

Executive Director Approving Submission of the Report
Judith Badger, Executive Director of Corporate Services

Report Author(s)
Rob Mahon, Service Director Financial Services
01709 854518 or rob.mahon@rotherham.gov.uk

Ward(s) Affected
Borough-Wide

Report Summary
This report proposes the Council's Budget and Council Tax for 2026/27, based on the Council's Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement for 2026/27, budget consultation and the consideration of Directorate budget proposals. A review of the financial planning assumptions within the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) has been undertaken.

The proposed Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy reflects the Council's priorities as set out in the Council Plan 2025-2030 and Year Ahead Delivery Plan. The development of the Budget proposals for 2026/27 and a further update of the MTFS take into account prevailing economic factors, supplier market factors, demand and complexity of care pressures, and the positive improvement in funding available to the Council following the impact of the Fair Funding Review 2.0 (FFR 2.0). Following the Council's technical MTFS updates, proposed budget decisions within this report, the impact of the FFR 2.0 and Provisional Financial Settlement, the Council has been able to propose a balanced budget for 2026/27 and 2027/28 with a potential £9.3m funding gap in 2028/29.

During 2025 Government has consulted upon and delivered the Fair Funding Review 2.0. This has seen a significant shift in how Local Government is funded and how the resources for Local Government are distributed. The focus of funding distribution has moved more towards areas of greatest deprivation and need. The impact for RMBC of the Fair Funding Review, as confirmed with the Provisional Financial Settlement, is a positive one, with an additional £21.2m of funding per year provided to the Council

by 2028/29 (£9.2m by 2026/27 and £15.1m by 2027/28). Though this is a significant shift in direction that the Council welcomes, the funding is necessary to address the demand and market pressures the Council has seen in recent years.

Though the position for Local Authority Funding has shifted positively, the Council remains committed to increasing efficiency and delivering on the priorities of residents. As such, in order to invest in key priorities, this Budget includes Budget savings proposals of £3.2m aimed to increase the efficiency of service delivery and reduce or remove spending on services that are no longer required or can be delivered differently, for example, through maximising grant funding opportunities.

In recognition of escalating cost pressures within Adult Social Care, relating to increased complexity of care and rising demand for the service, market inflation and transitions, the Council will provide for approximately £8.6m of additional funding to support the delivery of Adult Social Care services. Following work to assess the impact of market inflation, across recent years, on the cost of Children's Social Care placements, the Council will provide approximately £4.8m of additional funding to support the provision of Children's Social Care.

Further investment of an extra £0.5m per year will be provided to address unavoidable cost pressures in complying with Home to School Transport requirements and £1.7m will be invested into the Council's staffing structure to ensure the Council remains an accredited Real Living Wage employer. In addition, the Budget will provide £2.8m additional investments to support with delivering on the Council's ambitions for the Borough, largely focused on improving the quality of life of residents, with specific regard to the Council Plan core strategic outcomes of;

- Places are thriving, safe, and clean,
- An economy that works for everyone,
- Children and young people achieve their potential,
- Residents live well,
- One Council that listens and learns.

In setting the proposed 2026/27 budget, Cabinet are asked to recommend to Council a 3.95% increase in Council Tax, made up of an increase of 1.95% in the Council's basic Council Tax plus an increase of 2% for the Adult Social Care Precept.

The Budget also proposes a further year of a Local Council Tax Support Top-up Scheme to operate across 2026/27 to provide continued additional support to low income working age households in the Borough, to assist them in managing the impacts of the cost of living crisis and support the most financially vulnerable households.

Recommendations

That Cabinet recommend to Council:

1. Approval of the Budget and Financial Strategy for 2026/27 as set out in the report and appendices, including a basic Council Tax increase of 1.95% and an Adult Social Care precept increase of 2%.

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

3. Approval of the updated Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) to 2028/29, as described within Section 2.6.

4. Approval of the Reserves Strategy as 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.

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.

6. To note and accept the comments and advice of the Executive Director of Corporate Services (Section 151 Officer), provided in compliance with Section 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.

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 Appendix 5.

8. Approval of the proposed increases in Adult Social Care provider contracts and for Direct Payments as set out in Section 2.4.

9. Approval of the proposed approach and increases in Children's Social Care costs as set out in Section 2.4.23.

10. Approval of the revenue investment proposals set out in Section 2.7 and Appendix 2.

11. Approval of the proposed revenue savings set out in Section 2.7 and Appendix 4.

12. Approval of the Council Fees and Charges for 2026/27 attached as Appendix 7.

13. Application of the Business Rates Reliefs as set out in Section 2.10, in line with Government guidance.

14. Approval of the proposed Capital Strategy and Capital Programme as presented in Section 2.12 and Appendices 3A to 3F.

15. Approval of the Treasury Management matters for 2026/27 as set out in Appendix 9 of this report including the Prudential Indicators, the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy, the Treasury Management Strategy and the Investment Strategy.

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.

17. Continuation of the principles and measures adopted since April 2020 to make faster payments to suppliers on receipt of goods, works and services following a fully reconciled invoice as described in Section 2.11.

18. Approval of the procedure for Budget allocations for the Community Leadership Fund as set out in Section 2.9.

19. Approval that the Capital Programme Budget continues to be managed in line with the following key principles:

    (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 Cabinet.

    (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.

    (iii) Capitalisation opportunities and capital receipts flexibilities will be maximised, with capital receipts earmarked to minimise revenue costs.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1	Council Tax Base 2026/27
Appendix 2	Proposed Revenue Budget Investments
Appendix 3A	Proposed Capital Investments Summary
Appendix 3B	Capital Investment Proposals
Appendix 3C to 3F	Capital Programme 2025/26 to 2029/30
Appendix 4	Proposed Revenue Savings
Appendix 5	Budget Consultation 2026/27
Appendix 6	Placeholder – Statutory Resolution of Council Tax 2026/27
Appendix 7	Fees and Charges Proposals 2026/27
Appendix 8	Background to the Budget & Financial Strategy
Appendix 9	Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management and Investment Strategy
Appendix 10	Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy 2026/27
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Appendix 12	Carbon Impact Assessment

Background Papers

- Council Tax Base 2026/27– Officer Delegated Decision record
- Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Plan, Rent Setting and Service Charges 2026-27 – Cabinet 15 December 2025
- Provisional Local Government Financial Settlement – 17 December 2025
- Budget and Council Tax 2025/26 and Medium Term Financial Strategy– Council 10 February 2025, Council 5 March 2025
- Financial Outturn 2024/25 – Cabinet 7 July 2025
- Treasury Management Outturn 2024/25 – Cabinet 7 July 2025, Audit Committee 17 June 2025
- Medium Term Financial Strategy Update – Cabinet 17 November 2025
- December Financial Monitoring Report – Cabinet 9 February 2026
- Mid-Year Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators Monitoring Report 2025/26 – Audit Committee 25 November 2025
- CIPFA – The Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities 2011 (as amended 2012) and related Guidance Notes 2013

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 04 February 2026

Council Approval Required
Yes

Exempt from the Press and Public
No

Budget and Council Tax 2026/27

1. Background

1.1 During 2025 Government consulted upon and delivered the Fair Funding Review 2.0. This has seen a significant shift in how Local Government is funded and how the resources for Local Government are distributed. The focus of funding distribution has moved more towards areas of greatest deprivation and demand. The impact for RMBC of the Fair Funding Review, as confirmed with the Provisional Financial Settlement, is a positive one, with an additional £21.2m of funding per year provided to the Council by 2028/29 (£9.2m by 2026/27 and £15.1m by 2027/28). Though this is a significant shift in direction that the Council welcomes, the funding is necessary to address demand and market pressures the Council has seen in recent years.

1.2 This increase in funding is nevertheless highly welcome. However, it must also be seen in the context of the immense pressures facing Local Government finances following austerity, inflation and rising demand for services. Since 2010 alone the Council has needed to make and address significant reductions in funding, reductions in expenditure and services provided and deliver significant savings programmes. When taken together this equates to savings in excess of £200m. Throughout this period the Council has needed to make difficult decisions to ensure that vital services to Rotherham residents can be maintained along with a robust financial position to ensure sustainability of those services. Whilst the Provisional Settlement means that the Council's financial outlook is better than anticipated, there was still a Budget gap before the proposals within this Budget, given local pressures and rising demand for services.

1.3 Against a difficult financial backdrop, the Council has remained focused on its largest regeneration programme in a generation. Rotherham town centre is being revitalised and the opening of three new eateries at Forge Island were major milestones in its journey. Construction of the new central library and markets is well underway. In May, the Maltby Grammar Business Hub officially opened for business and in June this was followed by Skills Street at Gulliver's Valley. With both developments creating new opportunities for children and young people in the Borough, they aligned with the core focus throughout 2025 as our Children's Capital of Culture year. Meanwhile, further consultation has been undertaken on the Our Places Fund, with residents, to identify several priority areas for improvement. Residents in Maltby East and residents in Central Rotherham will benefit from £20m of investment, for each area (£40m in total for the Borough), from the Government's Pride in Place Fund. More homes for local people are being created, and the Council has delivered 750 of its target of 1,000 new Council homes. Creating a range of opportunities, these developments are supporting the vision of the Council Plan to become a reality. In January 2026, Government confirmed its support for Rotherham Gateway, which will see a new main line station built and significant wider regeneration unlocked.

1.4 Despite the progress made, the need to deliver change and realise these ambitions for the Borough remains clear. For many people in Rotherham life is

still very hard. Deep structural challenges persist in the area's economy and the high levels of deprivation mean that communities and residents have been particularly impacted by the high cost of living over recent years. The Borough is amongst the 14% most deprived local authority areas in England. 31% of Rotherham children were living in poverty in 2023/24 and the number of children in receipt of free school meals has increased by around 700 or 5.2% in the year to December to c.14,020.

1.5 The pressures being seen by residents, families and businesses across the Borough are also leading to parallel pressures on the Council. Demand for services is rising and the impact of inflation continues to be difficult to predict, along with annual financial settlements over multiple previous years falling significantly short of mitigating those pressures.

1.6 Set within this context and following the refresh of the Council Plan in 2025, the vision at the heart of this Plan remains as important as when it was originally agreed in January 2022; that is to build a Borough where opportunity is extended to everyone, where people can grow, flourish and prosper and where no one is left behind.

1.7 Through the investments made in recent years the Council has:

- Outstanding services for children and young people, as set out in an Ofsted report published in December 2025. Rotherham is one of only nine councils in England to hold this rating alongside the top area outcome for the local partnership's arrangements for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).
- Reached the three-quarter milestone against the target of creating 1,000 new council homes, with the 750th home completed.
- Been ranked among the best performing authorities in the country for dealing with potholes following its £55m investment in road repairs over the last decade. In 2014/15, 34,000 potholes were repaired, but as of December, in 2025/26 only 12,951 potholes have needed to be repaired.
- Made significant progress in delivering Castle View Day Service and new homes at Canklow, with construction due to be completed in Quarter 1 2026/27, which will provide day opportunities for people with high support needs.
- Secured £200m of Government investment to deliver regeneration and jobs across the Borough, with schemes at Rother Valley and Thrybergh Country Parks, Wath, Dinnington, Templeborough and a number of schemes in the Town Centre such as Rotherham Markets and Libraries.
- Delivered through the Council's own funding the flagship redevelopment of the Forge Island with Vetro Lounge, Sygnature Dish and Heavenly Desserts now open.
- Received Government backing for its ambitious Rotherham Gateway Plan, which would return mainline rail services to Rotherham for the first time since the 1980s.

1.8 Throughout 2026/27 the Council will build on this and go further, making more progress in delivering its vision by supporting the most vulnerable children and adults, providing high quality services and making the Borough an even better place to live, work, visit and invest in.

1.9 A series of budget investment proposals are set out within this document for consideration. These have been informed by a number of sources including feedback from consultations on the Budget, the Council Plan and individual services and wider best practice. Focused on continuing to improve the quality of life of residents across the Borough, the Council is investing in creating places to go and things to do, alongside delivering high quality services by:

- ***Creating more opportunities for children and young people.*** Within the consultation on the Council Plan, children and young people asked for more things to do. To help realise this ambition the Council is proposing to create an additional 10,000 places on its Healthy Holidays Programme. The Council's universal Youth Work Offer will also be expanded, the play areas programme will be extended, and youth service minibuses will be replaced, ensuring that all young people can access opportunities across the Borough.

  Finally, an additional investment of £453,000 is proposed to ensure the effective delivery of educational psychology services (the EPS), which play a vital role in improving learning, communication, and emotional well-being for children and young people.

- **Thriving neighbourhoods:** following on from the shop unit grants programme and the introduction of the Street Safe Team, the Council is looking to further support our High Streets in the Town Centre, Swinton, Wath, Maltby and Dinnington. The purpose of the proposed £304,000 investment is to introduce 3 new Business Support Officers to engage with businesses in these areas, helping them to flourish. Alongside this the Council will invest in its core events programme ensuring it has the resource in place to deliver an engaging programme of events, bringing people together across the borough.

  The Council is also proposing a series of investments to continue to improve parks, outdoor spaces and activities. Over 65's will benefit from a pilot of half price swimming at the Borough's four leisure centres and the running track will be replaced at Herringthorpe Stadium, the only facility of its kind in the Borough. There will be further improvements in country parks, including a £1m investment to replace the existing visitor centre and boat house at Ulley Country Park and investment to improve cleanliness, safety and security at Rother Valley.

- ***A cleaner Borough:*** within the responses to the budget consultation, the second most frequently mentioned spending priority was street cleanliness / waste management. Through this budget, it is proposed to double the resource (with an investment of £272,000) that was established in 2025/26 through the creation of the Roadside Cleansing Team, which has picked on average 1.5 tonnes of litter per week.

£129,000 of investment is also proposed for additional staff to support with a 'meet, greet and help' service for residents at Household Waste Recycling Centres, improving the experience of users and providing an on site re-use facility.

- ***Better and safer roads:*** As part of the consultation on the Budget, maintaining roads and pavements was the most frequently identified spending priority from respondents. In 2026/27 the Council will benefit from its share of £7m of additional funding from government that has been allocated to the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority to improve the condition of roads across the borough. This will be in addition to the Council's existing capital commitments. Through the proposals set out in this Budget, a further investment of £4.4m will fund a series of improvements to highway structure and road safety measures across the Borough. This includes a £1.9m investment to repair the parapet at Old Flatts Bridge, £1m to invest in structures on Rotherham's highways and a further investment of £324,000 in the Council's minor works programme. Additional funding is also being made available to further develop key schemes across the Borough including Treeton Lane crossroads, the reconstruction of Fleet Bridge, five pedestrian crossings in the programme pipeline, and the development of road safety plans for every ward in the Borough.

- ***Nobody left behind***: increase investment in social care by around £13.4m on to meet rising demand and increasingly complex needs. Alongside this, decisions are being taken to uplift fees on care packages.

  Following the feedback received as part of the consultation on Selective Licensing in the Borough, an investment of £362,000 will be made to support these six communities. This is proposed to fund dedicated civil enforcement officers and new tenancy liaison officers to support private tenants and crack down on anti-social behaviour. This revenue investment will be matched with a £100,000 per annum capital contribution to improve the physical environment based on priorities set by local consultative groups.

  With cost of living remaining high, the Council is continuing to support residents when they need it the most. This includes a proposal to increase the funding available for the school uniform support scheme, enabling more families to benefit from it. Meanwhile, the Council is proposing to fund the continuation of specialist benefits advice to residents who receive a cancer diagnosis, to ensure that they receive the support they are entitled to, through a £135,000 investment. Finally, the discounts available via Rothercard on Council services have been reviewed, with the discount being made available on more services and with at least 25% discount being provided.

1.2 Budget Context

1.2.1 The Council set a balanced budget position for 2025/26 as part of the Budget and Council Tax Report 2025/26 approved at Council on 4 March 2025. The MTFS contained within that report included a balanced position for 2026/27 and a funding gap of £3.2m for 2027/28. There was uncertainty projecting forward funding available to the Council post 2025/26 due to only a single year settlement being provided, though Government did indicate their intention to reset the Local Authority funding picture through the proposed Fair Funding Review. However, the Budget and MTFS position was set based on sound financial assumptions at the time, factoring in funding for service market pressures within Adult Social Care in particular.

1.2.2 During 2025/26 the Council has continued to see rising pressures due to market inflation, demand and the complexity of care packages increasing. The Council is currently projecting an overspend of £3.4m, made up of social care pressures, Home to School Transport, Waste Management and the impact of the Local Government Pay Award. Whilst the Council anticipated some of these pressures, with the £5.4m Social Care Contingency and continued savings in Treasury Management, this still leaves a pressure of £3.4m. To help mitigate the position, Directors are expected to take all steps to reduce the overall overspend, ensuring grant maximisation, restricting any non-essential expenditure and delaying recruitment where possible. It is expected that the position will improve in the final quarter of 2025/26.

1.2.3 Despite this challenging environment the Council has continued to set a robust Budget and MTFS and monitor the performance of that Budget effectively. The Council has faced financial challenges in year but has taken swift action to rectify them or set in place clear actions to address those pressures over time. The success of this approach is evident through the Budget and MTFS that the Council now brings forward for approval. Whilst there remain challenges to overcome, the Council has a clear plan and has adequate cover in place for risk through a robust inflation and Reserves Strategy. In this Budget and MTFS the Council has not been required to identify an increased call on Reserves across 2026/27 to 2028/29.

1.2.4 Looking ahead to 2026/27, Local Authorities must consider their Budget and MTFS alongside the impact of the Fair Funding Review 2.0 (FFR 2.0). FFR 2.0 represents a significant adjustment to how Local Authorities are to be funded and how that funding will be distributed. The FFR 2.0 also includes a Business Rates Reset to ensure a fairer distribution of Business Rates and simplification of the overall system. The main thrust of the changes is to direct Government funding towards areas of greatest need and areas of greatest deprivation. Alongside this Government aimed to provide a 3 year settlement along with a reduced volume of Government grants to simplify the process whilst adding additional certainty to the process.

1.2.5 The Provisional Settlement provided a positive outcome for the Council, confirming the outcome of the FFR 2.0 and key updates linked to the Business Rates Reset. In order to simplify the outcomes of the Business Rates Reset, Government decided to pay the Business Rates Top Up grant in 2026/27

based on 2028/29 allocations. Taken amongst some other changes announced this means the Council has £3.6m more than expected for 2026/27 and assumed in the MTFS update to Cabinet in November 2025.

1.2.6 Positively, the full impact of the FFR 2.0 and wider changes to the Provisional Financial Settlement will see the Council's funding position increase by a total of £21.2m by the end of 2028/29. Although this funding will build up gradually due to the FFR 2.0 implementation being weighted by 33.3% a year across 2026/27 to 2028/29, the overall impact for the Council remains a positive one. The impact will see the Council gain additional funding of £9.2m in 2026/27, £15.1m in 2027/28 and £21.2m by 2028/29.

1.2.7 Whilst the position is positive and certainly an improved funding position for the Council, it is still faced with significant cost pressures due to demand and market pressures in social care and inflationary pressures. As such, though the improved funding is positive and welcomed, it does not move the Council's funding position to such an extent that the Budget can be balanced without further savings being identified. After the provisional settlement, the Council projected a £1m gap for 2026/27 and 2027/28.

1.2.8 The Provisional Settlement confirmed as a result of the FFR 2.0 that the Council would be presented with a detailed 3 year funding settlement through to 2028/29. This includes a host of grants being rolled into the core spending power for the Council and redistributed on the new Fair Funding Review basis. This has, as above, improved the Council's overall funding position and the reduction of the volume of grants will in time simplify the process to provide improved certainty of funding.

1.2.9 As the FFR 2.0 process was taking place the Council has needed to wait until the outcome of the Provisional Settlement to gain clarity and certainty around the funding position. As such, during the Budget setting process the Council has needed to be adaptable and be able to pivot into savings or investments options, depending upon how the FFR 2.0 fell. As such, it has been an unusual budget setting process compared to recent years. The Council still faces cost pressures but given the additional funding, is more appropriately prepared to deal with them. As such the Council has considered a package of savings as well as investments as part of the Budget for 2026/27. The Council aims to meet the challenge of the current cost pressures present, whilst protecting services that the Council provides to residents and businesses within the Borough and provide further support to residents facing cost of living pressures.

1.2.10 The Council remains committed to protecting the most vulnerable children and adults and to improving the cost effectiveness of these services. CYPS placements remains a budget risk with a projected overspend of £5.7m in 2025/26 due to rising market costs and challenges faced in delivering the in-house residential homes programme. However, the demand pressures that the Council has previously seen have reduced and the Looked After Children (LAC) numbers have continued to reduce, though the Council is now reaching the appropriate level of LAC placements. As such it is not expected LAC numbers will reduce significantly moving into 2026/27. However, whilst

demand has fallen, cost reductions have been more stubborn, principally due to market pressures outside of the control of the directorate, which remain a budget risk. A key focus for the Council will be to continue to ensure that where appropriate external residential placements are reduced in favour of use of the Council's in house residential provision, foster carers and Special Guardianship Orders (SGO's).

1.2.11 A benchmarking exercise undertaken against statistical neighbours has shown that the Council's direction of travel on CYPS costs remains positive. When comparing Children's social care spend across the areas of the Revenue Outturn (RO) reports, looking at the Council's statistical neighbours, the Council will fall in the middle of these authorities within the next few years. Historically, the Council has been one of the highest in most areas. In addition, the Council has carried out a review of inflationary market pressures over the last 5 years nationally, to assess if the Council has provided sufficient inflationary uplifts to CYPS. The result of the exercise shows that nationally children's social care placements have risen by 52% across 2019/20 to 2025/26. Comparatively, the Council has provided 29% inflation across this same period, the under inflation is principally as the Council cannot control in all cases the inflationary increases that providers may demand, child by child. Through this Budget the Council will provide an uplift to the CYPS placements of £2.8m, the remaining pressures within CYPS placements will be addressed through the completion of the in-house residential programme and reduced use of external residential placements where possible and appropriate.

1.2.12 Adult Social Care continues to experience significant pressures that are out of the Council's control due to a rise in the complexity of people's needs and an ageing population. The adult care market remains volatile due to rising demand pressures and staff shortages. This pressure has been exacerbated by inflation and the rise in the Real Living Wage (6.75% increase from 1 April 2026) meaning the available funding needs to increase to ensure market sustainability. These cost pressures increase the average cost per hour to meet people's eligible needs. This is reflected across all service areas. Extensive work is underway to minimise the impact of these rising costs by ensuring the service is running as efficiently as possible.

1.2.13 There is a need to recognise these escalating care complexities, demand and market costs within this budget. This requires the Council to provide for around £8.6m of additional funding for the delivery of Adult Social Care services in 2026/27 in addition to the £17m provided in the 2025/26 Budget.

1.2.14 The £8.6m is made up of an uplift for 2025/26 pressures that are reflected in the current year overspend plus a further uplift for 2026/27. The additional funding will help in supporting the ambition that all workers are paid the Real Living Wage and improve the sustainability of the adult care provider sector to deliver services to Rotherham people. Considering the pressures within Adult Social Care demand, this service still represents a significant long term financial risk within the Council's Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy. It is a national issue and the Council welcomes Government's plans to review the Adult Social Care sector.

1.2.15 Further investment of £0.5m per year (2026/27 to 2028/29) will also be provided to address unavoidable pressures in complying with Home to School Transport requirements. Home to School Transport has seen continued increases in cost and demand in recent years and whilst the Council has delivered changes to the policy and improved transport efficiency to stem the cost increase, the demand continues to rise. This is reflective of the national picture.

1.2.16 Following the success of the 'Baby Packs' investment approved as part of the Budget and Council Tax Report 2024/25, this Budget will increase the provision for this service by £50k. The increase in Budget is required to meet the impact of inflation on the items that are included within the pack. Whilst consideration was given to reducing items within the pack the Council seeks to maintain a consistency in the offer, as such additional resource is required. During 2025/26 it is anticipated that over 2,100 Baby Packs will be issued.

1.2.17 As part of the 2024/25 Budget and Council Tax Report, Bulky Waste Service charges were reduced. The proposed fee for 2024/2025 was reduced by 50% to £16.50 for the first three items with a further charge of £5.30 for each additional item. The proposal was that Rothercard holders would receive a fixed discount which reduced the charge to £10 for the first three items and £5 for each additional item. The discount has been in place for 2024/25 and 2025/26 and has been successful with the number of collections increasing from 6,384 in 2023/24 to an estimated 9,700 by the end of 2025/26. This Budget proposes to continue the discount and as such, given the increased demand, the cost of the service provision will need to be increased to reflect that increased demand. As such Budget provision for Bulky Waste of £178k has been made.

1.2.18 Although inflation has been easing, the impact of the Local Government Association (LGA) Pay Award 2025/26 was £2.3m greater than was assumed within the Budget for 2025/26. It is anticipated that this can be funded through temporary savings within Treasury Management for 2025/26 though the ongoing impact has been factored into the Budget and MTFS. Future pay awards remain a key area of uncertainty moving into 2026/27 as the Council has no control over these and Government do not provide additional funding to cover their impact. The position for 2026/27 is exacerbated further by the decision in the 2025/26 Local Government Pay Award to remove Spinal Column Point 2 from the pay structure and the impact of the 6.75% increase in the Real Living Wage to £13.45. To enable the Council to address both of these issues, the Budget and MTFS has been uplifted by £1.7m per year.

1.2.19 One of the Council's biggest Business Rates payers, Speciality Steel, is being wound up after entering financial difficulty during 2023/24. This presents a financial challenge to the Council through the need to write off £4.2m of Business Rates debt, spanning across Q4 2023/24 through to 21 August 2025. The Council is only directly impacted by 49% of this debt, 1% impact for South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Services and 50% relates to central Government. The impact of the write off has been factored into the Council's MTFS along with a consideration around the longer term use of the site and how that might impact the Council's Business Rates levels annually.

	RMBC	SYFRS	Gov't	Total
23/24	£144,142.81	£2,941.69	£147,084.50	£294,169.00
24/25	£1,383,184.86	£28,228.26	£1,411,413.13	£2,822,826.25
25/26	£546,908.48	£11,161.40	£558,069.88	£1,116,139.75
Total	**£2,074,236.15**	**£42,331.35**	**£2,116,567.50**	**£4,233,135.00**

1.2.20 Whilst the position with Speciality Steel is a concern, the impact of the proposed Business Rates Review that is continuing as part of FFR 2.0 is expected to be positive for the Council. It is likely that the outcome of the Business Rates Review will see greater retention of business rates locally through the move to using Gross Business Rates rather than Net Business Rates to calculate the locally retained element. Gross Business Rates is the level of rates to charge prior to the provision of any business rates relief. In addition, it is anticipated that the outcome of the Business Rates Review will also include a level of re-distribution of national growth. The full outcome of the Business Rates Reset will not be known until the summer of 2026 and as such its impact will be considered as part of the 2027/28 Budget process.

1.2.21 A further positive to the Council factored into the Budget and MTFS position is the impact of the South Yorkshire Pensions Authority (SYPA) Revaluation process. The revaluation process happens every 3 years and considers the position of the fund, liabilities, investments and risks associated in order to set out the employers' contribution rate for the next 3-year cycle. The employers' contribution rates do not impact payments made to members of the scheme; these are set nationally by Government, along with the associated pay bands. At the 2025 Financial Directors Summit the SYPA confirmed that the funding level was 141%, so well ahead of the target of 120% set at the last revaluation. Whilst this position is positive for the SYPA, it is effectively carrying a 41% surplus of funds above what is required to fund the cost of the scheme's liabilities, i.e. payments to members.

1.2.22 The draft outcome of the revaluation process proposed a 1% reduction in the employer's contribution rate, despite the significant surplus that existed. This was felt to be overly cautious and as a result meant that resources that could be used to provide services to Rotherham residents were being held in an overly cautious pension fund position. The Council along with finance leads across the South Yorkshire Local Authorities pushed back on this position and worked with the SYPA to gain a proposed reduction in the contribution rate of 5.2%. This was felt by all parties to be a reasonable approach. The approach does carry a possible risk that the contribution rate may need to be increased in 3 years' time but that is something that the Council can consider as part of its MTFS moving forwards. The impact of this proposal is a reduction in employer contributions of £6.6m per year.

1.2.23 There are further positives to flag in terms of the financial position for 2025/26 that impact the Budget for 2026/27. The Waste Route Optimisation saving,

although it was delayed in terms of delivery, has been delivered in full with the new more efficient routes implemented. As such the saving of £0.5m is expected to be delivered in full, from 2026/27 onwards. The Homelessness service that was presenting a real problem during 2024/25 due to increased demand and increased use of hotels for short term placements has been brought under control. The Council has taken steps to address these pressures through growth in the volume of temporary accommodation rented from the HRA and through growth in team structure to increase capacity to manage cases more effectively and support prevention. The impact has seen hotel usage fall from a peak of 87 rooms hired on any one night down to 18 rooms at any one time as of January 2026. As such this service no longer presents a budget pressure.

1.2.24 Following approval of the 2025/26 Budget the global economic position has remained uncertain stagnating growth and putting pressure on the inflation markets. September CPI fell to 1.7% in 2024 ahead of the Budget 2025/26 but rose shortly after and has remained above 3% during the bulk of 2025, with September CPI at 3.8%. The Council's base costs have continued to significantly rise across the period of high inflation and need to be factored into the Budget and MTFS moving forwards. Energy prices, whilst also positively reducing, are still projected to cost the Council around 35% more in 2025/26 than the outturn position for 2022/23 prior to the significant inflationary increases.

1.2.25 The Council continues to make good progress in the delivery of previously approved savings; further details are provided in Section 2.2.

1.3 Revenue Budget Position 2025/26

1.3.1 The December revenue financial monitoring position, which is reported to Cabinet on 9 February 2026, on the same agenda as this budget report, shows a forecast year-end overspend of £3.4m. The Directorate overspend of £9.2m is largely due to demand and market pressures in relation to Children's residential placements and placement types, and the complexity of care packages in Adult Social Care. Market prices are increasing at above inflation levels, placing further pressures on the Council's Budget. These pressures were anticipated and a corporate provision of £5.4m was maintained within Central Services as part of the Budget and Council Tax Report 2025/26.

1.3.2 The forecast position will continue to be monitored closely but it is possible that even with mitigations the Council will need to call on Reserves to achieve a balanced outturn for 2025/26. In order to help mitigate the position, Directors are expected to take all steps to reduce the overall overspend, ensuring grant maximisation, restricting any non-essential expenditure and delaying recruitment where possible.

1.3.3 The Council's overspend position at this point is largely due to the following overall issues:

- Placement pressures within Children and Young People's Services (£5.7m) and Education Inclusion Services of £0.4m.

- The increasing cost and complexity of care packages within Adult Social Care and continuing increases in demand, £4.8m.
- Home to School Transport remains a pressure due to continued rising demand, £0.4m, reflecting the national picture.
- Waste service is forecasting delayed delivery of the £0.5m saving approved as part of the Budget and Council Tax Report 2025/26. As work progresses on the route optimisation plan that will increase the efficiency of waste rounds, the position with regards to the delivery of this saving will become clearer. However, the full year impact of the saving will not be realised in 2025/26.
- Impact of the Local Government Association (LGA) Pay Award.

Mitigated by:

- Use of the £5.4m Social Care Contingency approved within the Council's Budget and Council Tax Report 2025/26
- Treasury Management savings generated over and above the £3m built into the Budget and Council Tax Report 2025/26
- Underspends within Finance and Customer Services and Assistant Chief Executive.

1.3.4 This Budget has considered these pressures and addressed the financial implications of them moving forwards.

1.4 Spending Review 2025, Fair Funding Review 2.0, Autumn Policy Statement and Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement 2026/27

1.4.1 Government set out their clear intention to implement a Fair Funding Review for Local Government, something that has been mooted for a number of years, to address the growing disparity and inequality in how Government funding is distributed across the sector. On 11 June 2025 the Chancellor delivered the Spending Review setting out her proposals for delivering a Fair Funding Review for Local Government. This announcement set out the basis of the Fair Funding Review, the aims and a proposed new methodology for calculating a needs basis for Local Authorities and then providing funding based on that need.

1.4.2 The spending review set out plans to reform key public services, including improving productivity and reducing bureaucracy in the NHS, promoting earlier intervention in children's social care, and delivering transformative reforms to sentencing in order to ensure stronger, more effective punishment. These were the headlines for Local Authorities behind the updates provided within the spending review:

- **Increased Funding**:
  - Local authorities will receive an additional **£3.4 billion of grant funding** in 2028-29 compared to 2024-25.
  - This results in an average annual real terms increase in overall local authority core spending power of **3.1%** across the Spending Review period.

- **Financial Sustainability**:
  - The government aims to return local government to a sustainable financial position.
  - Funding will be consolidated to give local authorities greater flexibility to innovate.
  - The Government is committed to multi-year allocations and move to a more up-to-date assessment of each council's needs and resources through the upcoming 2026-27 Local Government Finance Settlement (LGFS).
- **Children's Social Care**:
  - **£555 million** from the Transformation Fund will be invested over the Spending Review period to help more children stay with their families and prevent children from going into care.
- **Adult Social Care**:
  - An increase of over **£4 billion** in funding available for adult social care in 2028-29 compared to 2025-26.
  - This includes an increase to the NHS's minimum contribution to adult social care via the Better Care Fund.
- **Homelessness Prevention**:
  - **£100 million** will be provided for early interventions to prevent homelessness.
  - **£950 million** of capital investment for a fourth round of the Local Authority Housing Fund to increase the supply of good quality temporary accommodation.
- **Waste**
  - Local authorities will continue to receive additional income through the Extended Producer Responsibility scheme for packaging.

1.4.3 The Fair Funding Review set out a proposed new methodology for the allocation of a large proportion of the funding the Council receives as part of the financial settlement. The proposed methodology significantly shifts the balance of funding back to a needs basis and the Council will therefore gain from that basis being an area of high demand and deprivation.

- The FFR 2.0 proposed a significant change in methodology for the distribution of Local Authority funding, known as the Settlement Funding Assessment (SFA).
- This change represents a positive impact for the Council in that the new methodology seeks to redistribute Local Authority funding on the basis of greatest demand, deprivation and ability (or not) to generate Council Tax. For example, areas that have the ability to generate the greatest level of Council Tax income and have a lower level of demand for services will receive a lower proportion of SFA grants. Conversely, areas that have low level Council Tax income (due to properties predominantly in lower bands) and greater demand for services due in part to deprivation, will receive a greater proportion of SFA grants.

- Given the revised methodology the Council estimated that it would see a significant increase in available funding across the spending review period 2026/27 to 2028/29.
- The Council welcomed this positive movement and the clarity that a three-year spending review period provides to Medium Term Financial Planning, increasing ability to plan ahead.
- The FFR clarified that in launching the new methodology, a series of existing grants provided to Councils as part of the Core Spending Power would be rolled into the Settlement Funding Assessment, the aim being to reduce the level of different grants the Council receives, enabling reduced monitoring constraints, whilst also providing greater flexibility in how the Council's funding can be utilised. A positive step for the sector, as this combines the sector's previous requests to have increased funding certainty along with a reduced volume of different grants.
- The announcements at this point were unclear on the future of the Recovery Grant, a concern as the Council received £8.7m from this fund.
- The new methodology is introduced on a weighted basis 33% change in year 1 2026/27, 66% 2027/28 and 100% implementation 2028/29. Whilst it is understandable that Councils seeing a reduced level of funding will need time to adjust, it is disappointing that the implementation is not proposed to be 100% from 2026/27 given Councils like Rotherham had to manage the impact of austerity in a big bang fashion. This means that Rotherham residents will have to wait 3 years until they see the full benefit of the improved funding methodology.
- The Council's new 'Needs Share' is 0.48%, this means that the Council should gain 0.48% of the total Government grants that sit within the Settlement Funding Assessment. For some grants this means the Council's allocation is lessened but overall, the Council will gain more funding from the new funding formula, as the quantum grant that the Council's 'Needs Share' is applied to is bigger.
- The Dedicated Schools Grant statutory override was extended from March 2026 to March 2028 to recognise that significant Government reform around SEND is required to tackle the national challenge in this area.
- It was expected the Fair Funding Review would generate an additional £18m of funding to the Council per year by the end of the spending review period.
    - £5m in 2026/27
    - £11m in 2027/28
    - £18m in 2028/29

1.4.4 The Autumn Policy Statement was published on 20 November 2025 and provided headline information for local government funding from 2026/27 through to 2028/29. The announcement provided further clarity on the impact of the Fair Funding Review but did not go as far as allowing Councils to calculate the full financial impact of the review. The Policy Statement provided further details on the specific grants that would either be rolled into the FFR

2.0 calculation and provided via uplifted Revenue Support Grant (RSG). It also provided clarity on a number of grants that are rolled in together to form new grant streams, in order to reduce the volume of grants and simplify the financial settlement. Grants previously announced after the Local Government Financial Settlement are to be announced as part of it moving forwards, to increase certainty, such as Public Health Grant.

1.4.5 There was concern at this point that the proposed changes to the Fair Funding Review methodology would detrimentally impact the Council. This was due to the inclusion of housing prices into the calculating of deprivation. The outcome of this was expected to see the Council get a lesser share of the overall allocation due to low house prices and with other areas particularly in central London getting a greater share due to high house prices. Whilst on the face of it this would negatively impact the Council, the Policy Statement did not give enough information to calculate the financial impact. As such the Council would need to continue working on the Budget with a strategy of being able to pivot into either an investment Budget or a savings Budget.

1.4.6 The Recovery Grant was confirmed as staying outside of the Fair Funding Review formula, a real positive for the Council as it currently receives £8.7m which could have been reduced by as much as £5m had this grant been rolled into FFR 2.0.

1.4.7 The Local Authority Better Care Fund will also stay outside the FFR 2.0 formula and not be rolled into the Settlement Funding Assessment for 2026/27. This is a positive initially as Rotherham gains more than 0.48% of this overall pot. However, the intent is to roll this grant in from 2027/28.

1.4.8 Further updates for aims and objectives of the Business Rates Retention System reset were set out as follows;

- Restore balance between funding and rewarding growth, with increased safety nets and phased implementation.
- All resources that Local Government currently have available which are associated with the Business Rates Retention Scheme will remain with Local Government post 1 April 2026. This includes the growth currently retained by authorities over current Baseline Funding Levels, and the grant compensation that has been awarded in respect of Government relief schemes and for historic under-indexation of business rates multipliers.
- The reset will be implemented in 2026-27, with transitional baselines and compensation for under indexation.
- Baselines for reset will be a combination of NNDR income and S31 grant. However, rates currently retained in designated areas and for relevant renewable energy assessments will be excluded from the reset.
- Compensation for the under indexation of the multipliers and other fixed compensation, e.g. green plant & machinery and fixed small business rates relief will be rolled into RSG.

- Safety Net increased to 100% of authorities' Baseline Funding Level for 2026-27, gradually moving back to 92.5% over the multi-year settlement.
- Significant change to levy on growth. All authorities will pay a levy on growth, retained rates as compared to baseline funding level, at the same rate:
    - Initial growth of up to 110% - 10% levy rate
    - Further growth 110% to 200% - 30% levy rate
    - High growth 200%+ - 45% levy rate
- Intention for regular resets moving forward, reset periods to be agreed with the sector.
- All funded reliefs will be compensated by S31 grant and will flow through collection fund rather than general fund to streamline the accounting and support cashflow.

1.4.9 There were announcements on the grants to be combined together to reduce the volume of grants whilst creating a more simplified approach;

- The Children's Social Care Prevention Grant, Supporting Families Grant, Holiday Activities and Food Programme, Post 16 Pupil Premium Plus Programme and new funding announced for Social Care reform are to be combined to create the **£3.1bn Children, Families and Youth Grant.**
- The Household Support Fund and Discretionary Housing Payments are to be combined to create the new **£2.49bn Crisis and Resilience Fund.**
- The Homelessness Prevention Grant, Rough Sleeping Accommodation Grant, Rough Sleeping Prevention and Recovery Grant and the Domestic Abuse Grant have been combined to create the **£2.45bn Homelessness, Rough Sleeping and Domestic Abuse Grant.**
- The Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Recovery Improvement Grant, Local Stop Smoking Services Grant, Individual Placement and Support Grant and the Swap to Stop programme are to be combined into the **£13.45bn Public Health Grant.**

1.4.10 In addition, a further 17 grants have been rolled into the Fair Funding Review calculation, so from 2026/27 will no longer exist, the main grants to be rolled in are;

- Social Care Grant
- Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund
- Employer National Insurance Contributions
- Temporary Accommodation element of the former Homelessness Prevention Grant
- Local Authority Better Care Fund will be rolled in from 2027/28.

1.4.11 The Government published details of the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement on 17 December 2025.

1.4.12 The key headlines from the Settlement are:

- The basic Council Tax referendum principle for 2026/27 is 3% i.e. a maximum increase of 2.99%.

- In addition, social care authorities will be able to increase their Council Tax by up to 2% (over the basic referendum threshold of 3% referred to above) by means of an Adult Social Care Precept for 2026/27.

- Overall, the Provisional Settlement impact was positive, with the outcome of the FFR 2.0 and the wider changes to the financial settlement leading to an increase in available funding of £3.6m more than had been anticipated in the November 2025 update to Cabinet.

- The Revenue Support Grant is where grants that have been rolled into the new Fair Funding Review distribution methodology will be redistributed to. As such the Provisional Settlement confirmed a large increase in the Revenue Support Grant, which will be £78.5m in 2026/27. It was £19.4m in 2025/26, however, as reported above, it now includes the Social Care Grant and Market Sustainability Grant amongst a number of other grants that have been rolled in. So, comparing year on year is not a genuine like for like.

- The Recovery Grant, worth £600m per year, continues over the multi-year period using the same profile as its 2025/26 distribution; £8.7m per year for the Council.

- The most significant change announced in the Provisional Settlement was that in recognition of the complexity of the business rates system, and the need for it to run uninterrupted to ensure a consistent revenue stream for local Councils, Government have moved all local authorities' Business Rates Funding Levels directly to the 2028-29 fair funding shares in 2026-27. As a result, the Council's Top up Grant in 2026/27 is £39.3m, £6.3m higher than anticipated.

- The full impact of the FFR 2.0 and wider changes to the Provisional Financial Settlement will see the Council's funding position increase by a total of £21.2m by the end of 2028/29. This will unfortunately build up gradually due to the FFR 2.0 implementation being weighted by 33.3% a year across 2026/27 to 2027/28. Therefore, the impact will be £9.2m in 2026/27, £15.1m in 2027/28 and £21.2m by 2028/29.

- The Public Health Grant allocation for 2026/27 has been confirmed as part of the Core Spending Power for the first time, giving increased certainty. It has been confirmed at £22.7m for 2026/27, along with allocation of £23m in 2026/27 and £23.3m in 2027/28.

- The Final Local Government Finance Settlement 2026/27 is expected to be announced in early February 2026. It is proposed that any

changes resulting from the Final Settlement are reflected in the Budget Report to Council on 4 March 2026.

1.4.13 The main elements of funding received from Government are in the form of the Settlement Funding Assessment. This is Government Grant in the form of Revenue Support Grant (RSG) and Business Rates Top-up grant. As part of the Assessment, councils also retain 49% of locally collected business rates. Details of this local funding are set out later in this report. Details of the Government Grant allocations are set out in Table 1 below.

Table 1 – Settlement Funding Assessment – Government Grants

Government Grants	2025/26	2026/27	Difference
	£'000	£'000	%
Revenue Support Grant*	19,347	78,513	305.8
Business Rates Top-Up Grant	31,801	39,288	23.5
Provisional Settlement – Government Funding	**51,148**	**117,801**	**130.3**

*As described above there has been a significant increase in Revenue Support Grant due to the new Fair Funding Review 2.0. Revenue Support Grant now includes a host of other grants, such as Social Care Grant, that will no longer exist as a separate grant.

1.4.14 In addition, the Government has previously compensated councils for years in which they apply an indexation cap, (below the annual increase in the Retail Price Index), on Business Rates and the associated Top-up Grant. This additional grant was £0.3m for 2025/26 however as part of the Business Rates Review and Business Rates Reset this grant has been rolled into Revenue Support Grant to try and simplify the historic position. It is expected that Government may utilise the same process moving forwards, as such this grant may reappear in future years, but this will not be clear until the Business Rates Reset has been fully completed.

1.4.15 The Government will continue to allow councils to utilise the existing capital receipts flexibilities that allow revenue transformational expenditure to be funded by Capital Receipts, up to 2029/30. The Council's proposed Capital Programme will therefore assume the continued use of these flexibilities where it is most financially advantageous to do so up to and including 2026/27.

1.4.16 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)

1.4.17 The Council also receives funding to deliver education in Rotherham, the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). The 2026/27 provisional allocation for Rotherham (before any adjustments) is £391.1m. This is split into four funding blocks comprised of the schools, early years, high needs and the central schools services blocks. The allocation of funding through each funding block is determined by a national funding formula.

1.4.18 The 2026/27 **Schools Block** allocation is £271.9m. This funding is distributed to mainstream schools and academies in the borough based on pupil numbers recorded in the October 2025 census. The allocation is determined using the national funding formula, which applies separate primary and secondary units of funding, along with additional amounts for deprivation, education attainment, sparsity and premises related factors.

1.4.19 The schools block allocation represents an increase of £10.9m compared to 2025/26. However, it includes funding for national insurance contributions (NICs) and teachers pay costs that were previously funded through separate grants but have now been rolled into DSG funding. This ensures that these funding forms part of schools' core budgets going forward.

1.4.20 The 2026/27 ***Early Years Block*** funding is £49.7m and represents an increase of £7.3m compared to 2025/26 The funding increase is due to increase in the national funding rates and in participation numbers – following the expansion in the entitlements for two-year-olds and children under 2's. The funding allocation includes funding for free childcare entitlement for eligible children and working parents of 3 & 4 year olds (£18.8m); 2 year olds (£14.3m) and Under 2s (£14.0m) in schools, private, voluntary and independent early years settings.

1.4.21 The early years hourly funding rate per pupil has increased to £6.20 for 3 & 4 year olds, £8.50 for 2 year olds and £11.59 for under 2s. In addition, the Early Years block includes a Maintained Nursery School supplementary funding allocation of £1.3m, Early Years Pupil Premium of £0.9m, and Disability Access Fund (DAF) £0.3m to provide additional support to vulnerable pupils.

1.4.22 The ***High Needs (HN) Block*** allocation for 2026/27 is £67.0m and is used to fund additional education support for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and those that require specialist provision. This is an increase of £3.9m compared to 2025/26 and reflects additional national funding to help local authorities manage rising SEND-related cost pressures.

1.4.23 High Needs Block funding is normally calculated using a national funding formula based on several factors. However, for 2026/27, the DfE has temporarily suspended the High Needs National Funding Formula (NFF). Instead, allocations have been based on each local authority's 2025/26 funding levels, with some adjustments. The Government intends to introduce wider SEND system reforms in early 2026, after which the methodology for allocating high needs funding will be reviewed to align with the new arrangements.

1.4.24 The High Needs funding allocation for 2026/27 needs to be considered in the context of rising demand for Education Health Care Plans (EHCPs) and for specialist provision, resulting in significant financial pressures on the High Needs Block. The Council has over the past four years (2022/23 to 2025/26) been implementing several measures as part of the DfE funded Safety Valve Programme to address the pressures in the high needs block and to ensure a sustainable SEND system. However, despite these measures the rising demand for EHCPs and cost pressures mean that financial deficits are projected for 2026/27 and for future years.

1.4.25 The ***Central Services Schools Block*** funding allocation for 2025/26 is £2.5m and comprises of funding for ongoing statutory responsibilities of the local authority in relation to schools. The funding allocation represents an increase of £0.7m compared to the current year mainly due to rolled in grants.

1.4.26 DSG Safety Valve Agreement

1.4.27 In March 2022 the Council entered the DfE's Safety Valve Programme which provides support to local authorities which have large DSG deficits. The Safety Valve Agreement provides Rotherham Council with £20.5m cash contribution from the Department for Education over the duration of the agreement. The Safety Valve Agreement and programme comes to an end on 31 March 2026.

1.4.28 The DSG cumulative deficit is forecast at £3.7m by the end of 2025/26, which is adrift of the balanced position assumed in the Safety Valve Agreement. The Council has modelled a 5-year high needs plan, which sets out the financial trajectory over the medium term. The financial projections show a cumulative deficit of £7.0m in 2026/27 rising to £16.2m at the end of 2030/31. Whilst the Council is taking all appropriate actions to contain and manage costs, it is unlikely the cumulative deficit will be fully eradicated in the medium term – without structural SEND reforms and Government financial support.

1.4.29 In June 2025, the Government announced a 2-year extension (to 2027/28) to the DSG Statutory Override to support local authorities to manage SEND cost pressures and financial deficits. As set out in the Autumn Budget, once the statutory Override ends in 2027/28, SEND funding will be managed within the overall DfE funding envelope. However, in the period to 2027/28, the Government will bring forward arrangements (as part of broader SEND reforms plans) to assist local authorities in managing accrued SEND deficits. The Government expects local authorities to continue to work to keep deficits as low as possible as any future Government support will not be unlimited. The Government has confirmed that it will bring forward a full Schools White Paper early in 2026, which will set out substantial plans for reform of SEND to deliver a sustainable system and supports children and families effectively.

1.4.30 Schools Pupil Premium

1.4.31 The Schools Pupil Premium is additional funding provided to schools to improve educational outcomes for disadvantaged pupils. Funding rates for the Pupil Premium in the financial year 2026/27 will increase to:

- Disadvantaged children: primary: £1,550 & secondary: £1,100 – paid for all pupils who currently claim free school meals or have claimed in the last six years,
- Pupil Premium Plus: £2,690 - paid for every pupil who is in care of the authority or has left Local Authority care through adoption, a special guardianship order or child arrangement order;
    - service children: £360 - for every pupil with a parent serving in the Forces or who is retired on a Ministry of Defence pension.

1.4.32 Other Schools Grants

The following funding is yet to be confirmed for 2026/27:

- Universal Infant Free School Meals Grant supports schools in delivering the legal requirement to offer free school meals to all infant pupils. For the current 2025/26 academic year, each meal taken by an eligible pupil (applies to infants in reception, Year 1 and Year 2) attracts £2.61. The funding allocation assumes that pupils will take 190 school meals over an academic year, equating to £495.90 per eligible pupil.
- The free school meals expansion from September 2026 means many more pupils (from households on universal credit) will be eligible for free meals starting in the 2026/27 school year. It is currently uncertain how the UIFSM rate will be uplifted for 2026/27 or how the increase would be addressed.
- Year 7 Numeracy and Literacy Catch up premium is an allocation for each pupil underachieving as recorded on census.
- PE and Sport Premium for Primary schools is used for the engagement of all pupils in regular physical activity.

2. Budget 2026/27 and Medium Term Financial Strategy to 2028/29

2.1 Budget Approach

2.1.1 The Council's focus is on delivering the priorities set out within the Council Plan 2025 to 2030: Forging ahead. The Council is also focusing on its leadership role across the Borough, particularly where it can have greater influence. Partnership working is recognised across all services as being essential to the future of the borough; combining knowledge, ideas, expertise and resources to deliver tangible improvements, deliver efficiencies and economies of scale, and helping to strengthen communities. The Council Plan was approved at Council on the 21 May 2025, setting out the Council's strategic themes:

- Places are thriving, safe, and clean,
- An economy that works for everyone,
- Children and young people achieve their potential,
- Residents live well,
- One Council that listens and learns.

2.1.2 All directorates will continue to work together to achieve the commitments set out within each of the themes.

2.1.3 The Council's MTFS update report to Cabinet in November 2025 provided a three-year outlook of the Council's anticipated resources and budget requirement. The report set out a series of technical MTFS adjustments and refinements to bring it up to date and reflect the impact inflation, market pressures and demand were having on the budget position up to 2028/29. The update also gave an indication of the expected impact of Government's Fair Funding Review 2.0.

2.1.4 The result of this MTFS review, alongside the Financial Monitoring 2025/26 report to Cabinet in November, envisaged a financial overspend that would require the use of the Council's Reserves to achieve a balanced financial outturn position for 2025/26. The forecast overspend at the time of the MTFS review was £0.9m for 2025/26. However, Directorates were asked to make every effort to reduce spending where possible to mitigate the financial impact on Reserves. The MTFS included in this report is further updated following the release of the Provisional Settlement for 2026/27 and funding assumptions for 2026/27 to 2028/29 as Government have provided a multi-year settlement.

2.1.5 The Council's Reserves position is set out in detail in Section 2.8. The Council's Budget for 2025/26 assumed the use of £0.4m from Treasury Management Reserve to support the Council's Budget. This Reserve was built up in previous years to £12.4m from savings generated through the Council's Treasury Management Strategy and has been gradually played back into the Budget. The Treasury Management Strategy is forecast to make significant savings during 2025/26 that support the impact of the Local Government Pay Award and wider inflationary pressures across the Council. The savings have been generated on top of the Budgeted saving of £3m from Treasury Management in 2025/26. The savings are generated through the Council's Treasury Management Strategy of minimising cash balances and borrowing short term to minimise interest rates costs. It should be stressed this is not cash that is free to spend, it is simply cash in the Council's bank as a result of the timing between funding/income arriving into the Council's account and being physically spent.

2.1.6 Whilst the Council is carrying out work to reduce the outturn position and tackle the cost pressures faced, it is possible, that the Council will have an overspend at outturn that will require funding from Reserves. This will come from the Treasury Management Savings Reserve or the Budget and Financial Strategy Reserve. Should the Council not be able to reduce the overspend further by the end of the financial year, the overspend will be funded by one of these two Reserves.

2.1.7 Following the technical updates to the Council's MTFS position made to support the MTFS Update for November Cabinet, the Council reported the following budget position per year. In 2026/27 a budget surplus of £0.7m, £0.6m in 2027/28 and a budget gap of £7.3m in 2028/29. This position was following identified pressures such as uplifting inflation assumptions for Adult Social Care Providers to 4%, given recent trend, factoring in the impact of the Local Government Pay Award, large business rate write offs out of the Council's control such as Speciality Steel and inflation remaining above 2% driving up the costs of goods and services the Council has to access and what suppliers charge.

2.1.8 Additionally, the Council considered in the MTFS update the need to uplift the Children's Social Care placement budgets. The Directorate set out to deliver a saving of £10m through a mix of demand, market management and a review of Social Care Pathways as part of the 2019/20 Budget. This has been a challenging saving to deliver, though the Council has made the necessary reduction in Looked After Children (LAC) numbers. However, market prices

have inflated so significantly across this period that the Directorate's budgets have been consistently overspent despite the positive reduction in LAC placements and the reviews of the placement mix. An external review of inflation in national CYPS placement markets across 2019/20 to 2024/25 showed a 52% increase in costs, the Council comparator was 29%. As such the Council's assessment in the November MTFS update was that some level of increase in CYPS budgets would be required. The current overspend has been managed through a Budget Contingency for Social Care, held centrally.

2.1.9 However, there were a number of opportunities built into the November MTFS update that mitigated these pressures, allowing the Council to present at that point surplus Budgets for the next two financial years. The Fair Funding Review 2.0, which the Council anticipated would generate a £18m uplift in funding by the end of the MTFS period of 2026/27 to 2028/29 and the outcome of the South Yorkshire Pensions Revaluation process which was estimated to save £6m per year from 2026/27 were the most significant opportunities. Increased grant from the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) scheme and the impact of September CPI being 3.8%, so above the 2% assumed in the MTFS, increased the funding assumed from Government, as September CPI drives annual increases in many Government grants.

2.1.10 Further, Government's Autumn Statement and Autumn Policy update indicated that the Council would receive a positive outcome from the Fair Funding Review 2.0 in the Provisional Financial Settlement. However, at this time there was growing concern that the pressure building up from Local Authorities who were set to see reduced funding as part of the Fair Funding Review would see the Council's projected impact reduced, due to the proposed inclusion of housing price indices into the Fair Funding Review assessment of need formula. Its inclusion would of course pull more funding towards more affluent areas, where housing prices are higher. Due to this level of concern the Council could not be firm about its funding position until greater clarity was provided within the Provisional Financial Settlement. As such the Council has had to plan its Budget and MTFS updates on the basis that it could pivot either way, either into an investment Budget or savings Budget.

2.1.11 The Council's MTFS has been further refined since the November update to Cabinet to factor in refined inflation, demand and funding assumptions following the Provisional Settlement. The Real Living Wage (RLW), announced in November 2025, increased by 6.75%, a large increase given inflation was 3.8%. As the Council is an accredited RLW employer, along with addressing the removal of SCP2 for 2026/27, the Council would need to invest £1.5m into its staffing structure in order to ensure all employees are paid at least the RLW. The review of CYPS placement inflation was completed leading to the proposed Budget increasing by a further £833k to £2.8m for 2026/27. Adults Social Care demand and inflation review was completed with the requirement to increase the MTFS provision by £3.6m to a total uplift of £8.6m, largely due to increased complexity of care and the impact of the RLW uplift on the supply market. A Social Care Contingency will no longer be required in the Budget as the uplifts have been provided direct to services.

2.1.12 There have been further refinements to factor in increased savings from the pensions revaluation process, the Council's contribution rate will be reduced by 5.2%, rather than the assumed 5% following the final reports from the actuary. This generates an additional £622k of saving from this process, taking the overall saving per year to £6.6m. The Council also recognised in the MTFS that given the success of the Bulky Waste discount approved in the Budget and Council Tax Report 2025/26, additional budget of £178k needs to be provided to the service to cover additional costs from increased demand for the service. There were other minor adjustments to the MTFS ahead of announcement of the Provisional Settlement 2026/27.

2.1.13 The Provisional Settlement for 2026/27, as detailed in Section 1.4, confirmed many of the Council's resource assumptions around new grants and the impacts of the Fair Funding Review 2.0. However, as part of the Fair Funding Review 2.0 Government are also carrying out a Business Rates Baseline review and reset, this has not been reviewed since they were originally set in April 2013. Given the Fair Funding Review and the changes to Business Rates, there is a large volume of change in the process at one time and there are many Councils that will be seeing reduced resources moving forwards. Government have tried to mitigate the impact by paying Business Rates Top Up Grant at 2028/29 levels from 2026/27. As such the Council is getting significant additional funding from the Top Up Grant much earlier than anticipated. The impact of the Provisional Settlement 2026/27 on the MTFS is an improvement of £3.6m for 2026/27. The positives of the Provisional Financial Settlement have also allowed the Council to gain greater confidence over the funding position moving forwards, with a 3 year financial settlement provided and a series of grants rolled in together to simplify the funding for Local Authorities.

2.1.14 However, the benefits from the Provisional Settlement are not sufficient to cover all the cost increases and pressures across the full MTFS period, prior to the Budget proposals set out within this report. Following the MTFS updates post the November 2025 Cabinet report and Provisional Settlement, there was a Budget Gap of £914k for 2026/26, £1.1m in 2027/28 and £10.4m in 2028/29. This position was presented to OSMB as a point in time in the Budget setting process. The MTFS is always under review and technical adjustments are made as required. These budget gaps for 2026/27 and 2027/28 would need to be addressed as part of the Budget proposals for 2026/27, however, the 2028/29 Budget gap, whilst concerning, is something that the Council can take more time to address. It is estimated that this position will improve as further clarity on the impact of the Business Rates Review emerges, as this process continues to run into 2026/27 when the rates will be reviewed again.

2.1.15 A series of new Budget savings have been proposed totalling £3.2m in 2026/27 to address the Budget gap. In addition, a series of Revenue Investments totalling £2.8m and Capital Budget investments with associated revenue charges, are proposed as part of this Budget report. A number of Fees and Charges exemptions are requested outside of the normal Fees and Charges 2% uplift and the Fees and Charges are proposed to be increased by 3.8% in line with September CPI.

2.1.16 Following factoring in the impact of inflation, demand and cost pressures, MTFS assumptions, the Provisional Financial Settlement, and the Council's Budget proposals the Council's Funding Gap for the MTFS period is;

Table 2 Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026/27 to 2028/29.

Medium Term Financial Strategy Position	**2026/27**	**2027/28**	**2028/29**
	£000	£000	£000
Budget Gap / Surplus(-)	**0,000**	**0,000**	**9,279**

2.1.17 The Budget and Council Tax Report 2025/26 agreed at Council in March 2025 noted that £7.9m of approved budget savings and cost reductions were still to be delivered. Of these, £576k remains to be delivered across 2026/27 if not fully delivered in the remainder of 2025/26. These approved budget savings are an essential part of the Council's approved MTFS position. The Council's delivery of these savings represents a clear sign of the robust process of assessment and monitoring the Council uses to ensure delivery is achieved. Further detail is provided later in this report.

2.1.18 The ongoing financial challenges faced by the Council are similar to those of other local authorities. The financial pressures faced by local authorities are largely as a result of previous reductions to Government funding, funding not keeping up with inflationary pressures, increased demand for social care, market cost pressures and more recently the significant impact of inflation and energy prices. The funding uplift provided through the Fair Funding Review for 2026/27 was therefore welcome though it does not fully move the Council to a position where it can start reinvesting in services without the need for savings.

2.1.19 These financial challenges mean that the Council must be responsible in its budget setting approach, prioritising investment and savings proposals that best contribute to the Council's priorities as identified within the Council Plan, to ensure that they best meet the needs of Rotherham's residents and ensure that best value is demonstrated across the breadth of Council services. In addition, the Council must consider levels of uncertainty and where possible make provision for risks.

2.1.20 It is also important to underline the spending level of the Council despite the previous funding cuts. With a current proposed revenue budget of £390.289m in 2026/27 together with proposed capital expenditure of £168.4m for 2026/27, the Council will remain a key lever for growth and investment in Rotherham and through the wider South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA). The challenge is to ensure the sustainability of the Council to deliver against the Council's stated priorities. This means making carefully considered investment and savings decisions through to 2029. The Capital Programme which has been updated within this report includes a total of £768.4m of planned capital investment across the current year and up to 2029/30.

2.1.21 Looking ahead the Council will need to closely consider the level of prudential borrowing it incurs post the 2026/27 Budget to ensure that the Council's overall debt position is manageable. This is essential to ensure it can be sustainably

financed within the Council's Treasury Management Budgets (revenue) and to help guard against interest rate risk.

2.1.22 This budget strategy is set against inflation, increasing complexity of care, demand pressures and cost challenges facing Rotherham. Residents are living longer, but with more long term conditions which is stretching already squeezed health and social care budgets. Rotherham's schools are performing well but there is a strain on school budgets. Much work has been done and continues to develop a sustainable approach for the Dedicated Schools Grant budget which will need to continue if the Council is to make the most of the outcomes from the Safety Valve arrangement and prevent any impact of the pressures from Dedicated Schools Grant deficits impacting the General Fund.

2.1.23 The key aspects of directorate budgets and service delivery are considered as part of the Council's budget and financial strategy, summarised in Appendix 8.

2.2 Previous Budget Savings

2.2.1 The Council's Budget and Council Tax report 2025/26 included the delivery of £7.925m savings, made up of £5.333m existing savings still to be delivered and £2.592m of new savings, approved in the Budget report. This position was further improved following the end of the 2024/25 financial year, which comes after the 2025/26 Budget is approved at March Council. As at the financial year end 2024/25 following the delivery of a further £431k of the existing savings, the Council had £7.494m of savings still to be delivered as shown below. Financial Monitoring reports to Cabinet during 2025/26 have monitored progress against these savings, at present, £6.918m of delivery has been secured.

2.2.2 During 2025/26 the Council reviewed the CYPS placements savings that were originally approved as part of 2019/20 Budget setting. This review focussed on looking back across this period to assess if the Council has made the savings that it originally set out to achieve and if those savings have impacted positively on the Council's placements costs. The result of the review shows that the Council has reduced Looked After Children (LAC) placements across this period by in excess of 120 placements. The challenge across this period is that market costs in this sector, in particular on residential placements, have risen dramatically and continue to do so. As a comparison, had the Council still had that same level of placements that it held in 2019/20, at today's prices, the Council would be spending around £10m more per year. As such the Council is able to record these savings as delivered as the key actions have been achieved. The remaining pressures within CYPS relate more towards the impact of rising market prices, lack of real growth in the Council's fostering placements and the need to complete the in-house residential programme.

Table 3 – Progress against £7.494m previously approved savings

Directorate	2025/26 Saving to be delivered	Secured as at 31st December 2025	Still to be delivered
Adult Care, Housing and Public Health (ACH&PH)	600	400	200
Children's and Young Peoples Services (CYPS)	6,163	6,163	0
Regeneration and Environment (R&E)	731	355	376
Total	**7,494**	**6,918**	**576**

2.2.3 It is anticipated that the remaining saving in Adult Care, Housing & Public Health that relates to fee uplifts following a number of years where prices were held will be delivered. The key actions have been implemented and a Cabinet report has been approved on the revised non-residential charging policy that should help sustain the saving. The savings in R&E still to be delivered relate in the main to the implementation of the route optimisation programme in waste management, £200k. This work has progressed and the actions have been fully delivered, however, the full year impact of the efficiencies will not be realised until 2026/27. There are also savings of £176k linked to income generation at the Country Parks and Waleswood, these are expected to be achieved in 2026/27 once the full year impact of key capital investments at these sites takes effect.

2.2.4 As part of the Budget and Council Tax Report 2026/27, to support the wider financial challenges facing the Council a series of new savings and efficiencies have been put forward for approval. They are savings that the Council feels it can and should make and so their delivery will help provide a more robust financial position for the Council moving forwards, these savings are detailed later in this report.

2.3 Fees and Charges

2.3.1 The Council has a policy to increase fees and charges to ensure that services which the Council provides are kept broadly in line with increases in the cost of providing those services. The Medium Term Financial Strategy agreed at Council in March 2025 included an assumed increase in fees and charges of 2%, for 2026/27. The updated Medium Term Financial Strategy agreed at Cabinet in November 2025 maintained that position although flagged that inflation at September 2025 was at 3.8%. Since the November 2025 MTFS update further pressures have been identified. As such it is proposed that all income budgets for fees and charges which are determined by the Council will be uplifted by 3.8% in line with Septembers CPI, except where an exception has been proposed.

2.3.2 The majority of these exceptions relate to the following issues:

- A need to freeze charges to maintain or attract new customers.
- Statutory rules that set the charge rates, preventing any increase being made.
- Other proposals to freeze charges linked to specific scenarios such as Markets, given the transition that will take place whilst the project that will re-locate Markets while investment into the regeneration of the market takes place.

2.3.3 The following exemptions are proposed:

- Civic Theatre – The Civic Theatre is seeking an exemption from the annual fees and charges inflation increase, in order to enable it to work towards a self-financing model. Prices will rise but the Council will not increase the income budgets in this area, allowing the service to meet its income budgets. This relates to charges for booking the venue to put on performances rather than the price of event tickets to the public.
- Museums photocopying and postage, to freeze the charges to keep them reasonable, postage set by Royal Mail.
- Museum visits from school bookings to be increased to ensure full cost recovery.
- Music Service - The service is seeking an exemption from the annual fees and charges inflation increase, in order to enable it to work towards a self-financing model. Prices will rise but the Council will not increase the income budgets in this area, allowing the service to meet its current income budgets.
- Centenary Market Price Freeze to continue during redevelopment.
- Furnished Homes price freeze, no increase is required to gain full cost recovery.
- Parking Services - Price freeze to encourage visitors to the town centre at Drummond Street, Wellgate North, Wellgate Multi Storey, Douglas Street, Unity Place, Westgate, Clifton Hall, and Scala, ahead of the major developments planned in future years.
- Parking Services – First hour free to encourage visitors to the town centre at Drummond Street, Wellgate North, Wellgate Multi Storey, Douglas Street, Unity Place, Westgate, Clifton Halland Scala (Monday to Friday inclusive)
- The parking charges for Forge Island were updated by an officer decision prior to this Budget Report; the decision was taken on 24 December 2025.
- Adult Services care packages customer contributions from those eligible to pay are proposed to be increased to match increased costs.
- Garden Waste service is set prior to February 2026 to enable the service to commence in line with the Garden Waste service delivery. The increase in the base rate will exceed the corporate approach to ensure full cost recovery following significant increases in disposal costs. However, there will be a concession in 2026/27 for those customers impacted by the disruption in service during 2025/26 to freeze the charge at the current price and offer an additional £10 per bin discount.

- School Catering - Food prices and staff costs have risen significantly over the last 3 years and as such the fees charged for the service do not recover the costs of providing the service. This position has improved following above inflation increases in the last two years; fees will be increased up to 10% during 2026/27.
- Cleaning Service – Staff costs have risen sharply in recent years along with material costs as such the service is currently being subsidised by the Council. Therefore, a fees and charges increase of up to 15% to cover operational costs will be applied.
- School Crossing Patrol – on a similar basis this service will be increased by up to 7.5%.
- Education Psychology Service fees will be increased by 8.2% to ensure full cost recovery.
- Crowden Outdoor Learning Facilities, a greater increase in fees is required to cover cost of service provision (7.5% increase required)
- Legal Services require a 4% increase to ensure charges are kept in line with the cost of providing these services.
- HR & payroll system charge to Doncaster MBC, is a service contract charge and is linked to RPI-X February, as such the Council does not control the inflation level.
- Schools Insurance Scheme will end due to low customer numbers. The income budget associated will be removed.
- A number of minor exemptions small in value.

2.3.4 The following exemptions relate to services where statutory rules apply and the impact of these exemptions is factored into the budget.

- Licensing through the 2003 Licensing Act.
- Regulation and Enforcement (Water samples, Fixed Penalty Notices and Pollution Control Permits).
- Planning application fees.
- Blue Badge Scheme.
- Electoral Services – access to electoral register records.
- Registration Services – registrar fees for births, deaths and marriages.
- Highways Inspections - permits.
- Parking Services – charges for untaxed/abandoned vehicles.

2.3.5 All of the above exceptions have been taken into account within the proposed budget. Any alternative decisions will, therefore, have a financial impact on the Council's Budget. The financial impact of the proposals to freeze some fees and charges is £512k.

2.4 Fee uplifts for Independent Adult Care Sector Provision & Children's Social Care Placements

2.4.1 Investment into Adult Social Care is a key part of this budget in order to meet the challenges of escalating cost pressures within this service, relating to inflation and rising demand and complexity for adult care. The Council will therefore provide around £8m investment in the delivery of Adult Social Care

services. The Council has an ambition that all workers are paid the Real Living Wage where directly employed or through a commissioned service.

2.4.2 The total uplift proposed for each sector is based on a weighted average cost based on salary costs and CPI. A cost of care exercise was undertaken across the range of providers, and this has informed the rates of pay that are being proposed.

2.4.3 The Council consults with providers each year to assess the fees it pays for adult care services. The following paragraphs provide a summary of the issues facing different segments of the care market as well as the proposed fee uplifts.

2.4.4 Residential and Nursing Care Homes

2.4.5 There are a total of 33 independent sector care homes contracted to support older people in Rotherham, 14 of which provide nursing care.

2.4.6 The independent sector care home market in Rotherham supplies 1,695 beds. In Rotherham, there is a long-term trend moving away from traditional care home provision that mirrors the national picture. People are being supported at home for as long as possible and are entering 24-hour care for the last 2 to 3 years of their life when the complexity of needs has increased, and they are unable to manage their long-term conditions in their own home.

2.4.7 The pressures that the older people's care home market faces are well documented and are highlighted below:

- The lack of nurses and enhanced terms and conditions of employment (pay, pensions, workplace support) offered by the NHS are a challenge for the independent sector market, who are not able to compete to attract qualified nurses to work in care homes.
- Increasing use and high cost of agency nurses is having a negative impact on patient flow from the hospital and the ability to continue to provide and maintain a quality service.
- The National Living Wage will increased by 4.1% to £12.71 in April 2026. The Real Living Wage for 2026/27 increased by 6.75% to £13.45 (announced November 2025).
- The care market is restricted in its ability to compete financially with the retail and hospitality sector as they are currently offering joining bonuses and increased wage rates.
- A high degree of staff turnover has resulted in a significant increase in recruitment and retention costs.
- Increasing care requirements of residents with complex needs results in an intense demand on staff resource.
- The financial landscape for care homes has changed dramatically due to inflationary pressures, particularly in areas such as staffing, utilities, food, medical supplies and insurance which have significantly increased operational costs.

- The highest cost pressure year on year is the care home workforce with circa 70% of costs contributing towards staffing pay and benefits.

2.4.8 Over the five-year period 2019 to 2024 the capacity in nursing with dementia support and nursing care beds reduced by around 40%. Providers converted nursing with dementia support beds to residential care resulting in a lack of provision of vacant beds in nursing and nursing with dementia support. This can result in causing delays in hospital discharges, reduces choice and can lead to placing people out of the borough at a higher cost and further away from friends and family, and support networks.

2.4.9 The following table details the proposed fees for 2026/27. The total increase in fees of 4.5% aims to address the current costs of delivery and provide funding for inflation. This approach aims to ensure a sustainable price for the different types of residential care that the Council purchases.

2026/27 Proposed Fees	Residential	Residential with dementia	Nursing Care*	Nursing with dementia*
Rotherham	£720	£750	£788	£875

*Excluding Funded Nursing Care element

2.4.10 Home Care

2.4.11 The purpose of a home care and support service is to enable people to remain living at home for as long as possible. The availability of quality home care services is key to supporting people's independence at home in the communities they know.

2.4.12 Around 1,500 people access the Home Care and Support Service, an increase of about 7% from the previous year and approximately 79% of people accessing the service are over the age of 65.Around 19,900 hours of service are delivered per week which makes a major contribution to supporting people to remain in their own homes.

2.4.13 There are a number of pressures faced by the sector including:

- Changes arising from the Employment Rights Act
- The National Living Wage will increase by 4.1% to £12.71 in April 2026. The Real Living Wage for 2026/27 increased by 6.75% to £13.45.

2.4.14 The Home Care and Support Service is provided through a Flexible Purchasing System (FPS). Currently there are 21 providers responding to requests for service.

2.4.15 The current average hourly rate is £25.67. It is proposed that the rates are increased by an average rate of 4.5%.

2.4.16 Learning Disability and under 65 Specialist Services

2.4.17 The Council provides financial support to approximately 851 learning disabled people of all ages, with an ageing demographic and increased complexity for young people transitioning into adult services. There are 138 physically disabled people (aged 18-64), 331 people with mental ill health (aged 18-64) and 13 (aged 18-64) people whose primary support need is sensory impairment, currently receiving Council support.

2.4.18 The pressures that the Learning Disabilities and Under 65's Specialist Services face are in line with those faced in Older People's Services, and are highlighted below:

- The lack of nurses and enhanced terms and conditions of employment (pay, pensions, workplace support) offered by the NHS are a challenge for the independent sector market who are not able to compete to attract qualified nurses to work in care homes.
- High cost of agency staff for both Carer and Nursing roles.
- The National Living Wage will increase by 4.1% to £12.71 in April 2026. The Real Living Wage for 2026/27 increased by 6.75% to £13.45.
- Challenges in relation to attracting and retaining staff when pay rates in retail and hospitality are higher for less demanding roles.
- The high degree of staff turnover within the sector results in a significant number of recruitment processes and the costs associated with this.

2.4.19 The costs of services reflect bespoke provision to meet individual needs and have arisen incrementally creating a range of accommodation costs and hourly rates. However, due to pressures such as the increase in the National and Real Living Wage, it is proposed to uplift fees to ensure the continued sustainability of services. The fee uplift for each service is shown below.

Learning Disabilities	**Percentage uplift**
Supported Living	4.5%
Residential Care	4.5%
Day Care	4.5%
Other 18-64	
Care Homes	4.5%
Supported Living	4.5%

2.4.20 Direct Payments

2.4.21 Recognising that a significant proportion of people in receipt of Direct Payments exercise choice to directly purchase other services from a range of providers at varying levels of costs, it is proposed to apply a 4.5% increase to the personal budgets. This will continue to support the wider home care and day care market, ensuring that choice is available outside of the Council commissioned services.

2.4.22 Discussions with care providers have highlighted that the ability to pay staff a competitive rate continues to be a key issue, especially in view of the significant

wage inflation within retail, hospitality, and the NHS. The purpose of the funding is to support the continued workforce challenges across the Adult Social Care market, by encouraging people to remain in or join the sector with competitive rates of pay.

2.4.23 **Children in Care placements inflationary uplift**

2.4.24 A 4% inflation uplift has been assumed in the budget to cover the anticipated inflationary pressures relating to the range of children in care placements. The following summarises the approach that would be taken to determine the inflation uplift costs for the main children social care placements for 2026/27.

2.4.25 **In-house foster and kinship carers**

2.4.26 The Government sets a National Minimum Allowance (NMA) for weekly child maintenance fostering rates based on age bands, which are increased annually in line with inflation and earnings forecasts as well as what is considered affordable for local authorities. The Government (in the published Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement) has confirmed the uplift in the NMA by 3.35% for foster carers in England for 2026/27. In addition, the Government has committed to a minimum annual uplift of 2.5% for 2027/28 and 2028/29, with the final figures confirmed at the settlement each year.

2.4.27 The NMA rate is used to calculate payments for in-house foster carer, family & friends (Reg 24 & S38/6) allowance, Special Guardianship Orders (SGO), and Child Arrangement Orders (CAO). Cabinet agreed in October 2022 for increases in foster carers skills payments to be aligned to the annual inflationary uplift in the NMA rate.

2.4.28 **External residential & foster care provision**

2.4.29 The Council has 193 children in care (at December 2025) placed with external residential and independent fostering agencies at a total forecast cost of £24.3m. Since April 2020, Rotherham has called off and used the rates from the White Rose Frameworks for Independent Fostering (IFA) and residential care providers that are in the framework contract. The White Rose Consortium have their own process for reviewing and agreeing price increases for providers. A 4% uplift has been assumed for residential home providers in and outside the framework, pending confirmation of the actual rate increase by the White Rose consortium.

2.4.30 **Care leavers allowances and support**

2.4.31 The Council provides financial support (via the Local Offer) and allowances to care leavers aimed at helping young people transition to independence, to set up their first home, and with education related costs. Given financial support and allowances are meant to support care leavers with living costs, Cabinet recently agreed that these allowances should be uplifted annually in line with the Council's inflation assumption.

2.5 **Council Tax Proposals for 2026/27**

2.5.1 The Government have confirmed that the basic referendum principle for 2026/27 is 3% i.e. a maximum 2.99% increase in the basic rate of Council Tax. Social Care authorities will also be able to increase their Council Tax by a Social Care precept of up to 2% for 2026/27 (over the basic referendum threshold of 3%). Therefore, the total that the Council could increase Council Tax by is 4.99%, without requiring a referendum.

2.5.2 The Council is proposing to increase its own Council Tax (i.e. excluding Parish, Fire and Police precepts) by 3.95%, comprising a 1.95% increase in the basic rate of Council Tax and a 2% Adult Social Care Precept.

2.5.3 The proposed 1.95% increase on the basic rate of Council Tax will raise an additional £2.8m in 2026/27. In addition, a 2% increase in the Adult Social Care Precept will raise a further £2.9m in 2026/27 to contribute to funding increased costs of adult social care.

2.5.4 A 3.95% increase on the tax levied in 2026/27 would mean a Band D Council Tax (for the Rotherham Council element only) of £1,944.52. Details of the proposed increases on all Council Tax bandings are set out in Table 4 below. Over 50% of properties in the Borough are Band A.

Table 4 – Council Tax Bands and Amounts (Rotherham Council element only)

Council Tax Band	2025/26 £	2026/27 £
A	1,247.09	1,296.34
B	1,454.93	1,512.41
C	1,662.79	1,728.47
D	1,870.63	1,944.52
E	2,286.32	2,376.64
F	2,702.02	2,808.75
G	3,117.72	3,240.86
H	3,741.26	3,889.04

2.5.5 The budget for 2026/27 also takes account of a planned use of £4.2m of surplus from the Council's Collection Fund for Council Tax. This is a direct result of the Council continuing to achieve a high performance in collecting Council Tax and minimising cumulative arrears. However, it is considered that the continuing impact of high inflation on the cost of living for residents and wider economic pressures on the Borough into 2026/27 may result in a negative effect on the in-year Council Tax collection rate. Consequently the 96% in-year collection rate budgeted for in 2025/26 has been maintained for the 2026/27 taxbase rather than the 97% rate used in previous years' taxbase calculations, prior to Covid 19.

2.5.6 The proposed increase will help to support the delivery of valuable frontline services, particularly services for vulnerable children and adults at a time when

demand for these services continues to increase. This includes some additional investments in services which are set out in Paragraph 2.7.

2.5.7 As required by legislation (the Local Government Finance Act 1992) the Budget Report to Council on 5th March 2026 will include a Statutory Resolution of Council Tax setting out details of the proposed Council Tax calculations for 2026/27 for the Council, Parishes and including the precepts from the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority as advised to the Council.

2.5.8 The annual determination of the Council Tax Base, which is a technical based calculation, is delegated by Council to the Executive Director Corporate Services (Section 151 Officer). The Council's Tax Base for 2026/27 has been determined as 74,255.73 Band D equivalent properties, after adjusting for the anticipated rate of collection, the impact of the Council's Local Council Tax Support Scheme and discretionary discounts and exemptions for empty properties and second homes.

2.5.9 Based on the growth in the number of properties in the Tax Base and the proposed increase in Council Tax by 3.95%, this will generate a total Council Tax of £144.4m available to support the Council to fund services in 2026/27. Details of the Council Tax Base for 2026/27 are set out in Appendix 1.

2.5.10 Council Tax Support Scheme 2026/27

2.5.11 The Council Tax Support Scheme was thoroughly reviewed during 2024/25 and following a public consultation it was decided to make changes to the income taper for 2025/26.

2.5.12 The Taper is the rate at which Council Tax Support is reduced for an applicant whose income is above the applicable amount. The applicable amount is the income level that the Government expects the applicant to be able to live on and is the sum of three allowances for claimant/partner, dependent children and any special needs. The Taper was reduced back to 20% for the 2025/26 scheme moving forwards.

2.5.13 A reduction in the taper would assist those whose income is slightly above their applicable amount and could incentivise claimants to take up employment or remain in their current employment.

2.5.14 No further changes are proposed for the delivery of the 2026/27 scheme.

2.5.15 **Local Council Tax Support (LCTS) Top Up Scheme 2026/27**

2.5.16 The Council is aware that residents will still be facing increased household costs following a long period of high inflation and energy prices. In recognition of this the Council proposes to again provide a further Local Council Tax Support Top Up scheme across the financial year 2026/27. The scheme will provide an expected additional award of £131.44 for 2026/27, on top of the 2026/27 Council Tax support to working age claimants provided via the Council's Local Council Tax Support scheme for 2026/27. Based on current

caseloads this is expected to provide additional support to approximately 14,400 households. Where a claimant has a bill of £131.44 or less, then the bill will be reduced to zero. This means that for a working age household in receipt of maximum Council Tax support in a non-parished area Band A property, there will be no bill to pay for 2026/27 Council Tax. Based on current caseloads this is estimated to be approximately 11,000 households. The application of the scheme will include all those becoming eligible up to and including 31 March 2027. The precise value of the award will be confirmed once the Police and Fire Precepts are confirmed.

2.5.17 The estimated scheme costs are between £1.7m and £1.9m and will be funded through the Council's Crisis Resilience Fund (CRF) allocation for 2026/27. Whilst the Government guidance is not yet confirmed it is expected that it will be acceptable to continue to fund the LCTS Top Up from this grant. The funding stream has been rebranded from the Household Support Fund to Crisis Resilience Fund and the Council has been part of the consultation process. The actual cost will not be known until the end of the 2026/27 financial year.

2.5.18 The scheme will replicate the criteria implemented in 2025/26. For 2026/27, the scheme will provide an expected £131.44 of additional Council Tax Support (subject to confirmation of the Police and Fire Precepts), based on the following criteria;

- That an expected additional award of £131.44 Council Tax Support will be made to those people of working age who are in receipt of Local Council Tax Support as at 1 April 2026.
- That where a claimant has a Council Tax bill of £131.44 or less, their bill will be reduced to zero.
- That the remaining funding will be utilised to fund the cost of new claimants becoming eligible for Local Council Tax Support including the application of the relevant proportion of the additional expected £131.44 support.
- That the additional support will apply to all those becoming eligible up to and including 31 March 2027.

2.5.19 **Council Tax Premiums**

2.5.20 The Levelling up and Regeneration Act which received Royal Assent in October 2023 made provision for Councils to apply a premium to second homes of up to 100% (the total bill therefore being double the normal amount for the relevant Council Tax band). Unlike the empty homes premium, there is no initial grace period, the premium can be applied as soon as the property meets the definition of a second home.

2.5.21 The proposed changes came into effect from 1 April 2025, however, Councils would have to make a decision 12 months before it came into effect. The Council therefore made a decision to implement the premium on second homes as part of the Budget and Council Tax Report 2025/26; this means that the charges will be implemented from 1 April 2026.

2.6 Proposed Revenue Budget 2026/27 and Medium Term Financial Strategy to 2028/29

2.6.1 The Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) sets out a framework for understanding the challenges the Council faces and supports corporate planning. It helps the Council to shape its finances over the medium term by examining the projected resources available to meet the priorities as set out in its Council Plan.

2.6.2 An update of the MTFS was submitted to Cabinet in November 2025 reflecting a broadly balanced budget for 2026/27 and 2027/28 but a financial challenge in 2028/29. The MTFS has since been further updated to reflect for inflationary updates like the Real Living Wage, the outcomes of the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement 2026/27 and the budget proposals as set out in this report. It includes funding and expenditure projections up to the 2028/29 financial year which show an effectively balanced position up to 2028/29 where there is a potential funding gap of £9m on current service activity and funding assumptions. Whilst this is a significant pressure and concern for 2028/29, there is sufficient time and sufficient change that will occur over the next 12 to 24 months that will allow the Council to gradually address this pressure. The outcome of the Business Rates Review process will not fully complete until the summer of 2026 and the Council expects to see positive outcomes from this process that will improve the Council's business rates income projections from 2027/28 onwards. In addition, the MTFS will be kept under review which will include reflecting the impact of future years' annual Finance Settlements.

2.6.3 Taking into account Government funding notified for 2026/27 to 2028/29 within the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement, estimates of Government funding for future years and the Council's own resources, the proposed budget for 2026/27 and an updated MTFS over the following two years is set out below in Table 5.

Table 5 - Budget and MTFS 2026/27 to 2028/29

Resources	**2026/27 Estimated £000**	**2027/28 Estimated £000**	**2028/29 Estimated £000**
Government Funding			
Revenue Support Grant	78,513	102,260	108,452
Business Rates Top-Up Grant & S31 Grant as compensation for multiplier cap on Top-Up Grant	39,288	40,074	40,875
New Homes Bonus	0	0	0
Public Health Grant	22,681	22,978	23,268
Local Authority Better Care Fund	17,864	0	0
Recovery Grant	8,771	8,771	8,771
Extended Producer Responsibility	5,983	5,983	5,983

Children's Social Care Prevention Grant (£250m)	5,268	5,268	4,500
Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Grant	2,488	2,770	2,949
Total Government Funding	**180,856**	**188,104**	**194,798**
Retained Business Rates & S31 Grants as compensation for Government determined business rates reliefs	60,841	62,058	63,299
Council Tax Collection Fund – annual review and use of surplus	4,200	5,800	3,000
Council Tax and Adult Social Care Precept	144,392	150,168	156,174
Total Council Resources	**209,433**	**218,026**	**222,473**
Total Resources	**390,289**	**406,129**	**417,272**

Expenditure	**2026/27 Estimated £000**	**2027/28 Estimated £000**	**2028/29 Estimated £000**
Base Budget Requirement at 2025/26 pay and prices	355,195	357,454	361,981
Provision for pay, price and fees and charges income inflation	24,199	35,494	46,659
Adult Care – care transitions and demand & inflation	8,750	9,750	10,750
Children, Families and Youth Grant rolled into Core Spending Power	5,268	5,268	4,500
Homelessness, Rough Sleeping and Domestic Abuse Grant rolled into Core Spending Power	2,488	2,770	2,949
Pensions Revaluation	-6,622	-6,622	-6,622
CYPS Placements Uplift	2,833	2,833	2,833
Home to School Uplift	500	1,000	1,500
Impact of Spinal Column Point 2 removal and Real Living Wage 6.75% increase on staffing structure.	1,673	1,673	1,673
Bulky Waste Uplift	177	177	177
Net impact of Fees and Charges increase to 3.8% (above 2% assumed) and exemptions agreed.	21	21	21
Revenue budget investment 2026/27	2,832	2,632	2,632
Revenue Savings 2026/27	-3,193	-2,893	-3,093
Capital Investment to 2026/27– financing costs	408	572	590

Use of savings and contingencies within Budget/MTFS Strategy:			
Treasury Management Savings	-4,240	-4,000	0
Total Expenditure Budgets	**390,289**	**406,130**	**426,551**
Gap	**0**	**0**	**9,279**

*Notes :

- The Government funding position reflects the outcome of the Fair Funding Review 2.0 and therefore a number of grants are no longer shown such as Social Care Grant and Market Sustainability Grant.

2.6.4 Set out below in Table 6 is the proposed Net Revenue Budget for 2026/27including the Directorate Cash Limit Budgets utilising the available resources and based on approval and implementation of the proposed budget included within this report and detailed above in Table 5. Central Services holds Budget uplifts temporarily like inflationary increases for Children's Social Care and pay award until the specifics of these adjustments are ready to be made.

Table 6 Net Revenue Budget by Directorate

	Proposed Budget 2026/27
	£'000
Adult Care, Housing & Public Health	149,090
Children & Young People's Service	78,416
Regeneration & Environment Services	56,749
Corporate Services	41,192
Policy, Strategy and Engagement	6,332
Central Services	58,510
TOTAL NET REVENUE BUDGET	**390,289**

2.6.5 The proposed Central Services budget (£59m) shown in the table above includes the following key budgets and provisions:

- Levies – Integrated Transport Authority, Coroners, Environment Agency, Apprentice (£112.3m)
- Capital Financing (£22.3m)
- PFI Grants (cr £3.8m)
- Inflation provision for pay, price and fees and charges, (£27.7m).

2.7 Proposed Budget Investments & New Revenue Savings

2.7.1 Table 7 below sets out the revenue budget investment proposals that total £2.832m for 2026/27, reducing to £2.632m from 2027/28 onwards. Further details of all these investment proposals are provided in Appendix 2.

Table 7 Proposed Revenue Budget Investments

Unique Ref	Revenue Budget Investment	2026/27	2027/28
		£'000	£'000
Places are thriving, safe, and clean,			
R&E 001	Events Team	119	119
R&E 002	Supporting Our High Streets	304	304
R&E 003	Selective Licensing Community Impact	362	362
R&E 004	Improved safety and maintenance at Rother Valley Country Park	182	182
R&E 005	Road Safety Education - Young Driver Co-ordinator	20	20
R&E 006	Roadside Cleansing - phase 2	272	272
R&E 008	Household Waste Recycling Centres	129	129
An economy that works for everyone,			
ACHPH 001	Welfare Rights Service	135	135
Children and young people achieve their potential,			
CYPS 001	Expanding the Healthy Holidays Programme	350	350
CYPS 002	Increased funding for School Uniform support	26	26
CYPS 003	Increased Universal Youth Work Offer	100	100
CYPS 004	Educational Psychology	453	453
Residents live well,			
R&E 007	Over 65's Discounted Swimming	200	0
One Council that listens and learns.			
CS 001	Internal Audit	55	55
CS 002	Digital Services – Cyber Security	125	125
Total		**2,832**	**2,632**

2.7.2 **Children and Young People Achieve**

Council Plan commitment: children and young people have fun things to do

2.7.3 In the consultation to refresh the Council Plan, the number one issue highlighted by the Children and Young People's Partnership Board, was the

need to create more fun things for children and young people to do. Consequently, this was made as a key commitment within the Council Plan agreed in May. Meanwhile, through the consultation process for this budget, respondents suggested that there should be more activities for children and young people to do in the borough. Through this budget a series of investments are recommended to further ensure the delivery of this commitment, creating more opportunities for children and young people across the borough.

2.7.4 To provide more fun things for children and young people to do, 10,000 additional places on the Healthy Holidays Programme will be created through a £350,000 investment. Benefitting 2,500 children and young people, this will extend the existing programme that was developed to support families with the increased costs of food, activities and childcare during the school holidays. The programme supports vulnerable children and young people in accessing a healthy lifestyle, positive and engaging activities, and social inclusion.

2.7.5 With the current provision operating in the Easter, summer and winter school holidays, there is an option to extend the programme into half term holidays. Other options also include making some current paid-for places free for parents and/or increasing the number of available places in existing sessions. Mechanisms will also be considered to explore provision and delivery from the SEND hub, ensuring that the programme is inclusive.

2.7.6 Complementing this and to ensure that children and young people have access to safe spaces and engaging activities in all wards across Rotherham, additional investment of £100,000 will also expand the Universal Youth Work offer across the borough. Since its establishment in 2021, this offer has focused on developing and broadening opportunities for young people by providing places to go and things to do, whilst promoting personal, educational, creative, and social development.

2.7.7 Delivered through a range of partners including constituted voluntary groups, charities, private sector organisations, schools, and faith groups, in recent years with rising costs potential provision has outpaced available funding. This additional investment will increase the current Universal Youth Work offer by 425 sessions, equating to an additional 6375 places that young people can access.

2.7.8 **Council Plan commitment: enabling children and young people to thrive**

2.7.9 Inclusive SEND provision in the borough, is a core priority for our children and young people as set out in the Council Plan. As part of this process, educational psychologists (EPs) play a vital role in improving learning, communication, and emotional well-being for children and young people. They work collaboratively with students, parents, and educators to:

- Assess learning difficulties (e.g., dyslexia), behavioural challenges (e.g., ADHD), and developmental disorders (e.g., autism).
- Develop tailored interventions and provide consultation and training.
- Support schools during critical incidents and contribute to research and systemic improvement.

2.7.10 Demand for these services to support Rotherham's children and young people has significantly increased. For example, Education, Health and Care plans have nearly doubled from 2,060 in January 2019 to 3,961 in October 2025. This reflects the increased identification of SEND and parental requests for assessments, many of which require additional time due to lack of prior involvement. Meeting the statutory six-week time limit for EP advice has become increasingly challenging.

2.7.11 The proposed investment of £453,000 will enable a sustainable model that delivers statutory obligations, targeted interventions, and a reduced but viable traded offer:

- Statutory Work: increase capacity to 1,800 activity days per year, supporting 100% compliance with statutory deadlines.
- Targeted Intervention: introduce a new offer focused on inclusion and early help in schools with the greatest need, reducing future statutory demand.
- Traded Services: maintain a reduced offer (1,221 activity days), balancing income generation with statutory priorities.

2.7.12 Improving the timeliness of EP advice brings substantial benefits. Schools and educational professionals can intervene earlier, which helps prevent issues from escalating and improves long-term outcomes for children and young people. Timely advice also enables quicker access to appropriate services and targeted interventions. For parents, an EP assessment offers clarity and reassurance about their child's needs, empowering them to make informed decisions about education and support.

2.7.13 **Places are thriving, safe and clean**

2.7.14 By realising this outcome within the Council Plan, quality of life for residents will be improved, making the borough a better place to live. This means creating places for people to go and providing things for people to do. It also supports people to feel safe, with clean streets and improvements delivered to our roads and pavements.

2.7.15 **Council Plan commitment: creating vibrant communities**

2.7.16 As part of the Council's commitment to creating vibrant communities in the Council Plan, the Council is delivering inclusive events and activities that bring people together, reducing social isolation and enabling people to have an active cultural life. As set out within the Council Plan, the Council's ambition is for Rotherham to be the best it can, by making sure as many people as possible who live in Rotherham can take part in high quality cultural, leisure and sporting activities.

2.7.17 The Council continues to invest in its high streets across the Borough. Following on from the shop unit grants programme and the Street Safe Team, the Council is looking to maximise engagement and impact in High Street areas in the Town Centre, Swinton, Wath, Maltby and Dinnington.

2.7.18 The purpose of the proposed £304,000 investment is to introduce 3 new Business Support Officers to engage with businesses in these areas to ensure that resources are focussed on tackling the issues that matter most and so that successes can be effectively communicated. As well as providing a visible presence, and becoming known, in the various locations they will provide initial business advice, help to co-ordinate local promotions, signpost to other services (e.g. grant opportunities) and co-ordinate with other Council departments. They will also have access to a small budget in each of the five locations to support local activities e.g. promotional campaigns or local events.

2.7.19 Alongside this and to enable more residents to take part in sporting activities, the Council will also pilot a 50% discount to the over 65s at the 4 leisure centres across the borough, for 'pay as you go' swimming. Reducing the price by 50% from the current £4.30 will encourage more people to take part in this activity, promoting health and wellbeing.

2.7.20 Finally, the Council is delivering an inclusive programme of events across the borough, working closely with local organisations to bring communities together. The development of the events programme has generated significant benefits including:

- Increasing audiences for town centre events by 13% year-on-year from 2021 to 2025.
- Rotherham Show, the largest free cultural festival in the north of England, reaching its largest audience to date in 2025 with 95,500 visitors.
- Bringing significant return on investment for the local economy with town centre events generating a £5.74 return for every £1 the Council invests and Rotherham Show generating a return of £13.06 for every £1 invested by the Council.

2.7.21 A budget investment of £119,000 will enable the team to balance the safe delivery of events with the fundraising challenge and begin to stabilise the events programme. This will establish dedicated capacity to focus on compliance, safety, security and risk management of events, alongside community engagement and outreach across events in the town centre and green spaces.

2.7.22 **Council Plan commitment: better public spaces**

2.7.23 Improving the Council's country parks, provides a further opportunity to create places for people to go and enjoy in the borough. As Rotherham's busiest Country Park, Rother Valley now attracts 950,000 people each year. Since Covid, visitors by car have increased threefold. These numbers are expected to increase with the opening of the new café and associated facilities later this year.

2.7.24 An investment of £182,000 is therefore proposed in site maintenance including rangers, cleaning, security and traffic management. This will improve the quality, safety, and accessibility of the Country Park, supporting cleaner environments and safer public spaces. It will also provide greater opportunities for community engagement, allowing for expanded outdoor learning

programmes, volunteering opportunities, and activities with schools and youth services.

2.7.25 **Cleaner streets**

2.7.26 Within the responses to the budget consultation, the second most frequently mentioned spending priority was street cleanliness / waste management. Through the budget investment in 2025/26, the Roadside Cleaning Team was established in October 2025, with the rural verge programme then commencing. In the intervening period, on average1.5 tonnes per week of litter removed.

2.7.27 To maintain momentum and widen the impact being generated, it is proposed to double the resource in the team through a £272,000 investment. It is anticipated that this will provide increased cleansing coverage of rural gateways and verges and lead to a significant reduction in litter and fly-tipping in hard-to-reach areas.

2.7.28 In advance of household waste recycling centres being brought back in-house from October 2026, additional funding has been invested in the sites and equipment to improve their condition ahead of the handover. As the service moves in-house, the Council is considering additional service enhancements that can be made to improve the service and the customer experience, and this will also include an on-site re-use facility to provide low cost, good quality second hand items that would otherwise be destroyed.

2.7.29 It is proposed to invest £129,000 to improve the support offered to customers at Household Waste Recycling Centres.

2.7.30 **Residents live well**

2.7.31 **Council Plan commitment: assisting people to live independent, safe and well**

2.7.32 **Nobody left behind**

2.7.33 Inclusive growth, where no one is left behind, is at the centre of the vision of our Council Plan. As part of the Council's approach, it has sought to support residents when they need it the most. This has been particularly important when the cost of living has been high for a number of years and when the borough has a higher proportion of more deprived communities when compared to the national average.

2.7.34 In the 2025/26 budget the Council agreed to double the support being provided to eligible families struggling with the cost of school uniforms. This involved increasing the amount of the voucher being provided to families of children in transition years from £35 to £70. With a change in the number of families eligible to receive this support in 2026, it is proposed to increase the funding available by £26,000 to ensure that all eligible families can benefit from the scheme.

2.7.35 Macmillan Cancer Support currently funds a small team in the Council to provide specialist welfare benefits advice in Rotherham for people who have received a cancer diagnosis. During 2024/25, the team assisted with £3.7million in benefit clams and secured one-off payments for back pay of benefit exceeding £342,000. However, due to falling donations since the pandemic, Macmillan is no longer able to fund this support beyond the end of May. Due to the specialist nature of this advice and the ongoing need to support residents experiencing cancer diagnosis it is proposed to invest £135,000 to continue to provide this service in the borough.

2.7.36 Investment will be made to the Selective Licensing scheme, the investment will maximise the impact of enforcement and regulatory activity, provide additional direct support to tenants, as well as providing increased capacity to ensure the stakeholder consultative groups are well run and well supported, overseeing the associated capital bid for physical improvements, and resulting spend. The proposal will also look at providing and enhancing wider service provision, utilising other funding sources, such as homeless prevention by providing increased tenancy advice and support, improving drop-ins and engagement of statutory services and providing a more holistic offer to align with the designations and their intended outcomes.

2.7.37 Table 8 below sets out the revenue budget savings proposals that total £3.193m for 2026/27 onwards. These savings have been developed to support the wider Budget position and acknowledge that some services can be operated more efficiently, be reduced or removed. Further details of all these savings proposals are provided in Appendix 4.

Table 8 Proposed Revenue Savings Proposals

Ref per template	Revenue Budget Savings Proposals	2026/27 £'000	2027/28 £'000	2028/29 £'000
Adult Care, Housing and Public Health				
ACH&PH 01	Extra Care Housing (in-sourcing support)	0	200	400
ACH&PH 02	Review of Working Age Adult Spend	900	900	900
ACH&PH 03	Housing First – Funding via the Homelessness Prevention Grant	189	189	189
Children and Young People's Services				
CYPS 01	Mainstreaming 2025/26 CYPS Temporary Savings	400	400	400
CYPS 02	Maximising Children Services Grant Funding	400	400	400
Corporate Services				
CS 01	Customer Service Reduction in Opening Hours	67	67	67
CS 02	Registrars Income	45	45	45
Regeneration and Environment				
R&E 01	Extension of temporary saving (Regen Capitalisation)	100	100	100

R&E 02	Streetworks - Temporary Increased Income	500	0	0
Central Services				
CEN 01	Treasury Management	592	592	592
	Total Requirement	**3,193**	**2,893**	**3,093**

2.8 Reserves and Balances within the Council's Budget Strategy

2.8.1 In setting the Budget for 2025/26 the Council anticipated that corporate Reserves at the 31 March 2025 would be £50.6m. However, following outturn position for 2024/25, the Reserves on the 31 March 2025 were £55.3m, an increase of £4.7m. This was mainly because a lower level of Reserves were required to balance the outturn position following steps the Council took during the final quarter of 2024/25 to reduce the forecast overspend from £3.1m to £0.3m. The improved position is due in the main to the following;

- The Council took steps to improve the outturn position from a £3.1m overspend to a £0.3m overspend during the final quarter of 2024/25, through grant maximisation and halting or delaying non-essential spend and recruitment.
- The £0.7m Collection Fund Income Guarantee Grant was not required as spend on the Local Council Tax Support Top Up was able to be funded from Household Support Fund.
- The Council's Corporate Grants Reserve was increased by £0.6m, as a result of movements in multiple grant streams, these are specific ring-fenced grants.
- There was less than expected use of the Treasury Management Savings Reserve, £0.4m.
- A £0.3m PFI Leisure Reserve was created to appropriately manage timing of payments as part of contractual arrangements.

2.8.2 This improved position places the Council in a more robust financial position to manage the challenges faced during 2025/26 and in setting the Budget for 2026/27.

2.8.3 During 2025/26 whilst the Council has faced significant financial challenges, referenced earlier in this report, the Council has continued to generate significant savings through its Treasury Management Strategy and planned for the impact of Social Care pressures through the creation of a Social Care Contingency. These actions have been significant enough to mitigate a large proportion of the pressures in year. However, it is still anticipated that the Council will require additional Reserves to balance the outturn position for 2025/26; it is projected this call on Reserves will be £3.4m and come from the Budget and Financial Strategy Reserve.

2.8.4 The Council's balance of Corporate Reserves as at 31st March 2025 was £55.3m. Following a further review of the Reserves Strategy, taking into account the financial outturn for 2024/25, the forecast financial outturn for 2025/26 and the proposed Reserves use during 2026/27, 2027/28 and

2028/29, the following updated Reserves Strategy is proposed for Reserves movements during the period 2025/26 to 2028/29:

- The Council received £2.8m Local Council Tax Support Grant to mitigate the financial impact of Covid-19 on future Council Tax income. This grant was transferred to Reserves in 2021/22 with £1.6m of this Reserve used in 2022/23 as planned, with the balance of £1.2m earmarked for a Local Council Tax Support Top Up scheme during 2024/25 and 2025/26. It is now expected that an estimated £0.6m of this grant can be carried forward into 2026/27 due to utilising the Household Support Fund to cover part of the costs of the LCTS Top Up scheme in 2025/26. As such, the grant will remain available to support a Local Council Tax Support Top Up scheme in 2027/28, should it be required.

- The Spending Review 2021 confirmed Government would compensate local authorities for 75% of irrecoverable losses in Council Tax in respect of 2020/21. From this the Council gained £0.7m that transferred to Reserves in 2021/22 and was earmarked to support the Local Council Tax Support Top Up scheme during 2024/25. However, the Council was able to use the underspends on the Household Support Grant, as such this grant is now expected to be used to fund the Local Council Tax Support Top Up Scheme during 2025/26.

- The Corporate Revenue Grants Reserve now stands at £3.1m though it is made up of ringfenced grants that are expected to be used across the MTFS period; though at present the Council are unable to project specifically when.

- Treasury Management Savings Reserve has been built up over a number of years where the Council has generated significant savings through its Treasury Management Strategy. The Reserve is to be used to support the budget across the medium term as agreed at Council in February 2024. The Council has a current balance of £7.8m, from which it planned to use £0.4m in 2025/26 as part of the Budget and Council Tax Report 2025/26. This position has not changed.

- A new PFI Leisure Reserve was created to manage the requirement to carry over between years balances in relation to the Leisure PFI, to ensure payments are made within the requirements set out in the contract. This Reserve of £0.3m is projected to be reduced by £0.1m in 2025/26 and £0.2m in 2026/27.

- There is a Business Rates Reserve of £4m held for any impacts of the Business Rates revaluation process and to cover off any shocks to the Council's Business Rates income as a result of large business failure.

- The Council's Budget and Financial Strategy Reserve stands at £13.6m and it is expected to be reduced by £3.4m to fund the 2025/26 overspend position and proposed by a further £2.2m to create the new Local Plan Reserve; then be retained at this level, £8.0m. The Reserve

is still required to cover the Council against the significant budget and MTFS pressures that are facing local authorities at present; whilst the Government's Fair Funding Review has been positive for the Council it does not completely address the financial challenges the Council faces due to Social Care demand and market pressures. Also, whilst Government have provided a 3-year financial settlement, there is some concern as to whether or not this position can be held, given national economic challenges and pressures from across the Local Authority sector. As such, the Council's Budget and Financial Strategy Reserve will be maintained.

- A Local Plan Reserve of £2.2m has been created to manage the costs the Council will need to incur in order to create the new Local Plan. These costs will span a number of years and the Council's Budget will need to be able to have flexibility to respond to the financial challenges of the Local Plan; as such it is best to fund these costs from a Reserve rather than placing amounts into base Budget. The Council will need to establish a formal process for services accessing this Reserve, via Officer Decision Reports, to ensure appropriate expenditure controls and challenges are in place.

2.8.5 Taken alongside the Council's proposed budget for 2026/27 and the MTFS to 2028/29, this Reserves position is considered to be sustainable for the medium term. Future decisions on Reserves would then continue be taken as part of the annual budget setting process.

2.8.6 The table below summarises the Reserves balances over the medium term and includes the budgeted transfers to and from Reserves as outlined in section 2.8.3.

Table 9 – Forecast Balances of Reserves

	Balance as at 31 March 2025	**Projected Balance as at 31 March 2026**	**Projected Balance as at 31 March 2027**	**Projected Balance as at 31 March 2028**	**Projected Balance as at 31 March 2029**
	£m	**£m**	**£m**	**£m**	**£m**
General Fund Minimum Balance	**25.0**	**25.0**	**25.0**	**25.0**	**25.0**
Corporate Reserves					
Budget and Financial Strategy	13.6	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
Local Plan Reserve	0.0	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Business Rates	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Corporate Revenue Grants Reserve	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1

Local Council Tax Support Grant	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Collection Fund Income Guarantee Grant	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
PFI Reserve - Leisure	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Treasury Management Savings	7.8	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4
Total	**30.3**	**25.5**	**25.3**	**25.3**	**25.3**
Total General Fund Reserves	**55.3**	**50.5**	**50.3**	**50.3**	**50.3**

2.8.7 Whilst the proposed Budget and MTFS position proposes a use of £5.0m of Reserves across the period 2025/26 to 2028/29, it is also worth noting that the Council's projected balance of Reserves as at the end of 2028/29 is £6.6m higher than it was expected to be when the Council agreed its Budget for 2023/24. This improvement, given the significant challenges facing Local Authority finances, is testament to the Council's robust financial management and decision making across this period. It also shows the Council's plans on Reserves and Budgets are holding firm as despite being a further two years on, the Council's Reserves are projected to be stronger.

2.9 Community Leadership Fund (CLF)

2.9.1 Following the May 2024 elections a new cycle of Community Leadership Funding commenced. The allocations per member/ward remain on the same basis as previously provided, as set out below.

2.9.2 The 2024/25 Budget approved by Council, included revenue and capital budgets that are devolved to individual Elected Members (Community Leadership Fund) or the ward as a whole (Capital Budget). These are provided to members to deliver revenue and capital projects within their wards during their time in office. As such any unspent balance of CLF or capital can be carried forward at the year end, for all financial years except for local election years. For example, in the current election cycle, these budgets can only be carried forward at the end of the following years, into the next financial year:

- 2025/26
- 2026/27

2.9.3 Each Elected Member will receive £1,584 Community Leadership Fund. This is Revenue funding. Two-member Wards will receive £7,120 Capital Budget. Three-member wards will receive £10,680 Capital Budget.

2.9.4 Where carry forward is required those balances will be transferred to the Corporate Revenue Grants Reserve or held within Capital Grants Unapplied.

2.10 Business Rates Reliefs

2.10.1 Revaluation 2026 and Transitional Relief

2.10.2 From 1 April 2026, the rateable values of all non-domestic properties in England were updated by the Valuation Office Agency to reflect the property market as at 1 April 2024. This ensures business rates bills are fairly distributed across all non-domestic properties and reflect changes in market conditions since the last revaluation.

2.10.3 A new Transitional Relief Scheme is being introduced from 1 April 2026 which will provide relief to those ratepayers who are facing higher bills as a result of the revaluation.

2.10.4 At Autumn Budget 2025, Government announced the introduction of a transitional relief supplement which will see each ratepayer being charged an additional 1 pence in the pound for 2026/27 only. The transitional relief scheme has been designed in such a way so that any ratepayer who qualifies for transitional relief will receive additional relief to offset the impact of the supplement.

2.10.5 2026/27 Retail, Hospitality and Leisure (RHL) relief scheme

2.10.6 The following updates should be noted in regard to the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure (RHL) relief scheme.

- From 1 April 2026 Government have withdrawn RHL relief and replaced it with the introduction of specific multipliers for those properties that meet the definition of retail, hospitality and leisure.
- The change widens entitlement to support for the RHL sector as this new arrangement sits outside of the subsidy control regime, meaning more businesses can qualify for this support.
- In addition to the RHL multipliers, from 1 April 2026 Government have introduced a high-value multiplier which will apply to any property with a rateable value in excess of £500,000. Based on the initial draft 2026 rating list, this will affect 53 of the 7,873 properties shown in our local rating list.
- The multipliers for 2026/27 are as follows:
    - Small Business RHL – 0.382 (new for 2026/27)
    - Small Business – 0.432 (25/26 – 0.499)
    - Standard RHL – 0.43 (new for 2026/27)
    - Standard – 0.480 (25/26 – 0.512)

2.10.7 2026/27 Supporting Small Business (SSB) Relief Scheme

2.10.8 In the Autumn Statement 2025 the Chancellor announced a new Supporting Small Business (SSB) relief scheme which will cap bill increases at the higher of £800 per year for any business losing eligibility for Small Business Rate

Relief, Retail, hospitality and leisure relief or Rural Rate Relief at the 2026 revaluation.

2.10.9 The Government anticipates that local authorities will include details of the relief to be provided to eligible ratepayers for 2026/27 in their bills for the beginning of the 2026/27 billing cycle.

2.10.10 Cabinet is recommended to note that these business rates reliefs are applied for 2026/27 in line with Government guidance. In addition, should Government introduce other rates reliefs, the reliefs will be applied in line with Government guidance. Backdating of applications for discretionary relief will be restricted to the 1 April of the previous financial year from the date the application was received or eligibility became known.

2.11 Procurement – Supplier Faster Payments

2.11.1 Since April 2020 the Council has adopted a range of principles and measures to provide faster payment (i.e. payment earlier than the standard 30-day payment terms) to Suppliers, where invoices have been reconciled, with a targeted approach to support local suppliers and Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs). This was done initially to provide support during the Covid-19 pandemic to ensure cash-flow within businesses was maintained to avoid supply chain collapse and help protect jobs. The Council has however recognised the economy has not recovered or returned to pre-pandemic levels and is still facing significant financial pressures resulting from rising inflation. It is proposed that these principles and measures are maintained for a further 12-month period covering the 2026/27 financial year.

2.12 Capital Strategy/Capital Programme Update

2.12.1 The Capital Strategy and proposed Capital Programme to 2029/30, which sets out the Council's future capital investment plans, will ensure that investment decisions are clearly aligned with the Council's strategic priorities. The Capital Programme covers 2025/26 through 2029/30, so that the Council has a Capital Programme, that covers the Council's MTFS period. For the financial years from 2025/26 to 2029/30 the inclusion of capital grants are largely based on estimates and will be updated as Government confirm annual allocations, in line with the Council Financial & Procurement Procedure Rules.

2.12.2 The Council's Capital Strategy and Capital Programme to 2028/29 was approved by Council in February 2025 within the Budget and Council Tax 2025/26 Report. This has been further refreshed and updated as part of this Budget report and the reporting to Cabinet and Council carried out during 2025/26.

2.12.3 The Financial Outturn 2024/25 report approved by Cabinet in July 2025 set out an updated Capital Programme taking into account slippage on capital schemes during 2024/25 which was mostly re-profiled into future years.

2.12.4 Further individual new capital projects already approved during 2025/26 are incorporated into the updated Capital Programme which is set out in Appendices 3C to 3F.

2.12.5 This report proposes a number of further additions to the Capital Programme to 2029/30 which are set out in Appendix 3A. It is proposed that these priority capital investment schemes will be added to the Council's Capital Programme following Council approval.

2.12.6 **Priority Capital Investment – General Fund**

2.12.7 A number of new capital schemes are being proposed for inclusion into the Capital Programme 2025/26 to 2029/30. A list of the new schemes is provided at Appendix 3A and 3B, along with a summary view of the scheme business case. These new proposals will be funded by £7.065m of corporate resources, with the revenue implications of this built into the Council's proposed Budget and Treasury Management Strategy. They are listed below:

Table 10 Proposed Capital Budget Investments

Directorate	New Capital Proposal	Corporate Resource Required £'000s
Children and young people achieve their potential		
CAP1	Children's Services Outreach and Engagement Vehicles	280
CAP2	Crowden Capital Investment	30
Places are thriving, safe, and clean		
CAP3	Green Spaces Fleet and Machinery Replacement	403
CAP4	Ward Road Safety Plans	160
CAP5	Old Flatts Bridge Parapet Repair	1,900
CAP6	Structures 2026/27 Maintenance	1,000
CAP7	Fleet Bridge Reconstruction Design	600
CAP8	Pedestrians Crossings Programme Pipeline	268
CAP9	Transportation Minor Works Programme Extension	324
CAP10	Selective Licensing Community Impact	500
CAP11	Treeton Lane Crossroads - Design Works	150
Residents live well		
CAP12	Herringthorpe Athletics Track resurface	450
CAP13	Ulley Country Park Building Replacement	1,000
	Total	**7,065**

2.12.8 **Children and young people achieve**

2.12.9 ***Council Plan commitment: Ensuring children and young people have fun things to do***

2.12.10 To ensure that our children and young people are connected to the additional opportunities being created through the additional revenue proposals, investment of £280,000 will also be made to replace four existing vehicles used by the Outreach and Engagement Services. These vehicles are essential in enabling Outreach and Engagement Teams to deliver targeted, detached, and mobile youth work across the borough, particularly in some of the most seldom heard communities.

2.12.11 The vehicles provide flexible support beyond youth work, including use at community events, toddler groups, and during local emergencies, while offering a visible and reassuring presence for residents. The minibus and mobile vehicles also enable regular trips and group activities for young people, serve as a shared resource across Children's Services, and assist staff with essential duties such as home visits, engagement work, and helping families connect with Family Hubs.

2.12.12 Through this budget, additional capital investment will also be made to extend the successful play areas programme. The Council is considering enabling this through the provision of £750,000 of funding to the borough as part of the Government's Pride in Place Impact fund in 2025/26 and 2026/27, this will mean that the play programme can be extended by a further year, providing additional opportunities for children and young people. If this grant plan is not possible additional funding will be provided through the Council's Capital Contingency Fund.

2.12.13 **Places are thriving, safe and clean**

2.12.14 ***Council Plan commitment: Creating vibrant communities***

2.12.15 To support this ambition of creating vibrant communities, the Council will invest £450,000 to resurface the athletics track at Herringthorpe stadium. The track, now 35 years old, has never been resurfaced and is at the end of its functional lifespan.

2.12.16 As the only athletics track of its kind in Rotherham, it serves as a hub for sport, health, education, and community engagement. This investment will also maximise the benefit of previous Council investment in facilities at the site, for example, improvements to the changing rooms, lighting and accessibility, ensuring that the track can remain in use, as asset to the local community.

2.12.17 ***Council Plan commitment: better public spaces***

2.12.18 Improving country parks, provides a further opportunity to create places for people to go and enjoy in the borough. Building on the new and improved

facilities being delivered at Rotherham Valley and Thrybergh Country Parks, a £1m investment is proposed for a replacement building at Ulley Country Park.

2.12.19 With the existing Visitor Centre and Boat House at Ulley having exceeded their lifespan and requiring significant investment to ensure structural stability, compliance and sustainability, with reactive repairs poor value for money, there is a need for a new facility. The new facility will improve the visitor experience, encouraging more people to spend longer at the park, as well as providing a modern, inclusive community space with a refreshed catering offer and training provision.

2.12.20 ***Better and safer roads***

2.12.21 As part of the consultation on the budget, the most frequently mentioned spending priority from participants was the maintenance of roads and pavements (35 mentions), with comments mostly related to repairing potholes and improving the general condition of roads and pavements. This was also identified as a priority to be improved within the Council Plan consultation. In 2026/27 the Council will benefit from its share of £7m of additional funding from government that has been allocated to the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority to improve roads across the borough.

2.12.22 Collectively, through an investment of £4.4m, a series of improvements will be made to highways across the borough. Comprising a number of schemes and programmes, this reflects the Council Plan commitment to keeping communities and neighbourhoods safe and well connected by ensuring roads and footways are well maintained.

2.12.23 At £1.9m the largest of these investments will be made to repair the parapet Old Flatts Bridge on the A630. These works are required to repair the structure here and enable a new parapet to be installed, meeting the required safety standards to protect motorists from the railway line operating beneath the bridge.

2.12.24 A further investment of £1m is proposed to deliver a programme of maintenance to structures across the borough's highway network. This additional funding will enable programmed work to be undertaken to improve the condition of highways structures and assets.

2.12.25 Alongside this, £324,000 of investment is proposed for minor traffic works, enabling the Council to respond to concerns raised by residents in relation to their local area.

2.12.26 As part of the programme of investment into roads across the borough, additional design work will be undertaken on a number of schemes to help bring forward proposals for future funding. This includes:

- £150,000 to design a scheme for safety improvements at the junction of Treeton Lane and Main Street, Aughton.
- £600,000 to design a new bridge to replace the existing Fleet Bridge, which carries Rotherham Road, Swallownest, over the River Rother.

- £268,000 to design five additional schemes from the prioritised programme of pedestrian crossings.

2.12.27 Finally, £160,000 will be invested over two years from 2026/27 to develop Ward Road Safety Plans in each of Rotherham's 25 wards. The work is intended to develop a pipeline of schemes to both address the incidence of death or serious injury on Rotherham's Roads, but also to develop a more effective programme of works to address concerns raised.

2.12.28 **Residents live well**

2.12.29 ***Council Plan commitment: good quality, affordable homes for all***

2.12.30 Proposals regarding Selective Licensing to protect private tenants and landlords, were approved by Cabinet in October 2025 and the scheme will commence in February 2026 after a mandated 3-month period. Given the feedback received through the consultation on these proposals, it is proposed to invest £500,000 over 5 years from 2026/27. This will enable small scale capital improvements to be made in the relevant areas that will arise from discussion with Ward Members, residents, tenants and landlords through the new area based consultative groups.

2.12.31 This could be used to fund a range of physical interventions relating to designing out crime opportunities, place-based environmental improvements such as new or improved community spaces, or investing in new infrastructure, such as litter bin capacity. The funding will be for community-based projects and not to fund any works required on individual properties, which remain the responsibility of the homeowner or landlord. This investment will also be supported by the revenue investment into the same service.

2.12.32 **Annual Ongoing Expenditure Commitments - General Fund**

2.12.33 A number of new capital schemes are being added to the Capital Programme 2025/26 to 2029/30 to finance essential annual capital investments. These investments are essential to the Council's operations and therefore are not proposed as investment decisions as they have to take place, for example the Council needs to have IT systems and networks, which make up some of the new capital investment proposals, or the Council needs to maintain the quality of its operational buildings. A list of these essential investments is provided at Appendix 3A. These new proposals will be funded by £14.566m of corporate resources, with the revenue implications of this built into the Council's proposed Budget and Treasury Management Strategy.

2.12.34 With regards to the Council's capital spending plans, the Council will need to closely consider the level of prudential borrowing it incurs moving forwards post the 2026/27 Budget to ensure that the Council's overall debt position is manageable, can be sustainably financed within the Council's Treasury Management Budgets (revenue) and to help guard against interest rate risk. Therefore, moving forwards the Council will need to look to ensure that its Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP), the process at which the Council sets

aside funding for the repayment of debt, exceeds the annual level of borrowing undertaken, so that the total debt position starts to be reduced.

2.12.35 The Council's approach to future borrowing is covered in the Treasury Management Strategy at Appendix 9. It should be noted that this will be a strategy for future rounds of capital investment and Budget setting rather than for the current 2026/27 Budget and MTFS update where the level of capital borrowing has been factored into the revenue budget projections.

2.12.36 **Housing Revenue Account (HRA)**

2.12.37 The Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme has also been updated to 2029/30, in line with the updated HRA Business Plan approved by Cabinet on 15th December 2025 and by Council on 14th January 2026. HRA capital programme information is set out in Appendices 3E and 3F.

2.12.38 **Housing Capital Programme**

2.12.39 The Council has a statutory duty to maintain its council stock under the Housing Act 1985. To execute this an annual capital budget is allocated via the HRA Business Plan so that investment can be delivered across the portfolio.

2.12.40 The Council is required to maintain its stock to several different standards; in relation to Asset Management the following key areas must be adhered to:

- Decent Homes Standard
- Various Health and Safety Legislation including but not restricted to:
- Fire Safety
- Gas Safety
- Electrical Safety
- Asbestos Management

In addition to this the aim is to also:

- Improve energy efficiency of tenants' homes
- Invest in communal and external environment

2.12.41 In 2026/ 27 it is proposed to invest £43.0m in the Council's housing stock. This will pay for items such as new kitchens, bathrooms, boilers and roofs. This will maintain decency and it is more cost effective to do these on a planned programme of works. Investment will also take place to ensure homes are thermally efficient which will result in more homes meeting Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) Band C. This also includes investment in the estate and environmental improvements programme.

2.12.42 A capital provision of £98.6m has been included within the 2026/27 HRA Business Plan for 2026/27 to 2029/30 for the Housing Delivery Programme. This includes £63.8m to deliver the existing pipeline of projects for hundreds of new homes by the end of 2027/28 and a further £34.8m to ensure the continuation of the Housing Delivery Programme beyond 2027/28. For the

purposes of the HRA Business Plan, investment has been assumed to support delivery of an additional 465 new homes from 2026/27 onwards

2.12.43 A summary of the proposed investment in the 2026-27 Housing capital Programme is shown in the table below.

Description	**Budget £m**
HRA Borrowing	28.176
HRA – Revenue Contribution	11.240
Capital Receipts (HRA)	4.660
Major Repairs Allowance	27.546
General Fund	4.114
Grants	3.107
Total	78.843

2.12.44 The HRA programme for 2025/26 has been included into the capital programme with a more detailed breakdown as shown at Appendix 3E and 3F.

2.12.45 **Capital Strategy**

2.12.46 The Capital Strategy will deliver a Capital Programme that is affordable and sustainable and contributes to the Borough's economic growth. It will also ensure that the Council is able to fully contribute to the delivery of the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) Strategic Economic Plan and maximise the potential for securing capital funding from the SYMCA. The Council will continue to build upon the successes of recent years in the development and approval of funding bids, such as Towns Fund and Levelling Up Fund in order to maximise the impact that the Council can have on the borough through capital investment.

2.12.47 The revenue impact of the Capital Strategy is reflected in this report and the prudential borrowing requirement arising from the Capital Programme is reflected in the Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management and Investment Strategy.

2.12.48 **Proposed Capital Programme 2025/26 to 2029/30**

2.12.49 The Capital Programme is now extended to include 2029/30, to reset the Capital Programme to five years (current year + four years). As a result, the Programme now includes £21.777m of new capital investment proposals to be funded by corporate resources of £21.631m and a contribution from HRA

£0.146m that are being proposed for approval as part of this Council's Budget and Council Tax Report 2026/27.

2.12.50 In addition, the Programme will also now include a further year of the HRA programme, £127.479m for 2029/30. Finally, in adding the additional year to the Capital Programme further estimates of capital grant funding have been added. The overall Capital Programme for the period 2025/26 to 2029/30 is now £768.429m, General Fund programme of £344.970m and HRA Programme of £423.459m. The table below indicates the split of the Capital Programme across the Council's Directorates.

Table 11 – Proposed Capital Programme 2025/26 to 2029/30

Directorate	2025/26 Budget £m	2026/27 Budget £m	2027/28 Budget £m	2028/29 Budget £m	2029/30 Budget £m	Total Budget £m
General Fund Capital Programme						
Children and Young People's Services	9.586	14.133	6.283	16.100	2.910	49.011
Regeneration and Environment	66.939	91.121	21.620	6.521	2.582	188.783
Adult Care & Housing	11.727	7.098	6.394	6.927	1.760	33.907
Policy, Strategy and Engagement	0.439	0.255	0.210	0.210	0.210	1.324
Corporate Services	12.633	19.456	12.791	19.451	7.615	71.946
Total General Fund Capital	**101.324**	**132.063**	**47.298**	**49.209**	**15.077**	**344.970**
Total HRA Capital	67.065	78.843	52.207	97.866	127.479	423.459
Total RMBC Capital Programme	**168.388**	**210.906**	**99.505**	**147.075**	**142.556**	**768.429**

2.12.51 The Council is currently working through how it will utilise the Pride in Place Impact Fund (PiPiF), a grant of £1.5m that will need to be fully spent by the end of March 2027. The Council is considering to using the grant to fund the existing Children's Playground Programme, which is currently funded by £919k of Council borrowing. This will enable the Council to carry out the planned works funded by the PiPiF and then carry out a further £919k of playground investment utilising the Council borrowing that will be freed up by the use of the grant. As the Council wishes to maximise the investment into playgrounds across the borough, should the PiPiF proposal not be possible the extra

investment in playgrounds will be allocated from the Council's Capital Contingency Fund.

2.12.52 **Funding the Capital Programme**

2.12.53 Appendices 3C & 3E shows how the Council proposes to fund the projects and changes to the Capital Programme for which approval is being sought, together with the funding of the existing approved Capital Programme projects. As indicated above, the Council's Revenue Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy contains provision for the revenue implications of the Capital Programme including prudential borrowing costs.

2.12.54 The Council held no General Fund capital receipts and £20.4m of Right to Buy (RTB) receipts as at 31st March 2025. In addition, the Council anticipates further capital receipts to be generated across the Capital Programme period 2025/26 to 2029/30. The planned use of HRA receipts within the HRA programme is £43.9m, this is based on the continuing sale of properties under Right to Buy (RTB), and private sales generated through the Council's new build housing schemes. General Fund capital receipts generated are predominantly used to fund short life assets to minimise short life borrowing.

2.12.55 The table below shows how each year of the Capital Programme will be funded:

Table 12 – Funding of the Proposed Capital Programme 2025/26 to 2029/30

Funding Stream	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	Total
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Grants and Contributions	46.149	60.838	11.685	15.678	0.000	134.350
Unsupported Borrowing	54.111	70.938	33.970	33.385	15.077	207.482
Capital Receipts	0.926	0.146	1.500	0.000	0.000	2.573
HRA Contribution	0.137	0.140	0.143	0.146	0.000	0.566
Total Funding - General Fund	**101.324**	**132.063**	**47.298**	**49.209**	**15.077**	**344.970**
Grants and Contributions	8.842	3.108	-0.000	21.003	11.358	44.310
Unsupported Borrowing	14.647	28.176	11.712	16.176	59.312	130.022
Housing Major Repairs Allowance	34.497	27.546	30.816	32.284	29.555	154.698
Capital Receipts	4.032	8.774	3.680	21.892	16.434	54.811

Revenue Contribution	5.047	11.240	6.000	6.511	10.821	39.618
Total Funding - HRA	**67.065**	**78.843**	**52.207**	**97.866**	**127.479**	**423.459**
Total	**168.388**	**210.906**	**99.505**	**147.075**	**142.556**	**768.429**

2.12.56 The Council's funding strategy in respect of the Capital Programme will be based on the following key principles:

(i) Capitalisation opportunities will be maximised, where accounting rules allow.

(ii) The Government's capital receipts flexibilities will be maximised to fund revenue transformational expenditure, if required. As a general principle, capital receipts will be earmarked to minimise revenue costs.

(iii) All decisions on capital financing are delegated to the Council's Section 151 Officer as agreed by Council.

2.13 Treasury Management Issues

2.13.1 Treasury Management is the management of the Council's cash flows, its banking, money market and capital transactions, the effective control of risks associated with these activities and the pursuit of optimum performance associated with those risks.

2.13.2 The Treasury Strategy has associated Prudential Indicators (PIs) which have to be approved by Council prior to 1 April each financial year in order to comply with the various statutory frameworks within which the treasury function has to operate.

2.13.3 The Prudential Code requires the Council to approve and monitor a minimum number of PIs in order to inform the capital decision making process and support capital investment decisions. These PIs are mandatory.

2.13.4 The Capital Finance Regulations 2008 require the Council to approve a Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) statement which sets out the methods the Council will use to determine the appropriate amount of MRP to charge against the revenue budget.

2.13.5 The Treasury Management Strategy is integral to the overall Budget Strategy and to the management of the Capital Programme.

2.13.6 Details of the Treasury Management issues are contained in Appendix 9. However, the key issues that the Council's Treasury Management service will monitor closely is the current increase in the Bank of England Base Rate and its impact on the cost of borrowing. The Council's approach and mitigation of this issue is covered within Appendix 9.

2.14 Report of the Executive Director - Corporate Services (the Council's Responsible Financial Officer)

2.14.1 Section 25 of The Local Government Act 2003 requires the 'Chief Financial Officer' (The Executive Director Corporate Services at Rotherham Council) to report to Council on the following matters in making decisions on the budget and financial strategy:

- the robustness of the estimates made for the purposes of the calculations;
- the adequacy of the proposed financial Reserves.

2.14.2 In addition, it is recognised as good financial management for the Council to identify target levels for Reserves and balances that are based on a thorough understanding of its needs and risks.

2.14.3 The contents of this Budget and Financial Strategy report is the mechanism by which positive assurances are made by the Executive Director of Corporate Services about the adequacy of the proposed financial Reserves.

2.14.4 The Executive Director Corporate Services gives her assurance that the budget estimates for 2026/27 are robust overall when considered in conjunction with the budget proposals identified in the report, the Reserves Strategy and medium term financial projections. The Council faces ongoing financial pressures, especially in respect of social care and Home to School Transport, along with continuing economic uncertainty. However, this Budget addresses the most significant areas, where they can be reasonably quantified, but with clear expectations that ongoing pressures are managed robustly by responsible officers. However, ongoing risk does remain due to the unpredictability of individual and personal resident needs that have to be met.

2.14.5 The Council has also demonstrated over recent years, an ability to manage difficult financial challenges. Along with managing year on year cost pressures within overall budgets, it has developed a robust Medium Term Financial Strategy which has included rebuilding Reserves levels to create a more sustainable financial platform for the future. This means the Council has been able to withstand the huge and unexpected inflationary impact on budgets over recent years through a combination of active cost reduction measures, the use of some of those accumulated Reserves and through its Treasury Management Strategy.

2.14.6 The improved financial settlement following the Fair Funding Review has enabled the Council to not only build into its budget the ongoing impact of those, but to fund some substantial service demand pressures. As such, the Council is able to set a balanced budget for 2026/27 without being forced to implement cuts to front line services and hence where reductions have been proposed, these are considered low impact or as a result of alternative means of delivery or genuine efficiencies. The remaining Reserves ensure that the Medium Term Financial Strategy is robust despite ongoing risks caused by economic volatility and the exceptional pressures on social care services.

2.14.7 This assurance is predicated on Directorates continuing to progress all appropriate actions to reduce their spending for the remainder of the year, including delivery of the agreed savings and cost reductions, in particular:

- Reducing the number of exceptionally high cost placements and also reducing the unit cost of placements, within Children's Social Care.

- Successful management of the demand, market and provider pressures in Adult Social Care within the increased budget allocation, ensuring appropriate care and support is in place in accordance with the service development programme.

- A successful management and resolution to the remaining budget pressures within the Regeneration and Environment Directorate.

2.14.8 The key fundamental principles of the report's recommendations which the Executive Director Corporate Services has considered in giving this assurance are:

- That the budget strategy for 2026/27 is approved as set out in the report.

- That Directorates manage their finances within the clearly defined cash-limits approved as part of this Budget. Whilst the budget risk is recognised, Executive Directors must bring forward options to mitigate any cost overruns in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules in order that formal decisions can be made where necessary.

- That Council approves the updates to the Medium Term Financial Strategy to 2028/29 and agrees to the proposals to manage a balanced budget in 2026/27.

- That the revised Reserves Strategy is approved which will see the General Reserves Minimum Balance remain at £25.0m over the Medium Term Financial Strategy period. It is not to be called upon for further purposes save in exceptional circumstances with the agreement of the Leader of the Council, Chief Executive and the Executive Director Corporate Services and approved by the appropriate body of the Council in accordance with the Constitution.

2.14.9 The Reserves position will need to be kept under review to ensure that the Council maintains a robust budget and sound financial base.

2.14.10 The Council continues to operate in a tight financial climate by continuing to exercise tight spending controls including the application of stringent recruitment and procurement controls. A significant degree of the Council's projected outturn position for 2025/26 relates to cost overruns in children's and adults social care. Whilst these are national problems, it is important that the costs are reduced as much as possible if the Council is to remain financially stable and sustainable.

2.14.11 Services have achieved necessary and substantial levels of budget savings and cost reductions in recent years and now need to conclude that delivery for the remaining outstanding items.

2.14.12 Reserves levels, whilst not high, are sufficient to enable the Council to manage its risks over the medium term. Through being aware of the current challenges the Council has been able to plan for and set a budget which retains a sufficient balance in Reserves to ensure that the impact of any further unexpected volatility can be mitigated without impact on services to residents.

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

3.1 These are set out in Section 2 above.

4. Consultation on proposal

4.1 From 28 November 2025 to 9 January 2026, the Council held an online consultation which provided broad information on income and expenditure as well as a link to the March 2025 Budget Report. The Council also consulted individually with key partners. There were 89 responses from the public. The report on the consultation is attached at Appendix 5.

4.2 The Council's Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) will consider this report including the outcomes of the consultation at its meeting on 4 February 2026.

4.3 With regard to the proposed changes to the Capital Strategy and Capital Programme, engagement has taken place with elected Members and officers engaged in capital projects across Directorates.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

5.1 The Council is required to set its annual budget before the 11 March each year. Executive Directors are responsible for ensuring the delivery of savings proposals within their Directorate Cash Limit approvals.

5.2 The delivery of savings will be closely monitored through the Council's financial monitoring arrangements and reported to Cabinet throughout the year. Should it be necessary remedial actions to be identified and implemented to maintain spend within the approved budget limit.

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

6.1 The financial implications are set out in detail in Section 2 above.

6.2 In summary, the report recommends a 1.95% increase in the basic rate of Council Tax (excludes precepting bodies) and a 2% Adult Social Care Precept on Council Tax. The report proposes a General Fund Revenue Budget for the Council for 2026/27 of £390.289m.

6.3 It should be noted that the proposed revenue budget includes:

- Provision for pay awards and major contractual inflation.
- In line with Council policy, it is expected that any other inflationary pressures will be contained within Directorate Cash Limit budgets.
- Income inflation – a 3.8% overall increase to income budgets for 2026/27 and 2% thereafter for Council Fees and Charges in line with the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy.

6.4 Any revenue implications from the approved Capital Programme are fully reflected in the Council's 2026/27 Revenue Budget, its Medium Term Financial Strategy and the Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management and Investment Strategy.

6.5 All procurement activity (revenue and capital) must be procured in compliance with relevant legislation (the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended), the Procurement Act 2023 or the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023) and the Council's own Financial and Procurement Procedure Rules. Consideration must be given through the Council's pre-procurement activity to determine the most appropriate route to market and how the contract will be managed, along with all associated implications that need to be addressed either through the tender process and/or resulting contract which is awarded.

6.6 Treasury Management forms an integral part of the Council's overall financial arrangements. The assumptions supporting the capital financing budget for 2026/27 and for the future years covered by the MTFS of the Council have been reviewed in light of the current economic and financial conditions and the revised future years' Capital Programme.

6.7 The proposed Treasury Management and Investment Strategy is not forecast to have any further revenue consequences other than those identified and planned for in both the Council's 2026/27 Revenue Budget and approved MTFS.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

7.1 When setting the budget, the Council must be mindful of the potential impact on service users. In particular, Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 imposes an obligation on Members to have due regard to protecting and promoting the welfare and interests of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age; disability; gender re-assignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex and sexual orientation). Case law has clarified that there is no obligation on a local authority to carry out an equality impact analysis of the high level strategic budget setting process. Once the budget has been set and as spending decisions are made service by service, and as policies are developed within the constraints of the budgetary framework, proposals will be further considered by Members and will be subject to an appropriate and proportionate assessment of any equality implications.

7.2 In coming to decisions in relation to the revenue budget and Council Tax the Council has various legal and fiduciary duties. The Council is required by the Local Government Act 1992 to make specific estimates of gross revenue expenditure and anticipated income leading to the calculation of the council tax requirement and the setting of the overall budget and Council Tax. The amount of the council tax requirement must be sufficient to meet the Council's legal and financial commitments, ensure the proper discharge of its statutory duties and lead to a balanced budget.

7.3 In exercising its fiduciary duty the Council should be satisfied that the proposals put forward are a prudent use of the Authority's resources in both the short and long term; that the proposals strike a fair balance between the interests of Council Tax payers and ratepayers on the one hand and the community's interests in adequate and efficient services on the other; and that they are acting in good faith for the benefit of the community whilst complying with all statutory duties. Officers have addressed the duty to strike a fair balance between different elements of the community and the interests of Council Tax and Business Rate payers in developing the budget proposals set out in this report.

7.4 All capital projects require input from Legal Services in relation to contracts. The Council must ensure that robust contractual arrangements are put in place, specifications are clearly defined, and it is clear which project risks are the responsibility of the Contractor and which remain with the Council. This is to avoid potential contractual disputes and limit the financial impact on the Council arising from them.

7.5 It is a requirement that changes to the Council's prudential indicators are approved by Council.

7.6 It is also a requirement that the Council's Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement for each financial year is approved by Council.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

8.1 The Councils headcount at 31 March 2025 was 5,242 (this figure does not include schools) and reflects increases in staffing levels in line with the proposals detailed in the previous budget report. The revenue budget investment proposals included within this report may increase the headcount should they be approved.

8.2 Where any savings proposal is anticipated to have an impact on staff, any change will be subject to the Council's consultation procedures.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

9.1 As detailed within Section 2.

9.2 The Budget proposals continue to support and protect the most vulnerable children and adults in Rotherham and the income generated from the 2% Adult

Social Care Precept on Council Tax will be directly allocated to the Adult Social Care budget.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

10.1 The proposals contained within the budget have been developed with the aim of minimising the impact on residents and the services they receive and the impact on the Council's employees.

10.2 As such these additional savings proposals will be considered using their own EIA and following the Council's Human Resource policies and procedures to ensure that appropriate engagement, consultation and support is provided to impacted staff. In addition, any likely impacts on residents will be assessed by individual services to ensure that any that are disproportionate in relation to protected groups, are considered and mitigated against where possible.

11. Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change

11.1 The potential impact on the level of CO2 emissions and climate change of the Council's Budget and in particular the new investments proposed within this report are outlined in Appendix 12. Each of the investment proposals will need to consider the impact on CO2 emissions and climate change as the business cases for these investments are developed further.

12. Implications for Partners

12.1 Where the Council is working with partner organisations on specific proposals, for example in Health, the Police and other government agencies, these proposals have been developed in conjunction with these organisations.

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 To any extent that approved budget savings or compensating mitigations are not achieved, this will require a drawdown on Reserves. The Reserves strategy shows that there is a sufficient balance of Reserves to mitigate overall budget risk, however, a continued call on the Reserves over and above that planned over the medium term would be financially unstainable.

13.2 The Capital Programme is funded through a number of sources: Prudential borrowing, capital grants and contributions, revenue contributions and capital receipts. The Council will need to closely consider the level of prudential borrowing it incurs moving forwards post the 2026/27 Budget to ensure that the Council's overall debt position is manageable, can be financed within the Council's Treasury Management Budgets and to help guard against interest rate risk. There is also potential risk that the future years' funding from Government Grants and external sources may vary from that estimated.

13.3 Financial Services work closely with Senior Officers and Project Managers to monitor project expenditure and performance through the Capital Programme Monitoring and Delivery Board (CPM&DB). Improvements, like this, introduced to the Capital Programme governance arrangements and enhanced reporting

requirements help to ensure that Members will receive early notice of any specific project issues. This will enable early intervention to take place to bring projects back on timetable and cost, or if necessary, agree an additional capital programme funding approval. Where elements of the Programme are reliant on future grant funding, future projects will be continually reviewed to match the programme against funding availability.

13.4 The proposed Treasury Management and Investment Strategy seeks to minimise the risks inherent in operating a Treasury Management function during these difficult economic and financial conditions.

13.5 Operational Treasury Management guidelines will continue to be kept in place and reviewed to ensure they are appropriate given the circumstances faced, supported by regular monitoring to ensure that any risks and uncertainties are addressed at an early stage and hence kept to a minimum.

14. Accountable Officers

Judith Badger, Executive Director of Corporate Services
Rob Mahon, Service Director of Financial Services

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

	Named Officer	**Date**
Chief Executive	John Edwards	26/01/26
Executive Director of Corporate Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	26/01/26
Service Director of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Phil Horsfield	26/01/26

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COUNCIL TAX BASE 2026/27

BAND D EQUIVALENT PROPERTIES

AREA	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H	Total	Adjustment for estimated collection rate at 96%	Total (after adjustment for estimated collection rate)
Anston	452.26	1,104.40	444.15	384.84	398.51	217.93	75.80	7.50	3,085.39	123.42	2,961.97
Aston	1,181.90	1,360.15	705.81	649.56	601.08	135.13	33.33	1.00	4,667.96	186.72	4,481.24
Bramley	611.20	415.84	653.46	439.02	245.03	75.09	6.30	1.00	2,446.94	97.88	2,349.06
Brampton Bierlow	579.99	160.54	125.26	293.15	130.66	4.00	2.10	-	1,295.70	51.83	1,243.87
Brinsworth	731.15	1,207.28	354.44	145.21	15.61	4.30	1.70	-	2,459.69	98.39	2,361.30
Catcliffe	291.72	158.56	98.94	57.80	1.20	2.20	-	-	610.42	24.42	586.00
Dalton	1,235.85	428.76	607.65	239.66	290.20	42.65	11.30	1.00	2,857.07	114.28	2,742.79
Dinnington	1,131.60	520.38	377.97	658.00	116.19	63.54	17.90	2.00	2,887.58	115.50	2,772.08
Firbeck	5.08	18.22	20.02	19.00	42.86	39.36	42.90	2.00	189.44	7.58	181.86
Gildingwells	2.49	0.62	2.49	6.30	12.52	18.42	1.70	-	44.54	1.78	42.76
Harthill	150.85	95.61	109.53	114.56	118.30	135.07	58.32	-	782.24	31.29	750.95
Hellaby	29.70	175.93	25.53	16.80	9.80	-	-	-	257.76	10.31	247.45
Hooton Levitt	4.41	6.03	1.60	3.55	14.98	18.02	6.30	2.00	56.89	2.28	54.61
Hooton Roberts	4.37	2.29	6.72	12.58	26.82	16.56	12.49	-	81.83	3.27	78.56
Laughton	100.86	53.25	43.38	108.67	78.20	71.52	31.63	-	487.51	19.50	468.01
Letwell	1.97	1.90	0.90	4.30	20.81	20.92	19.60	-	70.40	2.82	67.58
Maltby	2,245.08	717.62	692.61	597.16	174.96	46.06	36.70	3.00	4,513.19	180.53	4,332.66
Orgreave	24.12	163.32	22.04	2.00	-	2.90	-	-	214.38	8.58	205.80
Ravenfield	101.99	103.78	284.52	239.26	221.37	105.84	16.30	-	1,073.06	42.92	1,030.14
Thorpe Salvin	11.67	8.32	13.82	27.63	47.97	70.07	42.10	3.00	224.58	8.98	215.60
Thrybergh	650.89	68.40	59.97	56.83	47.98	42.60	21.37	-	948.04	37.92	910.12
Thurcroft	987.84	440.65	331.90	320.73	80.53	47.70	26.23	-	2,235.58	89.42	2,146.16
Todwick	29.20	73.89	82.48	242.56	149.51	65.04	52.93	4.00	699.61	27.98	671.63
Treeton	394.21	231.19	36.39	166.36	143.94	22.00	1.70	6.00	1,001.79	40.07	961.72
Ulley	9.75	7.20	11.89	8.50	12.80	15.14	9.60	-	74.88	3.00	71.88
Wales	801.78	474.19	502.63	266.78	131.46	101.98	28.37	2.00	2,309.19	92.37	2,216.82
Waverley	117.28	409.74	542.72	558.94	246.01	31.80	10.01	-	1,916.50	76.66	1,839.84
Wentworth	37.83	104.59	111.06	109.47	109.16	71.50	45.15	10.00	598.76	23.95	574.81
Whiston	353.84	358.39	350.77	130.17	212.66	100.05	52.50	4.00	1,562.38	62.50	1,499.88
Wickersley	202.15	702.36	637.79	283.98	377.81	499.57	373.02	4.00	3,080.68	123.23	2,957.45
Woodsetts	61.91	195.67	130.66	93.55	59.96	37.90	27.93	11.50	619.08	24.76	594.32
Parished	**12,544.94**	**9,769.07**	**7,389.10**	**6,256.92**	**4,138.89**	**2,124.86**	**1,065.28**	**64.00**	**43,353.06**	**1,734.14**	**41,618.92**
Un-Parished	**16,218.12**	**6,351.63**	**5,643.57**	**2,944.08**	**1,838.58**	**730.75**	**243.95**	**26.00**	**33,996.68**	**1,359.87**	**32,636.81**
TOTAL	**28,763.06**	**16,120.70**	**13,032.67**	**9,201.00**	**5,977.47**	**2,855.61**	**1,309.23**	**90.00**	**77,349.74**	**3,094.01**	**74,255.73**

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Unique Ref	Revenue Budget Investment	2026/27	2027/28
		£'000	£'000
Places are thriving, safe, and clean,			
R&E 001	Events Team	119	119
R&E 002	Supporting Our High Streets	304	304
R&E 003	Selective Licensing Community Impact	362	362
R&E 004	Improved safety and maintenance at Rother Valley Country Park	182	182
R&E 005	Road Safety Education - Young Driver Co-ordinator	20	20
R&E 006	Roadside Cleansing - phase 2	272	272
R&E 008	Household Waste Recycling Centres	129	129
An economy that works for everyone,			
ACHPH 001	Welfare Rights Service	135	135
Children and young people achieve their potential,			
CYPS 001	Expanding the Healthy Holidays Programme	350	350
CYPS 002	Increased funding for School Uniform support	26	26
CYPS 003	Increased Universal Youth Work Offer	100	100
CYPS 004	Educational Psychology	453	453
Residents live well,			
R&E 007	Over 65's Discounted Swimming	200	0
One Council that listens and learns.			
CS 001	Internal Audit	55	55
CS 002	Digital Services – Cyber Security	125	125
Total		**2,832**	**2,632**

Revenue Investment Plan	
Events Team	
Directorate:	Regeneration & Environment
Service Area:	Culture, Sport & Tourism
Director Responsible for Delivery:	Andrew Bramidge, Executive Director Regeneration and Environment
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Lynda Marshall
Head of Finance	Chloe Parker
Unique Reference	R&E 001

Financial Impact	
2026/27 Perm	£119k

Details of Proposal (what will be achieved)

The Council's Events Team is responsible for the delivery of the RMBC Events Programme In the coming financial year, this is anticipated to include:

- Borough Events: Rotherham Show, Bonfire Night and Christmas Lights' Switch On
- Town Centre Events: Winter Light Festival, Roots Street Carnival, UPLIFT and potential options around major sporting events and / or a food festival
- Civic Events: Holocaust Memorial Day, Mayor's Parade, Armed Forces Day and Remembrance & Armistice Commemorations
- An annual St George's Day event from 2026

Alongside the delivery of the core programme, the team are also responsible for providing support and guidance to other event organisers and community groups through the administration of the Rotherham Events Safety Advisory Group (RESAG) and the Event Application Pack. Alongside these core functions, the team also responds to large-scale opportunities such the 2022 UEFA Women's Euros, 2023 Yorkshire Day Celebrations, 2024 Reytons Homecoming Gig and the 2025 Children's Capital of Culture Festival Year.

Over the last five years the team has been able to R&D, test and grow the events programme, utilising external funds such as UK Shared Prosperity Fund, ERDF Welcome Back money, ARG grants and funding facilitated through the Children's Capital of Culture programme.

The external funding has enabled the team to demonstrate proof of concept with audiences for Town Centre events increasing by 13% year-on-year from 2021 to 2025 and Rotherham Show reaching its largest audience to date in 2025 with 95,500

visitors. The events programme brings significant return of investment for the local economy with Town Centre Events generating £5.74 return for every £1 the Council invests for Town Centre Events and Rotherham Show generating a return of £13.06 for every £1 invested by the Council. Across the board, the events programme retains an average satisfaction rating of 97% and above.

However, the impact of generating the funding has placed significant pressures on staffing resources and as new safety practices move into legislation, the team is no longer equipped to meet this level of fundraising and reporting whilst balancing the safety regulations and standards required for large scale event delivery.

To enable the team to balance the safe delivery of events with the fundraising challenge and to begin to stabilise the events programme the service is requesting a total investment of £118,530 spread across:

- Band H Events Safety Manager focused on compliance, safety, security and risk management of events with an expected cost of £49,310
- Band E Engagement Assistant as an alumni from the CCoC Traineeship programme focused on community engagement and outreach across events in the Town Centre and Green Spaces with an expected cost of £36,110
- Band D Events Assistant focused on the administration of the RESAG (Rotherham Events Safety Advisory Group), processing of the event application packs and customer service enquires from community event organisers with an expected cost of £33,290

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers

Without additional investment in the base budget, the Council will not be able to build on the successful events programme of recent years.

The impact of this for the service to alleviate pressures within the team as a result of fundraising which make the events programme more sustainable and provides reassurance that the team is appropriately staffed to meet safety requirements.

However, the impact for residents is a reduction in the opportunity to come together and celebrate their borough at a time of polarisation and division. Event evaluations show that 92% of event attendees believe that the programme promotes cohesion and 96% of event attendees believe that the programme improves perceptions of the borough. With a reduced programme and reduced scale of events also comes a reduced economic impact and likely a reduced satisfaction rate.

The above proposal contributes to the following objectives of the Council Plan:

- **Residents live well** – The borough events in the programme provide the scale and spectacle to bring communities together from across the borough. Whilst they typically take place in central locations, they are reflective of our neighbourhoods, enabling residents to celebrate diversity, shared identities and belonging – contributing to more cohesive communities.
- **Places are thriving, safe and clean** – As the events programme grows in popularity it is essential that the team is appropriately resourced to meet the safety and security requirements of the events, both in terms of its core staffing and right-sized budgets to ensure appropriate levels of security and counter-terrorism measures.
- **An economy that works for everyone** - The events programme also plays a vital role in supporting the local economy and providing social value through

the commissioning of local artists, staging companies, AV companies and security and infrastructure provision. Out of 710 commissions provided in the CCoC Festival year more than 45% went to Rotherham-based organisations and freelancers. Town Centre events also deliver:

- a footfall in the region of 40,000 – 60,000 depending on the weather and the number of events, and
- visitor spend of £5.74 for every £1 invested by the Council.

Implications on other Services (identify which services and possible impact)

Neighbourhoods – The neighbourhoods team work hard to support community cohesion and the improvements to the Town Centre. The events provide a platform for their work and an opportunity to deepen this engagement and improve relations.

Regeneration – Building on the success of Forge Island the redevelopment of the Town Centre will continue in 2026 and 2027 with the relaunch of the new markets complex and the relocation of the Central Library alongside public realm improvements at Riverside Gardens and Smail Yard. Without funding to animate these spaces and encourage regular use the investment in this infrastructure could be devalued.

Community Safety – Over the last five years the events programme, particularly in the Town Centre, has played an important role in improving perceptions of safety and working with agencies such as South Yorkshire Police and services across Community Safety and Street Scene to animate spaces, deal with incidents swiftly and support intelligence gathering of social issues in the Town Centre.

Corporate Communications – The events programme generates the highest amount of positive press for the brough and is often the main focus of campaigns seeking to re-engage with communities and build positive narratives for the town. Without the programme it is likely that more negative coverage around the Town Centre and the wider cultural offer would emerge.

Impact on staffing

The current team consists of 3.8 FTE across:

- Band K Creative Programming & Events Manager
- Band H Operations Manager
- X2 Band F Events Officers

The team is heavily supported by the Head of Creative Programming & Engagement to support fundraising, creative programming and operational aspects such as safety and security. The current level of delivery matched with the current level of fundraising requirement is not sustainable for the team and therefore without investment cannot be sustained beyond March 2026.

This proposal would bring in 3 extra posts at Band D, E and H – helping to resolve the current capacity issues.

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
Step 1: Gain in principle approval for investment	December 2025
Step 2: Develop Business Cases and Recruitment for new posts to be advertised in February 2026 for an April start date	January 2026
Step 3: Develop funding bids for Town Centre programme	January 2026
Step 4: Establish full team and confirm full programme of events including measures in place for those delivered at risk if external funding is not secured.	May 2026

Revenue Investment Plan	
Supporting Our High Streets	
Directorate:	Regeneration & Environment
Service Area:	Planning, Regeneration & Transport
Director Responsible for Delivery:	Andrew Bramidge, Executive Director Regeneration and Environment
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:	Cllr John Williams
Head of Finance	Chloe Parker
Unique Reference	R&E 002

Financial Impact		
Financial Investment	**2026/2027**	£304k
	2027/28	£304k

Details of Proposal (what will be achieved)

Background:

Rotherham Council continues to invest in its high streets across the Borough and following on from additional capital investments such as the Grants programme, as well as revenue investments in areas such as the shop units Street Safe Team, the Council is looking to maximise engagement and impact in High Street areas across the Borough. This proposal specifically covers the Town Centre, Swinton, Wath, Maltby and Dinnington (with some flexibility where required).

Purpose of Investment:

The purpose of the investment is to introduce 3 new Business Support Officers to work across Council services to support high street businesses to flourish. The posts will allow for greater engagement with ward members, businesses and residents in the identified areas to ensure that resources are focussed on tackling the issues that matter most and so that successes can be effectively communicated. The main purpose of the roles is to engage with businesses in the town centre, principal towns and high streets, and having oversight of the various activities in each locality: events, streetscene, Street Safe & crime, business investment, local promotional opportunities and signposting to other business support services.

The posts will have a specific function of liaison with the local business community, be a local presence and identify any issues of concern, and signpost to other services where necessary. They will provide visible and routine engagement in local areas and be a known face to businesses and local ward members, provide regular updates on activity and solve problems.

The business support officers will work across the five main 'town centre' locations but will also be available to provide support to business in other 'high street' locations across the Borough. As well as providing a visible presence, and becoming known, in the various locations they will provide initial business advice, help to co-ordinate local promotions, signpost to other services (e.g. grant opportunities) and co-ordinate with other Council departments. They will also have access to a small budget in each of the five locations to support local activities e.g. promotional campaigns.

Proposal Details

To introduce three new Business Support Officers with one focussed on the Town Centre, one covering Swinton and Wath with a further one covering Maltby and Dinnington.

Item	**Cost (£000s)**	**Notes**
Business Support Officers	179	3 x Band J (top of grade)
High Street Budgets	125	£25k per area - Town Centre, Swinton, Wath, Maltby and Dinnington
TOTAL	**304**	

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers

Service Provision

These posts will be based within the Council's Economic Development team. These business support roles will have oversight of all relevant activities in the area, working closely with operational managers. These roles would analyse data, speak to services and to ward members, residents and businesses. This would improve knowledge across the teams in relation to the issues that matter most and will allow for the deployment of the best resources in order to facilitate businesses growth.

Residents/Customers

Businesses and residents in the areas will see more visible engagement, services targeted at issues they raise and improved feedback when service interventions have taken place. This should improve perceptions and satisfaction with services as well as improving outcomes more broadly.

Implications on other Services (identify which services and possible impact)
Most Regeneration and Environment functions would be impacted by these cross-cutting roles. They will focus on the business support and wider economic development activities but will inevitably have a role to co-ordinate with environmental, street scene and enforcement services.

Impact on staffing
Creation of additional posts will have a significant impact on existing capacity as the areas covered are areas of high demand and also areas of significant opportunity in relation to solving problems and improving the way businesses feel in terms of the Council engaging, responding and feeding back.

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
Step 1: Outline Investment Proposal to cabinet	March 2026
Step 2: Further detailed design proposal to Cabinet	June 2026
Step 3: Recruitment and Operationalising the Concept	June – August 2026
Step 3: Interviews	Sept 2026
Step 4: Appointment	Nov 2026
Step 5: Training	Dec 2026
Step 6: Competent/Performing duties	Jan 2027

Revenue Investment Plan	
Selective Licensing Community Impact	
Directorate:	Regeneration & Environment
Service Area:	Community Safety and Street Scene
Director Responsible for Delivery:	Andrew Bramidge, Executive Director Regeneration and Environment
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Beresford
Head of Finance	Chloe Parker
Unique Reference	R&E 003

Financial Impact		
Financial Investment	**2026/2027**	£362k
	2027/28	£362k

Details of Proposal (what will be achieved)

Background:

Rotherham Council has made declarations for new Selective Licensing areas to commence in 2026 for a period of five years. While traditional Selective Licensing tools have enabled the council to regulate private landlords and deal directly with specific housing problems, during the consultation we also heard from both tenants and landlords about wider problems in parts of these communities. These included environmental and anti-social behaviour problems, and a lack of direct support to tenants. Subsequent data from the Indices of Multiple Deprivation suggested at least one Rotherham designation now falls within the most deprived ten super-output areas in the country. This additional investment will maximise the impact of enforcement and regulatory activity, provide additional direct support to tenants, as well as provide increased capacity to ensure the consultative groups are well run and well supported, overseeing the associated capital bid for physical improvements, and resulting spend.

The proposal will also look at providing and enhancing wider service provision, utilising other funding sources, such as homeless prevention by providing increased tenancy advice and support, improving drop-ins and engagement of statutory services and providing a more holistic offer to align with the designations and their intended outcomes.

The Selective Licensing designations are: -
a) Town centre / Eastwood / East Dene / Clifton / Boston Castle
b) Masbrough / Kimberworth
c) Thurcroft
d) Dinnington
e) Brinsworth
f) Parkgate

Purpose of Investment:

The aim of the investment proposal is to build on the increased focus in the areas brought about by the Selective Licensing designations, which seek to significantly improve outcomes for the areas in question. The Council has committed, through the designations, to enhancing engagement and enforcement in the Selective Licensing areas to improve regulatory outcomes, speed up enforcement, improve engagement with tenants and landlords, improving access to other council services including employment support, and ensure the areas look and feel welcoming. In order to enhance the designations and the desired outcomes, this investment will allow for additional service enhancements, such as:

- Providing additional dedicated tenant liaison and housing enforcement resources, which will supplement the additional resources arising from the designations themselves
    - These additional resources will allow the Council to maximise the scheme by focussing on wider enforcement activity, outside of the traditional scope of the selective licensing scheme. This builds on commitments made to seek to do things differently with the new designations and improve wider outcomes, such as tackling environmental issues, supporting tenants and dealing effectively with anti-social behaviour. It would also allow for further consideration of additional powers being utilised such as civil penalties, public space protection orders or injunctions.
- Providing a full-time dedicated management position
    - This additional dedicated capacity will help to engage and coordinate much wider Council services with a specific view to improve tenancy advice and support offered for residents in the private sector, increasing homeless prevention in the sector. The post will also focus on enhanced engagement both through the stakeholder groups to be established as well as seeking to improve general outreach of key services and ensuring relevant services are well represented at a local level.
    - Under the current arrangements, oversight is provided by a Community Protection Manager alongside their wider duties across the service. The addition of a new management position focussed on the selective licensing front line resources will provide a single point of contact for Selective Licensing and wider Private Sector Housing enforcement. This will enhance engagement with members, residents and landlords as well as partner agencies. In addition, the new manager position will allow the Council to explore wider opportunities, such as the use of civil penalties for housing related matters.

Alongside enhancing delivery of Selective Licensing, a dedicated Private Sector Housing Enforcement Manager will also ensure that the scheme works alongside the Renters Rights Act and will ensure that that the Council moves swiftly to implement the changes brought about by the Act.

Proposal Details – This proposal should be seen in conjunction with the associated £500k capital investment proposal.

- Fund a new Private Sector Housing Enforcement Manager - £80k per annum (based on an indicative grade of PO16).
- Fund 3 additional Enforcement Officers (Band G) ("Rent Safe") to enhance housing enforcement activity in the Selective Licensing areas and engagement with tenants and landlords - £133k per annum
- Fund 2 tenant liaison officers (Band G) to provide advice to tenants and also to provide a liaison function with landlords - £89k per annum
- An additional 20% has been applied to support general requirements and wider management costs - £60k per annum.

The total proposal is £362k

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers

Management Capacity

The new manager post will seek to maximise the impact of the designations by enhancing and providing additional leadership to the coordination of resources and activity across multiple Council Depts and Partners to ensure targeting of resources in the areas affected. They will also ensure effective use of the Capital Funding available and will lead on the creation and operation of the stakeholder boards to maximise impact, providing a consistent and clear level of leadership to delivery of the schemes. In addition, the manager role will maximise the speed of implementation for any relevant aspects of the Renters Rights Act and enable a focussed approach on enforcement, including civil penalties both inside and outside of the scheme areas.

Service Provision

The front-line service provision would maximise the impacts of the aims established as part of the scheme, which is to ensure greater engagement with tenants and landlords, therefore providing much improved communications and a single point of contact. This will significantly improve the regulatory and enforcement opportunities brought about by Selective Licensing, leading to cleaner communities and an increased level of enforcement outcomes.

Residents/Customers

Residents in the areas will benefit from the above increases in enforcement activity which will maximise the impacts of the selective licensing scheme in its totality. Over a period of five years, this would have the potential to lead to sustainable change in communities by changing the patterns of what is considered the norm in those areas.

Implications on other Services (identify which services and possible impact)
Environmental Services: Reducing demands placed on this service from the areas considered for selective licensing. Allow an improved service overall with particular improvements in the areas covered. **Regulatory Services:** Again, reducing the additional demands placed on this service by providing increased capacity, leading to improved outcomes. The proposal will also place the Council in a strong position for implementing the relevant aspects of the Renters Rights Act.

Impact on staffing
Creation of additional posts will have a significant impact on existing capacity as the areas covered are areas of high demand.

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
Step 1: Proposal to Full Council	March 2026
Step 2: Start recruitment	April 2026
Step 3: Interviews	May 2026
Step 4: Appointment	July 2026
Step 5: Training	September 2026
Step 6: Competent/Performing duties	November 2026

Revenue Investment Plan	
Improved Safety and Maintenance at Rother Valley Country Park	
Directorate:	Regeneration & Environment
Service Area:	Culture, Sport and Tourism
Director Responsible for Delivery:	Andrew Bramidge, Executive Director Regeneration and Environment
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Marshall
Head of Finance	Chloe Parker
Unique Reference	R&E 004

Financial Impact	
2026/27 Perm	£182k

Details of Proposal (what will be achieved)

The Green Spaces Review identified several key areas requiring investment, especially in relation to staffing resource. In particular, our busiest Country Park, Rother Valley, is experiencing significant strain with increasing visitor numbers. Post pandemic, visitor numbers have more than doubled. Whilst this is a positive, it has created day to day operational challenges, notably in the summer months. This investment proposal is intended to address that by:

- Improving site maintenance and land management to prevent further decline.
- Addressing issues related to health, safety, and security, in particular a rise in anti-social behaviour on site.

Site maintenance and land management

Site maintenance and land management is delivered by our frontline rangers, who work on maintenance projects and engage volunteers and community groups in activities to improve the maintenance of our parks, such as path improvements, replacement handrails, and on nature conservation projects. During austerity, ranger posts were cut by 70% to focus on basic maintenance and Health and Safety. After 15 years, it is clear that this important frontline resource is insufficient to keep on top of the maintenance, and the backlog of projects has meant that the service can struggle to keep on top of health and safety standards.

The Green Spaces APSE Benchmarking report places Rotherham second lowest in investment levels among a cohort of 20 comparable councils, with a disproportionately low number of FTEs relative to the scale of land managed.

Rangers are the primary frontline workforce on site to keep on top of land management and site maintenance issues (such as footpath repairs), as well as working with the public to engage them in nature-based projects and activities: at Rother Valley, this responsibility covers a substantial 740 acres of green and blue space.

Rother Valley attracts some 950,000 visitors annually. Since Covid, visitors by car have increased threefold. Whilst its position and accessibility draw visitors from a wide geographical area, our visitor data shows that 50% of the most frequent visitors are from South Yorkshire: the top 20% of most frequent visitors are in Sheffield, NE Notts and Rotherham, with 60% of those understood to be from Rotherham. Recent capital investment in the creation of a new café, new play facilities and improved parking, has meant that a further increase in visitors from 2026 is anticipated.

In order to improve maintenance standards across the park, there is the need for additional investment, as follows:

- Creating a new Service Delivery Manager (Countryside) to create and deliver a new Site Maintenance Plan for all Green Spaces sites. Their initial focus will be on Rother Valley Country Park. This will include:
  - A prioritised schedule of environmental repairs and maintenance projects
  - A prioritised schedule of nature recovery projects
  - Migration to *Confirm*, including the digitisation of site inspections, risk assessments, mitigation activity and reporting
  - Programme management of the work of rangers and ecology staff
  - Joint working with Estates, Planning, Finance, Regeneration and Landscape Design Services as required.
  - Ensuring compliance with legislation and corporate policies, systems and processes
- Increasing the number of rangers at RVCP to provide a more visible presence on site, tackle the significant backlog of small-scale site maintenance projects, and work with the public on nature engagement activities.

- Free up ranger staff to focus on their main areas of expertise: site maintenance, nature recovery and public engagement, by bringing in a specialist cleaning team and increasing security, to improve hygiene and improve how the service tackles Anti-Social Behaviour.

In summary, this requires the appointment of:

- 1 x Service Delivery Manager (Countryside) Band H - £49,310
- 1 x Assistant Ranger Band D - £33,290
- Make 2 x seasonal Rangers fulltime - £16,531

Total Cost = £99,131

If the above additional Ranger Costs are approved, this provides cash match funding for a further bid to National Lottery Heritage Fund which, if successful, will enable the Council to secure additional funding to support other improvements.

Health, Safety and Security

One of the reasons that site maintenance is inconsistent is due to the significant increase in the volume of visitors since Covid, and because existing ranger staff are undertaking two areas of work which would be better delivered by others: cleaning and security. At RVCP, paying car visits pre-Covid averaged 57,000, they are now over 150,000.

- **Cleaning:** there is a need to improve cleaning regimes across the site, with a particular focus on toilets, the existing cafe and offices as well as the new building, particularly during busy hot summer days, when rangers are required

to be out on site supporting the public. Estates and Property Services have advised on the cleaning regime required and relevant costs.

- **Site security and addressing anti-social behaviour:** Rangers need more support to prevent and better manage increasing levels of anti-social behaviour, including off-road motorbikes, parking infringements (which lead to congestion, safety risks for pedestrians, vandalism and damage to green space infrastructure) and disorderly behaviour around open water. To this end, officers have worked with a working group (including Community Safety, SY Police, Highways and Early help) to identify possible solutions. This will enable the service to better manage the ASB issues in the short-term and find ways to 'design' out the problems in the longer term.

Additional Cleaning Costs – Rother Valley Country Park £29,585

Extended coverage for Security Officers at a cost of £53,760 are needed to address safety and security issues during the peak season, between Easter holidays and the start of the new school year in September. Triggers relate to hot weather, end of exams and cultural holidays such as Kurdish New Year (Newroz). Current coverage is insufficient and costs are based on:

- Period: March to October – allowance of 16 weeks
- Coverage in those periods: 7 days/week, 12 hours/day

However, it should be noted that during wet weather, security is not needed and on other days, up to 6 may be needed – for example on a sunny Bank Holiday.

Total Annual Investment Cost: £182,476

This proposal aligns with the Council's wider ambitions and positions the service to better respond to growth opportunities, operational pressures, and strategic priorities:

- **Places are thriving, safe and clean**: Investment in rangers, cleaning, security and traffic management will improve the quality, safety, and accessibility of green spaces across the borough, supporting cleaner environments and safer public spaces.

- **An economy that works for everyone:** The investment supports the creation of new entry-level jobs within Green Spaces

- **Children and young people achieve their potential:** Increased ranger capacity will allow for expanded outdoor learning programmes, volunteering opportunities, and engagement activities with schools and youth services.

- **Residents live well:** Improved site management and community engagement will promote physical and mental wellbeing, support health initiatives, and encourage active lifestyles through safe and accessible green spaces.

One Council that listens and learns: Strengthening the Green Spaces team will improve responsiveness to community needs, support place-based working, and foster stronger relationships with local residents and partners. It will also

contribute to the Council's approach to responding to Climate Change and delivering improvements related to its declaration of a Nature Emergency.

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers

Strategic Benefits

- Supports the Green Spaces Improvement Plan
- Strengthens Health & Safety
  - Ensures a safer environment for visitors and staff
- Boosts Community Engagement
  - Improves quality and frequency of educational programmes
  - Contributes to place-based working
- Enhances Visitor Experience
  - Delivers better customer service and site management
- Promotes Active Lifestyles
  - Offers tailored outdoor activities to foster community involvement
- Encourages Volunteering
  - Increases participation and support for service activities
- Optimising Council resources, by utilising new investment for rangers to draw in new external funding, helping to double the value of the Council's budget for this project.

Security Provision: Key Impacts

- Enhanced Public Safety
  - Deters anti-social behaviour (ASB)
  - Improves safety during busy periods
- Improved Customer Experience
  - Provides reassurance and assistance to visitors
- Operational Efficiency
  - Supports out-of-hours operations
  - Reduces reliance on Council enforcement and emergency services
- Asset Protection
  - Prevents and addresses vandalism, theft, and damage to Council property
- Community Confidence
  - Builds public trust through proactive safety management

Cleaning Service: Structured and Responsive

- Daily Cleaning
  - Maintains high hygiene standards in public and staff areas
- On-Call Support
  - Rapid response to issues during busy periods and events
- Morning Preparation
  - Ensures facilities are clean and ready before opening
  - Minimises disruption and improves operational readiness.

Implications on other Services (identify which services and possible impact)

- **Planning**: Improved coordination on projects related to biodiversity and land management.

- **Public Health**: Collaboration on health initiatives and social prescribing activities, improving physical health through physical activities, and reducing isolation and promoting well-being through outdoor engagement.

- **CYPS Early Help**: increased involvement with young people through volunteering and co-produced engagement activities

- **CYPS Education:** Strengthened partnerships with local schools for better outdoor learning programmes

- **Climate Change**: support delivery of NetZero via nature-based carbon offsetting.

Impact on staffing
1. Increased Staffing Capacity The addition of FTE roles will help restore some of the capacity lost during austerity and bring the service closer to APSE benchmarking standards. This means staff will be better resourced year-round to manage day-to-day operations, community engagement, and educational programmes without being overstretched. **2. Improved Staff Wellbeing** With more resource, workload will be more manageable, which is expected to reduce stress-related absences such as those caused by anxiety and depression. A better-staffed team also fosters a more supportive working environment. **3. Enhanced Operational Support** Security and cleaning responsibilities, which currently fall to general staff at RVCP, will be handled by dedicated personnel. This allows staff to focus on their core roles rather than being diverted to tasks outside their remit, improving efficiency and job satisfaction. **4. Better Preparedness for Peak Demand** The additional security coverage at Rother Valley Country Park during high footfall months will help manage visitor behaviour and safety, reducing pressure on staff during busy periods. Similarly, the structured cleaning service will ensure facilities are ready each day, improving readiness and reducing reactive work. **5. Professionalisation of Services** By formalising cleaning and expanding contracted security, the service moves away from informal arrangements that rely on staff flexibility. This professionalisation supports a more consistent and reliable working environment.

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
Step 1: Identify and Finalise Job Descriptions and Recruitment Strategy Amend contract for seasonal staff and identify key roles and responsibilities for the new FTE positions at RVCP. Finalise requirements and coordinate with contracted providers to	March 2026

confirm enhanced security coverage requirements at Rother Valley Country Park.	
Step 2: Recruit for the New Positions Launch recruitment campaigns for cleaning personnel with asset management. Put in place measure to extend existing security arrangements, ensuring readiness for deployment by peak season.	March – June 2026
Step 3: Launch Enhanced Offer Roll out the enhanced staffing model, dedicated cleaning service, and expanded security coverage. Begin delivery of improved visitor services, community programmes, and development of site maintenance plan.	July – August 2026

Revenue Investment Plan	
Road Safety Education - Young Driver Co-ordinator	
Directorate:	Regeneration and Environment
Service Area:	Transportation
Director Responsible for Delivery:	Andrew Bramidge, Executive Director Regeneration and Environment
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Williams
Head of Finance	Chloe Parker
Unique Reference	R&E 005

Financial Impact	
2026/27 Perm	£20k

Details of Proposal (what will be achieved)

To continue the delivery of a Young Driver training programme aimed at students in further education through theory, classroom and practical based solutions.

In 2024 a partnership agreement between Rotherham and Sheffield Councils saw the creation of a Young Driver Coordinator role to deliver road safety education training to pupils at, or around, the driving age, to raise awareness of the dangers associated with dangerous / reckless driving or driving whilst under the influence.

This role was created following statistical analysis of road traffic collision data by the Department for Transport which showed young male car drivers aged 17 to 24 are four times as likely to be killed or seriously injured compared with all car drivers aged 25 or over. The recent DfT Road Safety Strategy identified that whilst young drivers comprise only 6% of drivers, they are responsible for 24% of the accidents where there are deaths or serious injuries.

The post was funded from surplus monies received from the former Safer Roads Partnership

During the last academic year, training was offered to over 5,500 pupils across both councils

Sheffield = **3,371**

Rotherham = **2,213**

Furthermore, engagement took place with 700 Year 11 pupils at five schools in Rotherham via the RoadStart initiative, with an opportunity to roll this out to Year 10 pupils, subject to approval of this funding bid. This will focus on incidents involving off-road bikes, e-bikes/e-scooters.

South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue would also bring expertise in Young Rider engagement via social media, campaigns, YouTube, and events. Combined, historical engagements add up to a target audience of 70,000 over 12 months.

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers
A reduction in dangerous/inconsiderate driving should in turn have a positive impact on reducing the number of road traffic collisions taking place and reduce the fear many have when using the highway. This in turn should make communities feel safer, and become both healthier and more vibrant, as people are encouraged to use alternative of transport to their car for shorter journeys on foot.

Implications on other Services (identify which services and possible impact)
Reducing the number of road traffic collisions reduces pressure on first responders, the Emergency Service and Health Services, whilst also reducing the trauma on individuals and family members. Furthermore, such reductions in road traffic collisions also reduce attendance at crash sites by the Council's Street Cleansing and maintenance teams, which all have a negative impact on their resources and associated budgets. This role was originally established and funded through monies returned to the Council following the disbandment of the South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership, approximately five years ago. The returned funds were intended to support road safety initiatives and were sufficient to sustain this post for a period exceeding two years. Funding this scheme would support the continuity and long-term planning of road safety initiatives originally supported by the returned partnership funds.

Impact on staffing
This role is overseen and managed by Sheffield City Council's Road Safety Team and therefore has minimal impact on staffing at Rotherham in terms of day-to-day operational activities. All reporting is co-ordinated by Sheffield City Council and the Young Driver Co-ordinator who oversee the running of this post. Moving forward we are looking for this post to be funded from the revitalised South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership who would take on overall responsibility.

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
Step 1: To undertake the full range of road safety education and training duties relevant to the young driver package with the aim of reach 6,000 students Countywide	End each academic year

Revenue Investment Plan	
Roadside Cleansing - phase 2	
Directorate:	Environmental Services - R&E
Service Area:	Grounds and Streets delivery
Director Responsible for Delivery:	Andrew Bramidge, Executive Director Regeneration and Environment
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Marshall
Head of Finance	Chloe Parker
Unique Reference	R&E 006

Financial Impact	
2026/27 Perm	**£272k**

Details of Proposal (what will be achieved)

This proposal builds on the success of last year's investment in rural verge and gateway cleansing and continues to drive environmental improvements across the borough.

The initial team has delivered the following benefits since its inception in October 2025 through to December 2025, including:

- 51 rural verges litter picked
- This equates to 51km of rural verges litter picked to date
- Active in 7 wards to date
- 1.5t per week on average removed
- 14t in total to date

This aim during the rest of December through to March 2026 is for the team to complete 335 more rural verge litter picks which equates to a further 450km. However, as this is the first year of litter picking in winter, some locations are taking longer than expected due to the amount of waste.

This is previously uncollected waste per week during winter months, improving rural cleanliness, safety, and public satisfaction

With the team only being fully established in October 2025, the team will continue to focus on rural verge cleansing and fly tip removal up until March 2026. Then the focus will move onto scheduled maintenance of the 32 gateway sites into Rotherham. This will include litter picking, path edging, weed removal and strimming.

Other positive outcomes which the team contribute to include the APSE LAMs results, these are randomly generated streets/location that supervisors assess for

cleanliness monitoring, these are checked by APSE and pictures are provided. The Council's results have improved this year, showing we are averaging results above other local authorities as per the below table:

Percentage of Sites classes as acceptable (combined litter and detritus)	Period 2 23-24	Period 3 23-24	Period 4 23-24	Period 5 23-24	Period 2 24-25	Period 3 24-25	Period 4 24-25	Period 5 24-25	Period 1 25-26	Period 2 25-26
Rotherham	83%	84%	83%	82%	N/A	89%	89%	88%	97%	98%
Family Group Average	90%	91%	91%	91%	N/A	91%	91%	92%	93%	94%

While some of these locations will be rural verges, the team will be adding manual inspections of rural verges and gateways to the survey in the new year.

Scope and Rationale

To maintain momentum and widen the impact, this year's proposal seeks to double the resource:

- An additional dedicated Roadside Cleansing Team (bringing the total to three, previously one) – This equates to a further team that consists of 1 Band J, 1 Band D, 3 x Band C

The expanded teams will:

- Undertake litter clearance, verge maintenance, signage cleaning, and fly-tipping removal in rural and gateway areas.
- Manage traffic control for cleansing operations on high-risk routes.
- Support seasonal vegetation clearance and proactive hotspot monitoring.
- Log and report fly-tipping to assist enforcement and prosecution.

Impact

- Increased coverage of rural gateways and verges.
- Significant reduction in litter and fly-tipping in hard-to-reach areas.
- Improved environmental quality and resident satisfaction.
- Enhanced ability to respond to MP and member casework.

Finance impact: £272k

£ 190,385 - (Approx) Rural fly tipping team (1 Manager and 4 operatives) (1 Band J, 1 Band D, 3 x Band C)

£ 32,000 (Approx) Vehicle Hire costs

£ 48,890 - (30%) for management, administration, uniforms, equipment and tipping associated costs.

Total: £271,584

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers

Outputs referenced below will be subject to specific service targets, which are to be established and agreed.

- Completion of scheduled cleansing across an expanded network of rural gateways and verges, including traffic management areas.
- Delivery of enhanced gateway cleansing schedules and proactive litter clearance.
- Increased ad-hoc cleansing operations in rural and hard-to-reach areas.
- Proactive removal and logging of fly-tipping incidents to support enforcement and prosecution.
- Visible improvements in rural environments and key gateway routes.
- Significant reductions in littering and environmental hazards.
- Improved engagement with ward members and communities, leading to:

- Reductions in member casework.
- Reduction in MPs' enquiries.
- Strengthened public confidence through a cleaner, greener borough.
- Highly visible presence of cleansing teams in rural areas and gateway locations.

Implications on other Services (identify which services and possible impact)

This proposal will have a positive impact on Community Safety, as the expanded cleansing teams will gather data that can be shared with CPU colleagues to inform covert and overt CCTV operations, signage placement, patrols, and enforcement activity. This intelligence will strengthen the ability to take forward prosecutions for fly-tipping and related environmental offences.

There will also be a positive impact on Neighbourhood Services, as the additional cleansing operations will help meet ward priorities and improve the overall appearance of rural and gateway areas, supporting local environmental objectives.

Impact on staffing

This proposal requires additional staffing to deliver the expanded scope of work. This will enable the service to deliver a cleaner, greener environment without compromising existing commitments.

Timeframe for delivery

Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones

Step 1: Commence Recruitment	01/03/2026
Step 2: Conclude Recruitment	31/03/2026
Step 3: Potential start date (assuming 1 month notice)	01/05/2026
Step 4: Training and onboarding	01/04/2026- 01/06/2026
Step 5: Full implementation	01/06/2026

Revenue Investment Plan	
Household Waste Recycling Centre Investment (HWRC)	
Directorate:	R&E
Service Area:	Community Safety and Street Scene
Director Responsible for Delivery:	Andrew Bramidge, Executive Director Regeneration and Environment
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Marshall
Head of Finance	Chloe Parker
Unique Reference	R&E 008

Financial Impact		
Financial Investment	**2026/2027**	£129k
	2027/28	£129k

Details of Proposal (what will be achieved)

Background:

From the 28th of October 2026, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council (RMBC) will insource all four Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs), transitioning operational control from external contractors H W Martin Waste Ltd (HWM) to direct management by the RMBC, with HWM retaining the haulage and disposal element.

This strategic move aims to improve service delivery, enhance resident experience, and ensure greater accountability and responsiveness to resident's needs. The insourcing of the HWRCs reflects RMBC's commitment to sustainability with better alignment with the waste hierarchy through a strong emphasis on Reuse, continuous improvement in waste management practices and improved social value.

As part of this transition, a series of service enhancements have been proposed to elevate the quality and efficiency of HWRC operations. These enhancements are designed to address site aesthetics, staffing, recycling capabilities, and customer engagement. By implementing these improvements, we seek to create a more welcoming and informative environment for residents, promote reuse and recycling, and optimise site functionality across all HWRC locations in Rotherham.

Purpose of Investment:

This investment would provide the budget for four additional positions in total, across the four Council HWRC sites. The purpose of this investment is to provide the revenue budget for this additional staffing which will unlock the following service enhancements.

Improved Customer Experience

The additional resources on sites as well as the introduction of a stronger focus on reuse will continue to improve the customer experience by additional capacity to support customer accessing, navigating and using the facilities as well as intercepting items for reuse. Some of the additional staffing provision will allow for flexible deployment, allowing more staffing at busier locations.

Reuse Shop on HWRC's

Many items brought to HWRCs are still in usable condition – furniture, tools, garden equipment, bicycles, and household goods. Currently these reuseable items are transported to various reuse charities, both inside and outside of the borough.

The proposed service enhancement would be to establish a Reuse shop on at least one of the HWRCs(this is likely to be Car Hill, although further work is necessary to confirm this).

There are numerous benefits to hosting a Reuse site directly on one of Rotherham's HWRCs which includes:

- Reduced transport emissions
- Residents can easily donate and purchase items in one visit, encouraging a circular economy mindset
- Shows proactive commitment to sustainability and innovation in public services
- Visual promotion of the waste hierarchy

It is suggested that the Reuse shop consists of two 20yd ISO containers (side opening doors) sited parallel to each other with a steel shelter joining the containers together.

In addition to the above, further work is being undertaken to review and improve layout of the sites, investigate the introduction of new recycling streams, improve equipment, including the provision of an industrial-style vacuum cleaner at Car Hill. Provision has been made in this proposal for what are considered to be reasonable revenue implications.

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers
Service Provision The extra resources will support the service to maximise the customer experience and the reuse of items wherever possible, reducing waste, providing cheaper alternatives for purchase and supporting the environment. The additional investment will also allow the service to better manage sickness and absence. **Residents/Customers** Residents experience at the HWRC sites will improve through enhanced meet, greet and support offered by operatives as well as having improved access to reuse items or greater opportunity to dispose of their items in this way.

Implications on other Services (identify which services and possible impact)
Reduction in agency spend.

Impact on staffing
This investment will seek to create an additional 4 posts which will add capacity to each of the HWRC sites.

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
Step 1: Proposal to Full Council	March 2026
Step 2: In-sourcing date	Oct 2026
Step 3: Approval to recruit	Nov 2026

Step 4: Interviews	Jan 2027
Step 5: Appointment	Feb 2027

Revenue Investment Plan	
Welfare Rights Service	
Directorate:	ACHPH
Service Area:	Housing Income and Support Services
Director Responsible for Delivery:	Ian Spicer, Executive Director Adult Care, Housing & Public Health
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Beresford
Head of Finance	Gioia Morrison
Unique Reference	ACHPH 001

Financial Impact	
2026/27 Perm	£135k

Details of Proposal (what will be achieved)

Macmillan Cancer Support currently funds 2 FTE Welfare Benefits Officers and a 0.5 FTE Team Leader to provide specialist Welfare Benefits Advice in Rotherham for people who have received a cancer diagnosis. The members of staff are employed by Rotherham Council. However, due to falling donations since the pandemic, Macmillan have decided to cease this funding on 31 May 2026.

The proposal is to fund this shortfall from the Council's General Fund budget, in order to maintain the service for Rotherham residents. Macmillan are still in the process of finalising their proposed new delivery model. However, it will mean that the amount of grant funding will be significantly less than the current provision given only 20% of people receiving a cancer diagnosis will receive support. Whilst the Council may continue to receive some funding (subject to confirmation), it would be at a reduced level. At the current time, Macmillan have not confirmed the timescale when current grant recipients will be advised if they will be awarded further funding and what amount this will be.

In addition, only people who meet the criteria would be eligible for support. This would mean that not all residents across Rotherham would be able to access this support, which is often a lifeline for people living with cancer, as they receive timely financial advice.

In 2024/25, the Macmillan funded element of the Money and Benefit Advice Team within Financial Inclusion received 932 referrals. Referrals are received from 3 different pathways:

- Professional medical referrals from Rotherham General Hospital, Weston Park Hospital and GP Practices.
- Self-referral by residents

- Via the Refernet System which enables Voluntary and Community groups to refer easily and confidentially.

During 2024/25, the team assisted with £3.7million in benefit clams and secured one-off payments for back pay of benefit exceeding £342,000. The cost of funding the service in 2024/25 was £131,215, representing 3.2% of the total benefit income generated for residents.

** If funding is identified by Macmillan this will be offset against the cost of this investment proposal*

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers

The proposal is that the team will continue to support residents experiencing cancer diagnosis. This would mean providing advice and support c900 residents with a terminal cancer diagnosis to apply for benefits and securing c£3.7m in benefit payments.

If the bid is unsuccessful, there will be future gaps in the current provision leading to implications for residents and other advice providers across the voluntary sector.

Residents would experience adverse impacts on their health and wellbeing, should the funding be withdrawn, as it offers support to cover the extra costs that a cancer diagnosis may bring, including:

- -Taxis to medical appointments when public transport cannot be used to due reduced immune system after chemotherapy and radiotherapy.
- Additional cost of heating homes
- New clothing when weight loss occurs due to illness/ effects of treatment
- Petrol costs for travel to hospital if able to drive
- Convenience food/change to diet and more specialist foods
- Help at home with cleaning/ gardening etc.
- Help to cover childcare costs

There are no other providers locally who have the experience and expertise to ensure residents can access the range of financial benefits they are entitled to whilst living with cancer.

Implications on other Services (identify which services and possible impact)

The removal of this service would mean over 900 people each year will be seeking specialist benefit advice after a cancer diagnosis with no local provider. This will increase pressure on Citizens Advice Rotherham as they are the most widely accepted provider of advice and support outside of the Council. However, their services are already at capacity, and they will be unable to provide the specialist advice required.

If funding is no longer provided, the team will reduce to 2.5 f.t.e and will solely deliver a benefit appeals service. The benefit advice service provided to residents with cancer by the Council would cease as of May 2026.

Whilst the Council's Tenancy Support Service do provide welfare benefit advice and complete application forms, they would be unable to meet the additional demands within their existing capacity.

The Pyramid of Advice is used in Rotherham and shows the 4 levels of advice undertaken in the borough. The work done by the existing team is classed as High-level knowledge-based advice and is at Level 3 of the pyramid. The loss of this would leave a huge gap in provision for residents.

Impact on staffing
The project currently funds two full-time equivalent officers and 50% of a full-time equivalent team leader within the Money and Benefit Advice team. Given the end of Macmillan funding in May 2026 redundancy notices for existing staff would need to be issued in February 2026.

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
Step 1: Service provision to be reviewed ahead of the ending of funding to ensure clients are not left without support	By end of May 2026
Step 2: New funding model to commence	1 June 2026
Step 3: 900 residents supported with benefit advice	31 March 2027

Revenue Investment Plan	
Expanding the Healthy Holidays Programme	
Directorate:	Children and Young People's Services
Service Area:	Family Help
Director Responsible for Delivery:	Nicola Curley, Executive Director Children & Young Peoples Services
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Cusworth
Head of Finance	Joshua Amahwe
Unique Reference	CYPS 001

Financial Impact	
2026/27 Perm	£350K

Details of Proposal (what will be achieved)

Background

This proposal seeks investment to expand the Healthy Holidays Programme (HAF) provision by an anticipated 10,000 day places, free of charge to families.

The Rotherham Healthy Holidays Programme is funded by the Department for Education's (DfE) Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme and is part of the Council's strong offer for children and families, ensuring children are at the heart of what we do. The programme was developed in recognition that school holidays can create additional pressure for many families due to increased costs such as food, activities, and childcare coupled with reduced incomes. This can create a gap for some children who are less likely to access out of school activities and are more likely to experience 'unhealthy holidays' impacting on their physical health, nutrition, isolation and long-term well-being.

The programme supports vulnerable children and young people in accessing a healthy lifestyle, positive and engaging activities, and social inclusion. HAF provision is delivered in inclusive and non-judgemental environments that reduce stigma and have a positive impact on children and young people.

The HAF offer is provided by organisations from the public, private, voluntary, community and faith sectors and schools, who know and understand our local communities. The Council allocates the funding across the holiday periods stipulated in the DfE criteria (Easter, Summer and Christmas) by issuing small grants to those who have applied to run holiday activities.

Each activity lasts 4 hours per day, and programmes are provided for children for 4 days at Easter and Winter, and 16 days over the Summer Holidays. Each session includes a nutritious meal and a variety of enriching activities.

The funding enables eligible children aged from reception to year 11 to access holiday clubs for free. DfE funding conditions dictate that eligible children are those accessing benefit related free school meals (FSM); however, grant conditions allow for a small proportion of the funding to be allocated to other vulnerable groups of children and young people.

The current programme funding ends in March 2026 but in August 2025, as part of its Best Start in Life mission, the government announced that nationally over £600 million has been confirmed for HAF for the next three financial years (from 2026/27). RMBC allocation for 2026/27 has been confirmed as £1.312M, which represents an increase of £58k to the 2025/26 funding allocation.

Published HAF guidance for 2026/27 confirmed that the eligibility for HAF continues to be children in receipt of benefits-related FSM up until September 2026. HAF's eligibility will remain at the existing FSM threshold for 2026/27. This means that HAF's eligibility will not expand to all those on Universal Credit – even though from September 2026, free school meal (FSM) eligibility will be expanded to all households in receipt of Universal Credit.

For 2026/27, LAs continue to have flexibility and autonomy to design and deliver the programme in a way that best meets the specific needs of their local area and residents. This local autonomy is key to enabling LAs to adapt the programme to their unique community context and ensures the provision is effective and accessible to those who need it most.

Proposal

Additional recurrent funding from the Council is proposed to expand the capacity of HAF provision and explore providing support during an additional school holiday to those funded by HAF. An investment of £350K will increase the current HAF provision by 10,000 places (calculated on £35 per place).

The service will work with providers over the coming months to agree the best way of facilitating this additional capacity, including options to make some current paid-for places free for parents, extend activities into half term holidays when they are currently not provided, and increasing the number of available places in existing sessions. Working with providers and schools, we will explore how best to improve access for children who most need the provision. This work will also include exploring provision and delivery from the SEND hub, ensuring inclusivity.

We would manage the additional capacity, working with schools and providers, on a first come, first served basis, and consider whether access via referrals through schools, family hubs, or another route are best to help manage access and avoid parental disappointment in the event of significant demand.

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers
In 2024-25, the Rotherham Healthy Holidays programme commissioned a total of 213 activities that were made accessible across the borough. 35,612 sessions were delivered, with over 7,200 individual children attending. Increasing capacity for the HAF delivery to support more of our children will have a positive impact on more children and families across the Borough, including those who have previously not been able to access HAF. **Impact:** • Children in kinship care, temporary accommodation, and young carers often face hidden disadvantages. Having a flexible approach to eligibility and increasing capacity will help ensure the HAF programme reaches those most at risk of isolation and poor outcomes. • Practitioner referrals encourage closer working between schools, social care, health, and voluntary sector partners, improving wraparound support for children and families and enabling children who may not have been previously eligible to access provision. • Greater reach will support higher participation rates amongst vulnerable groups. • Increased capacity means more places for children across the borough, with programme delivery accessible for children who previously may not have been eligible. • Access to healthy meals and enriching activities can mitigate food insecurity and social isolation. • Early engagement with children and families can reduce escalation into statutory services, supporting Rotherham's Family Help, and safeguarding priorities. • Stronger community resilience and reduced pressure on crisis services. Listening to the views and feedback of the children and families is highly important to us, and we ensure children and families are at the heart of our delivery, offering a child centred working practice. We ask parents, carers and children to provide feedback on the sessions they have attended, what they enjoyed, and what they feel we can improve in the future. This is valuable for the service to understand what is working well and identify areas for improvement. We want this additional capacity to be viewed positively. We would manage capacity carefully on a first come first served offer. Once organisations are in place, it will be important that this is well communicated from the outset.

Implications on other Services (identify which services and possible impact)
Children's Social Care - reduced pressure on statutory interventions by providing safe, structured holiday provision for children in high-risk households. Early / Family Help - strengthens support for children and families through practitioner referrals. Education & Schools - schools benefit from improved engagement and wellbeing of vulnerable pupils, reducing term-time attendance and behaviour issues.

Health Services – the programme supports mental health and physical wellbeing by reducing isolation and promoting healthy eating, contributing to public health priorities.

Voluntary & Community Sector - increased funding enables local organisations to scale up provision and reach more families. Direct practitioner referrals will mean VCS organisations working with vulnerable children and families can access increased support opportunities.

Housing & Homelessness Services – vulnerable children in temporary accommodation will be able to gain access to safe spaces and meals, reducing safeguarding concerns.

Impact on staffing
The DfE funding provides staffing resource to manage the programme and commissioning arrangements. Increasing capacity of the programme will place additional pressure on the service to deliver; this can be managed through the DfE funded staffing allocation, meaning funding identified through this investment bid will be used to increase provision for children.

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
Step 1: Consultation with providers and key referral agencies on the eligibility criteria.	January – March 2026
Step 2: Panel to consider applications for October half term implementation of the increased offer / places	May 2026
Step 3: Delivery of the increased HAF places	Half term: Mon 26 Oct to Fri 30 Oct 2026

Revenue Investment Plan	
Increased funding for School Uniform support	
Directorate:	Children & Young People Services
Service Area:	Education & Inclusion
Director Responsible for Delivery:	Nicola Curley, Executive Director Children & Young Peoples Services
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Victoria Cusworth
Head of Finance	Joshua Amahwe
Unique Reference	CYPS 002

Financial Impact	
2026/27 Perm	£26k

Details of Proposal (what will be achieved)

Background

The Council is currently providing financial support to families struggling with the cost of school uniforms. This support is given in the form of vouchers, via schools. The Council provides funding to individual schools who subsequently provide vouchers to eligible pupils.

The scheme is targeted at pupils who are entitled to benefits-eligible Free School Meals (FSM) (including those who have been auto-enrolled) and who are in the key years of transition. Eligible year groups are:

- children moving from foundation to reception (FS2),
- children moving from an Infant to a separate Junior school (year 2 to year 3),
- children moving from primary to secondary school (year 6 to year 7).

Additional investment was made by the Council in 2025/26 to increase the value of the voucher per pupil from £35 to £70 provided to pupils that meet the eligibility criteria. The increase was to address inflation and cost of living concerns. Also, there was the requirement for schools to ensure that the vouchers given can be used in multiple outlets.

The current 2025/26 budgeted amount for school uniform support is £130,000 - this enables vouchers to be provided to around 1,850 pupils per year.

Proposal

In 2025, the autoenrollment process (first implemented in 2024) identified additional children eligible for free school meals across schools in Rotherham. These additional FSM pupils, where they are new starters, would qualify for support for school uniforms in 2026.

In addition to the above, there will be changes to the free school meal eligibility from September 2026 which broadens the current eligibility criteria to include all families on Universal Credit (UC). Previously, only households on UC with net earnings under £7,400 per year could claim Free School Meals (FSM). From September 2026, all pupils in households receiving Universal Credit will automatically qualify, regardless of earnings. This would result in an increase in the number of children that are eligible for free school meals next year – the Government estimates 500,000 additional children would qualify for FSM. Any increase in FSM numbers in 2026 would invariably lead to increased support for school uniforms.

However, it should be noted that the above gains in FSM numbers would be mitigated by the cessation (in July 2026) of the transitional protections in place for those who became eligible since April 2018. Some children who are currently entitled to free meals at present will no longer be eligible in September 2026 because their parents have risen above UC levels.

In anticipation of the above changes in the FSM eligibility rules for 2026, it is proposed that the budget for the school uniform voucher scheme is increased to allow for a 20% increase in numbers for 2026/27.

	eligible nos	**budget**
Current requirements	1,850	£129,500
Proposed (plus 20%)	2,220	£155,400
Increase	**370**	**£25,900**

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers

The proposals set out are designed to support vulnerable residents when they need it the most. The range of options set out has been designed to support a range of different circumstances and different protected characteristics.

Implications on other Services (identify which services and possible impact)

No impacts identified

Impact on staffing

No additional Council staffing, nor any impacts.

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
Update the *'help with school uniforms'* page on the council's website to reflect the increased investment	April 2026
Send out communications (schools bulletin) to all schools informing them of the increased investment (as schools would need to update their arrangements to support increased number of eligible pupils)	May 2026

Revenue Investment Plan	
Increased Universal Youth Work Offer	
Directorate:	Children and Young People's Services
Service Area:	Family Help
Director Responsible for Delivery:	Nicola Curley, Executive Director Children & Young Peoples Services
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Cusworth
Head of Finance	Joshua Amahwe
Unique Reference	CYPS 003

Financial Impact	
2026/27 Perm	£100k

Details of Proposal (what will be achieved)

The Council has demonstrated a continued commitment to delivering an inclusive, universal youth service for all young people, ensuring they have access to safe spaces and engaging activities in all wards across Rotherham. This commitment has continued despite austerity measures, placing young people at the heart of what we do. Young people's engagement in the services provided has continued at a high rate, with them speaking positively of the opportunities offered. We know that high-quality universal youth provision plays a vital role in supporting young people to socialise, learn new skills, and build positive relationships with trusted, trained adults. These services form an essential component of the wider Family Help offer for children, young people, and families in Rotherham.

Since its inception in 2021, the UYW programme has focused on developing and broadening opportunities for young people by providing places to go and things to do, while promoting personal, educational, creative, and social development. Delivery is targeted in areas of identified need, offering enriching activities that enable young people to acquire new skills, consolidate existing knowledge, and experience new opportunities.

The UYW offer is provided by constituted voluntary groups, charities, private sector organisations, schools, and faith groups who can demonstrate compliance with the minimum standards outlined in the Service Specification, including safeguarding, health and safety, and staffing requirements. Eligible organisations may apply for up to £15,000 per project, providing a detailed plan of what delivery will look like for young people. This is an overwhelmingly positive offer, with applications often outweighing the available £200,000 budget. A panel, made up of colleagues from Family Help, CYPS Commissioning, Public Health, RMBC Finance and Voluntary Action Rotherham (VAR) decide on successful projects.

Feedback from providers over recent years is positive but they have indicated that rising costs in staffing, food and increased demand has made service delivery more of a challenge. For the last 2 years, previous applications have exceeded the £200k budget, which has required decisions to be made to offer reduced amounts to some providers. Additional investment would therefore support growth in this area of much needed and valued provision, expanding our universal youth offer, ensuring high-quality provision for young people across the borough.

An investment of £100K will increase the current Universal Youth Work offer by 425 sessions. Working on an average of 15 young people attending each session (for some sessions there will be more), this equates to an additional 6375 places that young people can access.

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers

The UYW programme has an annual target of delivering 850 sessions to children and young people. To date, the target has been consistently exceeded, with 1,270 sessions delivered in 2024/25, demonstrating strong demand and effective delivery. There are however some challenges in sustaining this level of performance as providers have raised concern about the impact of the cost of living and inflation. In line with this, it is anticipated that 2025-26 will see a reduction in sessions delivered.

This will support the increase in the amounts providers apply for to absorb the additional costs and is hoped to support those providers who were no longer financially able to offer a service. Additional investment will ensure these factors are taken into consideration as well as expanding the offer for young people and ensuring coverage across the whole of Rotherham.

The aims of the programme are that children and young people:

- Have access to curriculum based personal, social, and emotional development opportunities.
- Be actively involved in the planning, delivery and evaluation of the sessions.
- Take part in engaging and enriching and accredited activities.
- Be safe and not isolated.
- Identify their own learning opportunities.
- Have greater knowledge and awareness of their needs.

The UYW programme delivers substantial benefits to service provision, residents, and customers. By offering safe, inclusive spaces and engaging activities, it enhances the wellbeing and resilience of young people, reduces social isolation, and supports positive life choices. For families and communities, the programme contributes to stronger social cohesion and improved outcomes, while for those young people engaged in sessions, it strengthens the Early Help offer, enables early escalation to statutory services where necessary for young people and reduces demand on more intensive interventions. Continued investment will amplify these benefits, ensuring that young people across Rotherham have access to high-quality opportunities that foster personal growth and community engagement.

Implications on other Services (identify which services and possible impact)
Children's Social Care - reduced pressure on statutory interventions by providing safe, places for children and young people. Anticipated reduction in concerns relating to young people such as anti-social behaviour; exploitation; first time entrants to the Youth Justice Service. Early / Family Help - strengthens support for children and families. Education & Schools - schools benefit from improved engagement and wellbeing of vulnerable pupils, reducing term-time attendance and behaviour issues. Health Services – the programme supports mental health and physical wellbeing by reducing isolation and promoting public health priorities (such as vaping; drugs; alcohol) through curriculum-based activities. Voluntary & Community Sector - increased funding enables local organisations to scale up provision and reach more children. Increasing provision will mean VCS organisations working with vulnerable children and young people can access increased support opportunities.

Impact on staffing
The current established arrangements provide staffing resource to manage the programme and commission services. It is anticipated that this level of increased capacity can be met by the current arrangements in place. This means that any additional funding identified through this investment bid will be used to increase provision for children and young people.

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
Step 1: Application process.	March and June 2026
Step 2: Delivery.	From July 2026

Revenue Investment Plan	
Educational Psychology	
Directorate:	Children and Young People's Service
Service Area:	Education and Inclusion
Director Responsible for Delivery:	Nicola Curley, Executive Director Children & Young Peoples Services
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Cusworth
Head of Finance	Joshua Amahwe
Unique Reference	CYPS 004

Financial Impact	
2026/27 Perm	£453k

Details of Proposal (what will be achieved)

Introduction

This proposal sets out the case for an additional recurrent budget of £453k to ensure the effective delivery of educational psychology services (the EPS) in Rotherham. The investment is critical to reposition the EPS so it can respond to:

- Rising statutory demand for Education, Health, and Care (EHC) assessments.
- Budgetary pressures caused by reliance on agency and locum staff.
- The need to align with inclusion and early help priorities, supporting children and young people at the earliest stage.

This proposal will enable the EPS to:

- Increase permanent staffing by 2 FTE educational psychologists.
- Eliminate costly agency reliance.
- Introduce a targeted early intervention offer for schools in greatest need.
- Maintain a sustainable traded service alongside statutory compliance.

The proposed model balances service impact with financial viability and supports long-term strategic goals for inclusive education.

Context & Challenge

Educational psychologists (EPs) play a vital role in improving learning, communication, and emotional well-being for children and young people. They work collaboratively with students, parents, and educators to:

- Assess learning difficulties (e.g., dyslexia), behavioural challenges (e.g., ADHD), and developmental disorders (e.g., autism).
- Develop tailored interventions and provide consultation and training.
- Support schools during critical incidents and contribute to research and systemic improvement.

Rotherham's EPS delivers both statutory services—including psychological advice for EHC plans—and a traded offer to schools and other providers. Statutory work is highly resource-intensive: each EHC assessment and advice typically requires 2.5 days of EP time.

The traded work is managed through service level agreements with educational settings and other providers.

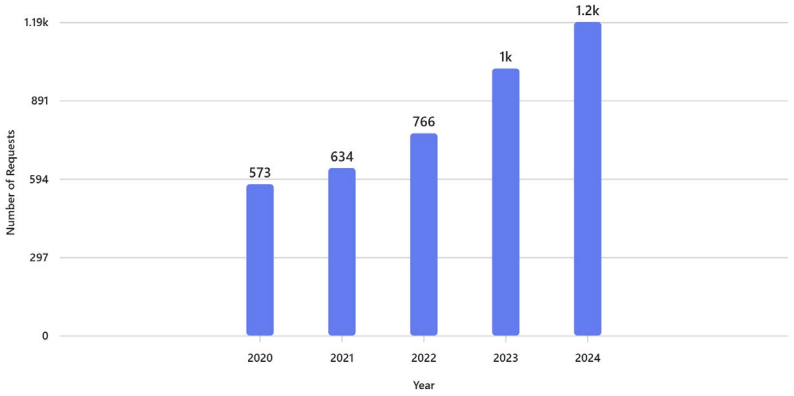
Demand Pressures

The demand for statutory EP advice has grown sharply:

- EHC plans have nearly doubled from 2,060 in January 2019 to 3,961 in October 2025.
- Monthly requests for EP advice peaked at 142 in July 2025, with an average of 100 requests per month over the last six months - equating to 1,200 requests annually.
- Requests for Education Health and Care (EHC) needs assessments have more than doubled in five years (573 in 2020 to 1,188 in 2024).

This surge reflects increased identification of SEND and parental requests for assessments, many of which require additional time due to lack of prior involvement. Meeting the statutory six-week time limit for EP advice has become increasingly challenging.

The bar graph illustrates this clear and sustained increase in statutory requests for EP advice over a five-year period. The number of requests has more than doubled from 573 in 2020 to 1,188 in 2024.



This upward trend reflects a rising demand for EHC needs assessments, driven by increased identification of SEND. This has increased the pressure on the service to meet the statutory six-week timeframe for psychological advice.

The statutory pressure has been exacerbated by an 8% increase in parental requests for an EHC needs assessment where the educational psychologist would not have had any prior involvement. Undertaking an assessment where there has been no prior involvement requires additional time and work.

Delays in statutory advice risk unlawful breaches of the Children and Families Act (2014), complaints to the Ombudsman, and reputational damage.

Current Service Delivery Model

The EPS is funded through a mix of base budget, traded income, and grants. However:

- Current capacity relies heavily on agency and locum staff, creating financial instability.
- The operating model assumes a 60/40 split between traded and statutory work, but statutory demand now requires at least 50% of available time.
- An EHC plan cannot be made final unless there has been EP advice. The compliance for EP statutory advice is only 55.6%. Compliance with statutory deadlines for EHC plans stands at 78%. This has been achieved through streamlining the statutory processes, costly temporary staff and reduced traded activity. Without these measures, compliance of EHC plans would fall to 36% (budgeted level).

The misalignment of the current model has therefore resulted in the significant use of agency/ locum staff to meet both the statutory and non-traded offer, whilst permanent the EPS staff deliver the majority of the traded services to schools and academies.

The table below summarises the budget, forecast position (i.e. current operating level) and relevant staffing and performance data. The breakdown of the base budget and forecast outturn (i.e. current operating level) is shown in the table below.

Budget / Forecast (£'000)	**25-26 Budget**	**Current forecast**
Staffing	1,418	1,620
Non-Staffing	126	112
Trading income - Fees & Charges	-891	-696
Other income	-277	-246
Total Net Cost	**376**	**790**
Base Budget	-376	-376
Net budgeted expenditure	**0**	**414**

Capacity / Performance metrics	**25-26 Budget**	**Current forecast**
Education Psychologists (incl. Agency)	18.8	20.8
Other – Admin support / Bursaries	4.0	4.0
Staffing capacity (FTE)	**22.8**	**24.8**
Statutory	667	1,554
Traded	2,074	1,587
Grant Funded	591	591
Annual Activity Days	**3,332**	**3,732**
EHCPs (2.5 days per assessment)	**270**	**620**
Compliance to statutory deadlines for EP advice	**36.0%**	**85.0%**

A forecast overspend **(£414,000)** against budget is currently reported for the EPS. This is due to staffing pressures (i.e. agency costs and unachieved vacancy savings

target) and reduced trading income from schools (reduction in traded activity days as capacity is re-directed to statutory work).

Proposed Service Delivery Model

The proposed investment will enable a sustainable model that delivers statutory obligations, targeted interventions, and a reduced but viable traded offer:

- Statutory Work: increase capacity to 1,800 activity days per year, ensuring 100% compliance with statutory deadlines.
- Targeted Intervention: introduce a new offer focused on inclusion and early help in schools with the greatest need, reducing future statutory demand.
- Traded Services: maintain a reduced offer (1,221 activity days), balancing income generation with statutory priorities.

The estimated cost (full year effect) of the proposed model and additional budget requirement is summarised in the table below.

Financial Implications (£'000)	**Proposed Budget (FYE))**
Staffing	1,614
Non-Staffing	143
Trading income - Fees & Charges	-579
Other Funding	-321
Total Net Cost	**857**
Base Budget	-405
Additional funding requirement	**453**

Capacity / Performance data	
Education Psychologists	20.8
Other – Admin support / Bursaries	4.0
Staffing capacity (FTEs)	**24.8**
Statutory	1,800
Traded	1,221
Targeted Offer	120
Grant Funded	591
Annual Activity Days	**3,732**
EHCPs (2.5 days per assessment)	**720**
Compliance to statutory deadlines for EP advice	**100%**

The proposed model would require additional recurrent revenue investment of £453,000 comprised of the following:

- Additional 2 FTE EP staff (£134k)
- Loss in trading income – to meet statutory demand (£262k)
- Loss in trading income – for delivery of new targeted offer (£57k)

The following are features of the proposed model / investment:

Meets Statutory Demand:

- Ensures compliance with the legal requirement to deliver psychological advice within six weeks for EHC needs assessments.
- Reduces reliance on agency staff, helping to stabilise the budget and improve continuity of service.

Introduces Targeted Capacity:

- Allocates 120 days for early intervention in areas of highest socioeconomic need.
- Supports children and young people before needs escalate to statutory thresholds, aligning with Rotherham's inclusion and early help priorities.

Balances Financial and Strategic Goals:

- Maintains a reasonable level of traded activity (1,221 days), preserving relationships with schools and income generation.
- Without the investment there is a risk that compliance falls further and the overspend continues

Supports System-Wide Inclusion:

- Enables the EPS to collaborate more closely with other council teams and services.
- Builds capacity for multi-agency working and preventative approaches, which are essential for long-term sustainability**.**

Risks and Mitigations:

Risks	**Mitigations**
Reduced traded income	Offset by increased value through targeted support and potential future savings from reduced statutory escalation
Limited universal offer	Consider phased expansion of core offer in future years if budget allows
Cultural shift in EPS access	Communicate clearly with schools about the benefits of targeted support and early intervention

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers

The surge in statutory work has resulted in:

- Delays in statutory advice
- Jeopardising the six-week legal timeframe
- Reduced capacity for preventive and system work
- Increased staff workload and welling concerns
- Diminished ability to support inclusion priorities

The current delivery model means that there is insufficient time available to complete the statutory psychology advice. This has resulted in **only 55.6%** of statutory advice

being completed within six weeks. In order to meet the traded income target and meet the statutory time limit for statutory advice, the EPS uses agency/locum educational psychologists, which has contributed to the projected **£414k overspend**.

Delays in statutory psychological advice can have an adverse impact on the timeliness of EHC plans, which results in delays to children getting the support they need in school or obtaining the most appropriate school place. This has resulted in complaints and potential escalations to the local government ombudsman, which may adversely impact on the reputation of the council. Issuing an EHC Plan outside of the 20-week time limit is a breach of the 2014 Children and Families Act and unlawful.

Delays in Educational Psychology (EP) advice can have significant consequences. When advice is not provided promptly, children and young people may miss out on having their needs accurately identified. Schools may be left without the resources, strategies, and specialist knowledge they need to provide effective support. Parents, in turn, face uncertainty and may struggle to ensure their child is placed in the most appropriate educational setting.

Improving the timeliness of EP advice brings substantial benefits. Schools and educational professionals can intervene earlier, which helps prevent issues from escalating and improves long-term outcomes for children and young people. Timely advice also enables quicker access to appropriate services and targeted interventions. For parents, an EP assessment offers clarity and reassurance about their child's needs, empowering them to make informed decisions about education and support.

It is expected that the new fees and charges would be implemented from April 2026. The new traded, non-traded and grant funded model could be implemented from September 2026.

Implications on other Services (identify which services and possible impact)

Increasing the targeted or core offer would enable the educational psychologists to have more capacity to collaborate with other teams in the council and provide a more coordinated approach to inclusion and supporting children, young people, and their families.

There is no adverse impact on other council services.

The capacity to trade educational psychology services with schools would decrease. However, the gap would be likely to be met through schools trading with other psychological services.

Impact on staffing

The proposed model would result in an increase of 2x EP staff in the permanent establishment – this increase is already planned (from September 2026) and would replace the use of agency / locum staff.

While additional staffing would enhance capacity to meet the local authority's statutory obligations, it would increase costs. Conversely, reducing staff to cut costs would compromise statutory delivery, as a minimum staffing level is essential to produce statutory advice. Experience from other local authorities suggests that attempts to reduce staffing below this threshold have led to high turnover, reduced service quality, and an inability to support inclusion or manage demand effectively.

The proposed model introduces capacity for targeted early intervention in high-need areas, alongside statutory work. For staff, this offers:

- Balanced workload, combining statutory, traded, and targeted intervention work.
- Enhanced professional engagement, through meaningful work in areas of socioeconomic need.
- Opportunities for multi-agency collaboration, supporting broader inclusion goals.

However, the reduction in traded days may affect relationships with schools.

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
Amend and update CYPS/EPS cash limit budgets	March 2026
Implement new fees and charges uplift	April 2026
Consult with schools and agree new service delivery model (reduced trading offer and targeted early intervention offer)	May – July 2026
Recruitment of additional educational psychologists (2x FTEs)	Sept 2026
Implement revised service delivery model (for 26/27 AY)	Sept 2026

Revenue Investment Plan	
Over 65's discounted swimming	
Directorate:	Regeneration & Environment
Service Area:	Culture, Sport & Tourism
Director Responsible for Delivery:	Andrew Bramidge, Executive Director Regeneration and Environment
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Marshall
Head of Finance	Chloe Parker
Unique Reference	R&E 007

Financial Impact	
2026/27 Temporary	£200k

Details of Proposal (what will be achieved)

Currently a total of 1,581 people aged 65 and over have active monthly memberships at the 4 sites of Rotherham Leisure Complex, Wath, Maltby and Aston. In addition, a further 405 people use the centres on a casual "pay as you go" basis. This proposal is intended to increase the number of these 'day users' of the leisure centres by providing a temporary discount of 50% as a pilot initiative to encourage greater physical activity amongst the over 65s.

Rotherham has recently been selected as part of Sport England's next wave of "Place Partnerships". The Over 65's discounted leisure offer will support the work of the Moving Rotherham Board and Sport England investment and enhance a truly collaborative approach across the borough, bringing together local partners, communities and organisations to tackle inactivity, reduce inequalities, and create lasting opportunities for people to be more active.

This Sport England recognition highlights the progress the Borough has already made and strengthens its commitment to working collectively to shape a more active, healthier, and more connected Rotherham. The discount offer will be promoted through the Active Rotherham Partnership as well as through Places Leisure and the Council's usual communication channels. It will also be promoted through the Council's Public Health team and their networks.

The proposal is to run a pilot programme from April 2026 to March 2027 and offer a 50% discount to over 65s on the £4.30 fee for the 'pay as you go' use. On current usage figures, this would equate to a cost of £90,000. This equates to approximately 200 swims per week per leisure centre.

It would be expected that there would be a significant uplift in usage if such a discount was provided and the pilot year in 2026/27 will test the extent of this.

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers

Health and Wellbeing Benefits

Increased Physical Activity: Lower costs remove a financial barrier, encouraging older adults to engage in regular exercise which helps maintain mobility, strength, and cardiovascular health.

Preventative Health: Regular activity reduces risks of chronic conditions such as diabetes, heart disease and osteoporosis, potentially lowering long-term healthcare costs.

Mental Health: Leisure centres often provide social opportunities, reducing isolation and improving mental wellbeing.

Social Impact

Community Engagement: Affordable access fosters inclusion, helping older adults stay connected and active in their communities.

Intergenerational Interaction: Leisure centres host mixed-age activities, promoting social cohesion.

Cohesion: Promotes inclusivity by ensuring older adults feel valued and connected to local services. Encourages participation in community events and volunteer opportunities hosted at leisure centres.

The Ripple Effect: Increased attendance by older adults can inspire family members and peers to join, creating a more diverse and supportive environment. This in turn builds a sense of belonging and collective responsibility for health and wellbeing.

Cultural and Social Capital

Older adults often bring life experience and leadership qualities, enriching group activities and classes.

Their involvement can strengthen community identity and cohesion through shared goals (e.g., health, wellbeing)

Contractual Implications

As this is a PFI contract, the Council will need to agree a contractual change to compensate Places Leisure for the loss in income. This will come through as an adjustment (increase) to the monthly invoice issued to the Council.

Implications on other Services (identify which services and possible impact)

Revenue Considerations: While admission fees are reduced, increased participation can offset losses through volume and secondary spending (cafés, classes, etc.).

Public Health Savings: Healthier older populations can reduce strain on healthcare systems, creating long-term economic benefits.

Membership Growth: Discounts can attract new members who might not otherwise join, boosting overall engagement.

Positive Public Image: Demonstrates commitment to inclusivity and wellbeing, aligning with social responsibility goals.

Policy Alignment: Supports Council's, The Cultural Strategy and Moving Rotherham strategies for active aging and healthy communities.

Impact on staffing
There shall be minimal impact on staffing, however the offer may increase general footfall in the leisure centres. This would lead to potential increased supervision resulting in more worked hours in areas such as cleaning, lifeguarding, gym supervision and administration.

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
Step 1: Agreement of funding	March 2026
Step 2: Offer to be fully worked up and integrated into marketing/ communication/ publicity to the public	March 2026
Step 3: Agree contract variation notice with Places Leisure	March 2026
Step 3: Implementation of the offer	April 2026

Revenue Investment Plan	
Internal Audit	
Directorate:	Corporate Services
Service Area:	Internal Audit
Director Responsible for Delivery:	Judith Badger, Executive Director of Corporate Services
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Alam
Head of Finance	Natalia Govorukhina
Unique Reference	CS 001

Financial Impact	
2026/27 Perm	£55k

Details of Proposal (what will be achieved)

Internal Audit is a very small team (7.53 FTE) compared with those in other authorities. Staffing from South and West Yorkshire audit teams by way of comparison is highlighted below (in FTE's):

Council A	12.80
Council B	11.57
Council C	10.25
Council D	9.46
Council E	9.06
Council F	8.50

The small team has been sustainable for the last few years due to the experience and length of time in Rotherham. 86% of the team have over 10 years local government audit experience and 3 team members have in excess of 37 years' experience in RMBC Internal Audit. The age profile of the service is such that a key risk is the loss of team members through retirement. Succession planning is a priority that needs to be progressed over the forthcoming period.

With a number of retirements of key people coming up, the resources of the team need to be adjusted. The intention is to include within that 2 trainee auditor posts and the conversion of a Senior Auditor post to a Principal Auditor post in order to support future succession planning and the sustainability of the team for the foreseeable future. The inclusion of trainee auditor posts would provide a clear career pathway for internal auditors of the future. This approach is in line with the staffing structures currently in place in other authorities.

The new structure requires £55k investment once fully implemented, although it is expected that the cost in 2026/27 will be lower depending on the pace of recruitment.

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers
The provision of this budget would allow service continuity and career progression within the team. This would also allow for the more experienced members of the team to share their knowledge and experience which would give service continuity upon retirement.

Implications on other Services (identify which services and possible impact)
Maintaining the staffing budget with slight variations to the structure will allow service continuity, allow staff to develop and learn from the more experienced staff before they retire. Therefore, the impact on other Council services and the delivery of the audit plan should be minimal.

Impact on staffing
There will be 1 extra post in the team overall, with the changes comprising 1 new trainee post; the conversion of an existing post to a trainee post; and the conversion of a Senior Auditor post to a Principal Auditor post.

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
Step 1: Implementation of new structure	31st March 2026
Step 2: Conclude recruitment process	30th April 2026
Step 3: Posts filled	1st June 2026

Revenue Investment Plan	
Digital Services – Cyber Security	
Directorate:	Corporate Services
Service Area:	Customer, Information & Digital Services
Director Responsible for Delivery:	Judith Badger, Executive Director of Corporate Services
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Alam
Head of Finance	Natalia Govorukhina
Unique Reference	CS 002

Financial Impact	
2026/27 Perm	£125k

Details of Proposal (what will be achieved)
Cyber security threats are growing in number and sophistication, leading to more alerts that need investigation and remedial action. Recent incidents with M&S, Co-op and Jaguar Land Rover illustrate the significant disruption and costs when a severe cyber incident occurs. New successful attacks are reported every week. The Council has made investment in updating large parts of the technology estate, invested in monitoring tools and virus protection platforms which provides a stronger cyber security posture than many others have. However, this in turn means the Council is alerted to many more issues and potential vulnerabilities, spurious emails and possible scams than previously and are therefore even more aware of the degree of attack and risk. Large numbers of these are stopped at the 'front door'; however, given the sophistication and increase in attempts to exploit vulnerabilities which exist world-wide, the Council's monitoring systems are detecting more issues and vulnerabilities that need manual investigation and review. Also, with greater use of cloud-based software, more data and information are held outside the Council. It is this increase in volume, complexity and resource intensive nature, coupled with the fact that this is undertaken as part of other staff responsibilities, that means the current approach is not sustainable. The work often requires configuration changes and upgrades to eradicate the potential threat and the sending of updates to all RMBC devices, the process for which needs testing, packaging and deploying and supporting any issues that may arise following. Currently, the Council's cyber security activities span multiple teams which makes it more difficult to coordinate and maintain sufficient skills and expertise. The more preventative side of work and the capacity to test incident response plans becomes compromised. Together, this is creating gaps in coverage.

The Government's new Cyber Assessment Framework adds further expectations focussed on critical systems; while not mandatory for local government at this stage, adopting it is recommended and could become required in the future.

Whilst contractors could carry out specific tasks as and when required, there is a need to carry out more checks across systems on an ongoing basis due to the increasing risk levels. This work is essential to keep the Council safe and therefore should additional funding not be provided there will need to be a reprioritisation of other staff resources which will impact directorates' requests for new systems and technology.

This proposal seeks additional permanent funding for posts within Digital Services who will focus on cyber security and strengthen the Council's overall cyber resilience.

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers
Impact will be positive. Through a greater focus on cyber security the Council will be better able to respond to events more quickly, co-ordinate remedial activity and ensure the Council's cyber security activity is aligned to the latest best practice.

Implications on other Services (identify which services and possible impact)
This proposal, if approved, will minimise the risk of cyber-attacks affecting systems needed for service delivery by other directorates.

Impact on staffing
The investment will be used to fund the following additional posts: • ICT Lead Principal Officer (Band K) – Cyber Security • ICT Senior Principal Officer (Band J) – Cyber Security

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
Step 1: Creation of new posts within structure	1st April 2026
Step 2: Completion of recruitment process	30th April 2026
Step 3: Posts Filled	30th June 2026

Proposed Capital Investments Summary 2024/25 to 2028/29

	2025/26 £'000s	2026/27 £'000s	2027/28 £'000s	2028/29 £'000s	2029/30 £'000s	Corporate Resource Required £'000s	Existing Corporate Resources £'000s	Match Funding £'000s	Total Budget £'000s
Regeneration and Environment									
Children's Services Outreach and Engagement Vehicles	0	280	0	0	0	**280**			**280**
Crowden Capital Investment	0	30	0	0	0	**30**			**30**
Green Spaces Fleet and Machinery Replacement	0	403	0	0	0	**403**			**403**
Ward Road Safety Plans	0	80	80	0	0	**160**			**160**
Old Flatts Bridge Parapet Repair	0	1,000	900	0	0	**1,900**			**1,900**
Structures 2026/27 Maintenance	0	1,000	0	0	0	**1,000**			**1,000**
Fleet Bridge Reconstruction Design	0	600	0	0	0	**600**			**600**
Pedestrians Crossings Programme Pipeline	0	268	0	0	0	**268**			**268**
Transportation Minor Works Programme Extention	0	81	81	81	81	**324**			**324**
Selective Licensing Community Impact	0	100	100	100	200	**500**			**500**
Treeton Lane Crossroads - Design Works	0	120	30	0	0	**150**			**150**
Herringthorpe Athletics Track resurface	0	450	0	0	0	**450**			**450**
Ulley Country Park Building Replacement	0	250	750	0	0	**1,000**			**1,000**
Total Priority Capital Investment	**0**	**4,662**	**1,941**	**181**	**281**	**7,065**	**0**	**0**	**7,065**
Further Years Annual Ongoing Expenditure Commitments to 2029/30									
Assistant Chief Exectuive									
Ward Budgets	0	0	0	0	210	**210**			**210**
Regeneration and Environment									
Capitalisation - Lighting	0	0	0	0	150	**150**			**150**
Cap benches signs bollards	0	0	0	0	75	**75**			**75**
Capitalise obsolete street lighting replacements	0	0	0	0	40	**40**			**40**
Capitalisation carriageways	0	0	0	0	500	**500**			**500**
Multi hog patching works capitalisation	0	0	0	0	300	**300**			**300**
Capitalisation - public rights of way	0	0	0	0	34	**34**			**34**
Route Optimisation	0	0	0	0	12	**12**			**12**
Damaged Litter Bins	0	0	0	0	86	**86**			**86**
Leisure PFI Lifecycle	0	0	0	0	500	**500**			**500**
Waste Bins (Cyclical investment rather than member decision)	0	0	0	0	375	**375**			**375**
Adult Care & Housing									
Furnished Homes	0	0	0	0	1,600	**1,600**			**1,600**
Furnished Homes Replace CPTL	0	0	0	0	160	**160**			**160**
Assistive Technology	0	0	0	0		**0**			**0**
REWS	0	0	0	0		**0**			**0**
Children & Young People									
Adaptations Foster Carers	0	0	0	0	640	**640**			**640**
Schools PFI Lifecycle	0	0	0	0	2,270	**2,270**			**2,270**
Finance & Customer Services									
Financial Systems Upgrades-ICT2	0	0	0	0	0	**0**			**0**
ICT Digital Strategy	0	0	0	0	700	**700**			**700**
Hardware Provisioning	0	0	0	0	1,500	**1,500**		**146**	**1,646**
Network Equipment Refresh Programme	0	0	0	0	630	**630**			**630**
Server Equipment Refresh	0	0	0	0	250	**250**			**250**
Data Backup & Storage	0	0	0	0	300	**300**			**300**
Operational Buildings	0	0	0	0	2,010	**2,010**			**2,010**
Commercial Property	0	0	0	0	75	**75**			**75**
Capital Contingency Fund	0	0	0	0	2,150	**2,150**			**2,150**
Total Ongoing Expenditure Commitments	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**14,566**	**14,566**	**0**	**146**	**14,712**
Total Capital Investment	**0**	**4,662**	**1,941**	**181**	**14,847**	**21,631**	**0**	**146**	**21,777**

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New Capital Budget Proposals 2026-27 to 2029-30

Project	Capital Budget (£m)	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	Total
Children's Services Outreach and Engagement Vehicles	Capital Expenditure	0.280	0.000	0.000	0.000	**0.280**
Directorate	Capital Funding (other than corporate resources ask)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	**0.000**
CYPS	**Net (Corporate Resources)**	**0.280**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.280**

Project Description

Council investment is required to replace four existing vehicles (a minibus and three mobile units) currently used for Outreach and Engagement Services. These vehicles have reached the end of their operational life due to age. Originally procured to deliver detached and mobile youth services following the closure of youth clubs, they remain essential to the Early Help Service offer. Outreach and Engagement Teams continue to rely on these vehicles to deliver targeted, detached, and mobile youth work across the borough.

The mobile youth units play a critical role in engaging young people in our most seldom heard communities. Sessions are informed by police and community intelligence and aim to reduce youth anti-social behaviour by providing positive activities and access to experienced staff who can address young people's needs. These units enable a flexible, responsive approach to youth work, overcoming travel barriers that often prevent young people from accessing centre-based activities. They also act as a physical presence in localities, attracting other young people who may not have ordinarily engaged in support.

Beyond youth work, the mobile units support community events, provide additional space for toddler groups, and serve as a resource during emergencies such as fires, floods, or public disturbances (e.g. Catcliffe and Manvers). They are highly visible Council assets that offer reassurance to families, residents, and young people.

The minibus is used weekly—often more—for local and regional trips that promote personal development and provide opportunities otherwise unavailable to young people. It also facilitates transport to group activities as required. It is anticipated that the minibus will be a shared resource across Children's Services, and this will include residential staff having access to support day trips for children in care.

Additionally, these vehicles support staff in their day-to-day roles, including home visits and door-knocking campaigns to locate post-16 young people not in education or training, and to assist families with young children in registering with Family Hubs.

In the absence of youth centres, these vehicles have been integral to delivering effective detached youth work. They are well-known, respected, and trusted within the community, thanks to years of high-quality engagement. Young people and parents welcome the presence of these vehicles and staff in some of Rotherham's most in need areas, reinforcing their value as a vital resource for the borough.

Outputs and Outcome
Outputs: • x1 9-seater minibus • x3 mobile vehicles Outcomes: • Delivery of detached street-based sessions with young people. • Delivery of other community-based sessions e.g. community events, Children's Centres, Family Hubs. • Delivery of other activities e.g. support to families; engagement visits. • Minibus accessible to our residential staff to support day trips for our Children in Care. • Units will be made available to colleagues throughout CYPS to support, as needed, engagement and interventions with children, young people and families.
Financial Implications
Capital Costs: average cost per vehicle: £ 70,000 Total cost: £280,000 Funding: Corporate borrowing **Revenue Implications**: Average annual maintenance cost per vehicle: £ 930 Total annual revenue cost: £3,720 Funding: Early Help Outreach & Engagement revenue budget
Risks
• Cost of the replacement vehicles could be higher than estimated. • Difficulty in sourcing the vehicles that meet the required specifications. • Availability of skilled and well-trained drivers to effectively utilise the resource.

New Capital Budget Proposals 2026-27 to 2029-30

Project	Capital Budget (£m)	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	Total
Crowden Capital Investment	Capital Expenditure	0.030	0.000	0.000	0.000	**0.030**
Directorate	Capital Funding (other than corporate resources ask)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	**0.000**
CYPS	**Net (Corporate Resources)**	**0.030**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.030**

Project Description

Crowden Outdoor Education Centre (OEC) is a 40-bed residential facility located in the Peak District National Park, providing high-quality outdoor learning experiences since 1976. These improvements will enhance customer experience, attract self-catering groups during off-peak periods, and restore a popular activity that was previously removed due to tree health concerns. It is expected that the investment will run as an Invest to Save proposal with the proposed capital costs of £30k supporting additional income generation on site that will see the costs recovered within the first four years of operation. This return on investment will of course be driven by new or increased custom, but without the investment it is felt that the site will continue to see reduced income year on year. The project aligns with strategic priorities to improve educational outcomes and promote health and wellbeing through outdoor learning.

The proposal aims to enhance Crowden Outdoor Education Centre's offer by:
- Upgrading the self-catering kitchen (range cooker, larger sink, dishwasher, extraction fan, improved work surfaces)
- Installing a cold drinking water tap with sink and drainage in the dining room
- Reinstating the zip line activity through a purpose-built anchor point (two engineered metal supports secured into the ground)

These improvements will:

- enhance and improve customer experience
- create greater customer base, such as attracting self-catering groups
- increase likelihood of customers returning

It will also restore a popular activity that was previously removed due to tree health concerns. It is believed that, taken together, these measures will generate greater income so that we expect the investment to pay for itself within a set period and support the ongoing viability of the Centre over time.

Outputs and Outcomes
Outputs: • 1 upgraded self-catering kitchen. • 1 drinking water tap installed in dining room. • 1 artificial anchor point installed for zip line. Outcomes: • Increased bookings and income from self-catering groups. • Enhanced visitor experience and activity offer. • Supports Council Plan priorities: Every child able to fulfil their potential; Young people empowered to succeed and have safe places to go.
Financial Implications
Capital Costs: - Kitchen upgrade: £14,032 - Drinking water tap: £ 9,400 - Zip line anchor: £ 6,568 Total: £30,000 (including contingency) Funding: - Corporate borrowing: £30,000 Revenue Implications: - Expected increase in bookings and income post-completion - No significant additional maintenance costs beyond existing budgets - Supports reduction of current operating deficit (£44,677 projected for 2025/26) The improvements will help reverse this trend by increasing bookings and income. The reinstatement of the zipline is expected to generate positive publicity and attract new customers, while the kitchen upgrade will enable self-catering options, extending the Centre’s season and improving sustainability.

The capital investment will run alongside changes to fees and charges that will bring Crowden's pricing more in line with regional providers, enable innovation and generate increased revenue to reduce the deficit. These adjustments to fees and charges will also be aligned with the improvements in customer experience that the capital investment will deliver.
Risks
- Planning permission may be required for anchor installation (Peak District National Park Authority) - Tree survey outcomes could affect zip line reinstatement - Potential delays if permissions or landlord approvals are not granted

New Capital Budget Proposals 2026-27 to 2029-30

Project	Capital Budget (£m)	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	Total
Green Spaces Fleet and Machinery Replacement	Capital Expenditure	0.251	252	0.000	0.000	0.403
Directorate	Capital Funding (other than corporate resources ask)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Regeneration & Environment	**Net (Corporate Resources)**	**0.251**	**0.252**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.403**

Project Description

This proposal seeks capital investment to replace the fleet of vehicles, plant, and ancillary machinery used for the maintenance and upkeep of Green Space sites across the borough.

The current fleet includes ageing equipment that is increasingly unreliable and costly to maintain. The investment will fund the replacement of five electric buggies - two for Clifton Park, two for Rother Valley Country Park, and one for Waleswood Caravan Site, alongside tractors and essential ancillary machinery including flails, toppers and mowers, and a woodchipper. The proposal also includes the purchase of a centre-steer telescopic handler with attachments such as forks, a 4-in-1 bucket, and a backhoe for site works, a new ride-on mower for Waleswood, and a centre-steer telehandler for the Water sports Centre to assist with launching boats and equipment.

To support the movement of machinery between sites, a road trailer will also be purchased, enabling efficient and safe transport across the Borough and maximising impact and usage across the estate. Purchasing is preferred over leasing, due to the long lifespan of agricultural machinery and the potential for residual value through resale or part exchange. For example, the current tractor at Rother Valley Country Park is over 20 years old and still operational, demonstrating the durability and value retention of such equipment.

Equipment	No.	Unit Cost	Year 1	Year 2
Avant 860 telescopic handler used for mowing, flailing, drilling, snow plough etc.	1	£80,000.00	£80,000.00	
Tractor	1	£45,000.00	£45,000.00	
Buggy – electric vehicles used for site maintenance	5	£15,000.00	£75,000.00	
Ancillary Equipment for Tractor & Avant	1	£35,000.00	£20,000.00	£15,000.00
Trailer	1	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	

Ride on Mower	1	£30,000.00		£30,000.00	
Avant 400 – multipurpose vehicle used for launching safety boats	1	£60,000.00		£60,000.00	
Remote Control Flail needed for cutting steep banks- NEW	1	£20,000.00		£20,000.00	
Project management, supporting equipment and contingency			£26,000	£27,000	
Total Investment Required			**£251,000**	**£252,000**	**£403,000**

Outputs and Outcomes

The proposal will:

- Support delivery of the Council's commitment to ensure that **places are thriving, safe and clean.**
- Deliver a modern, efficient, and greener fleet of vehicles and machinery to support the Borough-wide maintenance of parks and green spaces.

The new equipment will:

- Improve operational reliability, reduce downtime, and enhance the quality-of-service delivery. It will enable the Green Spaces service to operate with greater flexibility, allowing teams to undertake both proactive and reactive maintenance across a wide range of sites.
- Improve operational efficiency: the availability of appropriate machinery will also allow staff to work autonomously without the need to outsource tasks, ensuring better control over standards, responsiveness, and cost-efficiency. The inclusion of a road trailer will further support this flexibility by enabling safe and efficient transport of machinery between locations.
- Improve the visitor welcome through better maintained sites and increased customer satisfaction in our Green Spaces
- Reduce the risk of potential pressure on revenue budgets if current equipment breaks down.

Financial Implications

Replacing ageing machinery will reduce maintenance costs and improve fuel efficiency, particularly using electric buggies. The investment will also reduce the risk of service disruption due to equipment failure and support long-term asset value through ownership rather than lease. The ability to part-exchange or sell equipment at the end of its useful life provides additional financial resilience. Importantly, the availability of appropriate machinery will enable the Green Spaces service to undertake a wider range of works in-house, reducing the need to engage external contractors. This will result in cost savings, improved responsiveness, and greater control over the quality and timing of works delivered across the borough.

Risks

Risks are as follows:

A risk of inflation affecting procurement costs, which could be mitigated through early purchasing, supplier negotiation and a modest contingency.

If the request is not supported:

- Continued use of ageing machinery presents operational risks including breakdowns, and potential accidents.
- Reduced service quality as sites continue to deteriorate, affecting the quality of welcome for visitors.
- Increasing pressure on revenue budgets as essential equipment requires to be hired or leased.
- Reduced value-for-money: leasing options do not offer the same long-term value or asset control.
- Reduced efficiency in green space management: faulty equipment is leading to delays in site maintenance work taking place.
- Reputational damage

New Capital Budget Proposals 2026-27 to 2029-30

Project	**Capital Budget (£m)**	**26/27**	**27/28**	**28/29**	**29/30**	**Total**
Ward Road Safety Plans	Capital Expenditure	0.080	0.080	0.000	0.000	0.160
Directorate	Capital Funding (other than corporate resources ask)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Regeneration and Environment	**Net (Corporate Resources)**	**0.080**	**0.080**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.160**

Project Description

This proposal is to provide two years of funding for the development of Ward Road Safety Plans in each of Rotherham's 25 wards, forming the development of capital Road Safety projects. Road safety is cited as a ward priority in 15 of 25 wards. Rotherham's performance in reducing persons killed or seriously injured on its roads, has seen no material, sustained reduction in the last 20 years, and with under-performance relative to the English average equivalent to 18 additional deaths, 607 additionally seriously injured, and additional cost to society of ~£225 million over those 20 years.

This work is expected to –

- Collate local requests and concerns regarding subjective views of road safety;
- Perform analysis of records of injury collisions (objective safety);
- Consider application of the new South Yorkshire road safety strategy (due to be adopted June 2026) to the local context;
- Analysis of the above to identify synergies, opportunities and tensions;
- Engagement with ward members, to ensure the plan is co-developed with them, but also as a means of training ward members on the causes of and mitigation for road deaths and serious injury in their ward;
- Identify a long list and short list of schemes, seeking to address both subjective and objective safety considerations;
- Develop a short list of schemes for consideration for future programmes, including potentially Transport for City Regions funding if / where applicable.

The work is intended to develop a pipeline of schemes to both address the incidence of death or serious injury on Rotherham's Roads, but also to develop a more effective programme of works to address concerns raised than has proven possible through the historic minor works approach – in particular in cases where problem sites remain despite repeated tinkering with relatively ineffective measures.

It is proposed the work is developed over two financial years, in two tranches, prioritised by per capita rates of the incidence of people being killed or serious injured in each ward (excluding on motorways).

Outputs and Outcomes
The outputs will be 25 Ward Road Safety Masterplans, one in each ward, each including at least one scheme developed ready for submission for future funding bids (note this means having a high-level description of scheme, budget estimate and initial assessment of benefits, but no design at this stage). Outcomes, subject to future funding for scheme implementation, will be reduced incidence of persons killed or seriously injured on the road network, as well as a reduction in the backlog of public requests. The works will support Council Plan outcomes of One Council that Listens and Learns, and Places that are Thriving, Safe and Clean.
Financial Implications
There are no revenue implications from this project, although there would be future costs if schemes identified are subsequently taken forward. These would need consideration as part of scheme business cases. Additional capital would be required to deliver any schemes identified; this would be subject to its own business case process.
Risks
This bid has been developed to enable resourcing of the design work in manageable packages, and it is envisaged this will be the delivery route for the masterplans in a manner that mitigates resource pressures. This will also actively seek fresh perspectives to road safety in Rotherham, which is considered important in light of the persistent data trends. There is risk that objective and subjective safety may become / continue to be conflated, particularly as addressing objective safety may require measures that are more controversial or impactful. This will need to be carefully managed throughout the project. A failure to adequately address objective safety would reduce possibility for funding, especially external funding, to be accessed to deliver resulting schemes. Costs are uncertain at this stage as the market has not been tested and this would be a bespoke piece of work without recent comparator project.

New Capital Budget Proposals 2026-27 to 2029-30

Project	Capital Budget (£m)	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	Total
Old Flatts Bridge Parapet Repair	Capital Expenditure	1.600	0.900	0.000	0.000	2.500
Directorate	Capital Funding (other than corporate resources ask)	0.600	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.600
Regeneration and Transportation	**Net (Corporate Resources)**	**1.000**	**0.900**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**1.900**

Project Description

It has been identified that the parapet on Old Flatts bridge had failed and no longer has the structural integrity to contain an errant vehicle in the event of a traffic accident on the A630. The parapet has sheared at the posts and is installed to protect vehicles from the railway below.

Due to the bridge passing over a railway, the parapet needs to reach national standards of the H4a containment. It has been identified the bridge doesn't have the structural capacity to meet this requirement. Therefore, additional strengthening works needs to be carried out to the structure itself prior to the installation of the parapet system. This will include hydro-demolition of the concrete beams, increasing the reinforcement and enlarging the beam to provide the additional structural capacity. The proposed works will require detailed engagement with Network Rail.

The current budget available for this project is circa £600k, which is from the remaining budget from the A630 scheme. Currently, the RMBC structural team are undertaking the detailed design for this project which is estimated to cost £150k, funded by the current budget. However, the whole project cost is currently estimated at £2.5m, leading to a short fall of £1.9m.

Outputs and Outcomes

To carry out structural strengthening works to the bridge in order to accommodate the new national standard for vehicle restraint systems (H4a standards) and install the associated parapet and Vehicle Restraint System (VRS) to protect motorists from the railway.

Financial Implications

Currently there is enough budget to carry out the design costs (up to RIBA stage 4) and reach a complete tender package to go to market for a contractor to bid. However, there is not enough funds allocated to secure a Contractor to carry out the works.

Existing Budget		£	600,000
Design		£	200,000
Contingency	15%	£	30,000
		£	230,000
Construction		£	1,000,000
Contingency	20%	£	200,000
		£	1,200,000
Network Rail		£	150,000
RMBC Fees		£	150,000
Traffic Management		£	390,000
SubTotal		£	2,120,000
Project Risk Pot	15%	£	318,000
Total		**£**	**2,438,000**
Financial Ask		**£**	**1,838,000**

There will be no additional impact on RMBC revenue. Following the completion of these works, the structure will resume its standard inspection regime which is already allocated within budgets.

Risks
• Non delivery of the works - a substandard failed parapet system posing a risk to motorists travelling along the A630. Implications with Network Rail in the event a vehicle crashes through the parapet. • Network Rail – Programme and cost implications due to the constraints set out by Network Rail for the construction of these works. This is mitigated with generous risk pots allocated to the project stages. • Public Perception – Currently there is a lane 1 closure on the westbound carriageway of the A630, in order to provide a suitable temporary vehicle restraint system to keep motorists safe.

New Capital Budget Proposals 2026-27 to 2029-30

Project	**Capital Budget (£m)**	**26/27**	**27/28**	**28/29**	**29/30**	**Total**
Structures 2026/27 Maintenance	Capital Expenditure	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.000
Directorate	Capital Funding (other than corporate resources ask)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Regeneration and Transportation	**Net (Corporate Resources)**	**1.000**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**1.000**

Project Description

General Maintenance

Rotherham's structural inspection regime requires that Principal Inspections (PIs) are to occur every 6 years and General Inspections (GIs) every 2 years, in line with DMRB CG300. Throughout 2025/26 RMBC's structures team have commissioned 50 Principal Inspections to meet these national standards.

This updated information will enable a more proactive annual maintenance programme. Recent projects have been reactive - projects including Centenary Way, Packman Road, Steadfolds Lane, West Bawtry Road, all of which are either complete now, or will be by the end of the financial year.

By the end of 2025/26 most of the 50 PIs should be returned to RMBC, which will advise of works that need to be carried out. Due to the age of the structures, it is anticipated that many of the assets will require minor or major works. Until the receipt of the PIs, this detail cannot be determined or detailed.

In addition to the structural inspection, a loading assessment should be in place for each structure, indicating what loading each structure can withstand. This is required to inform suitable routes for abnormal loads which exceed typical 44tn loadings. When an abnormal load application is submitted (e.g. by haulage companies), on occasions RMBC have to reject the load if there is a lack of information. Structures deteriorate over time, and the previous assumed loading capacity could be overstating the actual capacity, posing risks that heavy vehicles are passing over an under-capacity structure. Therefore, as well as the general maintenance, this funding is proposed to fund a programme of loading assessments to ensure RMBC have full sight of the asset's characteristics and capacities.

Outputs and Outcomes
Following receipt of the PIs, it is anticipated a significant programme of work will be identified to bring assets back up to standard, prolonging the life of the structure and decreasing the risk of future failures/major works. This programme will fund these works.
Financial Implications
Until the PI work is returned, it is difficult to determine the value of the works that may be required. However, during the year 2025/26, the structures team are forecast to spend their full allocation of £400k, and this is purely reactive works. Programmed work will increase and based on the current resource available, it is anticipated that £1m is an appropriate amount of work to deliver in the year. It is anticipated that works will be required, over and above the previous year's annual allocation, in order to keep the highway structures in good condition. If this additional funding is not allocated, independent requests will have to be made upon the receipt of PIs in order to complete essential works. This could be either capital or revenue.
Risks
• Non delivery of maintenance works – could lead to substandard structures throughout the borough deteriorating exponentially causing long term issues and potentially failures. • Lack of Assessments – Potential that some structures are not able to carry the loads previously anticipated due to deterioration and lack of maintenance. Continued excessive heavy vehicular traffic could lead to significant maintenance to be carried out or potential failures.

New Capital Budget Proposals 2026-27 to 2029-30

Project	Capital Budget (£m)	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	Total
Fleet Bridge Reconstruction Design	Capital Expenditure	0.600	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.600
Directorate	Capital Funding (other than corporate resources ask)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Regeneration and Transportation	**Net (Corporate Resources)**	**0.600**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.600**

Project Description

Fleet Bridge is a post tensioned structure carrying Rotherham Road, Swallownest over the River Rother and forms the boundary between Rotherham MBC and Sheffield City Council. Following identification that there are significant defects with the bridge, a Special Inspection, including intrusive post tension inspection, was carried out. The bridge has a temporary weight limit on the structure limiting vehicles crossing the bridge to 3tonnes. This is due to failed beams within the structure that no longer have the structural capacity as originally designed.

The bridge has failed cross members (perpendicular to the road) limiting the bridge to 3tns, and a failed main beam (parallel to the road) limiting the bridge to 7tns. Due to the beams being post tensioned, the beams cannot be retrospectively repaired.

Secondly, the bridge has undergone significant movement which has forced the deck to collide with one of the abutments and is forcing the abutment to move and fail. This is evidenced by a 50mm crack that has formed through the entire length of the abutment. The bridge no longer moves in expansion/compression as originally designed and will become exponentially worse.

Following the results of the intrusive testing, it has been concluded that the grout that seals the post tensioned tendons has failed and not providing the integrity as per the original design.

A bridge is designed to have a 120-year life span. Due to the multiple failing factors in both the deck and the abutment, it is perceived that the most cost-effective repair to this structure is to reconstruct the whole bridge. A temporary repair could not be guaranteed to fix the abutment issues and will not bring the bridge back up to the 120yr life span. Therefore, a new bridge will alleviate all the design concerns and unknowns and also provide a new 120year life span.

Outputs and Outcomes

Overall, for this project the aim is to construct a new bridge over the River Rother that has full capacity to current highway standards.

However, this capital request is to obtain enough funds to complete the design stage up to RIBA 4 prior to going to tender for construction.

This process will also look at alternative options, potentially limiting traffic permanently, all options will be presented and will inform future capital asks.

Financial Implications

This request is for £600k in order to complete a design package prior to a future capital request to complete the construction works.

During this period, there will be a revenue implication for monitoring the bridge to ensure the structural integrity doesn't deteriorate beyond the point where RMBC will have to close the bridge.

Following completion of the full works (design and construction) there will no longer be a strain on revenue budgets.

For future reference, the early-stage estimate of construction works is an additional £4.7m. This will be a separate request following design.

Following the completion of the works there will be no additional revenue implications. The structure is already under the General and Principal Inspection programme, so this will remain. However, there will be future savings by not requiring special inspections regularly (currently monthly) and any further intervention measures required as the bridge deteriorates.

Risks

- Non delivery of the works - a substandard structure in the middle of an industrial area limiting vehicles to only cars/vans.
- Environment Agency – Programme and cost implications due to the constraints set out by Environment Agency for the construction of these works. This is mitigated with generous risk pots allocated to the project stages.
- Public Perception – Currently there is a temporary weight limit on the structure to prohibit HGVs from travelling over the bridge.

New Capital Budget Proposals 2026-27 to 2029-30

Project	**Capital Budget (£m)**	**26/27**	**27/28**	**28/29**	**29/30**	**Total**
Pedestrians Crossings Programme Pipeline	Capital Expenditure	0.268	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.268
Directorate	Capital Funding (other than corporate resources ask)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Regeneration and Transportation	**Net (Corporate Resources)**	**0.268**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.268**

Project Description

Work is currently underway to develop a prioritised programme of pedestrian crossings. There are many requests from the public and only limited funds available to design and deliver schemes.

Funding is already in place for design of the highest priority crossing to be designed, and we anticipate being able to access funding for a crossing previously identified at Manvers Way / Hummingbird Walk (Active Travel Fund tranche 5 from Winter 25/26, subject to the SYMCA process).

This proposal is to fund the design of five additional pedestrian crossings from the prioritised programme, to enable prompt delivery upon commencement of the 2027-2032 Transport for City Regions funding round. This ask includes an additional ‘top up’ of £18,000 to already approved CRSTS-LNCTP block funding due to a larger-than-expected number of sites being surveyed.

To inform the prioritisation work surveys were undertaken in October 2025 and an Officer Delegation Decision will recommend crossings to be taken forward by the end of the financial year 2025/26.

Outputs and Outcomes

The project will deliver largely complete detailed designs. It is not proposed these are finalised as the intention is for public consultation to be undertaken at such time nearer to delivery as funding for construction is confirmed, so as to not unduly raise expectations – some design changes may be required following public consultation.

It is anticipated the construction will be funded from the 2027-2032 Transport for City Regions (TCR) fund.

Outcomes will be to have five consultation-ready schemes to hit the ground running upon receipt of TCR monies. Once built, the crossings will reduce severance for pedestrians, supporting Council Plan outcomes of Places are Thriving Safe and Clean, and noting the surveyed and ultimately prioritised sites are drawn from public and member requests, One Council that Listens and Learns.

Financial Implications
As the crossing sites are yet to be prioritised, and so the complexity of locations is unknown at this point, £50,000 is allowed for design of each of the five additional crossings based on service experience of typical costs for signal-controlled crossings. The further £18,000 is based on the cost of surveys to assess the additional crossings. Further funding will be required for delivery – anticipated to come from the 2027-32 Transport for City Regions Fund. There are no direct revenue implications from this ask – though subsequent delivery of crossings would have a revenue implication related to operation and maintenance of crossing equipment. These are normally absorbed into existing maintenance budgets. Further consideration to be given as part of design process and subsequent funding decisions – this will include designing to minimise increases in maintenance liability.
Risks
• Capacity to deliver designs – financial ask is intended to mitigate this risk by enabling the cost-effective procurement of designs as a package, to ensure there is ringfenced resource for design. • Delivery funding – this would need to be found from other sources. It is thought highly probable construction can be funded through Transport for City Regions funding – the projects align very well to both DfT outcomes and SYMCA themes for investment – but this is not yet certain. • Management of change of designs following public consultation – the gap between design commission and public consultation presents a risk of additional cost or complexity in respect of how any changes to designs arising from public consultation are considered. This will need to be considered as part of the procurement process for the design.

New Capital Budget Proposals 2026-27 to 2029-30

Project	Capital Budget (£m)	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	Total
Transportation Minor Works Programme Extension	Capital Expenditure	0.081	0.081	0.081	0.081	0.324
Directorate	Capital Funding (other than corporate resources ask)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Regeneration and Environment	**Net (Corporate Resources)**	**0.081**	**0.081**	**0.081**	**0.081**	**0.324**

Project Description

This proposal is to extend the funding available for minor traffic works – presently approved funding runs out at end of the 2025/26 financial year. This fund allows response to minor matters that may be important to the community or to individuals, where this typically is not a case for use of external funding.

Based on an approach of maintaining a service to the public, and responding to public feedback, the programme is proposed to consist of the following:

- Residential advisory disabled parking bays; and,
- Advisory driveway markings (H markings)
- Capital maintenance of the existing vehicle activated sign stock
- Improvement and/or removal of existing access control barriers to address concerns of exclusion and/or discrimination; and,
- Bollards, or similar, to deter parking on footways or verges.

Proposed, and approximate, per annum values are shown in the table below. Should this proposal be progressed, a detailed list of schemes under each theme will be prepared in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member prior to works commencing.

This will mean some works previously undertaken as minor works may be out of scope of this programme. It is envisaged these can be considered as part of the separate Ward Road Safety Plans bid should this be progressed.

Item	£
Revocation of obsolete disabled parking bays	6,725
Implementation of advisory disabled parking bays	9,058
Implementation of advisory driveway markings (H markings)	8,695
Capital maintenance of vehicle activated signs	6,885
Removal or improvement of deprecated access barriers	22,950
Bollards or similar to deter footway or verge parking	26,520
Total	**80,833**

Outputs and Outcomes
This proposal will allow the Council to respond to local concerns, including those revealed by the recent consultations. Minor improvements to the operation of the highway are anticipated, although it should be noted the improvement may be particularly important for affected individuals or groups. In particular, provision of disabled parking bays, deterrence of footway parking and the removal and/or improvement of access control barriers can be expected to bring particular benefit for people with disabilities and will contribute to the Council's Equality Act duties. The works will support Council Plan outcomes of One Council that Listens and Learns, and An Economy That Works for Everyone.
Financial Implications
On smaller schemes a greater proportion of costs are spent in the design phase, with resulting infrastructure being relatively low cost, such as lines or signs. As such, there are minimal revenue implications related to operation and maintenance of crossing equipment. These are normally absorbed into existing maintenance budgets.
Risks
There are various risks in the delivery of these schemes, particularly where engagement and consultation exercises result in objections to a scheme. This will principally be mitigated by only progressing schemes where there is clear ward member support. Resourcing risks are mitigated by tightening of budget and scope to ensure work is deliverable within the available resource.

New Capital Budget Proposals 2025-26 to 2028-29

Project	**Capital Budget (£m)**	**26/27**	**27/28**	**28/29**	**29/30**	**Total**
Selective Licensing Community Impact	Capital Expenditure	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.200	0.500
Directorate	Capital Funding (other than corporate resources)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
R&E	**Net (Corporate Resources)**	**0.100**	**0.100**	**0.100**	**0.200**	**0.500**

Project Description

Rotherham Council has made declarations for new Selective Licensing areas to commence in 2026 for a period of five years. Whilst the schemes proposed this time around are different in nature and designed to deal with some of the lessons learnt and challenges from previous schemes, the areas would likely see more beneficial improvements with the support of additional Council investment. This additional investment also allows the Council to respond to some of the feedback received during the consultation period. The Selective Licensing areas have been chosen and prioritised due to a range of significant concerns, driven by the data, for the areas in question, which also include high levels of private sector rented accommodation.

This proposal is seeking a total capital investment of £500k, split over a period of 5 years, providing £100k per year. The funding would be considered against the whole lifecycle of the schemes to ensure that where a larger investment in capital expenditure can be shown to improve outcomes, then this would be prioritised for investment.

This investment should be considered in conjunction with the associated revenue investment.

Outputs and Outcomes

The funding will allow for small scale capital improvements to be made in the relevant areas that will arise from discussion with Ward Members, residents, tenants and landlords through the new area based consultative groups. These consultative groups will be involved in identifying opportunities for investment and will serve as a point of prioritisation as well as then providing oversight of delivery, in addition to the existing internal Council mechanisms. By working closely with the groups, which will be newly formed as a result of the Selective Licensing designations, officers will aim to increase local engagement and participation, alongside ensuring that any prioritised spend is in line with the needs of the local community. This could be a range of things from physical interventions relating to designing out crime opportunities such as physical changes to building or walls, place-based environmental improvements such as new or improved community spaces, or investing in new infrastructure, such as litter bin capacity. The funding will be for community-based projects and not to fund any works required on individual properties, which remain the responsibility of the homeowner or landlord.

The outcomes for the Selective Licensing Scheme are listed below:

- **Improve Housing Standards**
  - Ensure all privately rented properties meet essential safety and management standards.
  - Reduce Category 1 hazards (e.g., dangerous wiring, severe damp, fire risks) through proactive inspections and enforcement.
- **Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)**
  - Require landlords to actively manage and prevent ASB through licence conditions.
  - Support enforcement and encourage landlord-tenant cooperation, linking to the Council's ASB Policy.
- **Support Wider Housing Strategy**
  - Align with Rotherham's Housing Strategy and Neighbourhood Development and Improvement Plans (NDIPs).
  - Complement the Homelessness Strategy by improving PRS standards and enabling stable housing options.
- **Promote Regeneration**
  - Work alongside initiatives to bring empty homes back into use and improve deprived areas.
  - Encourage investment and better neighbourhood environments.
- **Enhance Enforcement and Compliance**
  - Provide clear offences for unlicensed properties and breaches of licence conditions.
  - Enable proactive inspections without 24-hour notice, particularly important for tackling criminal landlords.
- **Strengthen Partnership Working**
  - Foster collaboration between landlords, the Council, and agencies such as police, fire service, and social services.
  - Develop intelligence-sharing mechanisms to identify unlicensed properties and target priority cases.
- **Measure Progress**
  - Establish clear targets and metrics to monitor improvements in housing conditions, ASB reduction, and neighbourhood quality over the five-year period

Financial Implications
Annual capital provision of £100k over a five-year period – with a total of £500k
Risks
The key risk would be in relation to identification and agreement on projects and making the necessary arrangements. The scheme(s) for year one would need to be identified as soon as possible in order to ensure delivery so should this bid be supported, work would commence immediately.

New Capital Budget Proposals 2026-27 to 2029-30

Project	Capital Budget (£m)	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	Total
Treeton Lane Crossroads – Design Works	Capital Expenditure	0.120	0.030	0.000	0.000	0.150
Directorate	Capital Funding (other than corporate resources ask)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Regeneration and Environment	**Net (Corporate Resources)**	**0.120**	**0.030**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.150**

Project Description

This proposal is to produce a designed scheme for safety improvements at the junction of Treeton Lane and Main Street, Aughton. This will enable the Council to move quickly into delivery as and when future funding is confirmed.

The scope for the study will need to be confirmed but will consider an appropriate balance of the following (noting some of these can be in tension) –

- Reduction of injury collisions
- Reduction of damage only collisions
- Reduction on delays to traffic
- Improved perceptions of safety

It is proposed the work is developed across two financial years to allow sufficient time for resourcing, procurement, surveys and delivery of the project, with the bulk of the work taking place in 2026/27.

Outputs and Outcomes

The output of the project will be a designed scheme to improve the junction, and identifying the preferred option to be taken on for future development should funding become available. The proposals will be developed cognisant of national, regional and local transport policy and strategy and will be tailored to maximise the opportunity for funding in light of the likely priorities, requirements and constraints attached.

Deliverables in summary would cover the following activities –

- Project and Commercial Management
- Project Initiation and Contextual Understanding
- Stakeholder Engagement (i.e. ward members and technical stakeholders)
- Baseline Assessment

- Development of Designs/Layouts
- Detailed Modelling and Option Refining
- Costing Analysis
- Options Appraisal
- Recommendation Development
- Next Steps Formulation
- Finalising Report Assumptions / Exclusions / Caveats

The works will support the Council Plan outcomes of One Council that Listens and Learns, and Places that are Thriving, Safe and Clean.

Financial Implications

There are no revenue implications from this specific project, although it is likely that there wouldbe should any schemes identified be taken forward subsequently. These would need consideration as part of the scheme business cases. Additional capital would be required to deliver any scheme identified; this would be subject to its own business case process. Equally, should this scheme not progress, then there may be a charge to revenue for the spend.

Risks

To mitigate resourcing risks, it is probable that additional capacity and capability will need to be retained in order to procure and manage the project.

Costs are uncertain at this stage as the market has not been tested although a recent comparable project (the A.57 Red Lion Roundabout study) provides assurance that the indicated budget will be sufficient.

Additional clarity will be needed on scope, and this will need to be mindful that any future funding for scheme development and delivery will be dependent on meeting funders objectives which may not align with those of all stakeholders. In particular, focus on safety is unlikely to justify future funding alone given the recorded serious injury collision record is relatively good (0.8 recorded injury collisions per year in 5 years to end 2024). However, it is estimated that damage only collisions (which are unrecorded), in addition to recorded injury collisions, are between 6 and 15 per year.

Any capacity improvements can be expected to bring impacts, which may be adverse, resulting from traffic induction and/or reassignment – especially if an improvement results in benefits for traffic on the side roads, which could result in increases in traffic levels in the villages of Treeton and Ulley where there are already concerns about traffic. This study will not be able to assess this risk beyond qualitative judgement as it will not extend to strategic modelling. This would be considered at later stages of scheme development (as would ordinarily be the case).

New Capital Budget Proposals 2025-26 to 2028-29

Project	**Capital Budget (£m)**	**25/26**	**26/27**	**27/28**	**28/29**	**Total**
Herringthorpe Athletics Track resurface	Capital Expenditure	0.000	0.450	0.000	0.000	0.450
Directorate;	Capital Funding (other than corporate resources ask)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
R&E	**Net (Corporate Resources)**	**0.000**	**0.450**	**0.000**	**0.000**	**0.450**

Project Description

This proposal seeks urgent capital investment to resurface the athletics track at Herringthorpe, home to Rotherham Harriers Athletics Club. The track, now 35 years old, has never been resurfaced and is at the end of its functional lifespan. Without intervention, the deterioration of the track surface will render the facility unusable, undermining recent investments and jeopardising a vital community and regional sporting asset.

The athletics track was installed in 1990 and has not been resurfaced since. Comparable facilities in the region have undergone up to three resurfacing cycles in the same period. The current surface is no longer fit for purpose and will start to pose safety risks to users.

The facility has recently benefited from approximately £600,000 of Council funding to upgrade ancillary infrastructure (e.g. changing rooms, lighting, accessibility improvements). However, without a functional track, the core purpose of the site is compromised.

This is the only athletics track of its kind in Rotherham, serving as a hub for sport, health, education, and community engagement.

The funding will be used for:

- Removal of existing surface and installation of new synthetic surface,
- Drainage and edge repairs
- Line marking and certification.
- Project management

The supplier will require to be on Athletics England's approved list of suppliers who have the necessary legislative knowledge as well as specialist knowledge of the Track:Mark accreditation requirements.

Outputs and Outcomes

Health & Wellbeing:

- **Increase Physical Activity**: Upgrading/ keeping the track open can encourage more residents to engage in walking, jogging, running, and athletics—helping to close the 5% gap in physical activity levels compared to the national average according to Sport England's Active Lives Survey.

- **Combat Obesity**: Accessible, high-quality facilities support weight management and healthier lifestyles, particularly when paired with community programmes.
- **Support Long-Term Conditions**: Physical activity is proven to help manage conditions like diabetes, heart disease, and arthritis. A local, inclusive athletics track can be a hub for rehabilitation and condition management.
- **Reducing the strain on NHS services**: Residents remove physically active for longer thus reducing the need for medical intervention.

Community Engagement:

- **Accessible for All Ages and Abilities**: A modernised track can host inclusive events, walking groups and adapted sports for older adults and people with disabilities.
- **Supports the continued maintenance of a vital resource**, local to some of the most disadvantaged communities in Rotherham, at the same time catering for the athletic sporting needs of the Borough.
- **Youth Engagement**: Schools and clubs can use the facility to promote sport among children and teens, reducing sedentary behaviour and improving mental health.
- **Community Cohesion**: Events, races, and festivals at the track can bring people together, fostering pride and social connection.

Provide a safe space: Enclosed managed space for people to be active, free from the feeling of vulnerability from running alone (e.g females in the evening or early morning) traffic, litter etc.

This project supports Council Plan priorities including:

- **Places are thriving, safe and clean,**
- **Children and young people achieve, and**
- **Residents live well**

Financial Implications

- The capital funding will help to protect revenue budgets and reduce the need for additional maintenance.
- It will protect trading income from user groups and event hires.
- All of the above will help to avoid creating a pressure within the Sport and Leisure revenue budget.

Risks

Loss of Accreditation:
The deteriorating surface threatens the facility's Track:Mark status, disqualifying it from hosting sanctioned events. This would ultimately mean the loss of vital usage and income, as sporting events would be forced to go to suitably accredited sites outside Rotherham.

Community Displacement:
Closure would displace hundreds of users, with no alternative facility in Rotherham.

Wasted Investment/ reputational damage:
The recent £600k investment in ancillary facilities will be undermined if the track becomes unusable.

Health and Safety Concerns:
The current surface will start to pose increasing risks of injury, particularly for vulnerable users.

New Capital Budget Proposals 2025-26 to 2028-29

Project	Capital Budget (£m)	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	Total
Ulley Country Park Building Replacement	Capital Expenditure	0.000	0.250	0.750	0.000	1.000
Directorate	Capital Funding (other than corporate resources ask)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Regeneration and Environment	**Net (Corporate Resources)**	**0.000**	**0.250**	**0.750**	**0.000**	**1.000**

Project Description

Ulley Country Park is a key community asset attracting around 40,000 visitors annually and supporting a wide range of activities including sailing, education, and vocational training. The park's facilities provide essential spaces for groups such as Ulley Sailing Club, Wickersley School, Newman School, and Rotherham Opportunities College, enabling outdoor learning, social engagement, and inclusive opportunities for SEND young people. It has a proactive Friends of Ulley Country Park group, who regularly organise activities and who have raised c.£80k in the last 10 years.

The visitor centre at Ulley Country Park serves as a vital hub for a wide range of community and educational activities. It supports multiple user groups including Ulley Sailing Club, the Sea Cadets, Ulley Art Group, Friends of Ulley Country Park, Wickersley School and Sports College, and vocational training programmes for SEND young people transitioning out of full-time education.

The existing Visitor Centre and Boat House have exceeded their lifespan and require significant investment to ensure structural stability, compliance and sustainability, with reactive repairs deemed poor value for money

A feasibility and design study undertaken in 2022/23 concluded that the existing building has significantly exceeded its design life and is in a state of ongoing deterioration. Initial proposals for a replacement and expanded facility estimated total costs at £2.5 million based on 2022/23 prices, which would have enabled a range of additional activities to take place. However, a revised modular building solution has since been identified, offering a more cost-effective alternative at approximately £1 million, with a minimum life expectancy of 25 years representing better long-term value. This solution will still enable all existing activities to continue at Ulley Country Park. Full consultation with existing users will take place as part of the development of this proposal and the service will consider potential options for further grant funding that may be able to complement this investment

This investment would also reduce the volume of ongoing reactive repairs being undertaken on the current building, as well as some operating costs as the building is replaced with a more sustainable and energy efficient asset.

Outputs and Outcomes

The new facility will:

- Enhance the park's ability to generate revenue through improved services and visitor experience.
- Provide a modern, inclusive community space with a refreshed catering offer and training provision.
- Act as a new focal point for the park, encouraging greater participation and deeper engagement with the surrounding natural environment.
- Support educational and social outcomes for young people with SEND through tailored vocational opportunities.

Financial Implications

The modular building solution identified is expected to cost £1m to build.

In terms of revenue costs, the new modular facilities will be maintained by the Council's Asset Management team, with a reduction in short-term maintenance costs compared to the existing structure. The improved visitor experience is expected to:

- Increase dwell time and secondary spend.
- Encourage repeat visits and boost overall revenue.
- Provide opportunities for external investment. The Sea Cadets have expressed interest in supporting the project and are currently engaged in early-stage discussions regarding potential contributions.

Risks

- Inflationary pressures have been factored into the revised project cost estimates.
- Stakeholder concerns may arise regarding the use of a modular building solution, particularly in relation to aesthetics, long-term suitability, and alignment with the park's character.
- Failure to replace the building poses a significant reputational risk to the Council, with the potential loss of key community services and the decommissioning of existing facilities.
- Continued deterioration of the current structure may result in health and safety concerns and limit future use.

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Capital Programme General Fund 2025/26 to 2029/30

Directorate	Current Year Budget	2026/27 Budget	2027/28 Budget	2028/29 Budget	2029/30 Budget	Total Project Budget
Adult Care & Housing	11,727,024	7,098,306	6,394,265	6,926,976	1,760,000	33,906,571
Assistant Chief Executive	438,864	254,645	210,040	210,040	210,040	1,323,629
Children & Young Peoples Serv	9,585,578	14,132,836	6,282,810	16,099,987	2,910,000	49,011,211
Finance & Customer Services	12,633,059	19,455,961	12,790,870	19,450,659	7,615,000	71,945,549
Regeneration & Environment	66,939,006	91,120,805	21,620,361	6,521,217	2,581,995	188,783,384
Total	**101,323,531**	**132,062,553**	**47,298,346**	**49,208,879**	**15,077,035**	**344,970,344**

Funding:

Funding Stream	Current Year Budget	2026/27 Budget	2027/28 Budget	2028/29 Budget	2029/30 Budget	Total Project Budget
2) Capital Receipts GF	476,453	146,359	1,500,000	0	0	2,122,812
3) Capital Receipts HRA	450,000	0	0	0	0	450,000
4) Grants and Contributions	46,148,657	60,837,972	11,685,311	15,677,727	0	134,349,667
6) Revenue Contributions	137,000	140,000	143,000	146,000	0	566,000
7) Unsupported Borrowing-C	46,787,920	62,944,653	31,769,170	30,813,734	13,317,035	185,632,512
8) Unsupported Borrowing-S	7,323,501	7,993,569	2,200,865	2,571,418	1,760,000	21,849,353
Total	**101,323,531**	**132,062,553**	**47,298,346**	**49,208,879**	**15,077,035**	**344,970,344**

Capital Programme General Fund 2025/26 to 2029/30

Directorate	Service	Service Area	Sub Service	Project	Current Year Budget	2026/27 Budget	2027/28 Budget	2028/29 Budget	2029/30 Budget	Total Project Budget
Adult Care & Housing	Adult Services	Adult Services	Assistive Technology	Assistive Technology Equipment	680,000	680,000	680,000	0	0	2,040,000
				Rothercare Digital Switchover	1,681,002	0	0	0	0	1,681,002
				Sub-Service Total	**2,361,002**	**680,000**	**680,000**	**0**	**0**	**3,721,002**
			Extra Care Housing	Castle View Adult Care Units	1,000,000	733,650	0	0	0	1,733,650
				Castle View Day Care Centre	3,500,000	1,465,856	0	0	0	4,965,856
				LD accommodation	0	0	1,567,265	0	0	1,567,265
				Sub-Service Total	**4,500,000**	**2,199,506**	**1,567,265**	**0**	**0**	**8,266,771**
			REWS Equipment	REWS Capital	190,000	190,000	190,000	0	0	570,000
				Sub-Service Total	**190,000**	**190,000**	**190,000**	**0**	**0**	**570,000**
			Specialist Equipment	Webroster & associated equipmt	21,553	0	0	0	0	21,553
				Sub-Service Total	**21,553**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**21,553**
			Service Area Total		**7,072,555**	**3,069,506**	**2,437,265**	**0**	**0**	**12,579,326**
		Service Total			**7,072,555**	**3,069,506**	**2,437,265**	**0**	**0**	**12,579,326**
	Neighbourhood Capital Programm	Fair Access to All	Aids and Adaptations (Private	Adapts - LOT1 - Private Majr	497,639	0	0	0	0	497,639
				Adapts - LOT1 - Private Minr	235,031	0	0	0	0	235,031
				Adapts - LOT2 - Private Majr	440,605	0	0	0	0	440,605
				Adapts - LOT2 - Private Minr	292,065	0	0	0	0	292,065
				Adapts - OTHERS - Private Majr	789,705	0	0	0	0	789,705
				Adapts Extensions PRIVATES	541,955	0	0	0	0	541,955
				Private Adaps Bud Unall	0	2,197,000	2,197,000	2,197,000	0	6,591,000
				Sub-Service Total	**2,797,000**	**2,197,000**	**2,197,000**	**2,197,000**	**0**	**9,388,000**
			Service Area Total		**2,797,000**	**2,197,000**	**2,197,000**	**2,197,000**	**0**	**9,388,000**
		Neighbourhd Regeneration & Re	Affordable Housing	Warden St Leasehold Titles	97,469	0	0	0	0	97,469
				Sub-Service Total	**97,469**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**97,469**
			Monksbridge Demolition	Monksbridge, Dinnington	0	71,800	0	0	0	71,800
				Sub-Service Total	**0**	**71,800**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**71,800**
			Service Area Total		**97,469**	**71,800**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**169,269**
		Service Total			**2,894,469**	**2,268,800**	**2,197,000**	**2,197,000**	**0**	**9,557,269**
	Neighbourhood Improvements - N	Neighbourhood Improvements Non	Furnished Homes CPTL	Furnished Homes New CPTL	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	8,000,000
				Furnished Homes Replace CPTL	160,000	160,000	160,000	160,000	160,000	800,000
				Sub-Service Total	**1,760,000**	**1,760,000**	**1,760,000**	**1,760,000**	**1,760,000**	**8,800,000**
			N'bourhood Grants Unallocated	N'Hoods Grants Unallocated	0	0	0	2,969,976	0	2,969,976
				Sub-Service Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2,969,976**	**0**	**2,969,976**
			Service Area Total		**1,760,000**	**1,760,000**	**1,760,000**	**4,729,976**	**1,760,000**	**11,769,976**
		Service Total			**1,760,000**	**1,760,000**	**1,760,000**	**4,729,976**	**1,760,000**	**11,769,976**
	Directorate Total				**11,727,024**	**7,098,306**	**6,394,265**	**6,926,976**	**1,760,000**	**33,906,571**
Assistant Chief Executive	Assistant Chief Exec	Assistant Chief Exec	Assistant Chief Exec	Aston & Todwick	300	21,060	7,120	7,120	7,120	42,720
				Aughton & Swallownest	13,263	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	41,743
				Bramley & Ravenfeild	12,240	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	40,720
				Brinsworth	3,735	17,625	7,120	7,120	7,120	42,720
				Capt'l Inv't Ward Anst wdsetts	17,764	10,680	10,680	10,680	10,680	60,484
				Capt'l Inv't-Ward - Bostn Ctle	17,716	10,680	10,680	10,680	10,680	60,436
				Capt'l Inv't-Ward - Dinnington	10,288	21,367	10,680	10,680	10,680	63,695
				Capt'l Inv't-Ward - Hoober	19,798	10,680	10,680	10,680	10,680	62,518
				Capt'l Inv't-Ward - Keppel	19,279	10,680	10,680	10,680	10,680	61,999
				Capt'l Inv't-Ward - Roth East	13,128	10,680	10,680	10,680	10,680	55,848
				Capt'l Inv't-Ward - Roth West	24,764	10,680	10,680	10,680	10,680	67,484
				Capt'l Inv't-Ward - RotherVale	5,135	16,593	7,120	7,120	7,120	43,088
				Capt'l Inv't-Ward - Sitwell	21,360	10,680	10,680	10,680	10,680	64,080
				Capt'l Inv't-Ward - Wales	9,763	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	38,243
				Capt'l Inv't-Ward - Wath	12,142	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	40,622
				Dalton & Thrybergh	14,240	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	42,720
				Greasborough	11,270	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	39,750
				Hellaby & Maltby West	11,948	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	40,428
				Keppel - CIL	56,481	0	0	0	0	56,481
				Kilnhurst & Swinton East	14,240	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	42,720
				Maltby East	14,240	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	42,720
				Rawmarsh East	9,986	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	38,466
					1,500	0	0	0	0	1,500
				Rawmarsh West	9,985	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	38,465
				Sitwell - CIL	53,978	0	0	0	0	53,978
				Swinton Rockingham	14,240	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	42,720
				Thurcroft & Wickersley South	8,035	7,120	7,120	7,120	7,120	36,515
				Wickersley North	18,046	10,680	10,680	10,680	10,680	60,766
				Sub-Service Total	**438,864**	**254,645**	**210,040**	**210,040**	**210,040**	**1,323,629**

Capital Programme General Fund 2025/26 to 2029/30

Directorate	Service	Service Area	Sub Service	Project	Current Year Budget	2026/27 Budget	2027/28 Budget	2028/29 Budget	2029/30 Budget	Total Project Budget
			Service Area Total		**438,864**	**254,645**	**210,040**	**210,040**	**210,040**	**1,323,629**
		Service Total			**438,864**	**254,645**	**210,040**	**210,040**	**210,040**	**1,323,629**
	Directorate Total				**438,864**	**254,645**	**210,040**	**210,040**	**210,040**	**1,323,629**
Children & Young Peoples Serv	CYPS - RMBC	Other CYPS	Children & Families	Adaptations - Foster Care	259,466	916,000	640,000	1,179,236	640,000	3,634,702
				CYPS RESI DFE PH IV Rowan	31,122	0	0	0	0	31,122
				CYPS Resi Home Unallocated	0	171,979	0	0	0	171,979
				CYPS RESI PH II Middle Lane	39,438	0	0	0	0	39,438
				CYPS RESI PH III Walnut Drive	134,661	0	0	0	0	134,661
				CYPS RESI PH III-Narrow Lane	224,028	300,000	0	0	0	524,028
				CYPS RESI PH III-Woodclose, Ra	25,000	0	0	0	0	25,000
				Family Hub & Start for Life	70,364	0	0	0	0	70,364
				In House Chld's Resi-vehicles	0	0	0	140,000	0	140,000
				In House Resi Complex Needs	0	378,000	0	0	0	378,000
				Wraparound Childcare grants	375,740	0	0	0	0	375,740
				Sub-Service Total	**1,159,819**	**1,765,979**	**640,000**	**1,319,236**	**640,000**	**5,525,034**
			Service Area Total		**1,159,819**	**1,765,979**	**640,000**	**1,319,236**	**640,000**	**5,525,034**
		Schools	Schools - Capitalised Enh	Aston Fence Pri- Boiler	14,408	0	0	0	0	14,408
				Aston Fence Pri- Fencing	60,000	0	0	0	0	60,000
				Badsley Moor PR New Boiler	176,183	0	0	0	0	176,183
				Badsley Moor Pri - Flat Roof	30,000	0	0	0	0	30,000
				Blackburn Pr Fire Alarm	3,143	0	0	0	0	3,143
				Blackburn Pri - Basement	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000
				Blackbutn Pri - Toilet Blocks	85,000	0	0	0	0	85,000
				Bramley S'side Fire Alarm	4,553	0	0	0	0	4,553
				Broom Valley Concrete rep ph 2	125,000	0	0	0	0	125,000
				Broom Valley Pr - Heat/Water	41,250	233,750	0	0	0	275,000
				Capitalised Enhancements Unall	202,748	900,000	900,000	1,000,000	0	3,002,748
				CEN Asbestos removal works	73,803	0	0	0	0	73,803
				CEN FWT Remedials CNTL CPTL	20,000	0	0	0	0	20,000
				Eastwood Village Latent Defect	173,097	0	0	0	0	173,097
				Herringthorpe Pri-Security Imp	25,024	0	0	0	0	25,024
				Minor Works Less than £10,000	3,713	0	0	0	0	3,713
				Rawmarsh Aspire - Roof	0	92,451	0	0	0	92,451
				Rawmarsh Aspire Partia reroof	119,466	0	0	0	0	119,466
				Rawmarsh Thorogate New bolier	2,044	0	0	0	0	2,044
				R'hillFenc,Drainage,SportsHall	10,738	0	0	0	0	10,738
				R'Marsh Rosehill - Ph2 Fencing	91,596	0	0	0	0	91,596
				Todwick Pri - Asbetos removal	28,078	0	0	0	0	28,078
				Todwick Pri - Fire Doors	80,000	0	0	0	0	80,000
				Wales Primary Fire Safety imps	15,000	0	0	0	0	15,000
				Sub-Service Total	**1,394,844**	**1,226,201**	**900,000**	**1,000,000**	**0**	**4,521,045**
			Schools - Prims - Major	Waverley Jnr Primary Sch Ph II	1,479,146	0	0	0	0	1,479,146
				Sub-Service Total	**1,479,146**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,479,146**
			Schools - Secs - Major	Secondary BUDGET UNALLOC	0	103,491	0	7,360,751	0	7,464,242
				Sub-Service Total	**0**	**103,491**	**0**	**7,360,751**	**0**	**7,464,242**
			Schools - Spcls - Major	Eric Manns SEND Hub	165,000	0	0	0	0	165,000
				Newman (Dinnington), Refurb	0	1,136,000	0	0	0	1,136,000
				Phase IV-PRU Imp Wks Catcliffe	30,000	0	0	0	0	30,000
				Phase IV-PRU Imp Works Hutton	92,584	0	0	0	0	92,584
				SEND PH III Dinnington Adaptat	1,535	0	0	0	0	1,535
				SEND Ph IV - Maltby Res Cen	153,015	0	0	0	0	153,015
				SEND Ph IV - Thurcroft Res Cen	5,242	0	0	0	0	5,242
				SEND Ph IV - Wales Res Cen	468,551	0	0	0	0	468,551
				SEND Ph IV - W'hill Res Cen	500,000	0	0	0	0	500,000
				Send Ph IV ? Pru Rawmarsh	11,073	318,927	0	0	0	330,000
				SEND Ph IV- Mainstream Sch Acc	962,486	0	0	0	0	962,486
				SEND Ph IV- Special Sch Acc	700,035	0	0	0	0	700,035
				SEND Ph VNewman & Dinnington	727,771	639,229	0	0	0	1,367,000
				Special BUDGET UNALLOC	0	6,523,009	2,000,000	2,000,000	0	10,523,009
				Sub-Service Total	**3,817,292**	**8,617,165**	**2,000,000**	**2,000,000**	**0**	**16,434,457**
			Schools PFI Life Cycle Program	Schools PFI Life Cycle Program	1,590,598	2,270,000	2,270,000	4,270,000	2,270,000	12,670,598
				Sub-Service Total	**1,590,598**	**2,270,000**	**2,270,000**	**4,270,000**	**2,270,000**	**12,670,598**
			Service Area Total		**8,281,880**	**12,216,857**	**5,170,000**	**14,630,751**	**2,270,000**	**42,569,488**
		Service Total			**9,441,699**	**13,982,836**	**5,810,000**	**15,949,987**	**2,910,000**	**48,094,522**
	DFC	DFC - RMBC	DFC - RMBC all	DFCG Unallocated	143,879	150,000	472,810	150,000	0	916,689

Capital Programme General Fund 2025/26 to 2029/30

Directorate	Service	Service Area	Sub Service	Project	Current Year Budget	2026/27 Budget	2027/28 Budget	2028/29 Budget	2029/30 Budget	Total Project Budget
				Sub-Service Total	**143,879**	**150,000**	**472,810**	**150,000**	**0**	**916,689**
			Service Area Total		**143,879**	**150,000**	**472,810**	**150,000**	**0**	**916,689**
		Service Total			**143,879**	**150,000**	**472,810**	**150,000**	**0**	**916,689**
	Directorate Total				**9,585,578**	**14,132,836**	**6,282,810**	**16,099,987**	**2,910,000**	**49,011,211**
Finance & Customer Services	Bereavement Services	Bereavement Services	Bereavement Services	Independent Expert Review	7,070	0	0	0	0	7,070
				Maltby Cemetery Fence	2,126	0	0	0	0	2,126
				R'marsh Gr'brough Ln Cem Fence	1,343	0	0	0	0	1,343
				R'marsh High St Ln Cem Fence	1,203	0	0	0	0	1,203
				Sub-Service Total	**11,742**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**11,742**
			Service Area Total		**11,742**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**11,742**
		Service Total			**11,742**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**11,742**
	F&CS (DUMMY)	F&CS	F&CS - REFCUS	Capital Inflation Contingency	0	0	2,574,331	12,326,509	2,150,000	17,050,840
				Sub-Service Total	**0**	**0**	**2,574,331**	**12,326,509**	**2,150,000**	**17,050,840**
			Service Area Total		**0**	**0**	**2,574,331**	**12,326,509**	**2,150,000**	**17,050,840**
		Service Total			**0**	**0**	**2,574,331**	**12,326,509**	**2,150,000**	**17,050,840**
	ICT & Digital Investment	Directorate ICT Investments	Directorate ICT Investments	Archives & Studies D'tal Upgra	22,000	0	0	0	0	22,000
				Comm Safe&SS-Cust &DigitalPlan	70,000	337,500	337,500	0	0	745,000
				Education System Replacement	1,000,000	785,000	0	0	0	1,785,000
				Finl Systm Replacement Project	642,601	470,338	1,417,793	0	0	2,530,732
				Fleet of MFD printers	20,000	61,278	76,500	0	0	157,778
				HR System Replacement	0	0	500,000	1,000,000	0	1,500,000
				Libraries Network	89,730	50,526	0	0	0	140,256
				Sub-Service Total	**1,844,331**	**1,704,642**	**2,331,793**	**1,000,000**	**0**	**6,880,766**
			Service Area Total		**1,844,331**	**1,704,642**	**2,331,793**	**1,000,000**	**0**	**6,880,766**
		ICT & Digital Strategy investm	ICT & Digital Strategy investm	Data Storage & Back-up	803,000	172,000	0	833,951	300,000	2,108,951
				Digital Innovation Fund	533,000	867,000	700,000	1,015,199	700,000	3,815,199
				Hardware Provisioning	1,300,000	1,392,386	910,000	910,000	1,500,000	6,012,386
				Network Equipment Refresh Proj	300,000	676,431	630,000	630,000	630,000	2,866,431
				Replacement of server equip	995,000	902,937	650,000	650,000	250,000	3,447,937
				Sub-Service Total	**3,931,000**	**4,010,754**	**2,890,000**	**4,039,150**	**3,380,000**	**18,250,904**
			Service Area Total		**3,931,000**	**4,010,754**	**2,890,000**	**4,039,150**	**3,380,000**	**18,250,904**
		Service Total			**5,775,331**	**5,715,396**	**5,221,793**	**5,039,150**	**3,380,000**	**25,131,670**
	Property & Facilities	Corp Property Unit	Corporate Property Cap Proj	Customer Digitalisation - AM	81,960	0	0	0	0	81,960
				Sub-Service Total	**81,960**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**81,960**
			Decarbonisation & Energy	Building Decarbonisation	625,000	4,950,265	659,746	0	0	6,235,011
				Electric Vehicle Charge Infras	50,000	1,229,991	0	0	0	1,279,991
				ElecVeh ChargingInfraExpansion	297,550	560,773	0	0	0	858,323
				Energy Saving Measure (B)	0	205,201	0	0	0	205,201
				LA Energy Saving Measures-(A)	0	82,044	0	0	0	82,044
				Renewable Energy Proof of Conc	0	970,470	0	0	0	970,470
				Sub-Service Total	**972,550**	**7,998,744**	**659,746**	**0**	**0**	**9,631,040**
			FM and Operational Buildings	BarbotHallIndEst-Cliff face	550,000	0	0	0	0	550,000
				C' Theatre LED StageLighting R	64,000	0	0	0	0	64,000
				C.Theatre RoofsWindowsAnnexe	192,825	0	0	0	0	192,825
				ChathamVillas1,2,3-W'dows/Roof	14,671	0	0	0	0	14,671
				CliftonParkMuseum-FireAlarm	3,331	0	0	0	0	3,331
				Corp Landlord Furn. Replacem.	20,000	30,000	0	0	0	50,000
				Cranworth Centre - Windows	40,000	0	0	0	0	40,000
				Crowden - OutdoorStorageR'ment	2,141	0	0	0	0	2,141
				Davies Court Fire Alarm	70,000	70,000	0	0	0	140,000
				Dawson Croft - Lift	35,000	0	0	0	0	35,000
				Herringthorpe Stadium - track	20,195	0	0	0	0	20,195
				Kimberworth The Place - Roof	246,267	0	0	0	0	246,267
				Kimberworth The Place Air cond	4,414	0	0	0	0	4,414
				Lord Hardy Court - Windows	250,000	0	0	0	0	250,000
				Mecca Bingo	701,390	0	0	0	0	701,390
				Miscellaneous Minor Works	180,000	0	0	0	0	180,000
				Moorgate Crofts- Roof Repairs	24,242	0	0	0	0	24,242
				Ops Buildings Cap Inv	0	2,580,410	2,760,000	2,010,000	2,010,000	9,360,410
				Riverside House - CCTV	70,000	0	0	0	0	70,000
				Riverside Replacement of UPS	0	120,000	0	0	0	120,000
				Rother Valley - Toilet Upgrade	215,760	0	0	0	0	215,760
				RsideHouse Furniture Replacemt	11,239	0	0	0	0	11,239
				Signage	15,000	0	0	0	0	15,000
				StHelensTreetonChurchyard-Path	34,000	0	0	0	0	34,000

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				StLeonardChurch Din-Bound Wall	24,373	0	0	0	0	24,373
				StMarys BoundaryWallRepairs	28,000	0	0	0	0	28,000
				WaleswoodCvanPark - subsidence	70,000	0	0	0	0	70,000
				Wellgate Retaining Wall	212,000	0	0	0	0	212,000
				Sub-Service Total	**3,098,848**	**2,800,410**	**2,760,000**	**2,010,000**	**2,010,000**	**12,679,258**
			Property and Estates	Aston CSC CPM	3,857	0	0	0	0	3,857
				Commercial Property Cap	100,000	456,677	75,000	75,000	75,000	781,677
				Community Facilities	300,000	300,000	0	0	0	600,000
				Demo of units 86-102 Wellgate	15,599	184,401	0	0	0	200,000
				Dinnington Library CPM	3,431	0	0	0	0	3,431
				Rawmarsh CSC CPM	4,390	0	0	0	0	4,390
				Riverside House CPM	6,176	0	0	0	0	6,176
				Rotherham Markets Solar Panels	350,000	0	0	0	0	350,000
				Strategic Acquisitions Fund	1,300,000	2,000,333	0	0	0	3,300,333
				Swinton Civic Hall CPM	2,969	0	0	0	0	2,969
				Town Hall CPM	4,071	0	0	0	0	4,071
				Unallocated PIPIF	0	0	1,500,000	0	0	1,500,000
				Waverley Medical Centre	602,135	0	0	0	0	602,135
				Sub-Service Total	**2,692,628**	**2,941,411**	**1,575,000**	**75,000**	**75,000**	**7,359,039**
			Service Area Total		**6,845,986**	**13,740,565**	**4,994,746**	**2,085,000**	**2,085,000**	**29,751,297**
		Service Total			**6,845,986**	**13,740,565**	**4,994,746**	**2,085,000**	**2,085,000**	**29,751,297**
	Directorate Total				**12,633,059**	**19,455,961**	**12,790,870**	**19,450,659**	**7,615,000**	**71,945,549**
Regeneration & Environment	Community Safety &Street Scene	Comm Safety Resilience & EP	Comm Safety Resilience & EP	Capital Licensing	0	100,000	100,000	100,000	200,000	500,000
				CCTV Upgrade&EnhanceCapabilty	73,588	0	0	0	0	73,588
				Rural Fly Tipping measures	11,372	0	0	0	0	11,372
				Sub-Service Total	**84,960**	**100,000**	**100,000**	**100,000**	**200,000**	**584,960**
			Service Area Total		**84,960**	**100,000**	**100,000**	**100,000**	**200,000**	**584,960**
		Network Management	Drainage	Catcliffe Pumping Station	132,357	0	0	0	0	132,357
				Catcliffe Treeton FAS-Bridge	350,000	500,000	1,150,000	4,000,000	0	6,000,000
				Culverts Renewal Programme	64,201	0	0	0	0	64,201
				Eel Mires Dike FAS	150,000	0	0	0	0	150,000
				Highway Drainage Repairs	376,390	300,000	300,000	0	0	976,390
				Minor Works Schemes - Drainage	11,562	0	0	0	0	11,562
				Parkgate & Rawmarsh FAS	847,702	0	0	0	0	847,702
				Property Flood Resilience	232,811	0	0	0	0	232,811
				Roth Ren. and Kilnhurst FAS	500,000	0	0	0	0	500,000
				RRFAS 2A Ickles Lock (ERDF)	16,345	0	0	0	0	16,345
				Unallocated Flood Alleviation	0	1,759,999	0	0	0	1,759,999
				Whiston FAS	350,000	0	0	0	0	350,000
				Whiston FAS Construction	1,700,000	2,300,000	0	0	0	4,000,000
				Sub-Service Total	**4,731,368**	**4,859,999**	**1,450,000**	**4,000,000**	**0**	**15,041,367**
			Highways Delivery	2020-2024 RoadsProgramme £24m	3,784,693	3,000,000	3,000,000	0	0	9,784,693
				Additional Pothole Funding	196,605	0	0	0	0	196,605
				Cap Rights of way	56,325	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000	192,325
				Capitalisation Carriageways	966,284	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	2,966,284
				DfT LTP CarriagewayResurfacing	3,412,277	0	0	0	0	3,412,277
				DFT Pothole Grant	38,939	0	0	0	0	38,939
				Multi Hog Works	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	1,500,000
				Network North Fund	2,075,982	0	0	0	0	2,075,982
				Pavement Improvements	1,719,276	1,200,000	1,200,000	0	0	4,119,276
				Pothole Funding 21/22	115,781	0	0	0	0	115,781
				Sub-Service Total	**12,666,162**	**5,034,000**	**5,034,000**	**834,000**	**834,000**	**24,402,162**
			Parking Services	Wellgate Cpark Ret. Wall	34,260	0	0	0	0	34,260
				Sub-Service Total	**34,260**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**34,260**
			Street Lighting	Cap benches signs bollards	75,479	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	375,479
				Capitalisation Lighting	923,141	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	1,523,141
				Replace Obsolete Strt Lighting	44,952	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	204,952
				St Lighting LTP 15/16 - 19/20	282,475	0	0	0	0	282,475
				Sub-Service Total	**1,326,047**	**265,000**	**265,000**	**265,000**	**265,000**	**2,386,047**
			Service Area Total		**18,757,837**	**10,158,999**	**6,749,000**	**5,099,000**	**1,099,000**	**41,863,836**
		Regulation & Enforcement	Regulation & Enforcement	Carhill Landfill Site	45,000	0	0	0	0	45,000
				Sub-Service Total	**45,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**45,000**
			Service Area Total		**45,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**45,000**
		Street Scene Services	Community Delivery	Addit'nal ZonalCleansingVehs	0	210,000	0	0	0	210,000
				Cap damaged litter bins	85,600	85,600	85,600	85,600	86,000	428,400

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				Plant Equipment Refresh G&S	841,337	375,000	0	0	0	1,216,337
				Street Scene Equip / Vehicles	19,000	144,090	0	0	0	163,090
				Sub-Service Total	**945,937**	**814,690**	**85,600**	**85,600**	**86,000**	**2,017,827**
			Corporate Transport	Fleet Asset Improvements	500,393	0	0	0	0	500,393
				Fleet Mgt System	0	40,928	0	0	0	40,928
				Fleet Mgt Vehicle Purchase	1,871,062	10,148,678	0	0	0	12,019,740
				Route Optimisation - ITS	0	101,700	11,700	11,700	12,000	137,100
				Sub-Service Total	**2,371,455**	**10,291,306**	**11,700**	**11,700**	**12,000**	**12,698,161**
			Waste Management	Bins	236,268	750,000	375,000	375,000	375,000	2,111,268
				HWRCs	14,754	150,000	899,533	0	0	1,064,287
				Narrow Access Vehicles Waste	326,298	0	0	0	0	326,298
				Sub-Service Total	**577,320**	**900,000**	**1,274,533**	**375,000**	**375,000**	**3,501,853**
			Service Area Total		**3,894,712**	**12,005,996**	**1,371,833**	**472,300**	**473,000**	**18,217,841**
		Service Total			**22,782,509**	**22,264,995**	**8,220,833**	**5,671,300**	**1,772,000**	**60,711,637**
	Culture, Sport & Tourism	Creative Prog and Engagement	Green Spaces	Ash Dieback Mitigation - Trees	51,000	249,000	200,000	200,000	228,995	928,995
				Clifton Park Watersplash Repla	823,584	22,000	0	0	0	845,584
				CliftonPark GardenBldg Bar-ITS	16,083	0	0	8,917	0	25,000
				Country Parks Bun Code	33,000	0	0	0	0	33,000
				Green Spaces Bun Code	21,388	0	0	0	0	21,388
				Green Spaces Capital Repairs	106,506	60,000	60,000	60,000	0	286,506
				Play Equip Replacement Prog	380,000	607,590	0	0	0	987,590
				RVCP Automated Parking	35,070	0	0	0	0	35,070
				RVCP Safety Boats	2,200	0	0	0	0	2,200
				Thrybergh CP Paths Improvement	303,349	0	0	0	0	303,349
				Treeton St Helen Church Yard	588,787	0	0	0	0	588,787
				Ulley CP - Club House	0	241,319	0	0	0	241,319
				Waleswood Camp Site	63,000	0	0	0	0	63,000
				Sub-Service Total	**2,423,967**	**1,179,909**	**260,000**	**268,917**	**228,995**	**4,361,788**
			Heritage Services	Keppel's Column Preservation	418	0	0	0	0	418
				Waterloo Kiln Preservation	53,230	0	0	0	0	53,230
				Sub-Service Total	**53,648**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**53,648**
			Service Area Total		**2,477,615**	**1,179,909**	**260,000**	**268,917**	**228,995**	**4,415,436**
		Ops and Business Transformatio	Libraries	Lib&NeighHub-Brinsworth Open	1,000	0	0	0	0	1,000
				Lib&NeighHub-Mowbray Lib	1,865	0	0	0	0	1,865
				Lib&NeighHub-Swinton Lib	1,909	0	0	0	0	1,909
				Lib&NeighHub-ThorpeHesley Lib	139,006	0	0	0	0	139,006
				Sub-Service Total	**143,780**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**143,780**
			Service Area Total		**143,780**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**143,780**
		Projects and Partnerships	Leisure and Sport	Active Lives / Play Zones	0	166,000	0	0	0	166,000
				Herringthorpe AthleticsStadium	0	450,000	0	0	0	450,000
				Herringthorpe Val Tennis Court	0	73,971	0	0	0	73,971
				Leisure PFI lifecycle	831,714	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	2,831,714
				Rosehill Park Tennis Court	0	72,388	0	0	0	72,388
				Sub-Service Total	**831,714**	**1,262,359**	**500,000**	**500,000**	**500,000**	**3,594,073**
			Service Area Total		**831,714**	**1,262,359**	**500,000**	**500,000**	**500,000**	**3,594,073**
		Service Total			**3,453,109**	**2,442,268**	**760,000**	**768,917**	**728,995**	**8,153,289**
	Planning, Regen & Transport	RIDO	Business Growth	Business Centre Upgrades	50,000	50,000	0	0	0	100,000
				Century 1 - Roof Replacement	100,000	500,000	0	0	0	600,000
				Century Boiler	80,000	0	0	0	0	80,000
				Century Electric Gate	50,000	0	0	0	0	50,000
				Century Toilet Refurb	0	272,000	0	0	0	272,000
				Firestopping Works	250,300	0	0	0	0	250,300
				Lighting Replacement	119,900	0	0	0	0	119,900
				Matrix Decommis	26,800	0	0	0	0	26,800
				SHOP UNITS	270,000	0	0	0	0	270,000
				Sub-Service Total	**947,000**	**822,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,769,000**
			Inv & Economic Initiatives	Bassingthorpe Farm	100,000	454,687	0	0	0	554,687
				Bassingthorpe Farm Land Acq	0	489,816	0	0	0	489,816
				Forge Island Flood Defence	455,430	0	0	0	0	455,430
				HEHub&Rain - Aqu and Demo	71,818	0	0	0	0	71,818
				Public Realm Effingham Street	275,000	1,393,389	0	0	0	1,668,389
				RhamMarkets Redev (incCommHub)	12,000,000	8,637,475	5,303,027	0	0	25,940,502
				Riverside Gardens	2,997,114	6,264,631	0	0	0	9,261,745
				Town Centre Investment	383,922	1,275,603	0	0	0	1,659,525
				Sub-Service Total	**16,283,284**	**18,515,601**	**5,303,027**	**0**	**0**	**40,101,912**

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			RIDO	Civic Centres	0	1,500,000	0	0	0	1,500,000
				Corporation Street	300,000	1,277,668	0	0	0	1,577,668
				Dinnington RG	1,205,699	4,358,653	4,699,999	0	0	10,264,351
				Eldon Road Play Area	19,641	0	0	0	0	19,641
				Forge Island Comm Dev	2,690,509	0	0	0	0	2,690,509
				Gullivers Skills Village	6,007	0	0	0	0	6,007
				Healthcare Hub	0	1,708,575	0	0	0	1,708,575
				Mainline Station	300,335	8,023,281	0	0	0	8,323,616
				Maltby East	779,789	0	0	0	0	779,789
				Matlby Academy	4,648	0	0	0	0	4,648
				OPF Cenotaphs	0	300,000	0	0	0	300,000
				Osoldo	118,189	2,171,420	0	0	0	2,289,609
				Our Places Fund	0	189,900	0	0	0	189,900
				RotherValley CP	6,275,401	0	0	0	0	6,275,401
				Snail Yard	412,373	0	0	0	0	412,373
				Templeborough	106,375	5,465,562	1,545,502	0	0	7,117,439
				Thrybergh CP	773,904	6,823	0	0	0	780,727
				Unallocated MHCLG	3,373	3,081,325	0	0	0	3,084,698
				Water Lane Public Realm	1,664,890	287,051	0	0	0	1,951,941
				Wath RG	874,529	8,568,819	0	0	0	9,443,348
				Wentworth Woodhouse	4,878	0	0	0	0	4,878
				Sub-Service Total	**15,540,540**	**36,939,077**	**6,245,501**	**0**	**0**	**58,725,118**
			Service Area Total		**32,770,824**	**56,276,678**	**11,548,528**	**0**	**0**	**100,596,030**
		Towns & Villages Fund	Towns & Villages Fund	Aston/Todwick	4,697	0	0	0	0	4,697
				Brinsworth Lane	67,978	0	0	0	0	67,978
				Rother Vale	38,067	0	0	0	0	38,067
				Rotherham East	60,476	0	0	0	0	60,476
				Towns & Villages Fund Unall	14,741	0	0	0	0	14,741
				Sub-Service Total	**185,959**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**185,959**
			Service Area Total		**185,959**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**185,959**
		Transportation & Highways	Bridges	Bridges unallocated	0	1,600,000	0	0	0	1,600,000
				Centenary Viaduct Strenghening	25,105	0	0	0	0	25,105
				Eastwood Bridge	208,839	0	0	0	0	208,839
				Old Flatts Bridge	290,602	1,500,000	900,000	0	0	2,690,602
				Packman Road	31,268	0	0	0	0	31,268
				Steadfolds Lane Retaining Wall	139,790	0	0	0	0	139,790
				Structures Capital Programme	868,097	0	0	0	0	868,097
				West Bawtry Road Embankment	221,675	0	0	0	0	221,675
				Sub-Service Total	**1,785,376**	**3,100,000**	**900,000**	**0**	**0**	**5,785,376**
			Connectivity	A6109 Meadowbank Rd pedxing	42,952	0	0	0	0	42,952
				A629WrtlyRd Grt Prk Rd Pedxing	47,140	0	0	0	0	47,140
				Cortonwood Pedestrian Crossing	22,097	57,883	0	0	0	79,980
				CRSTS Crossing Prioty Schemes	100,000	0	0	0	0	100,000
				Hummingbird Walk Ped Crossing	30,000	588,000	0	0	0	618,000
				Swallownest PedestrianCrossing	70,205	0	0	0	0	70,205
				Traffic Management Act Part 6	0	193,122	0	0	0	193,122
				Unallocated Connectivity	84,010	120,000	30,000	0	0	234,010
				Wath Road Brampton Crossing	65,494	140,000	0	0	0	205,494
				Sub-Service Total	**461,898**	**1,099,005**	**30,000**	**0**	**0**	**1,590,903**
			CRSTS Local block funded	Capital Schemes M&E	50,000	78,777	0	0	0	128,777
				LNRS Bun Code	311,843	0	0	0	0	311,843
				LNRS1 - 009D GREASBROUGH	5,066	0	0	0	0	5,066
				LNRS1 - BRAMLEY 022A	78,880	0	0	0	0	78,880
				LNRS1 - BROOM VALLEY 023A	110,815	0	0	0	0	110,815
				LNRS1 - HARTHILL & T SALVIN 03	45,488	0	0	0	0	45,488
				LNRS1 - HIGHTHORNE RD KILNHURS	1,705	0	0	0	0	1,705
				LNRS1 - MALTBY CTR 020E	65,488	0	0	0	0	65,488
				LNRS1 - SWINTON 003F	21,370	0	0	0	0	21,370
				LNRS1 - WICKERSLEY WOOD 022B	30,538	0	0	0	0	30,538
				LNRS1 - WOODSETTS 032F	81,507	0	0	0	0	81,507
				LNRS1 -KILNHURST RD RMARSH 006	61,854	0	0	0	0	61,854
				LNRS1 -MASBORO & BRADGATE 016C	40,787	0	0	0	0	40,787
				LNRS2 BRINSWORTH	7,656	112,200	0	0	0	119,856
				LNRS2 WATH	30,000	88,905	0	0	0	118,905
				LNRS2 ASTON & TODWICK	100,000	0	0	0	0	100,000

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				LNRS2 AUGHTON & SWALLOWNEST	8,798	110,513	0	0	0	119,311
				LNRS2 DALTON & THRYBERGH	5,155	113,150	0	0	0	118,305
				LNRS2 DINNINGTON	5,977	113,150	0	0	0	119,127
				LNRS2 KEPPEL	6,844	102,300	0	0	0	109,144
				LNRS2 RAWMARSH WEST	5,850	113,200	0	0	0	119,050
				LNRS2 ROTHER VALE	25,000	94,752	0	0	0	119,752
				LNRS2 ROTHERHAM EAST	16,279	102,300	0	0	0	118,579
				LNRS2 SITWELL	6,720	113,150	0	0	0	119,870
				LNRS2 WICKERSLEY NORTH	13,917	102,300	0	0	0	116,217
				Op Activity - Software	3,990	0	0	0	0	3,990
				Sub-Service Total	**1,141,527**	**1,244,697**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2,386,224**
			Legacy Projects	A6123 GreatEasternWay pedxing	23,386	0	0	0	0	23,386
				Bus Service Improvements	140,000	539,940	0	0	0	679,940
				Canklow Rotherway metering	2,064	0	0	0	0	2,064
				Green Arbour Rd Laughton Com R	13,340	0	0	0	0	13,340
				Sub-Service Total	**178,790**	**539,940**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**718,730**
			Local Safety Schemes	Small Intervention Schemes	222,204	181,000	81,000	81,000	81,000	646,204
				Unallocated Local Safety S	41,762	0	0	0	0	41,762
				Sub-Service Total	**263,966**	**181,000**	**81,000**	**81,000**	**81,000**	**687,966**
			LSTF & Smarter Choices	SY Air Quality Monitoring	43,812	25,000	0	0	0	68,812
				Sub-Service Total	**43,812**	**25,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**68,812**
			Major Schemes	A6022 Swinton to Doncaster	50,000	650,306	0	0	0	700,306
				CAZ - Bellows Road	147,829	0	0	0	0	147,829
				Clean Air Zones Elec Chrg Pts	0	933,479	0	0	0	933,479
				CRSTS Broom Wickersley Corrido	705,168	483,000	0	0	0	1,188,168
				CRSTS Fitzwilliam Corridor	976,342	343,000	0	0	0	1,319,342
				Ickles Roundabout improvement	100,000	922,083	0	0	0	1,022,083
				O0047 Broom Road AT	100,000	345,354	0	0	0	445,354
				Safe School Run	30,000	190,000	0	0	0	220,000
				T0004 A6178(PT) - Sheffield Rd	901,775	0	0	0	0	901,775
				T0005 A631 aka Maltby Bus Corr	244,510	0	0	0	0	244,510
				T0022 Manvers Way	25,486	0	0	0	0	25,486
				Traff Signal renewal Prog	590,126	0	0	0	0	590,126
				Sub-Service Total	**3,871,236**	**3,867,222**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**7,738,458**
			Network Management	Unallocated Network Man	0	80,000	80,000	0	0	160,000
				Sub-Service Total	**0**	**80,000**	**80,000**	**0**	**0**	**160,000**
			Service Area Total		**7,746,605**	**10,136,864**	**1,091,000**	**81,000**	**81,000**	**19,136,469**
		Service Total			**40,703,388**	**66,413,542**	**12,639,528**	**81,000**	**81,000**	**119,918,458**
	Directorate Total				**66,939,006**	**91,120,805**	**21,620,361**	**6,521,217**	**2,581,995**	**188,783,384**
General Fund Total					**101,323,531**	**132,062,553**	**47,298,346**	**49,208,879**	**15,077,035**	**344,970,344**

Capital Programme HRA 2025/26 to 2029/30

Directorate	Current Year Budget	2026/27 Budget	2027/28 Budget	2028/29 Budget	2029/30 Budget	Total Project Budget
HRA	67,064,653	78,842,976	52,206,848	97,865,823	127,478,836	423,459,136
Total	**67,064,653**	**78,842,976**	**52,206,848**	**97,865,823**	**127,478,836**	**423,459,136**

Funding:

Funding Stream	Current Year Budget	2026/27 Budget	2027/28 Budget	2028/29 Budget	2029/30 Budget	Total Project Budget
2) Capital Receipts GF	1,598,000	4,114,000	3,075,648	0	0	8,787,648
3) Capital Receipts HRA	2,434,027	4,660,035	603,641	21,891,555	16,433,821	46,023,079
4) Grants and Contributions	8,841,934	3,107,705	352	21,003,441	11,357,672	44,311,104
5) Housing Major Repairs Allow	34,496,856	27,546,022	30,816,045	32,284,035	29,554,640	154,697,598
6) Revenue Contributions	5,046,686	11,239,501	6,000,000	6,510,955	10,821,151	39,618,293
8) Unsupported Borrowing-S	14,647,150	28,175,713	11,711,514	16,175,837	59,311,552	130,021,766
Total	**67,064,653**	**78,842,976**	**52,207,200**	**97,865,823**	**127,478,836**	**423,459,488**

Capital Programme HRA2025/26 to 2029/30

Directorate	Service	Service Area	Sub Service	Project	Current Year Budget	2026/27 Budget	2027/28 Budget	2028/29 Budget	2029/30 Budget	Total Project Budget
HRA	Neighbourhood Capital Programm	Fair Access to All	Aids and Adaptations (Public S	Adapts - LOT1 - Public Major	960,000	0	0	0	0	960,000
				Adapts - LOT1 - Public Minor	150,000	0	0	0	0	150,000
				Adapts - LOT2 - Public Major	1,185,000	0	0	0	0	1,185,000
				Adapts - LOT2 - Public Minor	115,000	0	0	0	0	115,000
				Adapts - OTHERS - Public Major	574,157	0	0	0	0	574,157
				Adapts Extensions PUBLICS	275,000	0	0	0	0	275,000
				Public Adaps Bud Unall	0	3,365,305	3,253,865	3,349,791	3,369,117	13,338,078
				Sub-Service Total	**3,259,157**	**3,365,305**	**3,253,865**	**3,349,791**	**3,369,117**	**16,597,235**
			Service Area Total		**3,259,157**	**3,365,305**	**3,253,865**	**3,349,791**	**3,369,117**	**16,597,235**
		Improving Council Housing & Ho	Asbestos	Asbestos-Testing & Removal	300,000	0	0	0	300,000	600,000
				Sub-Service Total	**300,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**300,000**	**600,000**
			District Heating	District Heating Conversions	310,000	0	0	0	3,500,000	3,810,000
				Sub-Service Total	**310,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3,500,000**	**3,810,000**
			Electricals	Electricals	360,000	0	0	0	2,000,000	2,360,000
				Montgomery Square	140,000	0	0	0	0	140,000
				Wharncliffe Electricals	650,000	0	0	0	0	650,000
				Sub-Service Total	**1,150,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2,000,000**	**3,150,000**
			Environmental Programme	Berne Square, Woodsetts	25,000	0	0	0	0	25,000
				Calladine Way Bedsits	5,000	0	0	0	0	5,000
				Environmental Bud Unall	11,000	0	0	0	2,000,000	2,011,000
				Fitzwilliam Square Fencing	50,000	0	0	0	0	50,000
				Misc Enviro Projects (<£5k)	29,195	0	0	0	0	29,195
				Pryor Mede	52,000	0	0	0	0	52,000
				St Marys and Ash View Paths	460,000	0	0	0	0	460,000
				The Croft, Catcliffe	12,000	0	0	0	0	12,000
				Woodside Walk Enviro	160,000	0	0	0	0	160,000
				Sub-Service Total	**804,195**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2,000,000**	**2,804,195**
			External Insulation	Thermal Improvements Bud Unall	0	0	0	0	17,937,332	17,937,332
				Thermal Improvments	300,000	0	0	0	300,000	600,000
				Warm Homes Phase 1	2,676,088	6,048,824	6,088,208	3,614,880	0	18,428,000
				Sub-Service Total	**2,976,088**	**6,048,824**	**6,088,208**	**3,614,880**	**18,237,332**	**36,965,332**
			Garage Site Investment	Garages Investment	100,000	0	0	0	150,000	250,000
				Sub-Service Total	**100,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**150,000**	**250,000**
			General Structures	Capital Structural Work	1,020,000	0	0	0	1,500,000	2,520,000
				Sub-Service Total	**1,020,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,500,000**	**2,520,000**
			HRA support Properties	115 Middle Lane South	110,562	0	0	0	0	110,562
				PW2C - 24 Wesley Avenue	104,534	0	0	0	0	104,534
				PW2C - 5 ALPHA ROAD	1,121	0	0	0	0	1,121
				PW2C - 8 Cawthorne Close	68,730	0	0	0	0	68,730
				Sub-Service Total	**284,947**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**284,947**
			IHMS (IT System)	ICT Hardware & Software	500,000	1,051,657	1,084,621	0	481,400	3,117,678
				Sub-Service Total	**500,000**	**1,051,657**	**1,084,621**	**0**	**481,400**	**3,117,678**
			Improving Council Housing	Improving Council Housing	258,641	24,090,000	24,800,000	26,080,000	0	75,228,641
				Sub-Service Total	**258,641**	**24,090,000**	**24,800,000**	**26,080,000**	**0**	**75,228,641**
			Major Voids Capital Prog	Lot 2 - Major Voids	2,136,000	0	0	0	2,200,000	4,336,000
				Mears - Major Voids	4,430,000	0	0	0	4,500,000	8,930,000
				Sub-Service Total	**6,566,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**6,700,000**	**13,266,000**
			Refurbishments	Catcliffe Phase 2	730,000	0	0	0	0	730,000
				Dalton Externals	75,000	0	0	0	0	75,000
				Damp & Mould Eradication Work	500,000	0	0	0	1,000,000	1,500,000
				Design & Appraisal	50,000	0	0	0	50,000	100,000
				East Herringthorpe Ext Ph 2	2,800,000	0	0	0	0	2,800,000
				HRA Flood Resilience Works	213,793	0	0	0	0	213,793
				Maltby Externals Ph 3	760,000	0	0	0	0	760,000
				Mears - Internals	2,000,000	0	0	0	7,000,000	9,000,000
				Other Housing Capital Works	2,000,000	0	0	0	2,000,000	4,000,000
				Refurb Bud Unall	0	14,399,651	14,972,590	15,981,713	5,884,160	51,238,114
				Remount Way Externals	600,000	0	0	0	0	600,000
				Richmond & Kimberworth P1	2,100,000	0	0	0	0	2,100,000
				Site Prelims	450,000	0	0	0	0	450,000
				Thurcroft Externals Ph 3	815,000	0	0	0	0	815,000

Capital Programme HRA2025/26 to 2029/30

Directorate	Service	Service Area	Sub Service	Project	Current Year Budget	2026/27 Budget	2027/28 Budget	2028/29 Budget	2029/30 Budget	Total Project Budget
				Ventilation Works	2,000,000	0	0	0	2,000,000	4,000,000
				West Melton Ext Ph 1	1,755,000	0	0	0	0	1,755,000
				Windows/Doors & Fire Doors	550,000	0	0	0	550,000	1,100,000
				Sub-Service Total	**17,398,793**	**14,399,651**	**14,972,590**	**15,981,713**	**18,484,160**	**81,236,907**
			Replacement of Central Heating	Lot 2 - Ad Hoc Boiler Repl'ts	1,980,000	0	0	0	1,500,000	3,480,000
				Lot 2 -Boilers Scheme 1	2,500,000	0	0	0	2,500,000	5,000,000
				Sub-Service Total	**4,480,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**4,000,000**	**8,480,000**
			Service Area Total		**36,148,664**	**45,590,132**	**46,945,419**	**45,676,593**	**57,352,892**	**231,713,700**
		Neighbourhd Regeneration & Re	HRA Non Dwellings	HRA Play Areas	80,000	0	0	0	80,000	160,000
				West Melton Play Area	5,000	65,000	0	0	0	70,000
				Sub-Service Total	**85,000**	**65,000**	**0**	**0**	**80,000**	**230,000**
			Service Area Total		**85,000**	**65,000**	**0**	**0**	**80,000**	**230,000**
		New Housing Provision	New Growth New Build	Addison Road Maltby	3,089,545	4,458,315	855,134	0	0	8,402,994
				Boswell Street	52,360	150,000	0	0	15,812,108	16,014,468
				Bushfield Road Site B	362,287	995,388	0	0	0	1,357,675
				Denman Road Site A	1,179,475	1,028,933	0	0	0	2,208,408
				Elm Tree Road Maltby	338,765	167,179	55,996	0	0	561,940
				Grayson Road Greasboro	350,000	3,025,219	0	0	0	3,375,219
				Larch Road Maltby	1,681,180	1,704,127	382,234	0	0	3,767,541
				Netherfield Court, Eastwood	240,240	25,008	0	0	0	265,248
				Princess Street Site A	991,569	126,415	0	0	0	1,117,984
				Princess Street Site B	598,502	74,618	0	0	0	673,120
				Ship Inn Swinton	900,048	0	0	0	0	900,048
				Tenter Street Thornhill	400,000	5,024,815	0	0	0	5,424,815
				Development budgets unallocated	0	0	0	0	40,240,025	40,240,025
				Valley Drive Site C	386,608	812,685	0	0	0	1,199,293
				Warden Street Hsg Development	1,300,660	753,421	0	0	0	2,054,081
				York Road, Eastwood	218,004	22,276	0	0	0	240,280
				Sub-Service Total	**12,089,243**	**18,368,399**	**1,293,364**	**0**	**56,052,133**	**87,803,139**
			Strategic Acquisitions	Albert Club, West Melton SME	1,166,098	894,135	81,084	0	0	2,141,317
				Brampton Vale SA	1,418,517	0	0	0	0	1,418,517
				Clement Street, Kimberworth	984,641	540,052	29,475	0	0	1,554,168
				Development budgets unallocate	0	0	0	48,839,439	10,624,694	59,464,133
				LAHF Acquisitions	287,064	0	0	0	0	287,064
				Laughton Gate 42 units	1,204,343	1,302,415	0	0	0	2,506,758
				Market Acquisitions Phase 1	2,839,086	0	0	0	0	2,839,086
				Market Acquistions Phase 2	3,126,000	5,874,000	0	0	0	9,000,000
				Poppyfields Ravenfield SA	1,317,759	1,317,519	603,641	0	0	3,238,919
				Rivelin Way, Waverley 3C	2,309,677	99,159	0	0	0	2,408,836
				Sorby Park Waverley 3B	829,404	1,426,860	0	0	0	2,256,264
				Sub-Service Total	**15,482,589**	**11,454,140**	**714,200**	**48,839,439**	**10,624,694**	**87,115,062**
			Service Area Total		**27,571,832**	**29,822,539**	**2,007,564**	**48,839,439**	**66,676,827**	**174,918,201**
		Service Total			**67,064,653**	**78,842,976**	**52,206,848**	**97,865,823**	**127,478,836**	**423,459,136**
	Directorate Total				**67,064,653**	**78,842,976**	**52,206,848**	**97,865,823**	**127,478,836**	**423,459,136**
HRA Total					**67,064,653**	**78,842,976**	**52,206,848**	**97,865,823**	**127,478,836**	**423,459,136**

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Ref per template	Revenue Budget Savings Proposals	2026/27 £'000	2027/28 £'000	2028/29 £'000
Adult Care, Housing and Public Health				
ACH&PH 001	Extra Care Housing (in-sourcing support)	0	200	400
ACH&PH 002	Review of Working Age Adult Spend	900	900	900
ACH&PH 003	Housing First – Funding via the Homelessness Prevention Grant	189	189	189
Children and Young People's Services				
CYPS 001	Mainstreaming 2025/26 CYPS Temporary Savings	400	400	400
CYPS 002	Maximising Children Services Grant Funding	400	400	400
Corporate Services				
CS 001	Customer Services Reduction in Opening Hours	67	67	67
CS 002	Registrars Income	45	45	45
Regeneration and Environment				
R&E 001	Extension of temporary saving (Regen Capitalisation)	100	100	100
R&E 002	Streetworks - Temporary Increased Income	500	0	0
Central Services				
CEN 001	Treasury Management	592	592	592
	Total Requirement	**3,193**	**2,893**	**3,093**

Budget Report Location	Appendix 4 – Proposed Revenue Savings
Unique Reference:	ACH&PH - 01

Revenue Savings Plan		
Extra Care Housing (in-sourcing support)		
Directorate:		Adult Care, Housing, and Public Health
Service Area:		Adult Care
Director Responsible for Delivery:		Ian Spicer, Executive Director Adult Care, Housing and Public Health
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:		Cllr Baker-Rogers
Head of Finance		Gioia Morrison
Financial Impact		
Financial Saving to be achieved	**2026/27 Perm**	£0
	2027/28 Perm	£200k (This will rise to £400k by 2028/29)

Details of Proposed Saving Plan

Brief overview of the current model

Extra Care Housing (ECH) in Rotherham comprises of 2 establishments, known as Potteries Court and Bakers Field Court, both establishments are owned by Together Housing.

ECH Scheme	Number of Tenancies
Bakers Field	52
Potteries	35

Cost of the current model

- Estimated cost of commissioned care and support £716k
- Estimated cost of direct payments £373k
- Forecast for staffing spend (2025-26) £906k.

Total current spend £1.995m

Currently there is a model of support whereby Council employed staff support tenants by providing face-to-face wellbeing checks and responding to calls for care

and support 24/7 between visits from commissioned independent sector providers onsite. As a result, the current model is not maximising service delivery in terms of support nor cost.

Several options have been considered for the future ECH model, as follows –

Option 1: Continue with the current model

This option is not considered to be a viable or sustainable model due to the impact on tenants and cost implications.

Option 2: Tenant care and support needs continue to be met by independent provider(s) and Council staff are withdrawn.

This option would release some efficiency, however some of the tenant experience related issues that have been identified would remain; any future development opportunities would be limited and investment in the Council workforce would be significantly reduced.

Option 3: In-source tenant care and support needs (Preferred option)

Withdrawal of commissioned care and support and direct payments is estimated to release up to £1m.

Whilst there will be a saving achieved by ceasing to fund commissioned care and direct payment provision, there will be a need to reinvest a proportion of this into the new model. Without reinvestment, the model would not be deliverable, and the safety of tenants would be put at risk.

The current Council ECH team structure would need to be reviewed alongside the needs of tenants to identify the demand and ensure sufficient capacity to respond to and deliver needs-led care and support; the full level of investment at this stage is not known, however, it is known that the model would require the following additional investment:

- Registered Manager, Band K £60,951.95
- CQC annual subscription fee £14,069 per annum.
- Additional FTE investment in Senior Support Worker and Support Worker roles

It is envisaged that the pay bands of Support Workers and Senior Support Workers would remain, aligned to other provider services establishments, as they are currently. This means that roles in other parts of our care services are providing hands on care for the same grade of role in ECH.

Housing related support provision would continue to be provided by Council employed staff.

Balancing savings from ceasing commissioned care and support arrangement and additional costs associated with the increase of staffing capacity, it is **estimated** that up to **£400k will be released by 2028/29.**

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers

With Council employed staff fully meeting care and support needs of tenants, existing arrangements with commissioned providers, including Direct Payments would cease. It is envisaged that this model will impact positively on tenants, as follows –

- Improved relational experience due to consistency of staff delivering care and support.
- Improved overall experience as the model is simplified and tenants observing multiple professional visitors entering and exiting the building is mitigated.
- Proportionate care and support, balancing flexibility and responsiveness to fluctuating need, ensuring people are not over-prescribed care and support and as a result maintain their independence for longer.
- More timely review of tenant care and support need.
- Improved response to care and support over a 24/7 timeframe. Emergency care and support, supported by the existing community alarm system, will ensure continued tenant access to an urgent response, outside core hours.
- Opportunity to promote the schemes as community assets which invite people in and link tenants to the wider community network. This will maximise connection and wellbeing of both tenants and non-residents.
- Opportunity to diversify the existing criteria for ECH, ensuring access to the offer is more equitable by supporting people with a broader range of needs to remain independent.
- Continued housing-related support to ensure people successfully maintain their property.

Current legal obligations would need to be explored, specifically Terms and Conditions relating to the provision of care and support, to determine whether there are any required contractual changes.

Impact on staffing

There would be an impact on some RMBC posts as the service would need to be nominally restructured at Leadership levels. This would be subject to a full consultation. Any posts at risk would have redeployment opportunities across RMBC. At this stage there is the potential for one post to be at risk.

Based on reviewing and remodelling the current staffing establishment to fully meet the care and support needs of tenants, it is envisaged that this will provide opportunities for staff potentially being redeployed from other teams and services.

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
Timeline for the decision to consult Internal Governance Cabinet decision 90-day formal consultation (subject to Legal advice relating to Terms and Conditions). **Timeline to approve the final model** Internal Governance Cabinet decision Review of care and support needs. Notice to commissioned providers. New model in operation.	 January – March 2026 April 2026 May – July 2026 July – August 2026 September 2026 Complete early 2027 February 2027 1 April 2027

Budget Report Location	Appendix 4 – Proposed Revenue Savings
Unique Reference:	ACH&PH 002

Revenue Savings Plan		
Review of Working Age Adult Spend		
Directorate:		Adult Care, Housing and Public Health
Service Area:		Adult Social Care
Director Responsible for Delivery:		Ian Spicer, Executive Director Adult Care, Housing and Public Health
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:		Cllr Baker-Rogers
Head of Finance		Gioia Morrison
Financial Impact		
Financial Saving to be achieved	**2026/27 Perm**	£900k
	2027/28 Perm	£900k

Details of Proposed Saving Plan

The Adult Social Care Use of Resources report for 2023/2024 (received November 2024), highlighted that Rotherham spend per Working Age Adult in 2023/24. This was greater than the spend for England. Compared to other councils, Rotherham ranked 26th (1 is the highest spend per younger adult) out of 151 Councils.

Consequently, Adult Social Care commissioned Partners in Care and Health and the Local Government Association, to conduct a review with the intention of maximising value for money (VFM) from spend on Working Age Adults (WAA) in receipt of long-term support. The review adopted a 4-stage process:

- Initial work exploring activity and trends using national data and identification of areas for further work.
- Targeted work looking at local data to identify trend, patterns and opportunities.
- Interviews with practitioners, commissioners and partners to better understand local circumstances and practice.
- Initial feedback and action planning workshop.

The review concluded in November 2025 and identified that while most people are supported in the community, residential/nursing care still absorbs 34% of total spend. Mental health shows a stark contrast with 21% of people in residential

settings accounting for 57% of spend, suggesting high-cost placements or limited alternatives.
Learning disability and mental health support in residential and supported living settings are significantly higher than other groups, as you would expect due to complexity of needs but does also suggest that there may be opportunities, through commissioning activities, to identify lower per-head spend.

The review identified that learning disability accounts for 44% of people but 59% of spend, indicating higher intensity or cost per person. For mental health, the review identified a higher proportion of people and spend than national comparators, indicating areas of focus should be pathways, commissioning and market sufficiency.

The review also found that there is a strong person-centred ethos, with enablement activities underpinning both physical and mental wellbeing (albeit with limited capacity), therapy innovation and scalable relationship-based alternatives to traditional care, such as Shared Lives and Community Connectors.

The opportunities identified within the review have been themed across four distinct areas:

Promote Recovery, Enablement, and Positive Risk-Taking

Stabilise Transitions and Reduce System Churn

Rebalance the Care Market and Commissioning Landscape

Data Insights and Assurance

Concurrently in November 2025, the Adult Social Care Use of Resources report for 2024/2025 was received and noted that Rotherham spent £394.17 per younger adult in 2024/25. This was greater than the overall spend per younger adult for England of £332.50. Compared to other councils, Rotherham ranked 21st.

It is therefore proposed to implement a Review of Working Age Adults Project which will focus on achieving recurrent efficiencies through delivering the recommendations of the VFM WAA Review led by PCH and LGA, whilst mitigating future demand growth. In addition, it will seek to complete fast paced reviews of all WAA care packages to ensure spend aligns with policy and practice expectations.

The needs of individual service users will continue to be assessed through individual assessments. The assumed cost reduction outlined in this proposal is based on resulting support packages moving closer to average costs. This will however, be dependent on the needs of service users.

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers
The proposal focuses on working age adults (age 18 – 64) who are in receipt of care and support from Adult Social Care. As of 25 November 2025, this amounts to 1,627 people.

Impact on staffing
Resources will need to be looked at to deliver the review functionality at pace for adults of working age in receipt of a package of care. How this is configured/funded is yet to be agreed.

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
Adult Social Care Panel Process implemented	8 December 2025
Complete deep dive of 32 most expensive cases	30 January 2026
WAA Targeted Reviews	January 2026 – March 2028
Develop WAA Programme and implement governance	February 2026
Milestones delivered through the lifecycle of the programme	March 2026 – March 2028

Budget Report Location	Appendix 4 – Proposed Revenue Savings
Unique Reference:	ACH&PH 003

Revenue Savings Plan	
Housing First – Funding via the Homelessness Prevention Grant	
Directorate:	ACH&PH
Service Area:	Strategic Commissioning and Housing
Director Responsible for Delivery:	Ian Spicer, Executive Director Adult Care, Housing and Public Health
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Beresford
Head of Finance	Gioia Morrison

Financial Impact		
Financial Saving to be achieved	**2026/27 Perm**	£189k
	2027/28 Perm	£189k

Details of Proposed Saving Plan
Cabinet agreed in December 2025 to re-commission Housing First. This is currently funded by a mainstream budget. This proposal utilises additional Homelessness Prevention Grant that is has been confirmed as part of the Provisional Settlement, freeing up the mainstream budget.

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers
This would have no impact on the service as it would continue to be provided. There would be an opportunity cost as the grant would not be available to spend on other preventative services. The Housing First contract provides intensive support to 35 people who have a high level of complexity and vulnerabilities. There are a significant number of people in

the scheme with history of rough sleeping, all of which have been assessed as unable to sustain an independent tenancy presently, without support.

The current service provides accommodation and support for 35 people; there are currently 34 people receiving support with one vacancy. The service provider, South Yorkshire Housing Association, is the landlord for 30 of the properties provided, the others being either private rented or other Registered Social Landlords. The tenancy agreement is between the landlord and the service user – on an Assured Shorthold Tenancy basis.

There are approximately seven members of staff employed by both the provider and its sub-contractor, Target Housing, to work on the project. Caseloads are kept small (between 5 and 7), which means intensive, frequent and persistent support can be given by the key workers.

The properties are all single occupancy, and distributed across Rotherham, predominantly in the Central area.

The people receiving support on the project have multiple complexities, as well as regular contact and visits (multiple per week), the service provider works alongside other agencies to ensure engagement with services is established and maintained.

Impact on staffing
There is no anticipated impact on Council staff.

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
Cabinet report on the re-procurement of Housing First	15 Dec 2025
Accounting funding adjustment	1 April 2026

Budget Report Location	Appendix 4 – Proposed Revenue Savings
Unique Reference:	CYPS 001

Revenue Savings Plan		
Mainstreaming 2025/26 CYPS Temporary Savings		
Directorate:	Children & Young People Services	
Service Area:	Early Help	
Director Responsible for Delivery:	Nicola Curley, Executive Director Children & Young Peoples Services	
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Victoria Cusworth	
Head of Finance	Joshua Amahwe	
Financial Impact		
Financial Saving to be achieved	**2026/27 Perm**	£400,000
	2027/28 Perm	£400,000

Details of Proposed Saving Plan

The Council's approved budget for 2025/26 includes a number of budget savings across Early Help services in CYPS. These savings were approved on a temporary basis to allow for review to be undertaken to assess effectiveness and impact of the implemented proposal. Following the successful implementation of the following proposals in 2025/26, it is proposed that the budget savings are made permanent from 2026/27.

Increase in the vacancy factor across Early Help (£200k)

The Early Help Service plays a critical role in providing early interventions to families, preventing issues from escalating to statutory services. To effectively deliver these services, maintaining appropriate staffing levels is essential. The vacancy factor, already in operation, was increased to 9% against the staffing budgets to better reflect the high staff turnover and recruitment slippages evident in the service area – without negatively impacting on the service.

A review of the budget impact of vacancy factor as part of the budget monitoring process showed that the vacancies and turnover rate is at expected levels. The

vacancy factor accounts for natural recruitment lags without reducing the number of staff posts or altering the service's capacity to recruit when needed. It should be highlighted that new roles have been created (funded by family hubs and families first partnership) to supplement and increase capacity in early help/ family help.

Contracted Children Centres – change in delivery model (£200k)

The council had 3x Children's Centres (Rawmarsh, Arnold and Aughton children centres) that were contracted with schools for the delivery of outreach & engagement activities for children aged 0-5 years and family support. Whilst the Council had already transitioned the family support delivery from the children centres into the Early Help Locality service, the outreach & engagement part of the contract continues to be managed and delivered by the 3x nurseries up till 2025/26.

However, following a review of the commissioning arrangements and options, it was agreed to embed the delivery of the outreach and engagement contract with the children centres within the council's broader 0-19 EH outreach and engagement service. This change in the delivery model was successfully implemented from September 2025/26, with the relevant staff transferred from the three nursery schools to the Council with minimal impact.

Exploratory work was undertaken by CYPS with the nursery schools to consider the establishment of a SEND support provision to meet the needs of children with complex and severe SEND. It was envisaged that the nursery schools would host enhanced provision places, similar to current Specialist Resource Provision (SRP) within mainstream schools. However, this is not progressing as agreement could not be reached on the nature of the scheme or provision.

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers
There is no significant impact on service users of the 3x children centres and residents under this proposal as early help, family support and outreach services will continue to be delivered in 2026/27.

Impact on staffing
There is no impact on staff as a result of mainstreaming the temporary savings from 2026/27 as the proposal were implemented in 2025/26

Timeframe for delivery
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones

Delivery of the outreach and engagement contract (previously commissioned with the 3x children centres) embedded within the council's broader 0-19 EH outreach and engagement service	Sept 2025
Savings proposals assessed for delivery and cost effectiveness (as part of budget monitoring)	Oct 2025 onwards
CYPS/Family Help cash limit budgets adjusted on a permanent basis	March 2025

Budget Report Location	Appendix 4 – Proposed Revenue Savings
Unique Reference:	CYPS 002

Revenue Savings Plan		
Maximising Children Services Grant Funding		
Directorate:	Children & Young People Services	
Service Area:	Early Help	
Director Responsible for Delivery:	Nicola Curley	
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Victoria Cusworth	
Head of Finance	Joshua Amahwe	
Financial Impact		
Financial Saving to be achieved	**2026/27 Perm**	£400k
	2027/28 Perm	£400k

Details of Proposed Saving Plan

The 2025 Spending Review and recent Government announcements have confirmed several Children and Young People's Services (CYPS) grant funding streams for the period 2026 to March 2029. This certainty provides an opportunity to review how existing grant allocations are applied and, where permissible under grant conditions, redirect funding to strengthen the Council's overall budget position.

Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme (£250k)

Rotherham received £1.322M in 2025/26 to deliver the Family Hubs and Start for Life programme.

- Family Hubs act as a central access point for families, offering support such as parental advice, mental health services, and child development resources.
- The Start for Life element focuses on the earliest stages of a child's life, providing services like breastfeeding support, perinatal mental health care, and parenting guidance.

Current grant conditions allow funding to cover the Council's costs for managing the programme. In 2025/26, this element was approved as a temporary budget saving, given uncertainty about future funding. However, with confirmation of funding

through 2028/29, there is now an opportunity to make this saving permanent from 2026/27.

Importantly, releasing this funding on a permanent basis will not affect programme delivery. It relates solely to the use of existing 2025/26 funding and does not impact future allocations.

Children's Social Care Prevention Grant (£150k)

Rotherham was allocated £2.210M in 2025/26 to invest in additional prevention activity for children and families, supporting the implementation of Family Help and Child Protection reforms. This funding is intended for a wide range of preventative services, including Early Help, Family Help, Family Networks, and child protection. It should be used alongside the Supporting Families grant (£1.691M), which sustains existing Early Help and prevention services.

Both grants have now been consolidated into a single funding stream - the Children, Families & Youth Grant - with funding confirmed through 2028/29. This consolidation creates scope to redirect a portion of the combined grant funding to support existing prevention provision, enabling the release of funds as a budget saving without compromising service delivery.

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers
The release of any uncommitted funding on both grant funded programmes in 2025/26 would not adversely hamper or affect the continued delivery of the programmes and outcomes

Impact on staffing
The savings proposal has no impact on staffing posts or resources

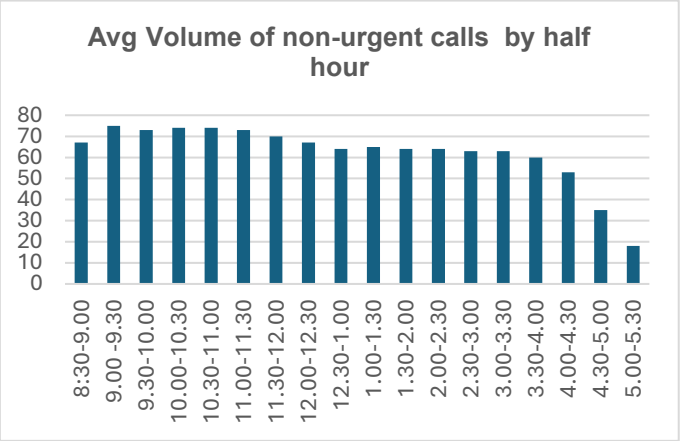
Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
Confirmation of grant funding	October 2025
Develop and agree spend / delivery plan	June 2026

Budget Report Location	Appendix 4 – Proposed Revenue Savings
Unique Reference:	CS 001

Revenue Savings Plan		
Customer Services Reduction in Opening Hours		
Directorate:		Corporate Services
Service Area:		Customer Services
Director Responsible for Delivery:		Judith Badger, Executive Director of Corporate Services
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:		Leader
Head of Finance		Natalia Govorukhina
Financial Impact		
Financial Saving to be achieved.	**2026/27 Perm**	£67k
	2027/28 Perm	£67k

Details of Proposed Saving Plan
This proposal seeks to make a change to Customer Service Contact Centre and Reception cover at Riverside House by closing at 5.00pm rather than 5.30pm. This proposal will not impact emergency telephone calls which will still be available during this time. **1. Contact Centre** Customers with non-urgent enquiries can currently speak to the Contact Centre anytime between Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm. This was successfully reduced in 2024 from 8.00am to 8.00pm with negligible impact and no customer complaints. It is proposed to reduce this further as outlined below. This proposal seeks to change the opening times to 8.30am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday; a reduction of half an hour per day. Current call patterns indicate that most people with non-urgent enquiries call Customer Services between the hours of Monday to Friday 8.30 am and 4.30pm. As can be seen from the details below, there is a significant decline in demand after 5.00pm.

Time	Avg Volume of non-urgent calls by half hour
8:30-9.00	67
9.00 -9.30	75
9.30-10.00	73
10.00-10.30	74
10.30-11.00	74
11.00-11.30	73
11.30-12.00	70
12.00-12.30	67
12.30-1.00	64
1.00-1.30	65
1.30-2.00	64
2.00-2.30	64
2.30-3.00	63
3.00-3.30	63
3.30-4.00	60
4.00-4.30	53
4.30-5.00	35
5.00-5.30	18



Calls of an urgent/emergency nature will continue to be answered by the Contact Centre which is open 24 hours every day of the year.

Modifying the opening hours for non-urgent enquiries reduces the number of people required in the Contact Centre to take phone calls between 5.00pm and 5.30pm which equates to a saving of 0.5 FTE.

2. Riverside House Reception

Customer Services currently provide reception cover at Riverside House:

- 8.00am and 5.30pm for employees
- 8.30am to 5.30pm for members of the public and visitors.

This proposal would change the support provided to both customer and staff to be 8.30am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday, which mirrors the proposed opening times for customers calling the Contact Centre with non-urgent enquiries.

Making a change to the hours of reception cover that Customer Services provides, reduces the number of people required to cover this duty and equates to a saving of 1.5 FTE.

Approval of both proposals creates an overall saving of 2FTE Band D Customer Service Representative.

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers

Impact:

1. **Contact Centre**

- On average, 18 people call between 5pm and 5.30pm per day (Monday to Friday).
- Changing the opening times will only impact on callers with non-urgent enquiries.
- Customers who call with non-urgent enquiries between 5pm and 5.30pm will be directed to the Council website or to call back when the service reopens.
- Customers unable to make phone calls during the traditional 9-5 working day will still be able to call Customer Services between 8.30am and 9.00am.
- Customers who are unable to 'self-serve' online may feel inconvenienced.
- Anyone with an emergency/something of an urgent nature will still be able to speak to someone as they do now.
- There is likely to be little/no impact to service departments as processes are already in place to signpost customers to the right person/team, and officers should provide customers with their direct dial numbers in line with the Customer Standards.
- Some customers may be unhappy about the proposed revised opening times which could lead to complaints.

2. **Riverside House Reception**

- Currently employees who present at Riverside House without an ID Badge are dealt with by Customer Service Staff. They will be directed to contact their line manger if presenting for work before 8.30am.
- Most customers visiting Riverside House arrive between the hours of 8.30am and 5pm so the revised opening times are expected to have minimal impact.
- Riverside House library is open until 5.30pm Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday; and until 7pm on Monday and Friday which may mean some customers might graduate towards the library if Customer Services are not available. Staff in the Riverside House library will be instructed to direct

customers to the website, either self-serve or assisted or to present at Riverside House during opening hours.

- Security staff may be asked for information by customers after 5pm but will be instructed as per Library staff.
- Some customers may be unhappy about the proposed revised opening times which could lead to complaints, although this is not expected to be the case.

Impact on staffing
Although the changes to opening hours/reception cover are considered minimal, there is a positive impact to staffing as the number of people required to work later in the day, (considered to be more unsociable) will reduce. Should both proposals be approved, a saving of 2 FTE Band D Customer Service Representatives will be achieved through the deletion of vacant posts.

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
Library and security staff to be briefed in late March in preparation for the changes.	Late March 2026
Changes to opening hours to be advertised on the website from 1st April 2026.	1st April 2026
Phone messages to be changed from 1st April 2026.	1 April 2026
New hours to begin from 1st April 2026.	1st April 2026

Budget Report Location	Appendix 4 – Proposed Revenue Savings
Unique Reference:	CS 002

Revenue Savings Plan		
Registrars Income		
Directorate:		Corporate Services
Service Area:		Registrars
Director Responsible for Delivery:		Judith Badger, Executive Director for Corporate Services
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:		Councillor Beresford
Head of Finance		Natalia Govorukhina
Financial Impact		
Financial Saving to be achieved	**2026/27 Perm**	£45k
	2027/28 Perm	£45k

Details of Proposed Saving Plan

The proposal is to make an additional allowance for future income in respect of the Registrars Service.

Control of prices in respect of the Services are set, mostly, by the General Register Office and this isn't complete until after the Council's budget setting process.

The amount of income actually received is also determined by demand for the service and therefore cannot be guaranteed. However, the income budgets have overachieved for the last three years as shown below and therefore it is reasonable to assume that this trend will continue.

Fin Year	Budget	Actual	Overachievement
2024/25	-466,771	-411,848	-54,923
2023/24	-441,689	-396,781	-44,908
2022/23	-442,791	-377,718	-65,073

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers
There will be no impact on service, residents or customers as this proposal is to simply reflect a more realistic income expectation in the budget.

Impact on staffing
There is no impact on staffing.

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
The delivery will apply to the full year from 1st April 2026 with achievement, in full, anticipated by the end of the financial year 2026/27, subject to achieving income as predicted.	31/03/27

Budget Report Location	Appendix 4 – Proposed Revenue Savings
Unique Reference:	R&E 001

Revenue Savings Plan		
Extension of temporary saving (Regen Capitalisation)		
Directorate:	Regeneration and Environment	
Service Area:	Planning, Regeneration and Transportation	
Director Responsible for Delivery:	Andrew Bramidge, Executive Director Regeneration and Environment	
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Williams	
Head of Finance	Chloe Parker	
Financial Impact		
Financial Saving to be achieved	**2026/27 Temp**	£100k
	2027/28 Temp	£100k

Details of Proposed Saving Plan
In a previous round of savings, a temporary saving of £320k was identified for 2 years from 2024-25 and 2025-26. This saving was created by the capitalisation of salaries in the Regeneration Service. Subsequent rounds of savings created a more consistent approach to capitalisation with a flat 1% charge on all capital projects and an additional 1% in Regeneration to reflect the scale and complexity of that capital programme. With the £320k due to revert into the base budget in April 2026, and with the general approach to capitalisation now in place, there is headroom to consider extending the saving for a further two years. It is therefore proposed to extend £100k (of the £320k) as a temporary saving for a further two years. It is not proposed to extend this on a permanent basis to mitigate against potential future reduction of capital programme and associated fee income.

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers
There is no impact on service provision other than the opportunity cost of using the fund for other expenditure, but that has not been identified.

Impact on staffing
There is no impact on staffing, provided this is taken on a temporary basis and assuming the level of capital programme committed over the next two years does not change significantly.

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
Accounting measures implemented from 1st April 2026	01/04/2026

Budget Report Location	Appendix 4 – Proposed Revenue Savings
Unique Reference:	R&E 002

Revenue Savings Plan		
Streetworks - Temporary Increased Income		
Directorate:	Community Safety and Street Scene	
Service Area:	Highways and Flood Risk	
Director Responsible for Delivery:	Andrew Bramidge, Executive Director Regeneration and Environment	
Cabinet Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Williams	
Head of Finance	Chloe Parker	
Financial Impact		
Financial Saving to be achieved	**2026/27 Temporary**	£500k
	2027/28 Permanent	£0

Details of Proposed Saving Plan
The Council's Streetworks Team have continued to overachieve on the income line against the service budget due to increased levels of works. This looks likely to continue, although it will need to be reviewed during 2026/27.

Impact on Service Provision / Residents / Customers
The proposed increase in the delivery of works will require the management of the process by the existing Streetworks Team to minimise the impact on Communities and road users.

Impact on staffing
The proposed increase in the delivery of works by Utility companies for 2026/27 will require the management of the process by the existing Streetworks Team.

Timeframe for delivery	
Please use the sections below to identify the key delivery milestones	
The proposed increase in the income for 2026/27 will be achieved over the year.	31/03/2027

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TITLE:	Budget Consultation 2026-27
Background	
1.	Consultation on the 2026-27 Council Budget was conducted via an online form, with feedback also invited via social media. In addition, a letter was sent to key partners seeking their views.
Online Consultation	
2.	The online consultation was open from 28 November 2025 to 9 January 2026. The online form had five questions, which allowed for "free text" responses: 1. What would be your spending priorities for the Council? 2. Where would you suggest the Council could reduce spending? 3. Do you have any concerns about the Council's current budget? 4. Council Plan budget priorities 5. Do you have any other thoughts on the budget? Question four was sub-divided into five separate questions, with respondents asked to give their comments on the five themes in the Council Plan: • Places are thriving, safe and clean • An economy that works for everyone • Children and young people achieve their potential • Residents live safe, healthy and independent lives • One Council that listens and learns A total of 89 people completed the online consultation. This represented a significant increase in the number of responses that were received on the Budget Consultation in the previous year (54). A summary of responses is set out below. **What would be your spending priorities for the Council?** A total of 29 different spending priorities were identified, spread across a wide range of themes. o The most frequently mentioned spending priority was the maintenance of roads and pavements (35 mentions), with comments mostly related to repairing potholes and improving the general condition of roads and pavements. 10 respondents made specific references to parking and road safety issues, and 3 respondents made negative comments about either cycle or bus lanes. o The second most frequently mentioned spending priority was street cleanliness/ waste management (25 mentions). o The third most frequently mentioned spending priority was community safety and tackling crime/ anti-social behaviour (ASB) (21 mentions). o Also mentioned frequently were priorities relating to more investment in local areas (13), adult social care (13), housing (12 mentions including comments on tackling homelessness, rogue landlords, improved/more social housing), general mention of social care (11), education/schools (10), children's social care (9), facilities for families and children (8), opportunities for children and young people (7) and jobs (7).

Where would you suggest the Council could reduce spending?
A total of 18 areas for spending reductions were identified, spread across a wide range of themes:

- Adjusting service offers was the main category of savings suggestions (20 mentions). Comments included reducing/stopping spend on outsourced services, focussing on core services, scrutinising spend, more effective use of social value and finding efficiencies via automation and better systems.
- Thirteen respondents suggested cuts to staffing levels (several mentioned reducing senior management and a further 8 respondents specifically suggested cuts to salaries).
- Eleven respondents suggested stopping investment in cycle lanes.
- Eleven respondents suggested stopping all spend related to services for asylum seekers or refugees.
- Seven respondents suggested stopping investment in the Town Centre.
- Seven respondents suggested efficiencies around libraries, including reduced opening hours, fewer libraries, book donations and online services.
- Stricter enforcement of fines and policies was suggested by 6 respondents, as was ensuring value for money.

Do you have any concerns about the Council's current budget?
Around 70% of respondents (62) raised a concern in response to question 3. Twenty-seven concerns related generally to reducing/stopping waste, ensuring value for money, good financial management, and efficiency.

Other relatively frequent responses related to service priorities (12) with some respondents feeling that money was not being spent in the right service areas. A further 8 respondents had concerns around the high costs of social care, and 7 respondents were concerned that the budget will be insufficient to effectively deliver services.

Do you have any other thoughts on the budget?
Around 72% of respondents (64) provided additional comments in response to this question. Again, there was a wide spread of topics, and many served to reinforce points made in response to previous questions. The main comments were focussed on:

- *Service specific suggestions* - for example additional investment in specific service areas and focussing on core/statutory services.
- *Ensuring value for money* – comments focussed on tightening finances, increasing efficiency, investing to save and spending locally.
- *Cutting waste* – for example reviewing the Council's estate, management staffing levels.
- *Accountability and transparency* – for example, responding to communications in a timely manner, transparency about budgets/overspends and working towards measurable targets.
- *Focussing on local communities/areas of need* – comments focussed on the need to undertake targeted work in local communities, understand their needs and being more visible in communities.

Council Plan themes
Respondents' views on budget priorities for the five Council Plan themes are summarised below.

	Places are thriving, safe and clean (83 respondents provided comments in response to this question). There were mixed responses to this theme with just under a third of respondents who provided a comment making a supportive/positive statement regarding the theme and just over a quarter of respondents making a negative statement. The most frequently mentioned topic was 'safety/feelings of safety' with almost a quarter of respondents highlighting the need to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour as a priority for them. The other most frequently mentioned topics were cleanliness and maintenance of the street scene (both in local areas and the town centre). Some respondents highlighted the need for a stronger focus on keeping local areas clean and safe and investing in them to make them thriving local centres. Eight respondents specifically mentioned issues with the town centre. *An economy that works for everyone* (73 respondents provided comments) About a third of respondents were critical of, or sceptical about this theme with most comments relating to pessimism that the economy is actually working for everyone and a belief that people who are in work are disadvantaged in comparison to those receiving benefits. Ten comments related to providing support for residents who are struggling, and 6 comments mentioned job creation and employment opportunities. Other topics with several mentions included providing help for businesses, and suggestions that job creation is outside of the scope of the Council and should be the responsibility of others. *Children and young people achieve their potential* (69 respondents provided comments) About a third of respondents provided a positive comment about this theme, with a fifth providing no comment at all (suggesting they didn't feel that the theme related to them). The most frequently mentioned topic was concerns about specific service offers and resources needed to maintain services (this included concerns about school budgets, and the lack of influence that the Council has over academy schools). Six respondents suggested that there should be more activities for children and young people and improved quality of education/standards. Additional topics mentioned were parental responsibility, more mental health support, support for children in care and care leavers and the need for children to feel safe in order to thrive. *Residents live safe, healthy and independent lives* (70 respondents provided comments) Around a third of respondents made a negative statement regarding the theme. Several made comments suggesting that residents did not live well at all and were merely existing. Housing received 9 mentions, with many comments focussing on the need for good quality, warm homes. Empowering people and communities received 7 comments, this included taking responsibility for their own health and wellbeing and encouraging residents to be involved in their communities. The need to feel safe within communities to live well received 6 comments. Other topics receiving several mentions included service specific comments regarding resources, more funding for older people, issues around the street scene and cleanliness of areas. *One Council that listens and learns* (79 respondents provided comments) Over half of responses provided a negative/critical comment regarding this theme. Twenty-four responses stated that the Council does not listen or learn, and 19 responses suggested that the Council needs to demonstrate that it is listening to residents. Five respondents stated that the Council does listen to them. Other topics with several mentions included that the Council 'does what it wants' and that it should be open and transparent with residents.

Social Media Engagement	
3.	The Budget Consultation was publicised widely to different audiences using the Council's main communications channels, as set out below. • Media – press release issued and picked up by a number of local outlets, including the Rotherham Advertiser. • Social media – regular posts on the main corporate Facebook and Instagram accounts: • Total number of posts: **12** • Overall views and reach: **32,101** • Average percentage of followers reached: **71%** • Average percentage of non-followers reached: **29%** • Link clicks generated to the consultation page: **108** • Residents were asked some of the budget questions on social media such as "Social Care is one of the largest areas of Council spending. We want your feedback to guide our priorities for 2026/27." to encourage comments on posts and link clicks. **Comments on posts** A small number of comments were made and largely negative in sentiment, with strong frustration about local services and how money is being spent. Summary of comments: • Poor road conditions, especially potholes. • Perceived wasteful spending in the town centre. • Concerns about housing priorities, especially homelessness. • Service failures, including bin collections and home-to-school transport. • Distrust in decision making, with a belief that public feedback is ignored. • Criticism of selective licensing and its impact on landlords and rents. The Budget Consultation was promoted through the Council's email bulletins, which were issued to those people on the Council's database who have consented to receive information directly: Rotherham Round-Up newsletter, issued 5 December 2025 and 19 December 2025 to circa 10,938 subscribers • News from your Neighbourhood newsletters, issued throughout December 2025 to 12,007 subscribers • Total link clicks generated (including consultation home page): **235** • Total direct consultation link clicks: **225**
Other responses	
4.	**Partners** Letters were sent to partners requesting comments on the Council's Budget proposals, but at the time of writing this report no responses had been received.
Recommendations	
5.	To note and consider the findings as part of the overall budget discussions.

Statutory Resolution of Council Tax 2026/27

(This information is not available in time for the Cabinet Report but will be included in the Budget Report to Council on 4th March 2027)

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Key

Service Ended

Directorate	Service Area	Service	Description of Fee or Charge	Basis of Charge	Fixed Charge 2025/26 £	Charge Range		Proposed Fixed Charge 2026/27 £	Charge Range		%age increase
						Minimum Charge 2025/26 £	Maximum Charge 2025/26 £		Proposed Minimum Charge 2026/27 £	Proposed Maximum Charge 2026/27 £	
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Adult Services	Adult Services	Domiciliary Care	Per Hour	25.52			26.67			4.5%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Adult Services	Adult Services	Day Care	Per session	73.50			76.80			4.5%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Adult Services	Adult Services	Transport to day centre	Return journey	6.43			6.70			4.2%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Adult Services	Adult Services	Community Alarms (Rothercare)	Per Week	4.50			5.50			22.2%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Adult Services	Adult Services	Residential Care - Older People	Per Week	722.47			754.98			4.5%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Adult Services	Adult Services	Residential Care - Learning Disabilities	Per Week	811.21			847.71			4.5%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Adult Services	Adult Services	Respite Care - Learning Disabilities	Per Week	1,702.69			1,779.00			4.5%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Adult Services	Adult Services	Extra Care Housing	Per Week	36.01			37.40			3.9%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Adult Services	Adult Services	Deferred Payments - Set up fee	one -off	145.76			151.30			3.8%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Adult Services	Adult Services	Deferred Payments - Property Valuation (initial)	one -off	249.08			258.50			3.8%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Adult Services	Adult Services	Deferred Payments - Property Valuation (Full)	one -off	622.71			646.40			3.8%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Adult Services	Adult Services	Deferred Payments - Annual Management fee	Per annum	31.11			32.30			3.8%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Adult Services	Adult Services	Deferred Payments - Closure Fee	One -off	74.77			77.60			3.8%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	HRA Standard Rent	Per Week		62.15	155.61	-	67.45	165.36	8.5%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Shared Ownership Properties	Monthly		69.30	495.99	-	72.77	520.79	5.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Affordable Rent	Per Week		92.35	185.71	-	96.78	194.62	4.8%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Furnished Homes: Carpets only	Per Week	11.88			11.88	-	-	0.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Furnished Homes: Washer only	Per Week	3.39			3.39	-	-	0.0%

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Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Furnished Homes: Dryer only	Per Week	2.50			2.50	-	-	0.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Furnished Homes: Washer and Dryer	Per Week	5.88			5.88	-	-	0.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Furnished Homes: Combi Washer/Dryer	Per Week	6.71			6.71	-	-	0.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Furnished Homes: Bronze only	Per Week	11.02			11.02	-	-	0.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Furnished Homes: Bronze + carpets	Per Week	22.90			22.90	-	-	0.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Furnished Homes: Silver only	Per Week	17.41			17.41	-	-	0.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Furnished Homes: Silver + carpets	Per Week	29.30			29.30	-	-	0.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Furnished Homes: Gold only	Per Week	28.17			28.17	-	-	0.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Furnished Homes: Gold + carpets	Per Week	40.05			40.05	-	-	0.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Furnished Homes: Platinum only	Per Week	39.76			39.76	-	-	0.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Furnished Homes: Platinum + carpets	Per Week	51.65			51.65	-	-	0.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Garage Rent / Car Park space - Council tenant	Per Week	6.56			7.22	-	-	10.1%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Garage Rent / Car Park space - Non Council tenant or council Tenants with more than one garage	Per Week	7.88			8.67	-	-	10.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Surface Garage plot	Per annum	79.05			81.42	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Non-surface Garage plot	Per annum	71.14			73.27	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Warncliffe Flats car park space	Per Week	7.98			8.22	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Hot Water charge	Per Week	2.37			2.44	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Cooking Gas	Per Week	1.09			1.12	-	-	2.8%

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Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Community Facility	Per Week	5.78			5.95	-	-	2.9%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Communal Block - additional bedroom charge	Per week	25.26			26.02	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Laundry Facility	Per Week	1.94			2.00	-	-	3.1%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	District Heating Unit Charge	Per unit of heat	0.1309			0.1309	-	-	0.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	District Heating - Bedsit	Per Week	8.50			8.50	-	-	0.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	District Heating - 1 bed	Per Week	13.50			13.50	-	-	0.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	District Heating - 2 bed	Per Week	17.50			17.50	-	-	0.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	District Heating - 3-4 bed	Per Week	21.50			21.50	-	-	0.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Contents Insurance	Per Week	Full Cost Recovery			Full Cost Recovery	-	-	N/A
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Acquired Ground Rent	Per Week	8.36			9.20	-	-	10.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Acquired Estate Fee	Per Week	4.42			4.62	-	-	4.5%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Commercial hire of Neighbourhood Centre	Per Hour	11.46			11.80	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Community or Voluntary hire of Neighbourhood Centre	Per Hour	7.68			7.91	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Non resident charge to attend activity at Neighbourhood Centre	Per Session	0.57			0.59	-	-	3.5%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Estate Service Charge Eligible	Per month	Full Cost Recovery			Full Cost Recovery	-	-	N/A
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Block Service Charge Eligible	Per month	Full Cost Recovery			Full Cost Recovery	-	-	N/A
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Property Service Charge Eligible	Per month	Full Cost Recovery			Full Cost Recovery	-	-	N/A
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Leasehold Mgmt	Per annum	Full Cost Recovery			Full Cost Recovery	-	-	N/A

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Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Leasehold Admin Fee	Per annum	Full Cost Recovery			Full Cost Recovery	-	-	N/A
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Leasehold Mgmt Fee VPC	Per annum	Full Cost Recovery			Full Cost Recovery	-	-	N/A
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Leasehold Mgmt Fee LTA	Per annum	Full Cost Recovery			Full Cost Recovery	-	-	N/A
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Leasehold Court Costs	Per annum	Full Cost Recovery			Full Cost Recovery	-	-	N/A
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Leasehold Capital	Per annum	Full Cost Recovery			Full Cost Recovery	-	-	N/A
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Leasehold Grd Rent	Per annum	Full Cost Recovery			Full Cost Recovery	-	-	N/A
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Leasehold Bldg Ins	Per annum	Full Cost Recovery			Full Cost Recovery	-	-	N/A
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Leasehold Cleaning	Per annum	Full Cost Recovery			Full Cost Recovery	-	-	N/A
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Leasehold Admin	Per annum	Full Cost Recovery			Full Cost Recovery	-	-	N/A
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Leasehold R&M	Per annum	Full Cost Recovery			Full Cost Recovery	-	-	N/A
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Sales/Resales - Landlords Enquiries (Flats)	AD-HOC	159.00			163.77	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Sales/Resales - Landlords Enquiries (houses with services)	AD-HOC	159.00			163.77	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Sales/Resales - Landlords Enquiries (houses no services)	AD-HOC	159.00			163.77	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Processing resales - shared ownership	AD-HOC	212.00			218.36	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Staircasing fees	AD-HOC	212.00			218.36	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Remortgage Applications	AD-HOC	80.00			82.40	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Further advance applications	AD-HOC	80.00			82.40	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Notice of transfer	AD-HOC	80.00			82.40	-	-	3.0%

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Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Notice of charge	AD-HOC	60.00			61.80	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Deed of covenant	AD-HOC	80.00			82.40	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Copy lease (from Land Registry)	AD-HOC	30.00			30.90	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Copy of lease if held on file	AD-HOC	20.00			20.60	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Insurance policy document	AD-HOC	20.00			20.60	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Standard valuation fee (basic market valuation)	AD-HOC	216.00			222.48	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Lease extension/enfranchisement valuations	AD-HOC	430.00			442.90	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Lease extension admin fee	AD-HOC	216.00			222.48	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Enfranchisement admin fee (per unit)	AD-HOC	160.00			164.80	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Home improvements / alterations (permission request - basic)	AD-HOC	60.00			61.80	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Home improvements / alterations (permission request - complex)	AD-HOC	120.00			123.60	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Home improvements (Surveyor report)	AD-HOC	130.00			133.90	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Retrospective consent for alterations	AD-HOC	160.00			164.80	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Deed of postponement	AD-HOC	60.00			61.80	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Deed of variation/rectification administration fee	AD-HOC	125.00			128.75	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Equity loan transfers, licence to assign and lease extensions	AD-HOC	216.00			222.48	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Certificate of compliance	AD-HOC	50.00			51.50	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Copy of Service Charge account	AD-HOC	20.00			20.60	-	-	3.0%

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Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Additional copies of correspondence	AD-HOC	20.00			20.60	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Issue of Notice of Forfeiture	AD-HOC	125.00			128.75	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Landlords Notice for Mortgage Application	AD-HOC	50.00			51.50	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Landlords Approval for new mortgage	AD-HOC	50.00			51.50	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Supply of Fire Risk Assessment	AD-HOC	50.00			51.50	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Landlords Reference	AD-HOC	50.00			51.50	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Surrender & Regrant of Lease	AD-HOC	375.00			386.25	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Copy Fire Risk Assessment	AD-HOC	20.00			20.60	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Right of First Refusal Discharge Certificate	AD-HOC	50.00			51.50	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Change of Name - fee plus legal fees	AD-HOC	20.00			20.60	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Notice Seeking Possession	AD-HOC	50.00			51.50	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Breach of lease	AD-HOC	25.00			25.75	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Letter 3 on arrears/approaching lender	AD-HOC	25.00			25.75	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Temporary accommodation	Per night	33.55			34.56	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Replacement Alleygate Keys - Council Tenant	AD-HOC	14.00			14.42	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Replacement Alleygate Keys - Non Council Tenant	AD-HOC	16.80			17.30	-	-	3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Replacement Key Fobs	AD-HOC	15.00			15.45			3.0%
Adult Services, Housing & Public Health	Housing	Housing	Additional key fobs - if on same request	AD-HOC	5.00			5.15			3.0%
Children & Young People	Early Years Services	Early Years Services	Childcare workforce	Childcare workforce	40.14			41.67	-	-	3.8%

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Children & Young People	Early Years Services	Early Years Services	Childcare workforce	Childcare workforce	66.50			69.03	-	-	3.8%
Children & Young People	Education Psychology	Education Psychology	Option 1 Annual Contract (5 days -10 sessions per year)	Option 1 Annual Contract (5 days -10 sessions per year)	2,265.00			2,450.00	-	-	8.2%
Children & Young People	Education Psychology	Education Psychology	Option 2 Annual Contract (7.5 days -15 sessions per year)	Option 2 Annual Contract (7.5 days -15 sessions per year)	3,390.00			3,675.00	-	-	8.4%
Children & Young People	Education Psychology	Education Psychology	Option 3 Annual Contract (10 days -20 sessions per year)	Option 3 Annual Contract (10 days -20 sessions per year)	4,500.00			4,870.00	-	-	8.2%
Children & Young People	Education Psychology	Education Psychology	Option 4 Annual Contract (20 days -40 sessions per year)	Option 4 Annual Contract (20 days -40 sessions per year)	8,840.00			9,580.00	-	-	8.4%
Children & Young People	Education Psychology	Education Psychology	Option 5 Annual Contract (40 days -80 sessions per year)	Option 5 Annual Contract (40 days -80 sessions per year)	17,480.00			18,920.00	-	-	8.2%
Children & Young People	Education Psychology	Education Psychology	Option 6 Annual Contract (60 days -120 sessions per year)	Option 6 Annual Contract (60 days -120 sessions per year)	26,160.00			28,320.00	-	-	8.3%
Children & Young People	Education Psychology	Education Psychology	Option 7 Sessional costs per day (2 sessions) for requests received after 31st March 2019.	Option 7 Sessional costs per day (2 sessions) for requests received after 31st March 2026.	690.00			747.00	-	-	8.3%
Children & Young People	Leaving Care	Leaving Care	Hollowgate - 1 Bed Flat	Hollowgate - 1 Bed Flat	226.74			235.36	-	-	3.8%
Children & Young People	Leaving Care	Leaving Care	Hollowgate - 2 Bed Flat	Hollowgate - 2 Bed Flat	238.67			247.74	-	-	3.8%
Children & Young People	Leaving Care	Leaving Care	Disbursed Property	Disbursed Property	81.38			84.47	-	-	3.8%
Children & Young People	Outdoor Education	Outdoor Education	Outdoor Learning and Educational Visits Service	Outdoor Learning and Educational Visits Service. Charge per pupil based on preceeding Autumn census	1.91			1.99	-	-	4.2%
Children & Young People	Outdoor Education	Outdoor Education	Duke of Edinburgh Award - Special school	Duke of Edinburgh Award - Special school	378.42			-	-	-	-100.0%
Children & Young People	Outdoor Education	Outdoor Education	Outdoor Learning Facilities (Crowden Outdoor Educational Centre) - All Schools and Groups	Outdoor Learning Facilities (Crowden Outdoor Educational Centre) - All Schools and Groups	106.05			114.00	-	-	7.5%
Children & Young People	Outdoor Education	Outdoor Education	Outdoor Learning Facilities (Crowden Outdoor Educational Centre) - Non Rotherham Schools and Groups	Outdoor Learning Facilities (Crowden Outdoor Educational Centre) - Non Rotherham Schools and Groups for additional activities on final day	24.35			26.18	-	-	7.5%

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Children & Young People	READ (Dyslexia Support)	READ (Dyslexia Support)	Outreach support for children with Dyslexia (One Hour per week for 12 week block.)	Outreach support for children with Dyslexia (One Hour per week for 12 week block.)	878.00			912.00	-	-	3.9%
Children & Young People	READ (Dyslexia Support)	READ (Dyslexia Support)	Outreach support for children with Dyslexia (Two Hours per week for 12 week block.)	Outreach support for children with Dyslexia (Two Hours per week for 12 week block.)	1,756.00			1,824.00	-	-	3.9%
Children & Young People	READ (Dyslexia Support)	READ (Dyslexia Support)	Outreach support for children with Dyslexia (Three Hours per week for 12 week block.)	Outreach support for children with Dyslexia (Three Hours per week for 12 week block.)	2,634.00			2,736.00	-	-	3.9%
Children & Young People	READ (Dyslexia Support)	READ (Dyslexia Support)	Outreach support for children with Dyslexia (Four Hours per week for 12 week block.)	Outreach support for children with Dyslexia (Four Hours per week for 12 week block.)	3,512.00			3,648.00	-	-	3.9%
Children & Young People	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Service	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Service	Children Centres, Special Schools and Primary schools up to a PAN of 30	Children Centres, Special Schools and Primary schools up to a PAN of 30	575.00			600.00	-	-	4.3%
Children & Young People	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Service	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Service	Primary Schools up to a PAN of 45	Primary Schools up to a PAN of 45	792.00			826.00	-	-	4.3%
Children & Young People	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Service	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Service	Primary Schools up to a PAN of 60	Primary Schools up to a PAN of 60	899.00			938.00	-	-	4.3%
Children & Young People	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Service	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Service	Primary Schools up to a PAN of 90	Primary Schools up to a PAN of 90	1,033.00			1,077.00	-	-	4.3%
Children & Young People	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Services including Radiation Protection Advisory Service	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Services including Radiation Protection Advisory Service	Secondary Schools up to a PAN of 210 (incl. £300 CLEAPPS)	Secondary Schools up to a PAN of 210 (incl. £300 CLEAPPS)	2,428.00			2,533.00	-	-	4.3%
Children & Young People	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Services including Radiation Protection Advisory Service	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Services including Radiation Protection Advisory Service	Secondary Schools up to a PAN of 260 (incl. £300 CLEAPPS)	Secondary Schools up to a PAN of 260 (incl. £300 CLEAPPS)	3,201.00			3,339.00	-	-	4.3%
Children & Young People	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Services including Radiation Protection Advisory Service	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Services including Radiation Protection Advisory Service	Secondary Schools with a PAN above 261 (incl. £300 CLEAPS)	Secondary Schools with a PAN above 261 (incl. £300 CLEAPS)	3,577.00			3,731.00	-	-	4.3%
Children & Young People	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Services including Radiation Protection Advisory Service	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Services including Radiation Protection Advisory Service	Secondary Schools up to a PAN of 140 (incl. £300 CLEAPPS)	Secondary Schools up to a PAN of 140 (incl. £300 CLEAPPS)	1,930.00			2,013.00	-	-	4.3%
Children & Young People	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Services including Radiation Protection Advisory Service	Risk Management and CLEAPSS Services including Radiation Protection Advisory Service	Cleapps and RPA advisor membership	Secondary out of district per school	559			583.00			4.3%
Children & Young People	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham Hall (Capacity 107) per day (Monday to Friday)	Rockingham Hall (Capacity 107) per day (Monday to Friday)	313.55			326.00	-	-	4.0%

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Children & Young People	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham Hall (Capacity 107) per day (Saturday to Sunday)	Rockingham Hall (Capacity 107) per day (Saturday to Sunday)	342.74			356.00	-	-	3.9%
Children & Young People	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham Hall (Capacity 107) per Half day/Twilight Session (Monday to Friday)	Rockingham Hall (Capacity 107) per Half day/Twilight Session (Monday to Friday)	150.17			156.00	-	-	3.9%
Children & Young People	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham PDC	Meeting rooms (Fitzwilliam,Wharncliffe,Wentworth, Fullerton) (capacity 30- 36) per day (Monday to Friday)	Meeting rooms (Fitzwilliam,Wharncliffe, Wentworth, Fullerton) (capacity 30- 36) per day (Monday to Friday)	230.30			240.00	-	-	4.2%
Children & Young People	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham PDC	Meeting rooms (Fitzwilliam, Wharncliffe,Wentworth, Fullerton) (capacity 30-36) per day (Saturday to Sunday)	Meeting rooms (Fitzwilliam, Wharncliffe,Wentworth, Fullerton) (capacity 30-36) per day (Saturday to Sunday)	249.76			260.00	-	-	4.1%
Children & Young People	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham PDC	Meeting rooms (Fitzwilliam,Wharncliffe, Wentworth, Fullerton) (capacity 30-36) per Half day /Twilight Session	Meeting rooms (Fitzwilliam,Wharncliffe, Wentworth, Fullerton) (capacity 30-36) per Half day /Twilight Session	112.33			117.00	-	-	4.2%
Children & Young People	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham PDC	Meeting rooms (Sitwell and Keppel) per day (Monday to Friday)	Meeting rooms (Sitwell and Keppel) per day (Monday to Friday)	187.91			195.00	-	-	3.8%
Children & Young People	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham PDC	Meeting rooms (Sitwell and Keppel) per day (Saturday to Sunday)	Meeting rooms (Sitwell and Keppel) per day (Saturday to Sunday)	249.76			260.00	-	-	4.1%
Children & Young People	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham PDC	Meeting rooms (Sitwell and Keppel) per Half day/Twilight Session	Meeting rooms (Sitwell and Keppel) per Half day/Twilight Session	99.68			104.00	-	-	4.3%
Children & Young People	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham PDC	Meeting room (Milton) per day (Monday to Friday)	Meeting room (Milton) per day (Monday to Friday)	112.33			117.00	-	-	4.2%
Children & Young People	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham PDC	Meeting room (Milton) per day (Saturday to Sunday)	Meeting room (Milton) per day (Saturday to Sunday)	251.00			261.00	-	-	4.0%
Children & Young People	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham PDC	Meeting room (Milton) per Half day/Twilight Session	Meeting room (Milton) per Half day/Twilight Session	64.17			67.00	-	-	4.4%
Children & Young People	Rockingham PDC	Rockingham PDC	Meeting room (Milton) per Hour	Meeting room (Milton) per Hour	19.48			21.00	-	-	7.8%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Subscription service	Subscription service	30.96			33.00	-	-	6.6%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Nursery, Special/PRU & Secondary	Nursery, Special/PRU & Secondary	3,570.00			3,706.00			3.8%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Individual Primary School: Option A	Individual Primary School: Option A	30.96			33.00			6.6%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Individual Primary School: Option B	Individual Primary School: Option B	3,060.00			3,177.00			3.8%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	MAT: 10+ academies	MAT: 10+ academies	1,530.00			1,589.00			3.9%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	MAT: Less than 10 academies	MAT: Less than 10 academies	3,060.00			3,177.00			3.8%

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Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Secondary English (Rotherham)	PAYG: Secondary English (Rotherham)	510.00			-			-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Secondary English (non-Rotherham)	PAYG: Secondary English (non-Rotherham)	714.00			-			-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Secondary Maths (Rotherham)	PAYG: Secondary Maths (Rotherham)	510.00			-			-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Secondary Maths (non-Rotherham)	PAYG: Secondary Maths (non-Rotherham)	714.00			-			-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Associate Leader Support	PAYG: Associate Leader Support	663.00			689.00			3.9%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: EYFS Support & Training	PAYG: EYFS Support & Training	1,020.00			1,059.00			3.8%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: External Adviser for Headteacher's Appraisal	PAYG: External Adviser for Headteacher's Appraisal	1,224.00			1,271.00			3.8%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Formal Agreement Statutory Assessment	PAYG: Formal Agreement Statutory Assessment	535.50			556.00			3.8%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Headteacher Recruitment	PAYG: Headteacher Recruitment	2,040.00			2,118.00			3.8%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Picture This!	PAYG: Picture This!	255.00			265.00			3.9%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: PSHE & RHSE Support & Training	PAYG: PSHE & RHSE Support & Training	606.90			630.00			3.8%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Rotherham (& friends!) Loves Reading	PAYG: Rotherham (& friends!) Loves Reading	100.98			105.00			4.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Rewilding Rotherham (& Beyond!)	PAYG: Rewilding Rotherham (& Beyond!)	25.50			27.00			5.9%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Workshops to support the curriculum & personal wellbeing	PAYG: Workshops to support the curriculum & personal wellbeing	96.90			-			-100.0%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Subject Leader Network Meetings (full)	PAYG: Subject Leader Network Meetings (full)	2,040.00			2,118.00			3.8%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Subject Leader Network Meetings (per subject)	PAYG: Subject Leader Network Meetings (per subject)	510.00			530.00			3.9%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Core: The Anti-Bullying Company	Bespoke Core: The Anti-Bullying Company	510.00			530.00			3.9%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Core: Governance	Bespoke Core: Governance	612.00			636.00			3.9%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Governance	PAYG: Governance	1,224.00			1,271.00			3.8%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Core: Healthy Schools	Bespoke Core: Healthy Schools	153.00			159.00			3.9%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Healthy Schools	PAYG: Healthy Schools	306.00			318.00			3.9%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Rotherham Children's University (start-up)	PAYG: Rotherham Children's University (start-up)	306.00			318.00			3.9%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Core: Rotherham Children's University (membership)	Bespoke Core: Rotherham Children's University (membership)	102.00			106.00			3.9%

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Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: Rotherham Children's University (membership)	PAYG: Rotherham Children's University (membership)	153.00			159.00			3.9%
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	PAYG: CPD Delegate	PAYG: CPD Delegate	96.90			101.00			4.2%
Children & Young People	School Admissions & Appeals	School Admissions & Appeals	Admission and appeals service with a max of 20 appeals - NEW CHARGE 2024-25	£9.18 x Pupils numbers on roll (spring term census)	9.36			-	-	-	-100.0%
Children & Young People	School Admissions & Appeals	School Admissions & Appeals	Appeals over 20 for academies for appeal administration only. NEW CHARGE 2024-25	£160 to charge for appeals over 20	164.00			-	-	-	-100.0%
Children & Young People	School Admissions & Appeals	School Admissions & Appeals	Appeals over the 20 for academies for Presenting Officer/statement of case. - NEW CHARGE 2024-25	£30 to charge for appeals over 20	31.00			-	-	-	-100.0%
Children & Young People	Specialist Inclusion Support Service	Specialist Inclusion Support Service	Option 1 - Platinum Package A - 114 Hours	Option 1 - Platinum Package A - 114 Hours	9,146.00			9,494.00	-	-	3.8%
Children & Young People	Specialist Inclusion Support Service	Specialist Inclusion Support Service	Option 2 - Premium Gold Package B - 84 Hours	Option 2 - Premium Gold Package B - 84 Hours	6,932.00			7,196.00	-	-	3.8%
Children & Young People	Specialist Inclusion Support Service	Specialist Inclusion Support Service	Option 3 - Gold Package C - 60 Hours	Option 3 - Gold Package C - 60 Hours	5,021.00			5,212.00	-	-	3.8%
Children & Young People	Specialist Inclusion Support Service	Specialist Inclusion Support Service	Option 4 - Silver Package D - 36 hours	Option 4 - Silver Package D - 36 hours	3,054.00			3,170.00	-	-	3.8%
Children & Young People	Specialist Inclusion Support Service	Specialist Inclusion Support Service	Option 5 -Bronze Package E - 20 Hours	Option 5 -Bronze Package E - 20 Hours	1,744.00			1,811.00	-	-	3.8%
Children & Young People	Specialist Inclusion Support Service	Specialist Inclusion Support Service	Option 6 - Package F - Hourly Rate (for specially arranged package)	Option 6 - Package F - Hourly Rate (for specially arranged package)	88.00			92.00	-	-	4.5%
Children & Young People	Specialist Inclusion Support Service	Specialist Inclusion Support Service	Option 7 - Package G - Hourly Rate (Further hours through the school year in addition to options 1 to 6 above, these will be charged at the higher hourly rate.	Option 7 - Package G - Hourly Rate (Further hours through the school year in addition to options 1 to 6 above, these will be charged at the higher hourly rate.	96.00			100.00	-	-	4.2%
Children & Young People	School Admissions & Appeals	School Admissions & Appeals	Admission service - New Charge 2026-27.	Per NOR	-			7.20	-	-	N/A
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Appeals (Lodged) - New charge 26-27	Per Appeal - Lodged	-			140.00	-	-	N/A
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Appeals (panel Heard) - New charge 26-27	Per Appeal - Panel Heard				220.00			N/A
Children & Young People	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Rotherham School Improvement Service	Independent Review Panel	Per Exclusion panel				1,200.00			N/A
Children & Young People	School Admissions & Appeals	School Admissions & Appeals	Presenting Officer service	Per Appeal	-			80.00	-	-	N/A
Corporate Services	HR&Payroll	HR&Payroll	HR & Payroll SLA Fee charged to Academies and External Companies	BACS Fee plus charge per capita		525.00	No Max	-	545.00	No Max	3.8%
Corporate Services	HR&Payroll	HR&Payroll	HR & Payroll SLA Fee charged to LA maintained schools	BACS Fee plus charge per capita		521.50	No Max	-	541.30	No Max	3.8%
Corporate Services	HR&Payroll	HR&Payroll	Fee's charged for Elections payroll (DCC, SCC)	BACS Fee plus charge per capita		178.05	No Max	-	184.80	No Max	3.8%

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Corporate Services	HR&Payroll	HR&Payroll	Charge to Doncaster CC as part of HR&P Shared Service	Per Annum	Commercially Confidential			Commercially confidential	-	-	N/A
Corporate Services	HR&Payroll	HR&Payroll	Fee charged for HR Consultancy Service SLA to schools and academies	Per Annum		679.50	No Max	-	705.30	No Max	3.8%
Corporate Services	HR&Payroll	HR&Payroll	Fees charged for External Recruitment Adverts on RMBC website	Per advert		57.50	333.00	-	59.70	345.70	3.8%
Corporate Services	HR&Payroll	HR&Payroll	DBS Checks for External Customers (other than DCC)	Per check	11.85			12.30	-	-	3.8%
Corporate Services	Customer Services	Customer Services	Blue Badge applications	Per badge	10.00			10.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Electoral Services	Electoral Services	Overseas electors (paper - per constituency)	Per 100 entries (or part of) plus £10 fixed admin fee	5.00	15.00	No Max	5.00	15.00	No Max	0.0%
Corporate Services	Electoral Services	Electoral Services	Overseas electors (electronic format - per constituency)	Per 100 entries (or part of) plus £20 fixed admin fee	1.50	21.50	No Max	1.50	21.50	No Max	0.0%
Corporate Services	Electoral Services	Electoral Services	Open and full electoral register (paper format - per constituency)	Per 1000 entries (or part of) plus £10 fixed admin fee	5.00	15.00	No Max	5.00	15.00	No Max	0.0%
Corporate Services	Electoral Services	Electoral Services	Open and full electoral register (electronic format - per constituency)	Per 1000 entries (or part of) plus £20 fixed admin fee	1.50	21.50	No Max	1.50	21.50	No Max	0.0%
Corporate Services	Electoral Services	Electoral Services	Marked station and absent vote lists from an election (paper)	Per 1,000 entries (or part of) plus £10 admin fee	2.00	12.00	No Max	2.00	12.00	No Max	0.0%
Corporate Services	Electoral Services	Electoral Services	Marked station and absent vote lists from an election (electronic)	Per 1,000 entries (or part of) plus £10 fixed admin fee	1.00	11.00	No Max	1.00	11.00	No Max	0.0%
Corporate Services	Information Governance	Information Governance	Freedom of Information	Per Hour	31.00			32.20	-	-	3.9%
Corporate Services	Legal Services	Legal Services	External legal work	Per Hour	80.40			83.50	-	-	3.9%
Corporate Services	Legal Services	Legal Services	Work for academies	Per Hour	80.40			83.50	-	-	3.9%
Corporate Services	Legal Services	Legal Services	Advice to Primary and Special Schools	Per annum	268.00			278.20	-	-	3.8%
Corporate Services	Legal Services	Legal Services	Advice to Secondary Schools	Per annum	468.00			485.80	-	-	3.8%
Corporate Services	Legal Services	Legal Services	Pay as Used advice to schools	Per Hour		49.00	55.00	-	50.90	57.10	3.9%
Corporate Services	Legal Services	Legal Services	Section 106	A minimum amount of £1,100 for a straightforward agreement or higher (subject to negotiation), dependant on level of complexity	1,155.00			1,355.00	-	-	17.3%
Corporate Services	Legal Services	Legal Services	Section 38 & 278 Highway Improvement	Per application		640.00	967.00	-	664.30	1,003.70	3.8%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Ceremony Booking/Admin Fee	Per event	40.00			42.00	-	-	5.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Statutory Marriage Riverside House	Per ceremony	56.00			56.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Attendance at Register office for Civil Partnership Schedule Signing (Riverside House)	Per signing	56.00			56.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Basic Marriage Civil Partnership Clifton Park Museum	Per ceremony	184.00			191.00	-	-	3.8%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Enhanced Marriage Civil Partnership Clifton Park Museum	Mon - Thurs	300.00			312.00	-	-	4.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Premium Marriage Civil Partnership Ceremony Clifton Park Museum	Saturday	337.00			350.00	-	-	3.9%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Naming Renewal of Vows Clifton Park Museum	Mon - Thurs	317.00			329.00	-	-	3.8%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Naming Renewal of Vows Clifton Park Museum	Friday	375.00			390.00	-	-	4.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Naming Renewal of Vows Clifton Park Museum	Saturday	375.00			390.00	-	-	4.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Private Citizenship Clifton Park Museum	Mon - Fri	185.00			192.00	-	-	3.8%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Marriage Civil Partnership Approved Venue	Mon - Fri	383.00			398.00	-	-	3.9%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Marriage Civil Partnership Approved Venue	Saturday	430.00			447.00	-	-	4.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Marriage Civil Partnership Approved Venue	Sunday	430.00			447.00	-	-	4.0%

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Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Marriage Civil Partnership Approved Venue	Bank Hol / 6pm - 8pm	550.00			550.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Naming Renewal of Vows Approved Venue	Mon - Fri	383.00			398.00	-	-	3.9%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Naming Renewal of Vows Approved Venue	Saturday	430.00			447.00	-	-	4.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Naming Renewal of Vows Approved Venue	Sunday	430.00			447.00	-	-	4.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Naming Renewal of Vows Approved Venue	Bank Hol / 6pm - 8pm	550.00			550.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	NEW SERVICE - Bespoke Ceremony	Per event	460.00			480.00	-	-	4.3%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Priority Certificate	Per application	38.50			38.50	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Closed register certificate	Per application	12.50			12.50	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Open register certificate	Per application	12.50			12.50	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Issue of certificate of baptism where child's name altered or given	Per application	1.50			1.50	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Time of registration certificate	Per application	12.50			12.50	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	General search of indexes hed by the Superintendent Registrar	Per application	20.00			20.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Request for correction to register entry to Local Registration Service	Per application	83.00			83.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Request for correction to register entry to General Register Office	Per application	99.00			99.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Request for approval of foreign divorce documents as evidence for notice of marriage to Local Registration Service	Per application	55.00			55.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Request for approval of foreign divorce or dissolution documents as evidence for notice of marriage to General Register Office	Per application	83.00			83.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Request to change of forename within 12 months of birth registration	Per application	44.00			44.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Request to waive statutory marriage or civil partnership notice period	Per application	66.00			66.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Application to register a building for worship	Per application	32.00			32.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Application to register a place of religious worship for marriage between a man and a woman	Per application	136.00			136.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Application to add same/opposite sex marriages to a place of worship who currently has only one type of marriage permitted	Per application	71.00			71.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Application to register a place of religious worship for marriage between a same sex couple not already registered	Per application	136.00			136.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Notice of marriage or civil partnership	Per application	42.00			42.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Notice of marriage or civil partnership for persons subject to immigration control	Per application	57.00			57.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Attending to take notice of marriage or civil partnership for a housebound person	Per application	57.00			57.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Attending to take notice of marriage or civil partnership for a detained person	Per application	82.00			82.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Attendance at a marriage solemnized on the authority of the Registrar General's licence by a Superintendent Registrar	Per application	2.50			2.50	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Attendance at a marriage solemnized on the authority of the Reistrar General's licence by a Registrar	Per application	2.50			2.50	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Entry of notice of marriage to be solemnized on the authority of the Registrar General's license	Per application	4.00			4.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Attendance of Civil Partnership Registrar in who's presence the Registrar Generals license is signed	Per application	2.50			2.50	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Marriage or civil partnership by Registrar Generals Licence	Per application	18.00			18.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Attending the marriage or civil partnership of a housebound person	Per application	101.00			101.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Attending the marriage or civil partnership of a detained person	Per application	113.00			113.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Conversion of a civil partnership to marriage one stage procedure	Per application	50.00			50.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Conversion of a civil partnership to marriage two stage procedure	Per application	131.00			131.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Conversion of a civil partnership to marriage for a housebound person	Per application	109.00			109.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Conversion of a civil partnership to marriage for a detained person	Per application	129.00			129.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Conversion of a civil partnership to marriage by special procedure	Per application	18.00			18.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	The first stage of the procedure for conversion of civil partnership in accordance with the two stage procedure for conversion on secular premises	Per application	30.00			30.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Attending to register a marriage at a place of religious worship	Per application	104.00			104.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Attending to register the religious marriage or civil partnership of a housebound person	Per application	98.00			98.00	-	-	0.0%

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Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Attending to register the religious marriage or civil partnership of a detained person	Per application	106.00			106.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Certificate of no impediment to civil partnership	Per application	38.50			38.50	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Certificate of no impediment to marriage	Per application	42.00			42.00	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	PD2 Application (Passport Name Change)	Per application	17.00			18.00	-	-	5.9%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Weekend Notice Fee (charged on top of stat fee) Non refundable	Per couple	31.00			33.00	-	-	6.5%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Birth Certificate Wallet	Per wallet	1.20			1.30	-	-	8.3%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Signed for postage	Each	2.87			3.60	-	-	25.4%
Corporate Services	Revenues & Benefits	Revenues & Benefits	Free school meals administration	Per child	6.50			6.75	-	-	3.8%
Corporate Services	Revenues & Benefits	Revenues & Benefits	Court Fees (Summonses for non payment)	Per Summons	56.00			58.50	-	-	4.5%
Corporate Services	Revenues & Benefits	Revenues & Benefits	Liability Orders (Council Tax and Business Rates)	Per Liability Order	26.00			27.00	-	-	3.8%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Academies	Service retainer - including Helpdesk and Online support	Per annum	2,189.00			2,273.00	-	-	3.8%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Academies	FMS chart of accounts/coding structure set up	Per Set-up	1,111.00			1,153.00	-	-	3.8%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Academies	Financial Support onsite visit - ad hoc	Per Visit	320.00			332.00	-	-	3.8%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Academies	Financial Support onsite visit - termly	For 3 visits	653.00			678.00	-	-	3.8%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Academies	Financial Support onsite visit - half termly	For 6 visits	1,308.00			1,358.00	-	-	3.8%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Academies	Financial Support onsite visit - monthly	For 10 visits	2,166.00			2,248.00	-	-	3.8%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Academies	Provision of financial management training session	Per 1/2 day	320.00			332.00	-	-	3.8%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Academies	Assistance with recruitment of finance staff	Per 1/2 day	320.00			332.00	-	-	3.8%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Academies	Attendance at Governing Body meetings	Per 1/2 day	320.00			332.00	-	-	3.8%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Academies	Provision of cover in the event of staff absence	Per 1/2 day	320.00			332.00	-	-	3.8%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Early Years	L.A.	Per annum	4,988.00			5,177.00	-	-	3.8%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Early Years	Temly	Per annum	5,278.00			5,479.00	-	-	3.8%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Early Years	1/2 Termly	Per annum	5,556.00			5,767.00	-	-	3.8%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Early Years	Monthly	Per annum	5,980.00			6,207.00	-	-	3.8%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Early Years	Fortnightly	Per annum	7,258.00			7,534.00	-	-	3.8%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Early Years	Weekly	Per annum	9,798.00			10,170.00	-	-	3.8%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Primary	L.A.	Per annum		2,642.00	4,045.00	-	2,743.00	4,199.00	3.8%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Primary	Termly	Per annum		2,928.00	4,284.00	-	3,039.00	4,447.00	3.8%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Primary	1/2 Termly	Per annum		3,202.00	4,565.00	-	3,324.00	4,739.00	3.8%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Primary	Monthly	Per annum		3,629.00	4,992.00	-	3,767.00	5,182.00	3.8%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Primary	Fortnightly	Per annum		4,909.00	6,267.00	-	5,096.00	6,505.00	3.8%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Primary	Weekly	Per annum		7,454.00	8,818.00	-	7,737.00	9,153.00	3.8%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Secondary	Core	Per annum	3,908.00			4,057.00	-	-	3.8%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Secondary	Core + Visits (6)	Per annum	4,418.00			4,586.00	-	-	3.8%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Secondary	Additional Visit - Early Years/Primary/Special	Per visit	163.00			169.00	-	-	3.7%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Secondary	Sickness Cover - Early Years/Primary/Special	Per visit	324.00			336.00	-	-	3.7%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Secondary	Additional Visit - Secondary	Per visit	196.00			203.00	-	-	3.6%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Secondary	Sickness Cover -Secondary	Per visit	324.00			336.00	-	-	3.7%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Special	L.A.	Per annum		3,613.00	6,144.00	-	3,750.00	6,378.00	3.8%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Special	Termly	Per annum		3,895.00	4,743.00	-	4,043.00	4,924.00	3.8%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Special	1/2 Termly	Per annum		4,191.00	6,706.00	-	4,350.00	6,961.00	3.8%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Special	Monthly	Per annum		4,612.00	7,134.00	-	4,787.00	7,405.00	3.8%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Special	Fortnightly	Per annum		5,877.00	5,877.00	-	6,100.30	6,100.30	3.8%
Corporate Services	Schools Finance	Finance Support - Special	Weekly	Per annum		8,422.00	8,422.00	-	8,742.00	8,742.00	3.8%
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Private Citizenship Clifton Park Museum	Saturday	-			225.00			N/A
Corporate Services	Registration Service	Registration Service	Pre Ceremony Planning Appointment	Per appointment	-			25.00			N/A
Corporate Services	Asset Management	Asset Management	All Commercial Fees, Leases and Time charges	By Negotiation	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Corporate Services	Asset Management - Estates Team	Asset Management - Estates Team	Assignments (under £10k p.a)	For activity	700.00			730.00	-	-	4.3%
Corporate Services	Asset Management - Estates Team	Asset Management - Estates Team	Assignments (over £10k p.a)	For activity	940.00			980.00	-	-	4.3%

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Corporate Services	Asset Management - Estates Team	Asset Management - Estates Team	Underlettings	For activity	385.00			400.00	-	-	3.9%
Corporate Services	Asset Management - Estates Team	Asset Management - Estates Team	Compound Licence	Per licence	580.00			600.00	-	-	3.4%
Corporate Services	Asset Management - Estates Team	Asset Management - Estates Team	Retrospective Consents (Commercial)	For activity	940.00			980.00	-	-	4.3%
Corporate Services	Asset Management - Estates Team	Asset Management - Estates Team	Retrospective Consents (Residential)	For activity	510.00			530.00	-	-	3.9%
Corporate Services	Asset Management - Estates Team	Asset Management - Estates Team	Negotiation of early termination	For activity	510.00			530.00	-	-	3.9%
Corporate Services	Asset Management - Estates Team	Asset Management - Estates Team	Enfranchisement	For activity	940.00			980.00	-	-	4.3%
Corporate Services	Asset Management - Estates Team	Asset Management - Estates Team	Landlords Consent	For activity	645.00			670.00	-	-	3.9%
Corporate Services	Asset Management - Estates Team	Asset Management - Estates Team	Landlords Consent (Short Notice)	For activity	940.00			980.00	-	-	4.3%
Corporate Services	Asset Management - Estates Team	Asset Management - Estates Team	Restrictive Covenants	For activity	700.00			730.00	-	-	4.3%
Corporate Services	Asset Management - Estates Team	Asset Management - Estates Team	External Asset Valuation - Minimum Fee	For activity	645.00			670.00	-	-	3.9%
Corporate Services	Asset Management - Estates Team	Asset Management - Estates Team	Asset Transfer Lease (Surveyors Fees)	For activity	1,275.00			1,320.00	-	-	3.5%
Corporate Services	Asset Management - Estates Team	Asset Management - Estates Team	School Caretakers Properties - Rents	Various	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Corporate Services	Aset Management - Climate Change Team	Aset Management - Climate Change Team	Electric Vehicle Charging Points - Fast Charging	per kWh	0.50			0.50	-	-	0.0%
Corporate Services	Aset Management - Climate Change Team	Aset Management - Climate Change Team	Electric Vehicle Charging Points - Rapid Charging	per kWh	0.65			0.70	-	-	7.7%
Corporate Services	Aset Management - Climate Change Team	Asset Management	Community Building Hire	per booking	40.00			41.50			3.8%
Corporate Services	Aset Management - Climate Change Team	Asset Management	Community Building Hire (additional hours - weekdays)	per hour	19.00			19.70			3.7%
Corporate Services	Aset Management - Climate Change Team	Asset Management	Community Building Hire (additional hours -weekends)	per hour	24.00			24.90			3.7%
Corporate Services	Asset Management	Building Consultancy	Provision of building design/consultancy services		Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Corporate Services	Asset Management	School Crossing Patrols	Provision of School Crossing Patrols		Price on Application			Price on Application			N/A
Corporate Services	Asset Management	All Saints Toilet	Entrance Fee	Per visit	0.30			0.30			0.0%
Corporate Services	Catering & Facilities Services	School Meals	The price charged by the school meals service are commercially confidential. The service needs to remain price competitive to compete with other external providers	Per meal, per pupil	Building Control Charges			Building Control Charges	-	-	N/A

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Corporate Services	Cleaning	Cleaning	The price charged by the cleaning service are commercially confidential. The service needs to remain price competitive to compete with other external providers		Full Cost Recovery			Full Cost Recovery	-	-	N/A
Corporate Services	Catering & Facilities Services	School Meals	The price charges by the school meals service are commercially confidential. The service needs to remain price competitive to compete with other external providers	Per meal, per pupil	Commerciall y			Commerciall y	-	-	N/A
Corporate Services	Cleaning	Cleaning	The price charges by the cleaning service are commercially confidential. The service needs to remain price competitive to compete with other external providers		Commerciall y			Commerciall y	-	-	N/A
Corporate Services	Asset Management	Caretaking	Provision of Catetaking Services		Commerciall y confidential			Commerciall y confidential	-	-	N/A
Policy, Strategy & Engagement	Democratic Service	Democratic Service	Room Hire - Town Hall - before 5.30	Per hour	91.20			95.00	-	-	4.2%
Policy, Strategy & Engagement	Democratic Service	Democratic Service	Room Hire - Town Hall - after 5.30	Per hour	91.20			95.00	-	-	4.2%
Policy, Strategy & Engagement	Democratic Service	Democratic Service	Catering - Tea & Coffee Only	Per person	2.15			2.25	-	-	4.7%
Policy, Strategy & Engagement	Democratic Service	Democratic Service	Requests for webcasts of Town Hall meetings more than 12 months old	Per request	-			75.00			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Domestic Work. Category 1 - Erection or extension of a detached/attached domestic garage or car port up to 50m2	Per application	504.00			519.12	-	-	3.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Domestic Work. Category 1 - REGULARISATION Erection or extension of a detached/attached domestic garage or car port up to 50m2	Per application	840.00			865.20	-	-	3.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Domestic Work. Category 2 - Any extension with a total floor area which does not exceed 40m2	Per application	792.00			815.76	-	-	3.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Domestic Work. Category 1 - Erection or extension of a detached/attached domestic garage or car port up to 50m2	Per application	504.00			540.00	-	-	7.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Domestic Work. Category 1 - REGULARISATION Erection or extension of a detached/attached domestic garage or car port up to 50m2	Per application	840.00			900.00	-	-	7.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Domestic Work. Category 2 - Any extension with a total floor area which does not exceed 40m2	Per application	792.00			840.00	-	-	6.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Domestic Work. Category 2 - REGULARISATION Any extension with a total floor area which does not exceed 40m2	Per application	1,320.00			1,400.00	-	-	6.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Domestic Work. Category 3 - Any extension with a total floor area exceeding 40m2 but not exceeding 60m2	Per application	936.00			990.00	-	-	5.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Domestic Work. Category 3 - REGULARISATION Any extension with a total floor area exceeding 40m2 but not exceeding 60m2	Per application	1,560.00			1,650.00	-	-	5.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Domestic Work. Category 4 - Any extension with a total floor area exceeding 60m2 but not exceeding 100m2	Per application	1,080.00			1,140.00	-	-	5.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Domestic Work. Category 4 - REGULARISATION Any extension with a total floor area exceeding 60m2 but not exceeding 100m2	Per application	1,800.00			1,900.00	-	-	5.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Other Domestic Work. Category 5 - The provision of one or more rooms in a roof space	Per application	792.00			840.00	-	-	6.1%

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Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Other Domestic Work. Category 5 - REGULARISATION The provision of one or more rooms in a roof space	Per application	1,320.00			1,400.00	-	-	6.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Other Domestic Work. Category 6 - Conversion of a garage to a habitable room	Per application	504.00			540.00	-	-	7.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Other Domestic Work. Category 6 - REGULARISATION - Conversion of a garage to a habitable room	Per application	840.00			900.00	-	-	7.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Other Domestic Work. Category 7 -The replacement of windows, roof lights, roof windows and external doors in an existing dwelling.	Per application	324.00			330.00	-	-	1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Other Domestic Work. Category 7 - REGULARISATION The replacement of windows, roof lights, roof windows and external doors in an existing dwelling.	Per application	540.00			550.00	-	-	1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fees for Other Domestic Work. Category 8 - Re-roof of a conservatory.	Per application	432.00			480.00	-	-	11.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fees for Other Domestic Work. Category 8 - REGULARISATION Re-roof of a conservatory.	Per application	720.00			800.00	-	-	11.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Other Domestic Work. Category 9 - Re-roof of a domestic dwelling or external wall insulation cladding	Per application	324.00			330.00	-	-	1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Other Domestic Work. Category 9 - REGULARISATION Re-roof of a domestic dwelling or external wall insulation cladding	Per application	540.00			550.00	-	-	1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Other Domestic Work. Category 10 - Installation of Solid Fuel Burning appliance	Price on Application	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Other Domestic Work. Category 10- REGULARISATION Installation of Solid Fuel Burning appliance	Price on Application	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard fee's for Other Domestic Work. Category 11 -Installation of controlled domestic electrical installation (by non-competent person scheme)	Price on Application	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard Charge for new dwellings for Other Category 1 - Number of dwellings-1	Per application	1,080.00			1,290.00	-	-	19.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard Charge for new dwellings for Other Category 1 - REGULARISATION - Number of dwellings-1	Per application	1,800.00			2,150.00	-	-	19.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard Charges for all other work Category 1 - Charge based on estimated cost of work £0 - £5000	Per application	504.00			540.00	-	-	7.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard Charges for all other work Category 1 - REGULARISATION Charge based on estimated cost of work £0 - £5000	Per application	840.00			900.00	-	-	7.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard Charges for all other work Category 2 -Charge based on estimated cost of work £5001 - £15 000	Per application	648.00			690.00	-	-	6.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard Charges for all other work Category 2 - REGULARISATION Charge based on estimated cost of work £5001 - £15 000	Per application	1,080.00			1,150.00	-	-	6.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard Charges for all other work Category 3 - Charge based on estimated cost of work £15001 - £35 000	Per application	936.00			990.00	-	-	5.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard Charges for all other work Category 3 - REGULARISATION Charge based on estimated cost of work £15 001 - £35 000	Per application	1,560.00			1,650.00	-	-	5.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard Charges for all other work Category 4 - Charge based on estimated cost of work £35 001 - £80 000	Per application	1,224.00			1,290.00	-	-	5.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Building Control	Building Control	Standard Charges for all other work Category 4 - REGULARISATION Charge based on estimated cost of work £35 001 - £80 000	Per application	2,040.00			2,150.00	-	-	5.4%

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Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire	For perfomance	per performance	Price on Application			Commerciall y confidential	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire	Per hour daytime	per hour	215.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire	All professional performances incur per ticket booking fee	Per ticket	1.60			REPLACED	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Additional Rooms	Annexe Lister Hall *External hire none show related*	per session	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Additional Rooms	The Lister Hall as a dressing room	per show/ reherasal	100.00			105.00	-	-	5.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Additional Rooms	The Lister Hall *Subject to availability price per hour or part of*	per hour	20.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Additional Rooms	The White Room	per hour	15.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Additional Staffing	Follow Spot Operator / Additional Stage Hand	per hour	22.50			24.00	-	-	6.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Additional Staffing	Additional Specialist Technician / Staff Member *Sound Operator/ AV tech (Subject to availability)*	per hour	Price on Application			24.00	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Additional Staffing	Theatre staff as Specialist Speakers	per hour	Price on Application			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Amateur and Charitable Organisations	Off Peak Weekday Performance Evenings - (6pm -10.30pm Mon-Thurs)(2 crew, 1 duty Manager, 1 box office)	per performance	510.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Amateur and Charitable Organisations	On Peak Weekend Performance Evenings - Where % occupancy exceeds 70% - (6pm -10.30pm Fri - Sun)(2 crew, 1 duty Manager, 1 box office)	per performance	510.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Amateur and Charitable Organisations	On Peak Weekend Performance Evenings - Where % occupancy is less than 70% - (6pm -10.30pm Fri - Sun)(2 crew, 1 duty Manager, 1 box office)	per performance	545.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Amateur and Charitable Organisations	Matinee Performances - Underplaying an Evening (2 crew, 1 duty Manager, 1 box office)	per performance	450.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Amateur and Charitable Organisations	Bank Holiday performance - (6pm -10.30pm)(2 crew, 1 duty Manager, 1 box office)	per performance	600.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Amateur and Charitable Organisations	6% Commission of ticket sales (an average of 6 complimentary tickets per performance are exempt from commission)	% total sales	6% Commission			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Commissions	Programme Sales	per item	15%			15%	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Commissions	Merchandise	per item	15%			15%	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Deposits / Cancellations FOR HIRERS	Deposit for Hirers *(Payable on confirmation of dates)*	Per booking	20%			20%	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Deposits / Cancellations FOR HIRERS	Cancellation Fee within 4 months *(of core charges)*	Per booking	50%			50%	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Deposits / Cancellations FOR HIRERS	Cancellation Fee within a month (of core charges)	Per booking	80%			80%	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Deposits / Cancellations FOR HIRERS	Cancellation Fee within a week *(of core charges)*	Per booking	100%			100%	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	The Orchestra Pit *(when installed prior to hire)*	per use	65.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Projector Hire (Single Performance) *(Includes rigging and de-rigging)*	per day	40.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Projector Hire (Week long run of performances)*(Includes rigging and de-rigging)*	Per Week	120.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Yamaha Baby Grand Concert Piano	per use	66.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A

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Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Piano Tuning	Cost + 25%	Cost Recovery plus 25%			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Follow spot *Operator costs see above(per day)*	per day	22.00			DELETE - DUPLICATED	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Follow spot *Operator costs see above(per week)*	Per Week	55.00			DELETE - DUPLICATED	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Mirror Ball	per use	22.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	UV Lamps	per day	22.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	UV Lamps	Per Week	42.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Strobe	per day	28.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Strobe	Per Week	71.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Hire of Intelligent Lighting system *x 4 intelligent lights (subject to availability*)	per day	140.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Hire of Intelligent Lighting system *x 4 intelligent lights (subject to availability*)	Per Week	335.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Drape Hire *When not as part of standard black box set up.*	per day	22.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Drape Hire *When not as part of standard black box set up.*	Per Week	54.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Repair of Drapes *(when repairable)*	cost + 25%	Cost recovery plus 25%			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Replacement Drapes *(when irreparable)*	cost + 25%	Cost recovery plus 25%			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Star Cloth	per day	28.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Star Cloth	Per Week	71.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Smoke Machine	per day	17.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Smoke Machine	Per Week	45.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Smoke Fluid per 0.5ml *(consumption monitored)*	per 0.5ml	Cost Recovery plus 25%			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Haze Machine	per day	25.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Haze Machine	Per Week	60.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Haze Fluid per 0.5ml *(consumption monitored)*	per 0.5ml	Cost Recovery plus 25%			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Mini Mist smoke machine	per day	16.50			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Mini Mist smoke machine	Per Week	43.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A

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Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Mini mist canister	Cost + 25%	Cost recovery plus 25%			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Radio Mic	per use	39.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Generic mic	per use	8.25			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Pyrotechnic Detonation System	per day	17.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Pyrotechnic Detonation System	Per Week	45.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Equipment/Extras *subject to availability*	Gaffer Tape	Cost + 25%	Cost recovery plus 25%			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Local Businesses and Dance Schools	Off Peak Weekday Performance Evenings - (6pm -10.30pm Mon-Thurs)(2 crew, 1 duty Manager, 1 box office)	per performance	725.00			REPLACED	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Local Businesses and Dance Schools	On Peak Weekend Performance Evenings - Where % occupancy exceeds 70% - (6pm -10.30pm Fri - Sun)(2 crew, 1 duty Manager, 1 box office)	per performance	725.00			REPLACED	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Local Businesses and Dance Schools	On Peak Weekend Performance Evenings - Where % occupancy is less than 70% - (6pm -10.30pm Fri - Sun)(2 crew, 1 duty Manager, 1 box office)	per performance	780.00			REPLACED	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Local Businesses and Dance Schools	Matinee Performances - Underplaying an Evening (2 crew, 1 duty Manager, 1 box office)(access 1.5 hrs prior to curtain up)	per performance	645.00			REPLACED	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Local Businesses and Dance Schools	Bank Holiday performance - (6pm -10.30pm)(2 crew, 1 duty Manager, 1 box office)	per performance	860.00			REPLACED	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Local Businesses and Dance Schools	10% commission of ticket sales on all tickets (an average of 6 complimentary tickets per performance are exempt from commission)	% total sales	10%			REPLACED	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Annexe Lister Hall	per hour	22.00			REPLACED	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Annexe Lister Hall	Per half day (4 Hours)	75.00			REPLACED	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Annexe Lister Hall	Per Day (8 Hours)	120.00			REPLACED	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	The Den	per hour	19.00			REPLACED	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	The Den	Per half day (4 Hours)	64.00			REPLACED	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	The Den	Per Day (8 Hours)	105.00			REPLACED	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Bar	per hour	22.00			REPLACED	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Bar	Per half day (4 Hours)	75.00			REPLACED	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Bar	Per Day (8 Hours)	120.00			REPLACED	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Auditorium with 2 technicians and DM	per hour	210.00			REPLACED	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Auditorium with 2 technicians and DM	Per half day (4 Hours)	795.00			REPLACED	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Auditorium with 2 technicians and DM	Per Day (8 Hours)	1,165.00			REPLACED	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Full Front of House Aea	per hour	53.00			REPLACED	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Full Front of House Aea	Per half day (4 Hours)	125.00			REPLACED	-	-	N/A

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Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Full Front of House Aea	Per Day (8 Hours)	210.00			REPLACED	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Auditorium with 2 technicians and DM & FOH areas	per hour	265.00			REPLACED	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Auditorium with 2 technicians and DM & FOH areas	Per half day (4 Hours)	925.00			REPLACED	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Auditorium with 2 technicians and DM & FOH areas	Per Day (8 Hours)	1,375.00			REPLACED	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Digital Screen	Per Day	53.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Box Office Service	Per booking	53.00			53.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Tech support	per hour	21.00			24.00	-	-	14.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - meeting room package	Refreshments	per head	On request			On request	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Miscellaneous	set up costs for external events	per event	Price on Application			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Miscellaneous	Ticket printing *(For non theatre events)*	Per ticket	0.35			0.35	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Miscellaneous	External Advertising	Cost + 25%	Cost recovery plus 25%			Cost recovery + 25%	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Pre Production	Saturday / Sunday Get In and Rehearsal - First eight hours or part thereof -	per session	725.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Pre Production	Saturday / Sunday Get In and Rehearsal - Hour and part hour after the first eight hours - Price Per Hour	per hour	82.50			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Pre Production	Weekday Get In and Rehearsal - First eight hours or part thereof	per session	725.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Pre Production	Weekday Get In and Rehearsal - Hour and part hour after the first eight hours - Price Per Hour	per hour	82.50			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Pre Production	Rehearsal Evenings - When part of a longer hire - Maximum 5 hours	per session	725.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Pre Production	Bank Holiday Rehearsal - When part of a longer hire - Maximum 5 hours	per session	860.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Pre Production	Blank Night Retainer - When theatre is unoperational due to hirer occupancy	per session	725.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Pre Production	Saturday / Sunday Get In and Rehearsal - First eight hours or part thereof -	per session	510.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Pre Production	Saturday / Sunday Get In and Rehearsal - Hour and part hour after the first eight hours - Price Per Hour	per hour	80.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Pre Production	Weekday Get In and Rehearsal - First eight hours or part thereof	per session	510.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Pre Production	Weekday Get In and Rehearsal - Hour and part hour after the first eight hours - Price Per Hour	per hour	80.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Pre Production	Rehearsal Evenings - When part of a longer hire - Maximum 5 hours	per session	510.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Pre Production	Bank Holiday Rehearsal - When part of a longer hire - Maximum 5 hours	per session	600.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire - Pre Production	Blank Night Retainer - When theatre is unoperational due to hirer occupancy	per session	510.00			DELETE	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Ticket sales	Concessionary discount of £1-£2 for qualifying guests currently. Students, Under 16, registered disabled, Rothercard, Tickets for Good	per ticket					-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Ticket sales	Pay what you can at certain shows agreed with production teams	per ticket					-	-	N/A

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Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	10% discount on coffee for Blue Light card		Each				-	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	25% discount on coffee for Rothercard		Each				-	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Enquiries and research service*	Staff time for carrying out research service enquiries (research, transcription, photocopying, printing, digital image retrieval, scanning) per 15 mins	£7.65 per 15 minutes, minimum charge 30 minutes	17.00			18.00	-	-	5.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Enquiries and research service*	Staff time for Electoral Register search and providing a letter confirming addresses if required (customer must be present for Registers under 10 years old) per 15 mins	7.65 per 15 minutes, minimum charge 30 minutes	17.00			18.00	-	-	5.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - International Standard - Europe *	Small letter up to 100g	Each	2.10			2.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - International Standard - Europe *	Large letter (A4 sheets) up to 100g, max thickness 2.5cm	Each	3.50			3.50	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - International Standard - Europe *	Large letter (A4 sheets) up to 250g, max thickness 2.5cm	Each	4.90			4.90	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - International Standard - Europe *	Parcels	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - International Standard - World Zone 1	Small letter up to 100g	Each	3.30			3.30	-	-	0.0%

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Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - International Standard - World Zone 1	Large letter (A4 sheets) up to 100g, max thickness 2.5cm	Each	4.30			4.30	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - International Standard - World Zone 1	Large letter (A4 sheets) up to 250g, max thickness 2.5cm	Each	6.40			6.40	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - International Standard - World Zone 1	Parcels	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - International Standard - World Zone 2	Small letter up to 100g	Each	3.30			3.30	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - International Standard - World Zone 2	Large letter (A4 sheets) up to 100g, max thickness 2.5cm	Each	4.90			4.90	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - International Standard - World Zone 2	Large letter (A4 sheets) up to 250g, max thickness 2.5cm	Each	7.40			7.40	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - International Standard - World Zone 2	Parcels	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - UK Standard *	Small letter up to 100g 1st class	Each	1.00			1.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - UK Standard *	Small letter up to 100g 2nd class	Each	0.90			0.90	-	-	0.0%

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Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - UK Standard *	Large letter (A4 sheets) up to 100g, max thickness 2.5cm 2nd class	Each	1.40			1.40	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - UK Standard *	Large letter (A4 sheets) up to 250g, max thickness 2.5cm 2nd class	Each	1.90			1.90	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - UK Standard *	Large letter (A4 sheets) up to 500g, max thickness 2.5cm 2nd class	Each	2.20			2.20	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Packing and postage charges (based on Royal Mail) - UK Standard *	Large letter (A4 sheets) up to 750g, max thickness 2.5cm 2nd class	Each	3.20			3.20	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Photocopying per page*	A4 black and white	Each	0.75			0.75	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Photocopying per page*	A4 colour	Each	2.30			2.30	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Photocopying per page*	A3 black and white	Each	1.20			1.20	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Photocopying per page*	A3 colour	Each	3.40			3.40	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Photography by customer*	Digital photograph using own camera, per image taken	Each	1.10			1.10	-	-	0.0%

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Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Photography by customer*	Permit to take a larger quantity of photographs on a single day (conditions apply)	Each	12.70			13.20	-	-	3.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	A&LS Photography by customer*	Advanced permit, as above but with photographer bringing in own additional equipment e.g. tripod (conditions apply; pre-booking essential)	Each	35.00			36.00	-	-	2.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Coffee loyalty scheme	Buy 8 get one free for card holders	Each				-	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Commission:	Conservation Lab hire	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Commission:	Hired Equipment	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Commission:	Use of Hired Van	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Commission:	Commission on Sales (Art/Craft/Exhibits)	Each		20%		-	20%	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Digital image (A&LS/Collections)*	Supply of single digital image	Each	2.10			2.20	-	-	4.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Digital image (A&LS/Collections)*	Supply of single digital image (where original image needs to be copied) includes staff time	£1.00 + min of 15 minutes staff time £7.65	10.80			11.20	-	-	3.7%

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Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Digital image (A&LS/Collections)*	One CD-Rom	Each	2.10			2.20	-	-	4.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Fees for Consultancy Work*:	Unskilled staff per day	Each	140.00			145.00	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Fees for Consultancy Work*:	Skilled staff per day	Each	325.00			337.00	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Fees for Consultancy Work*:	Professional staff per day	Each	570.00			592.00	-	-	3.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Fees for Consultancy Work*:	Publicity & Promotion of Booked Events at request of hirer per advert minimum (Inc. design, advert space and handling charge)	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Fees for Consultancy Work*:	Storage Charge (for equipment, scenery, costumes, materials, etc.) per day per 10m²	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Fees for Consultancy Work*:	Box fees for deposition of Archaeological Archives at Clifton Park Museum	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Miscellaneous	Display Cases	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Miscellaneous	Transport of Display Cases	cover costs + min. of 20%	Cost recovery plus minimum of 20%			Cost recovery plus minimum of 20%	-	-	N/A

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Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Miscellaneous	Display Boards	cover costs + min. of 20%	Cost recovery plus minimum of 20%			Cost recovery plus minimum of 20%	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Object Identification/Research Enquiries*:	Archives research charge	£7.65 per 15 minutes, minimum charge 30 minutes	17.00			18.00	-	-	5.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Room Bookings	Hire of Museum (Special Conditions apply)	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Room Bookings	Gallery Hire during normal Museum public opening hours (Mon-Fri) per hour	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Room Bookings	Gallery Hire during normal Museum public opening hours (Mon-Fri) per hour over 6 hours	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Room Bookings	Ceremony Room for ceremonies to include photos in the room and maintenance	Each	40.00			42.00	-	-	5.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Room Bookings	Gallery Hire Saturday and Sunday	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Room Bookings	Caretaking cost per hour CPM/BC	Each	20.00			21.00	-	-	5.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Room Bookings	Hire of Boston Castle (Special Conditions apply)	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A

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Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Room Bookings	Boston Castle Earl's Room during normal opening hours	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Room Bookings	Boston Castle Earl's Room Saturday and Sunday and outside normal opening hours	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Room Bookings	Use of Gallery/roof at Boston Castle for background wedding/ceremony photos	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Room Bookings	Note room hire/photography outside normal opening hours incur a caretaking charge on top of the rates listed above - per hour	Per Hour	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Room Bookings	Hospitality/Refreshments	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	**School Sessions delivered at the Museum venues for a full day visit (this includes all materials and resources)	Per Additional Child	7.70			9.00	-	-	16.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	**School Sessions delivered at the Museum venues for a half day (this includes all materials and resources)	Per Additional Child	5.60			7.50	-	-	33.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	**School based sessions inclusive of travel expenses	Per Additional Child	6.60			10.00	-	-	51.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Minimum charge for school session at Heritage Service venues for 27 pupils or less for full day	Each	205.00			213.00	-	-	3.9%

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Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Up to one hour online session for schools	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Minimum for standard school sessions at Heritage Service Venues for Half day for 27 pupils or less	Each	155.00			161.00	-	-	3.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Minimum charge for school in School/Outreach venue for 27 pupils or less	Each	180.00			187.00	-	-	3.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Activity Box hire for self guided sessions (Museum or Park use only)	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Adult Workshops/event tours/courses	Variable at least to cover all delivery costs + min of 20%	Cost recovery plus minimum of 20%			Cost recovery plus minimum of 20%	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Childrens activities (family fun days, craft activities, toddler sessions etc.)	Each	Pay what you can			Pay what you can	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Adult Care Home sessions (outreach venues)	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Hire of memory boxes for Care Homes (to be collected and returned by hirer)	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	General Museum and Gallery Tour (minimum of 10 adults)	Each	5.40			5.60	-	-	3.7%

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Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Keppel's Column Tour	Each	5.60			5.75	-	-	2.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Talk by staff (non-VAT) (up to 2 hours including preparation) at Heritage Service Venue	Each	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Talk by staff (non-VAT) (up to 2 hours including preparation) at outreach Venue	Each + Travel @ RMBC Rates	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Uses by a commercial or profit-making institution or person:	Single use in one book, e-book, journal, CD-Rom, film, exhibition or display	Each	41.00			42.00	-	-	2.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Uses by a commercial or profit-making institution or person:	Unlimited use in one book, e-book, journal, CD-Rom, film, exhibition or display	Each	63.00			64.50	-	-	2.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Uses by educational or non-profit making institution or person:	Single use in one book, e-book, journal, CD-Rom, film, exhibition or display	Each	15.00			15.25	-	-	1.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	Uses by educational or non-profit making institution or person:	Unlimited use in one book, e-book, journal, CD-Rom, film, exhibition or display	Each	32.00			32.50	-	-	1.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Full Class school workshop (30 pupils) FULL DAY RATE £240 (£8 per pupil)	Each	240.00			270.00	-	-	12.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Small Class school workshop (20 pupils and below) FULL DAY RATE £170 (£8.5 per pupil) * minimum cost	Each	170.00			190.00	-	-	11.8%

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Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Full Classschool workshop (30 pupils) HALF DAY RATE £180 (£6 per pupil)	Each	180.00			210.00	-	-	16.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Small Class school workshop(20 pupils and below) HALF DAY RATE £130 (£6.50 per pupil) * Minimum cost	Each	130.00			150.00	-	-	15.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Outreach school workshop (30 Pupils) FULL CLASS (30 pupils) - £270 FULL DAY (£9 per pupil)	Each	270.00			300.00	-	-	11.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Outreach school workshop HALF DAY RATE £240	Each	240.00			240.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	Additional children to Class sizes would be charged per pupil rate for each workshop	Each					-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Clifton Park Museum, York and Lancaster Regimental Museum, Boston Castle, Archives and Local Studies	School/Learning Sessions/Workshops/Adult Sessions/Tours/Talks	SEN and Home Schooling POA.	Each	POA			POA	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Community Services	Bulky Waste CAT A and B (DIY) Waste	Household Garden and Recreational (Maximum 9 Items)	1-3 items	16.50			16.50	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Community Services	Bulky Waste CAT A and B (DIY) Waste	Price per Additional Item (Maximum 9 Items)	4 items +	5.30			5.30	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Community Services	Bulky Waste CAT A and B (DIY) Waste	Household Garden and Recreational with Rothercard discount (Maximum 9 Items)	1-3 items	10.00			10.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Community Services	Bulky Waste CAT A and B (DIY) Waste	Price per Additional Item with Rothercard discount (Maximum 9 Items)	4 items +	5.00			3.90	-	-	-22.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Dog Warden	Retrieval of Stray Dogs Fees and Kennels Charge	First Night	67.00			70.00	-	-	4.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Dog Warden	Retrieval of Stray Dogs Fees and Kennels Charge	Subsequent Night	14.00			15.00	-	-	7.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Events Team	Events	Car Parking fee at Herringthorpe Playing Fields for Rotherham Show	Per Car Per Day	3.00			3.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Events Team	Events	Car Parking fee at Herringthorpe Playing Fields for Rotherham Show (Rothercard Discount)	Per Car Per Day	3.00			3.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Events Team	Events	Event Application Form Administration Charge	Per Event	26.00			27.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Events Team	Events	Event Application Form Administration Charge (Registered Charity Rate)	Per Event	21.00			22.00	-	-	4.8%

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Regeneration & Environment	Events Team	Events	Charity trade pitch at Rotherham Show (5mx5m)	Per Stall	205.00			213.00	-	-	3.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Events Team	Events	Commercial trade pitch at Rotherham Show (5mx5m)	Per Stall	295.00			306.00	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Events Team	Events	Commercial trade pitch at Rotherham Show (10mx10m)	Per Stall	510.00			529.00	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Arena Hire full day (7 hours)	Per booking	460.00			480.00	-	-	4.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Arena hire half day (3.5 hours)	Per booking	230.00			240.00	-	-	4.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Arena Hire (per hour)	Per booking	80.00			83.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Athletics Full Price	Per person	5.10			5.30	-	-	3.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Athletics Concessionary Price	Per person	4.10			4.30	-	-	4.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Athletics - Junior Rothercard Price	Per person	3.40			3.50	-	-	2.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Season Ticket - Monthly (Full Price)	Per person	29.00			30.00	-	-	3.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Season Ticket - Monthly Concessionary Price)	Per person	22.00			23.00	-	-	4.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Season Ticket - Monthly (Junior Rothercard Price)	Per person	14.20			14.70	-	-	3.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Season Ticket - Family Monthly Full	Per person	47.00			49.00	-	-	4.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Season Ticket - Family Monthly - Concessionary/Rothercard	Per person	35.00			36.50	-	-	4.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Track Centre Pitch with changing, toilets and showers	Per match	116.00			120.00	-	-	3.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Track Centre Pitch and toilets only - New	Per match	94.00			98.00	-	-	4.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Track Centre Pitch with lights	Per match	148.00			154.00	-	-	4.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Single 5-a-side Pitch	Per booking	47.00			49.00	-	-	4.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	1/4 Pitch without lights (training)	Per booking	29.50			30.60	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	1/4 Pitch with lights (training)	booking	36.00			37.50	-	-	4.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Single 5-a-side Pitch with lights	Per booking	61.00			63.00	-	-	3.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Multi-sports - Full Price	Per person	5.10			5.30	-	-	3.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Multi-sports - Concessionary/Rothercard Price - 25% discount	Per person	4.10			3.90	-	-	-4.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Multi-sports - Junior Rothercard Price	Per person	3.30			3.40	-	-	3.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	In2Athletics - Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per person	4.40			4.60	-	-	4.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	In2Athletics - Junior Rothercard Price	Per person	3.90			4.00	-	-	2.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	School Visits (per pupil)	Per person	4.10			4.30	-	-	4.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Birthday Party (max. 15 kids, 1.5 hours)	Per party	73.00			76.00	-	-	4.1%

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Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Training/Meeting Room (per hour)	Per booking	19.00			20.00	-	-	5.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Training/Meeting Room (per hour) with refreshments	Per booking	33.50			34.80	-	-	3.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Training/Meeting Room (per hour) commercial rate	Per booking	33.50			34.80	-	-	3.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Training/Meeting Room (per hour) commercial rate with refreshments	Per booking	41.00			43.00	-	-	4.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Cancellation of Room/Hall bookings: - Charge for room booking cancelled on day	1	100% of cost			100% of cost	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Cancellation of Room/Hall bookings: - Charge for booking cancelled within the week	0.8	80% of cost			80% of cost	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Cancellation of Room/Hall bookings: - Charge for booking cancelled within the month	0.5	50% of cost			50% of cost	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Cancellation of Track and centre pitch bookings: - Cancellation of Room/Hall bookings: - Charge for room booking cancelled on day	1	100% of cost			100% of cost	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Charge for booking cancelled on day - Cancellation of Room/Hall bookings: - Charge for booking cancelled within the week	0.5	50% of cost			50% of cost	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Highway Asset & Drainage - Adoptions	Adoptions	Pre - Application Fee in respect of Highways act 1980 s38 agreements and adoptions done under section 220	Per application	2,500.00			2,600.00	-	-	4.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highway Asset & Drainage - Adoptions	Adoptions	Charges are for Highways act 1980 s38 agreements and adoptions done under section 220 (price agreed on application, based on percentage of development)	Variable	7.50%			7.50%	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highway Asset & Drainage - Adoptions	Adoptions	Charges are for Highways act 1980 s38 agreements and adoptions done under section 220 (price agreed on application, based on percentage of development)	Variable	7.50%			7.50%	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highway Asset & Drainage - Adoptions	Adoptions	Adoption Searches	Per order	50.00			55.00	-	-	10.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highway Asset & Drainage - Drainage	Drainage	Charges for emptying Cesspool & Septic Tanks	Variable	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Highway Asset & Drainage - Drainage	Drainage	Charges for cleansing works	Variable	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Highway Asset & Drainage - Public Rights of Way	Public Rights of Way	The making of a temporary traffic regulation order to lawfully regulate traffic during planned activities on or near the highway	Per order	1,190.00			1,215.00	-	-	2.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Highway Asset & Drainage - Public Rights of Way	Public Rights of Way	The making of an emergency traffic regulation order to lawfully regulate traffic during unplanned activities on or near the highway	Per order	920.00			940.00	-	-	2.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Highway Network Management - Street Lighting	Street Lighting	Design of street lighting for external developers 1-9 units	Per design	1,000.00			1,100.00		-	10.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highway Network Management - Street Lighting	Street Lighting	Design of street lighting for external developers 10+ units	Per design	2,000.00			2,200.00		-	10.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highway Network Management - Street Lighting	Street Lighting	Approval of a street lighting design 1-9 units	Per approval	1,000.00			1,100.00		-	10.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highway Network Management - Street Lighting	Street Lighting	Approval of a street lighting design 10+ units	Per approval	2,000.00			2,200.00		-	10.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highway Network Management - Street Lighting	Street Lighting	Admin and supervision of street lighting installation on developments	% on cost of quotation	25%			25%	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences	License for placement of a builder's skip /container on the highway - Section 139 License	Per license	27.00			28.00	-	-	3.7%

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Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences	Retrospective license for skip /container if placed without permission following site investigation / inspection - Retrospective Section 139 Licence.	Per license	84.00			86.00	-	-	2.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences	License for the making of an excavation in the highway for the installation and maintenance of apparatus - Section 50 License.	Per license	700.00			714.00	-	-	2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences	License for a trial hole in the highway - Section 171 License.	Per license	575.00			587.00	-	-	2.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences	License for the construction of permanent vehicle access crossings in the highway - Section 184 (1) (a) License.	Per license	140.00			143.00	-	-	2.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences	License for the construction of temporary vehicle access crossings in the highway - Temporary section 184 (3) (a) License.	Per license	1,020.00			1,100.00	-	-	7.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences	License for the installation of scaffolding and hoarding in the highway - Section 169 License.	Per license	225.00			230.00	-	-	2.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences	The making of a temporary traffic regulation order to lawfully regulate traffic during planned activities on or near the highway	Per order	1,245.00			1,270.00	-	-	2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences	The making of an emergency traffic regulation order to lawfully regulate traffic during unplanned activities on or near the highway	Per order	970.00			990.00	-	-	2.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences - Street Works Permit Scheme. Road Category 0, 1, 2 and 3 and 4 Designated Traffic Sensitive	Provisional Advance Authorisation	Per Permit	105.00			105.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences - Street Works Permit Scheme. Road Category 0, 1, 2 and 3 and 4 Designated Traffic Sensitive	Major Activity Permit (1 to 3 days duration)	Per Permit	65.00			65.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences - Street Works Permit Scheme. Road Category 0, 1, 2 and 3 and 4 Designated Traffic Sensitive	Major Activity Permit (4 to 10 days duration)	Per Permit	130.00			130.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences - Street Works Permit Scheme. Road Category 0, 1, 2 and 3 and 4 Designated Traffic Sensitive	Major Activity Permit (11 days or more duration) and all major activities requiring a traffic regulation order	Per Permit	240.00			240.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences - Street Works Permit Scheme. Road Category 0, 1, 2 and 3 and 4 Designated Traffic Sensitive	Standard Activity Permit	Per Permit	130.00			130.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences - Street Works Permit Scheme. Road Category 0, 1, 2 and 3 and 4 Designated Traffic Sensitive	Minor Activity Permit	Per Permit	65.00			65.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences - Street Works Permit Scheme. Road Category 0, 1, 2 and 3 and 4 Designated Traffic Sensitive	Immediate Activity Permit	Per Permit	60.00			60.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences - Street Works Permit Scheme. Road Category 3 and 4 Designated Non-Traffic	Provisional Advance Authorisation	Per Permit	75.00			75.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences - Street Works Permit Scheme. Road Category 3 and 4 Designated Non-Traffic	Major Activity Permit (1 to 3 days duration)	Per Permit	45.00			45.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences - Street Works Permit Scheme. Road Category 3 and 4 Designated Non-Traffic	Major Activity Permit (4 to 10 days duration)	Per Permit	75.00			75.00	-	-	0.0%

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Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences - Street Works Permit Scheme. Road Category 3 and 4 Designated Non-Traffic	Major Activity Permit (11 days or more duration) and all major activities requiring a traffic regulation order	Per Permit	150.00			150.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences - Street Works Permit Scheme. Road Category 3 and 4 Designated Non-Traffic	Standard Activity Permit	Per Permit	75.00			75.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences - Street Works Permit Scheme. Road Category 3 and 4 Designated Non-Traffic	Minor Activity Permit	Per Permit	45.00			45.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences - Street Works Permit Scheme. Road Category 3 and 4 Designated Non-Traffic	Immediate Activity Permit	Per Permit	40.00			40.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Clifton Park - Car Parking (15th July to 8th September)	Car Parking - Up to 1 hour	Per Vehicle	1.60			1.70	-	-	6.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Clifton Park - Car Parking (15th July to 8th September)	Car Parking - Up to 2 hours	Per Vehicle	3.00			3.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Clifton Park - Car Parking (15th July to 8th September)	Car Parking - Up to 3 hours	Per Vehicle	4.00			4.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Clifton Park - Car Parking (15th July to 8th September)	Car Parking - Up to 4 hours	Per Vehicle	5.50			5.70	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Clifton Park - Car Parking (15th July to 8th September)	Car Parking - Up to 5 hours	Per Vehicle	7.00			7.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Clifton Park - Car Parking (15th July to 8th September)	Car Parking - All Day	Per Vehicle	8.20			8.50	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Clifton Park - Car Parking (1st April to 14th July and 9th September to 31st March)	Car Parking - Up to 1 hour	Per Vehicle	1.60			1.70	-	-	6.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Clifton Park - Car Parking (1st April to 14th July and 9th September to 31st March)	Car Parking - Up to 2 hours	Per Vehicle	2.80			2.90	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Clifton Park - Car Parking (1st April to 14th July and 9th September to 31st March)	Car Parking - Up to 3 hours	Per Vehicle	3.80			3.90	-	-	2.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Clifton Park - Car Parking (1st April to 14th July and 9th September to 31st March)	Car Parking - Up to 4 hours	Per Vehicle	4.70			4.90	-	-	4.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Clifton Park - Car Parking (1st April to 14th July and 9th September to 31st March)	Car Parking - Up to 5 hours	Per Vehicle	6.00			6.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Clifton Park - Car Parking (1st April to 14th July and 9th September to 31st March)	Car Parking - All Day	Per Vehicle	7.00			7.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Clifton Park Car Parking other	Blue Badge Holders	Per Vehicle				-	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Clifton Park Car Parking other	Mini Buses (Charged as Car)	Per Vehicle				-	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Clifton Park Car Parking other	Term Time Only Season Ticket (Charged Monthly)	Per Vehicle	Remove Charge			Remove Charge	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Waleswood Café, RVCP Cafés, Clifton Park Kiosk, Lakeside Café (Thrybergh), Civic Theatre Café	25% off coffee for Rothercard	Per Person				-	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Outdoor Games	Toddler Splash Sessions	Per Person	3.50			3.60	-	-	2.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Outdoor Games	Water Play exclusive use outside normal operation (per hour)*	Per Hour	175.00			182.00	-	-	4.0%

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Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Clifton Bowls Pavilion (per hour)	Per Hour	18.00			19.00	-	-	5.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Clifton Garden Room (per hour) RMBC Internal bookings 9am to 5pm	Per Hour	29.00			30.00	-	-	3.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Clifton Garden Room (per hour)	Per Hour	40.00			42.00	-	-	5.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Clifton Garden Room and Sunspace (per hour)	Per Hour	45.00			47.00	-	-	4.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Clifton Garden Room and Sunspace block bookings of 6 or more as above	Per Hour				-	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Clifton Garden Room and Sunspace (per hour - bookings over 6 hours per day)	Per Hour	40.00			42.00	-	-	5.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Clifton Garden House Courtyard (per hour - when additional to room booking)	Per Hour	33.00			34.00	-	-	3.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Clifton Garden House Courtyard (per hour - when hired without indoor space)	Per Hour	50.00			52.00	-	-	4.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Children's Parties (under 14 years) (3 hour booking)	Three Hours	180.00			187.00	-	-	3.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Pre-Wedding Henna Celebration (3 hour booking)	Three Hours	180.00			187.00	-	-	3.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Excess charge for off-site catering	Per Event/Booking	43.00			45.00	-	-	4.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Clifton Garden House Courtyard Marquee (per day)	Per Day	505.00			515.00	-	-	2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Clifton Garden House Courtyard Marquee (per day - extra consecutive days)	Per Day	71.00			74.00	-	-	4.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Outdoor Electricity (per day)	Per Day	16.00			17.00	-	-	6.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Caretaking costs outside normal building operation times (per hour)	Per Hour	20.00			21.00	-	-	5.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Celebratory room hire excess (not Children's Parties) - Refundable Deposit	Per Event/Booking	330.00			343.00	-	-	3.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Hire of outdoor chairs and tables (6 tables & 24 chairs) for courtyard (per day)	Per Day	61.00			63.00	-	-	3.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Hire of 3m x 3m Gazebo (per day)	Per Day	36.00			37.00	-	-	2.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Hire of 3m x 6m Gazebo (per day)	Per Day	61.00			63.00	-	-	3.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Tea/Coffee per person (with room hire) (INTERNAL HIRE)	Per Person	1.10			1.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Urban Parks - Room Hire (non-VAT unless hired for sporting activity)	Tea/Coffee per person (with room hire)	Per Person	1.70			1.80	-	-	5.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Commission on sales	Commission on sales	% of sales	0.30			0.30	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Discarded Library Books/CDs/Videos	Children's Hardback & Paperback (or 15% original price whichever is greatest)	Per Item	0.55			0.60	-	-	9.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Discarded Library Books/CDs/Videos	Adult Fiction hardback (or 15% original price whichever is greatest)	Per Item	1.10			1.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Discarded Library Books/CDs/Videos	Adult non-fiction hardback & paperback (or 15% original price whichever is greatest)	Per Item	1.20			1.20	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Discarded Library Books/CDs/Videos	Adult Fiction paperbacks	Per Item	0.60			0.60	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Hire of Rooms (Greasbrough, Maltby, Mowbray, Swinton, Wath)	In opening hours per hour	Per Hour	12.00			12.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Hire of Rooms (Greasbrough, Maltby, Mowbray, Swinton, Wath)	Outside opening hours per hour + Caretaking Costs	Per Hour + Caretaking Costs				-	-	-	N/A

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Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Hire of Rooms (Greasbrough, Maltby, Mowbray, Swinton, Wath)	Promotional Displays per month (insurance)	Per Month	15.00			16.00	-	-	6.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Hire of Rooms (Greasbrough, Maltby, Mowbray, Swinton, Wath)	Promotional Displays per week	Per Week	5.40			5.60	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Hire of Rooms (Greasbrough, Maltby, Mowbray, Swinton, Wath)	Commercial	Negotiable	By Negotiation			By Negotiation	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Hire of Rooms (Greasbrough, Maltby, Mowbray, Swinton, Wath)	Concessionary rate for local and community groups	Negotiable	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	IT Facilities	Printing Black & White per copy A4	Per Page	0.20			0.20	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	IT Facilities	Printing Colour per copy A4	Per Page	0.70			0.70	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	IT Facilities	Printing Black & White per copy A3	Per Page	1.10			1.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	IT Facilities	Printing Colour per copy A3	Per Page	2.10			2.20	-	-	4.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	IT Facilities	Internet user Library Member	Per Hour				-	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	IT Facilities	Internet User Non-Library member	Per Hour				-	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Library Service Books (non-VAT)	Overdue Charges per day open (Under 18s and over 60s exempt)	Per Day				-	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Library Service Books (non-VAT)	Overdue Charges maximum (Under 18s and over 60s exempt)	N/A				-	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Library Tickets	Lost Library Tickets: (non-VAT)	Per Item	1.60			1.70	-	-	6.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Lost & Irreparably Damaged Books, etc.	Lost books/non-books - a suitable replacement copy provided by the borrower may be accepted as a replacement, If no replacement following charges apply	Per Item				-	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Lost & Irreparably Damaged Books, etc.	Adult Fiction Paperback	Per Item	8.40			8.70	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Lost & Irreparably Damaged Books, etc.	Adult Fiction Hardback	Per Item	8.40			8.70	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Lost & Irreparably Damaged Books, etc.	Adult Non-Fiction	Per Item	8.40			8.70	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Lost & Irreparably Damaged Books, etc.	Children's Fiction	Per Item	6.10			6.30	-	-	3.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Lost & Irreparably Damaged Books, etc.	Children's Non-Fiction	Per Item	6.00			6.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Lost & Irreparably Damaged Books, etc.	Microbit kit	Per Item	17.00			18.00	-	-	5.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Lost/Irreparably Damaged Talking Books (non-VAT)	Abridged Version	Per Item	8.40			8.70	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Lost/Irreparably Damaged Talking Books (non-VAT)	Unabridged Version	Per Item	26.00			27.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Photocopying Black & White	A4	Per Page	0.20			0.20	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Photocopying Black & White	A3	Per Page	1.15			1.20	-	-	4.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Photocopying Colour	A4	Per Page	0.65			0.70	-	-	7.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Photocopying Colour	A3	Per Page	2.20			2.30	-	-	4.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Reservations	Book per item (in stock within Rotherham Libraries)	Per Item				-	-	-	N/A

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Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Reservations	Book per item (not in stock within Rotherham Libraries)	Per Item				-	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Riverside House Library, Heritage and Arts Space	Commission on sales	Various	0.30			30%	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Riverside House Library, Heritage and Arts Space	Gallery Hire (minimum 3 week hire for approved exhibitions)	Negotiable	By Negotiation			By Negotiation	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Riverside House Library, Heritage and Arts Space	Publicity & Promotion of Booked Events at request of hirer per advert minimum (Inc. design, advert space)	Negotiable	By Negotiation			By Negotiation	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Riverside House Library, Heritage and Arts Space	Projector	Negotiable	By Negotiation			By Negotiation	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Riverside House Library, Heritage and Arts Space	Display cases	Negotiable	By Negotiation			By Negotiation	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Riverside House Library, Heritage and Arts Space	Hire of Steinway piano (on site)	Negotiable	By Negotiation			By Negotiation	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	School Library Service	Gold - School Library Service plus Museum Loans Service	Fixed plus per pupil	930.00			965.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	School Library Service	Gold - School Library Service plus Museum Loans Service	per pupil	8.00			8.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	School Library Service	Silver - School Library Service	Fixed plus per pupil	765.00			794.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	School Library Service	Silver - School Library Service	per pupil	8.00			8.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	School Library Service	Bronze - Museum Loans Service	Per school	765.00			794.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Talking Books (non-VAT)	Overdue Charges per day per title (Under 18s and over 60s exempt)	Per Day				-	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Talking Books (non-VAT)	Overdue Charges maximum (Under 18s and over 60s exempt)	Per Day				-	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Use of ICT Centres	Band A (libraries that can accommodate 12+ learners)	Various	32.00			33.00	-	-	3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Use of ICT Centres	Band B (libraries that can accommodate 6-11 learners)	Various	17.00			18.00	-	-	5.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Use of ICT Centres	Band C libraries that can accommodate up to 6 learners)	Various	9.00			9.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Library Service	Workshops/Holiday Activities (other than Summer Reading Challenge)	Storystop/Activities/Events/Author Events	Variable Per Child				-	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Taxi and private hire licensing	Disclosure and Barring Service Enhanced check	Per application	Stat Fee			Stat Fee	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Taxi and private hire licensing	DBS check admin charge (Payable in addition to DBS application fee set and charged by DBS)	Per application	28.00			29.00	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Taxi and private hire licensing	Replacement licence - electronic copy (new charge)	Per copy				12.00			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Taxi and private hire licensing	Replacement licence - paper copy	Per copy	20.00			21.00	-	-	5.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Taxi and private hire licensing	Replacement ID badge	Per application	20.00			21.00	-	-	5.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Taxi and private hire licensing	Approval of advertisement	Per application	42.00			43.00	-	-	2.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Taxi and private hire licensing	Approval of trailer for attachment to licensed vehicle	Per application	41.00			42.00	-	-	2.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Taxi and private hire licensing	Replacement Hackney Carriage door signs	Per application	7.00			8.00	-	-	14.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Taxi and private hire licensing	Driver licence application fee - one year licence	Per application	88.00			90.00	-	-	2.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Taxi and private hire licensing	Driver licence application fee - three year licence	Per application	160.00			164.00	-	-	2.5%

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Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Taxi and private hire licensing	Driver knowledge test	Per test	33.00			34.00	-	-	3.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Taxi and private hire licensing	Safeguarding awareness training (including assessment)	Per session	35.00			36.00	-	-	2.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Taxi and private hire licensing	Safeguarding awareness training assessment only	Per assessment	13.00			14.00	-	-	7.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Driver Licence new grant (1 year)	DBS enhanced check	Per application	Remove - Included Above			Remove - Included Above	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Driver Licence new grant (1 year)	Total Fee	Per application	Remove - Included Above			Remove - Included Above	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Driver Licence new grant (3 years)	Application fee	Per application	Remove - Included Above			Remove - Included Above	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Driver Licence new grant (3 years)	Knowledge test	Per application	Remove - Included Above			Remove - Included Above	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Driver Licence new grant (3 years)	Safeguarding awareness training	Per application	Remove - Included Above			Remove - Included Above	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Driver Licence new grant (3 years)	DBS enhanced check	Per application	Remove - Included Above			Remove - Included Above	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Driver Licence new grant (3 years)	Total Fee	Per application	Remove - Included Above			Remove - Included Above	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Driver Licence renewal (1 year)	application fee	Per application	Remove - Included Above			Remove - Included Above	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Driver Licence renewal (1 year)	Total Fee	Per application	Remove - Included Above			Remove - Included Above	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Driver Licence renewal (3 year)	application fee	Per application	Remove - Included Above			Remove - Included Above	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Taxi and Private Hire	Driver Licence renewal (3 year)	Total Fee	Per application	Remove - Included Above			Remove - Included Above	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Taxi and private hire licensing	Change detail on licence (inc change of dates, change of name etc) - includes paper copy of licence	Per licence	28.00			29.00	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Miscellaneous Licence Fees	Sex establishment licence application fee	Per licence	1,938.00			1,977.00	-	-	2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Scrap Metal Dealer licensing	Scrap Metal Dealer Collectors Licence application fee (3 years)	Per licence	238.00			243.00	-	-	2.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Scrap Metal Dealer licensing	Scrap Metal Dealer Site Licence application fee (3 years)	Per licence	476.00			486.00	-	-	2.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Miscellaneous Licence Fees	Marriage Act Approved Premises Application Fee	Per application	1,836.00			1,873.00	-	-	2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Miscellaneous Licence Fees	Marriage Act Approved Premises Transfer Fee	Per application	38.00			39.00	-	-	2.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Miscellaneous Licence Fees	Marriage Act Approved Premises Variation Fee	Per application	342.00			349.00	-	-	2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Miscellaneous Licence Fees	Hourly rate (discretionary charge for non-statutory activity - minimum charge 1hr)	Per Hour	28.00			29.00	-	-	3.6%

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Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Scrap Metal Dealer licensing	Administrative change	Per application	28.00			29.00	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Scrap Metal Dealer licensing	Conversion of site licence to collectors licence	Per application	28.00			29.00	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Scrap Metal Dealer licensing	Conversion of collectors licence to site licence	Per application	316.00			323.00	-	-	2.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Miscellaneous Licensing	Scrap Metal Licence Variation fee	Change of site manager	New Charge	Remove Charge			Remove Charge	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Scrap Metal Dealer licensing	Add additional sites to licence	Per application	119.00			122.00	-	-	2.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Scrap Metal Dealer licensing	Change of details on licence (persons named on licence, site manager etc)	Per application	60.00			62.00	-	-	3.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Taxi and private hire licensing	Daily charge for attendance on training / awareness course required as part of licence application process	Per day	70.00			72.00	-	-	2.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Taxi and private hire licensing	Private Hire Operator application fee (1-3 vehicles) (one year licence)	Per application	157.00			161.00	-	-	2.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Taxi and private hire licensing	Private Hire Operator application fee (4-20 vehicles) (one year licence)	Per application	210.00			215.00	-	-	2.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Taxi and private hire licensing	Private Hire Operator application fee (21-40 vehicles) (one year licence)	Per application	495.00			505.00	-	-	2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Taxi and private hire licensing	Private Hire Operator application fee (over 40 vehicles) (one year licence)	Per application	728.00			743.00	-	-	2.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Taxi and private hire licensing	Private Hire Operator variation fee	Per application	54.00			56.00	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Taxi and private hire licensing	Licensed vehicle application fee	subject to consultation	116.00			119.00	-	-	2.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Taxi and private hire licensing	Licensed vehicle compliance test	subject to consultation	47.00			48.00	-	-	2.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Taxi and private hire licensing	Licence vehicle compliance test (retest)	subject to consultation	27.00			28.00	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Taxi and private hire licensing	Licensed vehicle compliance test missed appointment fee	subject to consultation	47.00			48.00	-	-	2.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Taxi and private hire licensing	Licensed vehicle compliance test missed appointment fee (retest)	subject to consultation	27.00			28.00	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Taxi and private hire licensing	Licensed vehicle licence plate	Per plate	20.00			21.00	-	-	5.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Taxi and private hire licensing	Licensed vehicle licence plate bracket / fixing kit	Per unit	17.00			18.00	-	-	5.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Taxi and private hire licensing	Change detail on licence (inc change of dates, change of name etc) - includes paper copy of licence	Per application	28.00			29.00	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Taxi and private hire licensing	Licensed vehicle licence transfer fee	Per application	47.00			48.00	-	-	2.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Alcohol licensed premises gaming machine notification (less than 3 machines) application fee	Per application	50.00			50.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Alcohol licensed premises gaming machine notification (more than 2 machines) application fee	Per application	150.00			150.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Alcohol licensed premises gaming machine notification (more than 2 machines) renewal fee	Per application	50.00			50.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Alcohol licensed premises gaming machine notification (more than 2 machines) variation fee	Per application	100.00			100.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Alcohol licensed premises gaming machine notification (more than 2 machines) transfer fee	Per application	25.00			25.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Alcohol licensed premises gaming machine notification (more than 2 machines) annual fee	Per application	50.00			50.00	-	-	0.0%

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Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Alcohol licensed premises gaming machine notification (more than 2 machines) change of name	Per application	25.00			25.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Alcohol licensed premises gaming machine notification (more than 2 machines) copy of document	Per application	15.00			15.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Application for Provisional Statement - New Small Casinos	Per application	7,912.00			8,000.00	-	-	1.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Application for Provisional Statement - New Large Casino	Per application	9,892.00			10,000.00	-	-	1.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Application for Provisional Statement - Bingo Club	Per application	3,431.00			3,500.00	-	-	2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Application for Provisional Statement - Betting premises (excluding Tracks)	Per application	3,000.00			3,000.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Application for Provisional Statement - Tracks	Per application	2,455.00			2,500.00	-	-	1.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Application for Provisional Statement - Family Entertainment Centres	Per application	1,980.00			2,000.00	-	-	1.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Application for Provisional Statement - Adult Gaming Centre	Per application	1,980.00			2,000.00	-	-	1.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Application for Reinstatement - New Small Casinos	Per application	1,779.00			1,800.00	-	-	1.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Application for Reinstatement - New Large Casino	Per application	2,109.00			2,150.00	-	-	1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Application for Reinstatement - Bingo Club	Per application	1,188.00			1,200.00	-	-	1.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Application for Reinstatement - Betting premises (excluding Tracks)	Per application	1,188.00			1,200.00	-	-	1.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Application for Reinstatement -Tracks	Per application	939.00			950.00	-	-	1.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Application for Reinstatement - Family Entertainment Centres	Per application	927.00			950.00	-	-	2.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Application for Reinstatement - Adult Gaming Centre	Per application	1,188.00			1,200.00	-	-	1.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Application to transfer - New Small Casinos	Per application	1,779.00			1,800.00	-	-	1.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Application to transfer - New Large Casino	Per application	2,109.00			2,150.00	-	-	1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Application to transfer - Bingo Club	Per application	1,188.00			1,200.00	-	-	1.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Application to transfer - Betting premises (excluding Tracks)	Per application	1,188.00			1,200.00	-	-	1.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Application to transfer - Tracks	Per application	939.00			950.00	-	-	1.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Application to transfer - Family Entertainment Centres	Per application	927.00			950.00	-	-	2.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Application to transfer - Adult Gaming Centre	Per application	1,188.00			1,200.00	-	-	1.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Application to vary - New Small Casinos	Per application	3,957.00			4,000.00	-	-	1.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Application to vary - New Large Casino	Per application	4,947.00			5,000.00	-	-	1.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Application to vary - Bingo Club	Per application	1,717.00			1,750.00	-	-	1.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Application to vary - Betting premises (excluding Tracks)	Per application	1,470.00			1,500.00	-	-	2.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Application to vary - Tracks	Per application	1,229.00			1,250.00	-	-	1.7%

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Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Application to vary - Family Entertainment Centres	Per application	991.00			1,000.00	-	-	0.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Application to vary - Adult Gaming Centre	Per application	991.00			1,000.00	-	-	0.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Machine Permit (club premises certificate holder)aApplication fee	Per application	100.00			100.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Machine Permit (club premises certificate holder) renewal fee	Per application	100.00			100.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Machine Permit (club premises certificate holder) variation fee	Per application	100.00			100.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Machine Permit (club premises certificate holder) annual fee	Per application	50.00			50.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Machine Permit (club premises certificate holder) copy of document	Per application	15.00			15.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Machine Permit application fee	Per application	200.00			200.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Machine Permit renewal fee	Per application	200.00			200.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Machine Permit variation fee	Per application	100.00			100.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Machine Permit annual fee	Per application	50.00			50.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Machine Permit copy of document	Per application	15.00			15.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Permit (club premises certificate holder) application fee	Per application	100.00			100.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Permit (club premises certificate holder) renewal fee	Per application	100.00			100.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Permit (club premises certificate holder) variation fee	Per application	100.00			100.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Permit (club premises certificate holder) annual fee	Per application	50.00			50.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Permit (club premises certificate holder) copy of document	Per application	15.00			15.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Permit application fee	Per application	200.00			200.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Permit renewal fee	Per application	200.00			200.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Permit variation fee	Per application	100.00			100.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Permit annual fee	Per application	50.00			50.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Club Gaming Permit copy of document	Per application	15.00			15.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Licence Application (Provisional Statement Holders) - New Small Casinos	Per application	2,969.00			3,000.00	-	-	1.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Licence Application (Provisional Statement Holders) - New Large Casino	Per application	4,947.00			5,000.00	-	-	1.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Licence Application (Provisional Statement Holders) - Bingo Club	Per application	1,188.00			1,200.00	-	-	1.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Licence Application (Provisional Statement Holders) - Betting premises (excluding Tracks)	Per application	1,188.00			1,200.00	-	-	1.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Licence Application (Provisional Statement Holders) - Tracks	Per application	939.00			950.00	-	-	1.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Licence Application (Provisional Statement Holders) - Family Entertainment Centres	Per application	927.00			950.00	-	-	2.5%

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Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Licence Application (Provisional Statement Holders) - Adult Gaming Centre	Per application	1,188.00			1,200.00	-	-	1.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Licence Application (Provisional Statement Holders) copy Licence	Per application	25.00			25.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Licence Application (Provisional Statement Holders) notification of Change	Per application	50.00			50.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Premises Licence Annual Fee - New Small Casinos	Per application	4,945.00			5,000.00	-	-	1.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Premises Licence Annual Fee - New Large Casino	Per application	9,892.00			10,000.00	-	-	1.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Premises Licence Annual Fee - Regional Casino	Per application	14,837.00			15,000.00	-	-	1.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Premises Licence Annual Fee - Bingo Club	Per application	978.00			1,000.00	-	-	2.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Premises Licence Annual Fee - Betting premises (excluding Tracks)	Per application	595.00			600.00	-	-	0.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Premises Licence Annual Fee - Tracks	Per application	991.00			1,000.00	-	-	0.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Premises Licence Annual Fee - Family Entertainment Centres	Per application	661.00			750.00	-	-	13.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Premises Licence Annual Fee - Adult Gaming Centre	Per application	991.00			1,000.00	-	-	0.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Premises Licence Application Fee - New Small Casinos	Per application	7,913.00			8,000.00	-	-	1.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Premises Licence Application Fee - New Large Casino	Per application	9,892.00			10,000.00	-	-	1.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Premises Licence Application Fee - Regional Casino	Per application	14,837.00			15,000.00	-	-	1.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Premises Licence Application Fee - Bingo Club	Per application	3,298.00			3,500.00	-	-	6.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Premises Licence Application Fee - Betting premises (excluding Tracks)	Per application	2,637.00			3,000.00	-	-	13.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Premises Licence Application Fee - Tracks	Per application	2,500.00			2,500.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Premises Licence Application Fee - Family Entertainment Centres	Per application	1,980.00			2,000.00	-	-	1.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Premises Licence Application Fee - Adult Gaming Centre	Per application	1,980.00			2,000.00	-	-	1.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Prize gaming permit application fee	Per application	300.00			300.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Prize gaming permit renewal fee	Per application	300.00			300.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Prize gaming permit change of name	Per application	25.00			25.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Prize gaming permit copy of document	Per application	15.00			15.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Registration of small society lotteries - application fee	Per application	40.00			40.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Registration of small society lotteries - renewal fee	Per application	20.00			20.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Temporary Use Notice - application fee	Per application	448.00			500.00	-	-	11.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Temporary Use Notice - copy of document	Per application	18.00			25.00	-	-	38.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Unlicensed Family Entertainment Centre Gaming Machine Permit application fee	Per application	300.00			300.00	-	-	0.0%

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Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Unlicensed Family Entertainment Centre Gaming Machine Permit renewal fee	Per application	300.00			300.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Unlicensed Family Entertainment Centre Gaming Machine Permit change of name	Per application	25.00			25.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Gambling Act 2005	Unlicensed Family Entertainment Centre Gaming Machine Permit copy of document	Per application	15.00			15.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Replacement licence	Per licence	10.50			10.50	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Application for provisional statement	Per application	315.00			315.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Notification of change	Per application	10.50			10.50	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Application to vary DPS	Per application	23.00			23.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Application to transfer premises licence	Per application	23.00			23.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Interim authority notice	Per application	23.00			23.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Temporary Event Notice	Per application	21.00			21.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Grant of personal licence	Per licence	37.00			37.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Fee for right to be notified	Per application	21.00			21.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Premise Licence and Club Premises Certificate Annual Fee: Band A	Per licence	70.00			70.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Premise Licence and Club Premises Certificate Annual Fee: Band B	Per licence	180.00			180.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Premise Licence and Club Premises Certificate Annual Fee: Band C	Per licence	295.00			295.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Premise Licence and Club Premises Certificate Annual Fee: Band D	Per licence	320.00			320.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Premise Licence and Club Premises Certificate Annual Fee: Band E	Per licence	350.00			350.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate annual fee additional fee based on capacity: 5000 - 9999	Per licence	500.00			500.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate annual fee additional fee based on capacity: 10000 - 14999	Per licence	1,000.00			1,000.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate annual fee additional fee based on capacity: 15000 - 19999	Per licence	2,000.00			2,000.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate annual fee additional fee based on capacity: 20000 - 29999	Per licence	4,000.00			4,000.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate annual fee additional fee based on capacity: 30000 - 39999	Per licence	8,000.00			8,000.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate annual fee additional fee based on capacity: 40000 - 49999	Per licence	12,000.00			12,000.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate annual fee additional fee based on capacity: 50000 - 59999	Per licence	16,000.00			16,000.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate annual fee additional fee based on capacity: 60000 - 69999	Per licence	20,000.00			20,000.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate annual fee additional fee based on capacity: 70000 - 79999	Per licence	24,000.00			24,000.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate annual fee additional fee based on capacity: 80000 - 89999	Per licence	28,000.00			28,000.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate annual fee additional fee based on capacity: 90000 and over	Per licence	32,000.00			32,000.00	-	-	0.0%

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Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate Application additional fee based on capacity: 5000 - 9999	Per Application	1,000.00			1,000.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate Application additional fee based on capacity: 10000 - 14999	Per Application	2,000.00			2,000.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate Application additional fee based on capacity: 15000 - 19999	Per Application	4,000.00			4,000.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate Application additional fee based on capacity: 20000 - 29999	Per Application	8,000.00			8,000.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate Application additional fee based on capacity: 30000 - 39999	Per Application	16,000.00			16,000.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate Application additional fee based on capacity: 40000 - 49999	Per Application	24,000.00			24,000.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate Application additional fee based on capacity: 50000 - 59999	Per Application	32,000.00			32,000.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate Application additional fee based on capacity: 60000 - 69999	Per Application	40,000.00			40,000.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate Application additional fee based on capacity: 70000 - 79999	Per Application	48,000.00			48,000.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate Application additional fee based on capacity: 80000 - 89999	Per Application	56,000.00			56,000.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate Application additional fee based on capacity: 90000 and over	Per Application	64,000.00			64,000.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate Application Fee: Band A	Per Application	100.00			100.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate Application Fee: Band B	Per Application	190.00			190.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate Application Fee: Band C	Per Application	315.00			315.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate Application Fee: Band D	Per Application	450.00			450.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Licensing Act 2003	Premises Licence and Club Premises Certificate Application Fee: Band E	Per Application	635.00			635.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Variation fee in transition:	Band A	Per license	20.00				-	-	-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Variation fee in transition:	Band B	Per license	60.00				-	-	-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Variation fee in transition:	Band C	Per license	80.00				-	-	-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Variation fee in transition:	Band D	Per license	100.00				-	-	-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing - Licensing Act 2003	Variation fee in transition:	Band E	Per license	120.00				-	-	-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Borough Fairs	Bonfire Ground Wath	Per annum	1,136.00			1,179.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Borough Fairs	Victoria Park	Per annum	954.00			990.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Borough Fairs	Spring Fair Herringthorpe	Per annum	2,377.00			2,467.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Borough Fairs	St Pauls Kimberworth	Per annum	562.00			583.00	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Borough Fairs	Clifton Park	Per annum	1,985.00			2,060.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Borough Fairs	Clifton Park	Per annum	1,985.00			2,060.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Borough Fairs	Greasborough RC	Per annum	976.00			1,013.00	-	-	3.8%

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Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Borough Fairs	Wood Lea Common	Per annum	607.00			630.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Car Parking per Quarter	(Inc CCTV Upgrades & Additional Security)	Per Quarter	139.00			139.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Island Stalls	20 & 21	Per Month	237.00			237.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Island Stalls	22 - 67, 78, 80 - 87	Per Month	204.50			204.50	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Island Stalls	77 & 79	Per Month	215.00			215.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Miscellaneous Charges	Rotherham Crafters Inc Vat	Per Day	7.00			7.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Miscellaneous Charges	Car Boot Charity Admin Fee Plus Vat	Each Document	22.00			22.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Miscellaneous Charges	Farmers Market Licence Fee Plus Vat	Per Day	34.00			34.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Miscellaneous Charges	Document Completion Fee Plus Vat	Each Document	11.00			11.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Miscellaneous Charges	Out of Hours access charge plus Vat	Each Access	21.00			21.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Miscellaneous Charges	Lease Assignment Fee Plus Vat	Each Assignment	-	107.00	265	-	107.00	265.00	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Miscellaneous Charges	Lease Renewal Fee Plus Vat	Each Lease	209.00			209.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Miscellaneous Charges	Town Centre Pitch Stall Hire inc Vat	Each Hire	31.00			31.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Miscellaneous Charges	Rotherham Advertiser Pitch inc Vat	Per Week	26.00			26.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Miscellaneous Charges	Water Admin. Charge Plus Vat	Per Month	20.00			20.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Miscellaneous Charges	Concession Management Pitch Inc Vat	Each pitch	10.00			10.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Miscellaneous Charges	Rival Market Licence Fee	Each Document	-	240.00	291	-	245.00	297.00	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Miscellaneous Charges	New Trader Incentive Exe Vat	Three months rent free incentive	-			-	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Miscellaneous Charges	Equipment Hire Concession Rate (Per Gazebo)	Each Gazebo	11.00			11.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Miscellaneous Charges	Equipment Hire Normal Rate (Per Gazebo)	Each Gazebo	33.00			33.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Miscellaneous Charges	Late Open/Early Close Fee - Market Hall Plus Vat	Each Offence	10.00			10.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Outdoor (Friday & Saturday) (incl. VAT)	Small Stall 1 & 2	Per Day	13.00			13.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Outdoor (Friday & Saturday) (incl. VAT)	Standard Stall 8 - 85 & 129 - 131	Per Day	15.00			15.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Outdoor (Friday & Saturday) (incl. VAT)	Large Stall 3 - 7 & 86 - 128	Per Day	17.00			17.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Outdoor (Monday) (incl. VAT)	Small Stall 1 & 2	Per Day	11.00			11.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Outdoor (Monday) (incl. VAT)	Standard Stall 8 - 85 & 129 - 131	Per Day	11.00			11.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Outdoor (Monday) (incl. VAT)	Large Stall 3 - 7 & 86 - 128	Per Day	11.00			11.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Outdoor (Storage Charges)	Storage Boxes	Per Day	4.00			4.00	-	-	0.0%

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Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Outdoor (Storage Charges)	OMT Large	Per Week	23.00			23.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Outdoor (Storage Charges)	OMT Small	Per Week	19.00			19.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Outdoor (Storage Charges)	Fruiters Storage	Per Week	9.00			9.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Outdoor (Tuesday) (incl. VAT)	Standard Stall	Per Day	10.00			10.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Outdoor (Wednesday) (incl. VAT)	Standard Stall	Per Day	14.00			14.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Perimeter Stalls	1 - 5	Per Month	237.00			237.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Perimeter Stalls	6 & 10	Per Month	150.50			150.50	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Perimeter Stalls	7 - 9, 12 - 14, 16 - 18, 68 - 76	Per Month	237.00			237.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Perimeter Stalls	11	Per Month	193.50			193.50	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Perimeter Stalls	15	Per Month	154.00			154.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Perimeter Stalls	19	Per Month	215.00			215.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Perimeter Stalls	88 + Electricity Standing Charges	Per Month	283.00			283.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Stock Room	A1	Per Month	57.50			57.50	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Stock Room	A2, A3, C2,E2,F2, G2, J2, M2, P1, Q2, Q3	Per Month	70.00			70.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Stock Room	A4, B5	Per Month	36.00			36.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Stock Room	B1	Per Month	21.00			21.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Stock Room	B2, B3	Per Month	23.50			23.50	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Stock Room	B4	Per Month	31.50			31.50	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Stock Room	C1, E1, F1, J1, K1,	Per Month	47.00			47.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Stock Room	G1,H1, H2A, H2B, K2A, K2B, L1, L2A, M1	Per Month	35.00			35.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Stock Room	Q1A, Q1B	Per Month	35.00			35.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Stock Room	Stock Room Lights Per Quarter	Per Quarter	10.00			10.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Street Market (excl. VAT)	RMBC Casual Traders/ Multiple Trading Days	Per Day	23.50			24.40	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Street Market (excl. VAT)	Regular Traders	Per Day	33.75			35.00	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Street Market (excl. VAT)	Town Centre Farmers Market	Per Day	-	15.00	25	-	15.00	26.00	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Market Service	Market Service - Street Market (excl. VAT)	Wath District (Per foot)	Per Day	1.30			1.30	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Music Service	Music Service	CPD and other offers to schools - School Year 2023	Per Hour	116.00				-	-	-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Music Service	Music Service	Group lessons of 3 or more pupils - School Year 2023	Per Pupil Per Term	65.00				-	-	-100.0%

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Regeneration & Environment	Music Service	Music Service	Shared lesson (2 pupils in the lesson) - School Year 2023	Per Pupil Per Term	85.00				-	-	-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Music Service	Music Service	Individual 15 minute lesson (only available if a suitable share cannot be found) - School Year 2023	Per Pupil Per Term	107.00				-	-	-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Music Service	Music Service	Individual 1:1 20 minutes - School Year 2023	Per Term	153.00				-	-	-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Music Service	Music Service	Individual 1:1 30 minutes grade 5+ - School Year 2023	Per Term	191.00				-	-	-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Music Service	Music Service	Hourly charge for instrument lessons. Whole class teaching, after school clubs - School Year 2023	Per Hour	47.00				-	-	-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Music Service	Music Service	Whole Class Instrumental KS 1 and above 60 min delivery	Per Term	514.00				-	-	-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Music Service	Music Service	WCET KS 1 delivery 30 mins	Per Term	260.00				-	-	-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Music Service	Music Service	WCET Follow on 30 min delivery	Per Term	260.00				-	-	-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Music Service	Music Service	Curriculum Music Delivery KS 1 and 2	Per Term	530.00				-	-	-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Music Service	Music Service	Whole Class Instrument Loan (free with delivery)	Per Term	212.00				-	-	-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Music Service	Music Service	Line Music Session (group of professionals delivering a music performance)	Per Term	159.00				-	-	-100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services	Release fee for abandoned vehicle within 24 hrs	Each	100.00			150.00	-	-	50.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services	Release fee for untaxed	Each					-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services	Penalty Charge Notices (higher level)	Each	70.00			70.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services	Penalty Charge Notices (lower level)	Each	50.00			50.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services	Staff parking permits (All car parks)	Per month - pro rata for days parked	41.00			43.00	-	-	4.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services	South Yorkshire Police Parking Permits - Statutes Car Park	Per month	46.00			48.00	-	-	4.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services	Parking dispensations and suspension fee - on street	Each	20.00			21.00	-	-	5.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services	Parking dispensations and suspension fee - off street	Each	20.00			21.00	-	-	5.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Free parking in the town centre at all Council Off-Street car parks on Saturdays and Sundays	Saturday / Sunday	Free			Free	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Free parking for the first hour in the town centre at all Council Off-Street car parks on Monday - Friday inclusive	Monday - Friday	Free			Free	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - FORGE ISLAND	1 to 2 hours	1.50			2.50	-	-	66.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - FORGE ISLAND	Up to 4 hours	2.00			5.00	-	-	150.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - FORGE ISLAND	All day	3.60			8.00	-	-	122.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - DRUMMOND STREET	1 to 2 hours	1.50			1.50	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - DRUMMOND STREET	Up to 4 hours	2.00			2.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - DRUMMOND STREET	All day	3.60			3.60	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - WELLGATE NORTH	Up to 30 minutes	Free			Free	-	-	N/A

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Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - WELLGATE NORTH	Up to 1 hour	Free			Free	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - CLIFTON HALL	1 to 2 hours	1.60			1.60	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - CLIFTON HALL	Up to 4 hours	2.10			2.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - CLIFTON HALL	All day	3.80			3.80	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - DOUGLAS STREET	Up to 30 minutes	Free			Free	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - DOUGLAS STREET	Up to 1 hour	Free			Free	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - DOUGLAS STREET	1 to 2 hours	1.50			1.50	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - UNITY PLACE	Up to 30 minutes	Free			Free	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - UNITY PLACE	Up to 1 hour	Free			Free	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - UNITY PLACE	1 to 2 hours	1.50			1.50	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - UNITY PLACE	Up to 4 hours	2.00			2.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - RIVERSIDE	Up to 1 hour	Free			Free	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - RIVERSIDE	1 to 2 hours	1.10			1.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - RIVERSIDE	Up to 4 hours	2.10			2.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - SCALA	1 to 2 hours	1.50			1.50	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - SCALA	Up to 4 hours	2.00			2.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - RIVERSIDE HOUSE	Up to 2 hours	1.60			1.60	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - RIVERSIDE HOUSE	Up to 4 hours	2.10			2.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - RIVERSIDE HOUSE	All day	3.80			3.80	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - BAILEY HOUSE	1 to 4 hours	1.10			1.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - BAILEY HOUSE	All day	2.10			2.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - WELLGATE MSCP	1 to 2 hours	1.50			1.50	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - WELLGATE MSCP	Up to 4 hours	2.00			2.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - WELLGATE MSCP	All day	3.60			3.60	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - THE STATUTES	1 to 2 hours	1.10			1.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - THE STATUTES	Up to 4 hours	2.10			2.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - THE STATUTES	All day (Monday - Friday)	3.80			3.80	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - THE STATUTES	All day (Saturday)	2.10			2.10	-	-	0.0%

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Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - Westgate	1 to 4 hours	1.50			1.50	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - Off Street	Off street parking charges - Westgate	All day	3.10			3.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MAIN STREET	Up to 30 minutes	0.20			0.20	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MAIN STREET	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MAIN STREET	Up to 2 hours	3.30			3.30	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MOORGATE STREET	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MOORGATE STREET	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MOORGATE STREET	Up to 2 hours	3.30			3.30	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MANSFIELD ROAD	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MANSFIELD ROAD	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MANSFIELD ROAD	Up to 2 hours	3.30			3.30	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - STANLEY STREET	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - STANLEY STREET	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - STANLEY STREET	Up to 2 hours	3.30			3.30	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MOORGATE	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MOORGATE	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MOORGATE	Up to 2 hours	3.30			3.30	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MOORGATE	Up to 3 hours	3.80			3.80	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MOORGATE	Up to 4 hours	4.30			4.30	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - CROFTS TOWN HALL	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - CROFTS TOWN HALL	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - CROFTS TOWN HALL	Up to 2 hours	3.30			3.30	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - CROFTS TOWN HALL	Up to 3 hours	3.80			3.80	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - CROFTS TOWN HALL	Up to 4 hours	4.30			4.30	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - SHIP HILL	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - SHIP HILL	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - SHIP HILL	Up to 2 hours	3.30			3.30	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - SHIP HILL	Up to 3 hours	3.80			3.80	-	-	0.0%

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Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - SHIP HILL	Up to 4 hours	4.30			4.30	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WELLGATE	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WELLGATE	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - DONCASTER GATE	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - DONCASTER GATE	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - DONCASTER GATE	Up to 2 hours	3.30			3.30	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WESTGATE	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WESTGATE	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WESTGATE	Up to 2 hours	3.30			3.30	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WHARNCLIFFE STREET	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WHARNCLIFFE STREET	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WHARNCLIFFE STREET	Up to 2 hours	3.30			3.30	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - PERCY STREET	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - PERCY STREET	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - PERCY STREET	Up to 2 hours	3.30			3.30	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - HOWARD STREET	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - HOWARD STREET	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - EASTWOOD LANE	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - EASTWOOD LANE	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WELLGATE MASONS	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WELLGATE MASONS	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WELLGATE MASONS	Up to 2 hours	3.30			3.30	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WESTGATE (Short Stay)	Up to 30 minutes	0.20			0.20	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WESTGATE (Short Stay)	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WESTGATE (Short Stay)	Up to 2 hours	3.30			3.30	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WESTGATE (Long Stay)	Up to 30 minutes	0.20			0.20	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WESTGATE (Long Stay)	Up to 1 hour	1.10			1.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WESTGATE (Long Stay)	Up to 2 hours	2.10			2.10	-	-	0.0%

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Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WESTGATE (Long Stay)	Up to 4 hours	3.30			3.30	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - WESTGATE (Long Stay)	All day	4.30			4.30	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - SHEFFIELD ROAD	Up to 30 minutes	0.20			0.20	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - SHEFFIELD ROAD	Up to 1 hour	1.10			1.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - SHEFFIELD ROAD	Up to 2 hours	2.10			2.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - SHEFFIELD ROAD	Up to 4 hours	3.30			3.30	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - SHEFFIELD ROAD	All day	4.30			4.30	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MAIN STREET	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MAIN STREET	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MAIN STREET	Up to 2 hours	3.30			3.30	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MASBROUGH STREET	Up to 30 minutes	0.20			0.20	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MASBROUGH STREET	Up to 1 hour	0.50			0.50	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MASBROUGH STREET	Up to 2 hours	1.10			1.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MASBROUGH STREET	All day	2.10			2.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - DOMINE LANE	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - DOMINE LANE	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - DOMINE LANE	Up to 2 hours	3.30			3.30	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MARKET STREET	Up to 30 minutes	1.10			1.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MARKET STREET	Up to 1 hour	1.60			1.60	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - MARKET STREET	Up to 2 hours	3.30			3.30	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - COKE HILL	Up to 30 minutes	0.20			0.20	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - COKE HILL	Up to 4 hours	1.10			1.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - COKE HILL	All day	2.10			2.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - PARKFIELD ROAD	Up to 30 minutes	0.50			0.50	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - PARKFIELD ROAD	Up to 1 hour	1.10			1.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - PARKFIELD ROAD	Up to 2 hours	1.60			1.60	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - PARKFIELD ROAD	Up to 4 hours	2.10			2.10	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services - On Street	On street parking charges - PARKFIELD ROAD	All day	3.80			3.80	-	-	0.0%

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Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control - Private Home	Rats	Treatment upto 3 visits	83.00			86.00	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control - Private Home	Rats - Rothercard Discount	Treatment upto 3 visits	41.50			43.00	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control - Private Home	Mice	Treatment upto 4 visits	83.00			86.00	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control - Private Home	Mice - Rothercard Discount	Treatment upto 4 visits				43.00	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control - Private Home	Mice - missed appointments	Subsequent Visits	38.00			39.00	-	-	2.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control - Private Home	Insects / Wasps / Ants / Fleas	Per Visit	109.00			113.00	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control - Private Home	Insects / Wasps / Ants / Fleas - Rothercard Discount	Per Visit				56.50	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control - Private Home	Squirrels / Moles	Treatment upto 3 visits	109.00			113.00	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control - Private Home	Squirrels / Moles - Rothercard Discount	Treatment upto 3 visits				56.50	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control - Private Home	Bed Bugs / Cockroaches	Treatment upto 4 visits	247.00			256.00	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control - Private Home	Bed Bugs / Cockroaches - Rotherhcard Discount	Treatment upto 4 visits				128.00	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control - Private Home	All other treatments	Per Visit	109.00			113.00	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control - Private Home	All other treatments - Rotherhcard Discount	Per Visit				56.50	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control - Private Home	Call out Fee	Per Visit	67.00			70.00	-	-	4.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control - Private Home	Out of Hours Fixed Fee - Weekdays and Saturday	Per Visit	163.00			169.00	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control - Private Home	Out of Hours Fixed Fee - Sunday and Bank Holiday	Per Visit	216.00			224.00	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control - Council Homes	Rats, Mice, Bed Bugs, Cockroaches, Squirrels and Moles	Treatment upto 3 visits	Free			Free	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control - Council Homes	Insects (e.g., Wasps attached to the property)	Dependant on pest	Free			Free	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control - Council Homes	Fleas (pets at the property)	Per Visit	109.00			113.00	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control - Council Homes	Ants and Flying Ants	Per Visit	109.00			113.00	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Pest Control	Pest Control - Council Homes	Wasps in gardens or garages	Per Visit	109.00			113.00	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Charge relates to carrying out responses to Environmental Information Regulations (EIR requests) - specifically relating to CON29 enquiries only	Per Hour	35.00			36.00	-	-	2.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app - Do I need Planning Permission - Extensions / Alterations - Household Applications	per application	125.00			130.00	-	-	4.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app - Do I need Planning Permission - Extensions / Alterations - Commercial Applications	per application	150.00			156.00	-	-	4.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre-app Advice Adverts	per application	120.00			125.00	-	-	4.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app Advice Section 73	per application	250.00			260.00	-	-	4.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre-app Conservation Area/Trees/Listed Building - Written Advice Only	per application	180.00			187.00	-	-	3.9%

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Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre-app Conservation Area/Trees/Listed Building - Complex Enquiries Including one (MS Teams) Meeting	per application	250.00			260.00	-	-	4.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre-app Conservation Area/Trees/Listed Building - Complex Enquiries Including Site Visit	per application	500.00			520.00	-	-	4.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre-app Other Development or Change of Use	per application	250.00			260.00	-	-	4.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app Minor Development - Written Advice Only	per application	450.00			260.00	-	-	-42.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app Minor Development - One Meeting (MS Teams) and Written Advice	per application	550.00			570.00	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app Minor Development - (larger scale) - Written Advice Only	per application	550.00			570.00	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app Minor Development - (larger scale) - One Meeting (MS Teams) and Written Advice	per application	630.00			650.00	-	-	3.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app Minor Development - (larger scale) - Full Service including Site visit, One Meeting (MS Teams) and Written Advice	per application	720.00			750.00	-	-	4.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app Small Scale Major Initial Advice	per application				-	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app Small Scale Major Subsequent Meetings	per application				-	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app Small Scale Major Written Advice	per application	750.00			775.00	-	-	3.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app Small Scale Major One Meeting (MS Teams) and Written Advice	per application	950.00			980.00	-	-	3.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app Small Scale Major Development - Full Service including Site visit, One Meeting (MS Teams) and Written Advice	per application	1,050.00			1,080.00	-	-	2.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app Large Scale Major - Initial Meeting	per application				-	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Large Scale Pre-app Subsequent Meeting	per application				-	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app Small Scale Major Written Advice	per application	1,100.00			1,135.00	-	-	3.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app Small Scale Major One Meeting (MS Teams) and Written Advice	per application	1,380.00			1,420.00	-	-	2.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Pre app Small Scale Major Development - Full Service including Site visit, One Meeting (MS Teams) and Written Advice	per application	1,600.00			1,650.00	-	-	3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Strategic Developments - NO PPA - Full Service	per application	4,000.00			4,150.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Strategic Developments and PPA's - POA	per application	-			-	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Confirmation of Legal Agreement Obligations complied with	per hour	95.00			99.00	-	-	4.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Confirmation of Planning Conditions complied with	per hour	95.00			99.00	-	-	4.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Enforcement Notice Withdrawal	per application	450.00			467.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Statutory planning application fees - set nationally cannot be changed locally (https://ecab.planningportal.co.uk/uploads/english_application_fees.pdf)	As per statute					-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Administration Charge for Cancelled Applications where fee is to be refunded	As per statute	8.00			8.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Complete Local Authority Search (LLC1 & Con29 Compiled, covering all required property enquiries)	per application	140.00			145.00	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Con29 Compiled Search - Including VAT	per application	112.00			116.00	-	-	3.6%

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Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Con29O Additional Questions (5-21) - Including VAT	per application	13.00			13.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Con29O Additional Questions (24) - Including VAT	per application	26.00			27.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Local Land Charges Register Search (LLC1 only)	per application	28.00			29.00	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	New street naming	per application	95.00			99.00	-	-	4.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	New properties on new street or new property addresses on an existing street and readdressing after notification (i.e. change subsequent to initial application)	1	75.00			78.00	-	-	4.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	New properties on new street or new property addresses on an existing street and readdressing after notification (i.e. change subsequent to initial application)	2 to 5	112.00			116.00	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	New properties on new street or new property addresses on an existing street and readdressing after notification (i.e. change subsequent to initial application)	6 to 10	152.00			158.00	-	-	3.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	New properties on new street or new property addresses on an existing street and readdressing after notification (i.e. change subsequent to initial application)	more than 10	316.00			328.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	subsequent to initial application		6.00			6.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Planning Service	Planning Service	Change to house name and letter of confirmation of address	per request	64.00			66.00	-	-	3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Animal Health	Providing boarding in kennels for dogs, and providing boarding for cats	Per application	364.00			378.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Animal Health	Providing home boarding	Per application	364.00			378.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Animal Health	Hiring out of horses	Per application	364.00			378.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Animal Health	Breeding of dogs	Per application	364.00			378.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Animal Health	Selling of pets	Per application	364.00			378.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Animal Health	Keeping or training animals for exhibition	Per application	364.00			378.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Animal Health	Variation of a licence under the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Animals) (England) Regulations 2018	Per application	37.00			38.00	-	-	2.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Animal Health	Re-rating visit under the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Animals) (England) Regulations 2018	Per application	194.00			201.00	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Animal Health	Dangerous Wild Animals	Per application	192.00			199.00	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Animal Health	Zoos - First Licence	Per application	1,362.00			1,414.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Animal Health	Zoos - Renewal	Per application	2,013.00			2,089.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Animal Health	Copy of Zoo or Dangerous Wild Animal Licence	Per application	37.00			38.00	-	-	2.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Annual Subsistence Charge	Standard process LOW	Per activity		772.00	876		772.00	876.00	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Annual Subsistence Charge	Standard process MEDIUM	Per activity		1161.00	1317		1161.00	1317.00	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Annual Subsistence Charge	Standard process HIGH	Per activity		1747.00	1954		1747.00	1954.00	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Annual Subsistence Charge	Reduced fee activities Low/Medium/High	Per activity		79.00	237		79.00	237.00	0.0%

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Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Annual Subsistence Charge	PVR I & II Combined Medium Component	Per activity		113.00	341		113.00	341.00	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Annual Subsistence Charge	Vehicle Refinishers Low/Medium/High	Per activity		288.00	548		288.00	548.00	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Annual Subsistence Charge	Odorising of natural gas Low/Medium/High	Per activity		79.00	237		79.00	237.00	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Annual Subsistence Charge	Mobile screening and crushing plant Low/Medium/High	Per activity		626.00	1551		626.00	1551.00	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Annual Subsistence Charge	for the third to seventh authorisations Low/Medium/High	Per activity		385.00	924		385.00	924.00	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Annual Subsistence Charge	for the eighth and subsequent authorisations Low/Medium/High	Per activity		198.00	473		198.00	473.00	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Annual Subsistence Charge	Late Payment Fee	Per activity	52.00			52.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	CCTV	Metal Strap	Per activity	6.00			6.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	CCTV	CCTV Signage	Per activity	20.00			21.00	-	-	5.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	CCTV	Runners per sign	Per activity	5.00			5.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	CCTV	Cherry Picker Hire	Per day	80.00			83.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	CCTV	Download and release of CCTV footage (excluding partners and internal)	Per activity	60.00			62.00	-	-	3.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	CCTV	Search CCTV footage (excluding partners and internal)	Per activity	60.00			62.00	-	-	3.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Environmental Health General	Works in default	Variable	Variable			Variable	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Environmental Health General	Consultation or business advice Enquiry	Per Hour	30.00			31.00	-	-	3.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Environmental Health General	High Hedges investigation	Per Investigation	449.00			449.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Environmental Health General	Seizure and Storage of vehicles involved in waste crimes	Variable	Variable			Variable	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Export Certificates	Export Certificates	Each				-	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Fixed Penalty Notices	Leaving Litter	Offence		100.00	150		100.00	150	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Fixed Penalty Notices	Failing to Comply with a Public Space Protection Order (Including the Dog Control Order)	Offence	100.00			100.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Fixed Penalty Notices	Graffiti and Fly Posting	Offence	500.00			500.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Fixed Penalty Notices	Failure to comply with a Community Protection Notice	Offence	100.00			100.00			0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Fixed Penalty Notices	Failure to comply with non--domestic waste receptacles notice	Offence	Remove Charge			Remove Charge			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Fixed Penalty Notices	Failure to produce authority to transport controlled waste	Offence		300.00	600		300.00	600	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Fixed Penalty Notices	Failure to produce waste disposal documentation	Offence		300.00	600		300.00	600	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Fixed Penalty Notices	Illegal disposal of waste (Fly Tipping)	Offence		400.00	1000		400.00	1000	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Food Hygiene	Food Hygiene Revisit	Per application	195.00			202.00	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Food Hygiene	Provide pre-inspection advice to food businesses	Per application	238.00			247.00	-	-	3.8%

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Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Health and Safety	Ear-piercing – PREMISES	Per application	161.00			167.00	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Health and Safety	Ear piercing - person carrying on the business	Per application	37.00			38.00	-	-	2.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Health and Safety	Total for ear-piercing with one applicant	Per application	198.00			206.00	-	-	4.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Health and Safety	Tattooing – PREMISES	Per application	270.00			280.00	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Health and Safety	Tattooing - person carrying on the business	Per application	37.00			38.00	-	-	2.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Health and Safety	Total for tattooing with one applicant	Per application	307.00			319.00	-	-	3.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Health and Safety	Acupuncture – PREMISES	Per application	198.00			206.00	-	-	4.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Health and Safety	Acupuncture – person carrying on the practice	Per application	37.00			38.00	-	-	2.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Health and Safety	Electrolysis – PREMISES	Per application	198.00			206.00	-	-	4.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Health and Safety	Electrolysis – person carrying on the business	Per application	37.00			38.00	-	-	2.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Health and Safety	Reissuing a registration certificate due to a change of Business Name or Applicant Name for any of the above skin piercing activities.	Per application	Remove Charge			Remove Charge	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Housing Monetary/Civil penalties	Non-compliance with the Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (England) Regulations 2015	First Offence	1,500.00			1,500.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Housing Monetary/Civil penalties	Non-compliance with the Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (England) Regulations 2015	Second Offence	3,000.00			3,000.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Housing Monetary/Civil penalties	Non-compliance with the Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (England) Regulations 2015	Further Offences Per Offence	5,000.00			5,000.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Housing Monetary/Civil penalties	Non-compliance with section 46 Environmental Protection Act 1990 (domestic waste receptacles)	Offence	5,000.00			5,000.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Housing Monetary/Civil penalties	Civil Penalty for Housing offences under the Housing and Planning Act 2016	Offence	30,000.00			30,000.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Part A2	Application	Per activity	3,363.00			3,363.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Part A2	Additional fee for operating without a permit	Per activity	1,188.00			1,188.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Part A2	Annual Subsistence LOW	Per activity	1,343.00			1,343.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Part A2	Annual Subsistence MEDIUM	Per activity	1,507.00			1,507.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Part A2	Annual Subsistence HIGH	Per activity	2,230.00			2,230.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Part A2	Late Payment Fee	Per activity	52.00			52.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Part A2	Substantial Variation	Per activity	1,368.00			1,368.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Part A2	Transfer	Per activity	235.00			235.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Part A2	Partial Transfer	Per activity	698.00			698.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Part A2	Surrender	Per activity	698.00			698.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Pollution Control	Standard process	Application Fee	1,650.00			1,650.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Pollution Control	Additional fee for operating without a permit	Application Fee	1,188.00			1,188.00	-	-	0.0%

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Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Pollution Control	PVR I, Dry Cleaners and Reduced fee activities (1)	Application Fee	155.00			155.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Pollution Control	PVR I & II Combined	Application Fee	257.00			257.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Pollution Control	Vehicle Refinishers (VRs) and other Reduced Fee activities (2)	Application Fee	362.00			362.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Pollution Control	Reduced fee activities additional fee for operating without a permit	Application Fee	71.00			71.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Pollution Control	Mobile screening and crushing plant	Application Fee	1,650.00			1,650.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Pollution Control	for the third to seventh applications	Application Fee	985.00			985.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Pollution Control	for the eighth and subsequent applications	Application Fee	498.00			498.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Private Sector Housing Enforcement Trading Account fees	House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) - Application	House	266.00			266.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Private Sector Housing Enforcement Trading Account fees	House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) Licence maintenance fee	House	663.00			663.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Private Sector Housing Enforcement Trading Account fees	HMO License renewal application fee (available for renewing applications which have not expired)	House	237.00			237.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Private Sector Housing Enforcement Trading Account fees	HMO License renewal Licence maintenance fee (available for renewing applications which have not expired)	House	568.00			568.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Private Sector Housing Enforcement Trading Account fees	HMO Late application fee (Operating 12 weeks unlicensed)	House	411.00			411.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Private Sector Housing Enforcement Trading Account fees	Selective Licence of properties in designated areas - Standard Application Fee	Letting Unit	276.00			276.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Private Sector Housing Enforcement Trading Account fees	Selective Licence of properties in designated areas - Standard Licence Maintenance Fee	Letting Unit	699.00			699.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Private Sector Housing Enforcement Trading Account fees	Discounted maintenance fee for fully completed applications received with all required supporting documents	Letting Unit	665.00			665.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Private Sector Housing Enforcement Trading Account fees	Selective Licence late application fee (operating unlicensed for 90 days)	Letting Unit	200.00			200.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Private Sector Housing Enforcement Trading Account fees	Additional Unit Adminstration Fee (For owners of larger portfolios in excess of 3 properties)	Letting Unit	96.60			96.60	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Private Sector Housing Enforcement Trading Account fees	Charge for the service of Enforcement Notices under the Housing Act 2004	Notice	Variable			Variable	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Shoplink	Annual Subscription	Per Unit	520.00			540.00			3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Shoplink	Lost Radio	Per Unit	500.00			519.00			3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Substantial change s10 and s11	Standard process	Per activity	1,050.00			1,050.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Substantial change s10 and s11	Standard process where the substantial change results in a new PPC activity	Per activity	1,650.00			1,650.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Substantial change s10 and s11	Reduced fee activities*	Per activity	102.00			102.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Temporary Transfer for Mobiles	First Transfer	Per activity	53.00			53.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Temporary Transfer for Mobiles	Repeat Transfer	Per activity	10.00			10.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Temporary Transfer for Mobiles	Repeat Following enforcement or warning	Per activity	53.00			53.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Trading Standards	Weights and Measures Inspector (hourly rate)	Per Hour	78.00			81.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Trading Standards	Weights and Measures Technical Assistant (hourly rate)	Per Hour	49.00			51.00	-	-	4.1%

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Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Trading Standards	Administration of second hand dealer registration	Each	22.00			23.00	-	-	4.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Transfer and Surrender	Standard process transfer	Per activity	169.00			169.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Transfer and Surrender	Standard process partial transfer	Per activity	497.00			497.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Transfer and Surrender	New operator at low risk reduced fee activity	Per activity	78.00			78.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Transfer and Surrender	Surrender: all Part B activities	Per activity	0			0			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Transfer and Surrender	Reduced fee activities*: transfer	Per activity	0			0			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Transfer and Surrender	Reduced fee activities*: partial transfer	Per activity	47.00			47.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Water Samples	Private Water Supply Samples	Each	500.00			500.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Water Samples	Risk assessment (for each assessment)	Each	100.00			100.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Water Samples	Sampling (for each visit) Investigation (for each investigation)	Each	100.00			100.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Water Samples	Granting an authorisation (for each authorisation)	Each	100.00			100.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Water Samples	Standard Microbiological sample	Per sample	103.00			103.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Water Samples	Legionella water sample	Per sample	147.00			147.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Water Samples - Analysing a sample	taken under reg 10	Per sample	25.00			25.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Water Samples - Analysing a sample	taken during check monitoring	Per sample	100.00			100.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Water Samples - Analysing a sample	taken during audit monitoring	Per sample	500.00			500.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	RIDO	Makers Emporium	Makers - Rental of Trading Space	Per month (Six month term)	12.50			13.00	-	-	4.0%
Regeneration & Environment	RIDO	Makers Emporium	Makers - Commission on Sales	Percentage of Sales	30%			0.30	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	All Day Lake Hire - Summer (March - Sept) - Equipment not included	Sole use of Main Lake	Per Day	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	All Day Lake Hire - Summer (March - Sept) - Equipment not included	Partial use of Main Lake	Per Day	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	All Day Lake Hire - Summer (March - Sept) - Equipment not included	Hire of Northern Lake	Per Day	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	All Day Lake Hire - Winter (October - February) - Equipment not included	Sole use of Main Lake	Per Day	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	All Day Lake Hire - Winter (October - February) - Equipment not included	Partial use of Main Lake	Per Day	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	All Day Lake Hire - Winter (October - February) - Equipment not included	Hire of Northern Lake	Per Day	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Car Parking	Up to 1 hour parking	Per Car	1.80			1.90	-	-	5.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Car Parking	Up to 2 hours parking	Per Car	2.90			3.00	-	-	3.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Car Parking	Up to 3 hours parking	Per Car	3.90			4.00	-	-	2.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Car Parking	Up to 4 hours parking	Per Car	4.90			5.10	-	-	4.1%

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Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Car Parking	Up to 5 hours parking	Per Car	5.90			6.10	-	-	3.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Car Parking	All Day	Per Car	6.50			6.70	-	-	3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Car Parking	Blue Badge Holders	per Car				-	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Car Parking	Mini Buses (Charged as Car)	Per Vehicle	As per car			As per car	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Car Parking	Car Parking - Season Ticket (April to March)*	Per Car - Reduced by 1/12th per calendar month		8.33	100	-	8.75	105.00	5.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Caravan and Camping *(not Caravan Site - event operator only)	Caravan - Overnight (Organised events only)	Per Unit	13.00			13.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Caravan and Camping *(not Caravan Site - event operator only)	Tents - Overnight (Organised events only)	Per Unit	11.20			11.60	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Coarse Fishing	Season ticket (ticket to expire at end of March)	Per Person	82.00			85.00	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Coarse Fishing	Per Day	Per Person	5.30			5.50	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Craft Storage	Boats per year - to include car parking fee	Per Boat	282.00			293.00	-	-	3.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Launch Fees	Private Launch - (Per Day) Full Price	Per Unit Per Day	13.00			13.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Launch Fees	Private Launch - (Per Day) Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per Unit Per Day	9.00			9.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Launch Fees	Private Launch (within 3 hours of closure) Full Price	Per Unit	8.50			8.80	-	-	3.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Launch Fees	Private Launch (within 3 hours of closure) Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per Unit	6.40			6.60	-	-	3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Launch Fees	6 Month Private Launch Saver - Incl. Car Parking Fee Full Price	Per Unit	225.00			234.00	-	-	4.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Launch Fees	Storage & Launch Saver (launch1/3/10 to 19/12/10, 12 month storage)inc C/P	Per Unit	419.00			435.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Launch Fees	6 Months Jet Ski Launch Pass	Per Person Per Unit	254.00			264.00	-	-	3.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Launch Fees	1 Month Jet Ski Launch Pass (min. of 6 months to be purchased first)	Per Person Per Unit	74.00			77.00	-	-	4.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Miscellaneous	Powercraft Engine Test	Per Craft	54.00			56.00	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Miscellaneous	Windsurf Harness Hire	Per Person	10.80			11.20	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Miscellaneous	Spraydeck hire	Per Unit	10.80			11.20	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Miscellaneous	Small meeting room hire (half day)	Per Half Day	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Miscellaneous	Small meeting room hire (full day)	Per Day	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Miscellaneous	Large meeting room hire (full day)	Per Day	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Miscellaneous	Flip Chart Hire (on site only) per day*	Per Day	11.30			11.70	-	-	3.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Miscellaneous	Rotherham School Visits	Per Pupil	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Miscellaneous	School Visits (per pupil)	Per Pupil	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A

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Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Miscellaneous	Lecture (by Ranger Staff on site) per hour (non-vat)	Per Hour	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Miscellaneous	Events Fee *	Per Event	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Miscellaneous	Orienteering Maps *	Per Unit	3.30			3.40	-	-	3.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Model Boating	Model Boating (per craft per day) * Full Price	Per Craft Per Day	6.40			6.60	-	-	3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Model Boating	Model Boating (per craft per day) * Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per Craft Per Day	4.80			5.00	-	-	4.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Powerboat Hire *	Powerboat including Driver 0 - 4 hours	Per Boat	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Powerboat Hire *	Powerboat including Driver 0 - 8 hours	Per Boat	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Rother Valley Country Park Cycle Hire	Cycle Hire Refundable Deposit (per cycle)	Per Cycle	10.60			11.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Rother Valley Country Park Cycle Hire	Cycle Hire Refundable Deposit (per group of over 6 people)	Per Cycle	31.80			33.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Rother Valley Country Park Cycle Hire	Cycle Hire (per hour)	Per Cycle Per Hour	9.50			9.90	-	-	4.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Rother Valley Country Park Cycle Hire	Cycle Hire 2 hour	Per Cycle Per 2 Hours	17.00			18.00	-	-	5.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Rother Valley Country Park Cycle Hire	Cycle Trailers (per hour)	Per Trailer Per Hour	7.40			7.70	-	-	4.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Rother Valley Country Park Cycle Hire	Cycle Trailers 2 hours	Per Trailer Per 2 Hours	11.70			12.10	-	-	3.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Rother Valley Country Park Cycle Hire	Dino Cycle	Per Cycle	23.30			24.20	-	-	3.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Rother Valley Country Park Cycle Hire	Dino Cycle Trailer	Per Cycle Trailer	15.90			16.50	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Rother Valley Country Park Cycle Hire	Electric 4 seat cycle	Per Cycle Per Hour	26.50			27.50	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Rother Valley Country Park Cycle Hire	Single Chopper	Per Cycle Per Hour	10.60			11.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Rother Valley Country Park Cycle Hire	Single Chopper (Concession)	Per Cycle Per Hour	9.50			9.90	-	-	4.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Rother Valley Country Park Cycle Hire	Duo Chopper (2 seat cycle)	Per cycle Per Hour	14.80			15.40	-	-	4.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Rother Valley Country Park Cycle Hire	Duo Chopper (2 seat cycle) (Concession)	Per cycle Per Hour	11.10			11.50	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Rother Valley Country Park Cycle Hire	Single seat go cart	Per Hour	10.60			11.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Rother Valley Country Park Cycle Hire	Single seat go cart (Concession)	Per Hour	9.50			9.90	-	-	4.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Double Handed Dinghies (per 90 minutes) Full Price	Per 90 minutes	20.70			21.50	-	-	3.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Double Handed Dinghies (per 90 minutes) Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per 90 minutes	14.80			15.40	-	-	4.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Double Handed Dinghies (per 90 minutes) Junior Rothercard Price	Per 90 minutes	12.70			13.20	-	-	3.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Single Handed Dinghies (per 90 minutes) Full Price	Per 90 minutes	16.40			17.00	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Single Handed Dinghies (per 90 minutes) Concessionary/ Rothercard Price	Per 90 minutes	12.20			12.70	-	-	4.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Single Handed Dinghies (per 90 minutes) Junior Rothercard Price	Per 90 minutes	9.00			9.00	-	-	0.0%

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Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Windsurfer (per 90 minutes) Full Price	Per 90 minutes	15.40			16.00	-	-	3.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Windsurfer (per 90 minutes) Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per 90 minutes	10.60			11.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Windsurfer (per 90 minutes) Junior Rothercard Price	Per 90 minutes	8.00			8.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Canadian Canoe (per 60 minutes) Full Price	Per Hour	15.90			16.50	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Canadian Canoe (per 60 minutes) Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per Hour	12.70			12.30	-	-	-3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Canadian Canoe (per 60 minutes) Junior Rothercard Price	Per Hour	10.10			10.50	-	-	4.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Kayak Canoe (per 60 minutes) Full Price	Per Hour	13.80			14.30	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Kayak Canoe (per 60 minutes) Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per Hour	10.60			10.70	-	-	0.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Kayak Canoe (per 60 minutes) Junior Rothercard Price	Per Hour	8.50			8.80	-	-	3.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Open Canoe (per 60 minutes) Full Price	Per Hour	13.80			14.30	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Open Canoe (per 60 minutes) Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per Hour	10.60			10.70	-	-	0.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Open Canoe (per 60 minutes) Junior Rothercard Price	Per Hour	8.50			8.80	-	-	3.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Topo Due Canoe (per 60 minutes) Full Price	Per Hour	14.80			15.40	-	-	4.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Topo Due Canoe (per 60 minutes) Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per Hour	12.70			11.50	-	-	-9.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Topo Due Canoe (per 60 minutes) Junior Rothercard Price	Per Hour	9.00			9.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Rowing Boat (per 30 minutes)	Per 30 minutes	15.40			16.00	-	-	3.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Pedal Boat (per 30 minutes)	Per 30 minutes	15.40			16.00	-	-	3.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Electric Boats	Per session	18.60			19.30	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Wet Suit (session) Full Price	Per Person	8.00			8.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Wet Suit (session) Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per Person	5.80			6.00	-	-	3.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Wet Suit (per day) Full Price	Per Person	17.00			18.00	-	-	5.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Wet Suit (per day) Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per Person	9.50			9.90	-	-	4.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Buoyancy Aid (per day) Full Price	Per Person	12.70			13.20	-	-	3.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Buoyancy Aid (per day) Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per Person	8.00			8.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Instructor /Supervisor (1:1 90 min lesson in any activity, cost now includes equipment) VAT exempt	Per Person	94.30			97.90	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Rother Valley Country Park	Watersports Includes VAT unless used for education/training	Locker Tokens	Per Locker	0.55			0.60	-	-	9.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Car Parking	Car parking up to 1 hour	Per Hour	1.70			1.80	-	-	5.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Car Parking	All Year Round (per day)	Per ticket	3.00			3.00	-	-	0.0%

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Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Car Parking	Disabled Parking	Per ticket	No Charge			No Charge	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Car Parking	Minibus Day Rate - As Car	Per Vehicle	As per car			As per car	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Car Parking	Car Parking - Season Ticket	Per ticket	Remove Charge			Remove Charge	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Car Parking	car parking season ticket disabled	Per ticket	No Charge			No Charge	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Float Tubing	Season Permit Float Tube Launch	Permit	48.80			50.70	-	-	3.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Float Tubing	Day Ticket Float Tube Launch	Day ticket	5.80			6.00	-	-	3.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Fly Fishing (excludes car parking fee)	4 hours (2 fish) Full Price	Per Half Day	6.60			6.90	-	-	4.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Fly Fishing (excludes car parking fee)	4 hours (2 fish) Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per Half Day	4.50			4.70	-	-	4.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Fly Fishing (excludes car parking fee)	Full day (2 fish) Full Price	Half day ticket	7.10			7.40	-	-	4.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Fly Fishing (excludes car parking fee)	Full day (2 fish) Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Half day ticket	5.50			5.50	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Fly Fishing (excludes car parking fee)	Season Permit unlimited visits 2 fish per visit	Season ticket	82.20			85.30	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Fly Fishing (excludes car parking fee)	Pike Fishing Season Ticket	Season ticket	44.50			46.20	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Other Activities	School Visits (per pupil - Rotherham schools)	Day visit	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Other Activities	School Visits (per pupil - Out of area)	Day visit	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Thrybergh Country Park	Thrybergh Country Park Scooter Hire	Scooter hire (2hrs)	2 hr hire	2.90			3.00	-	-	3.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Transport	Hellaby Workshop	MOT Test (Class 4)	Annual MOT Test	54.00			56.00	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Transport	Hellaby Workshop	MOT Test (Class 5)	Annual MOT Test	54.00			56.00	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Transport	Hellaby Workshop	MOT Test (Class 7)	Annual MOT Test	58.60			60.80	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Transport	Training Service	Standard Mini Bus Driver Awareness training	Per Person	65.00			67.00	-	-	3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Transport	Training Service	Standard Refresher training. Must be completed every 4 years	Per Person	65.00			67.00	-	-	3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Transport	Training Service	Accessible Mini Bus Driver Awareness training	Per Person	125.00			130.00	-	-	4.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Transport	Training Service	Wheelchair Training for Taxi Drivers	Per Person	33.00			34.00	-	-	3.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Transport	Training Service	Driver Certificate of Professional Competence	Per Person	65.00			67.00	-	-	3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Transport	Training Service	Passenger Assistant Training	Per Person	65.00			67.00	-	-	3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Transport	Training Service	Taxi Driving Test	Per Person	108.00			112.00	-	-	3.7%

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Regeneration & Environment	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Provision of Traffic survey data	a. Request for information at a single location = £200 + VAT; b. Requests for information at 2 or more locations = £200 for the first site + multiples of £100; c. Additional analysis relating to the initial request are charged at an hourly rate.	270.00			280.00	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Provision of Road Safety - Collision Data	a. Request for information at a single location = £200 + VAT; b. Requests for information at 2 or more locations = £200 for the first site + multiples of £100; c. Additional analysis relating to the initial request are charged at an hourly rate.	270.00			280.00	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Switch off / Switch on traffic signals or similar	Each	440.00			457.00	-	-	3.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Provision of Traffic Signal drawings	Each	270.00			280.00	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Temporary Direction Signs (Assessment only)	<10 events	120.00			125.00	-	-	4.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Temporary Direction Signs (Assessment only)	>10 events	241.00			250.00	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Temporary Direction Signs (Assessment only)	New development	542.00			563.00	-	-	3.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Temporary Direction Signs (Assessment only)	Re-application	542.00			563.00	-	-	3.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Provision of agreement to undertake works on or connecting to the adopted local road network (Section 278 Agreement).	Per Agreement (Based on Scheme Value)				-	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Ulley Country Park	Ulley Country Park Car Parking*	Car parking up to 1 hour	Up to 1 Hr	1.70			1.80	-	-	5.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Ulley Country Park	Ulley Country Park Car Parking*	Car Parking - per day	Per Day	3.00			3.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Ulley Country Park	Ulley Country Park Car Parking*	Car Parking - Season Ticket (per car)	Per Car	92.00			95.00	-	-	3.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Ulley Country Park	Ulley Country Park Car Parking*	Minibus Day Rate - As Car	Per Vehicle				-	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Ulley Country Park	Ulley Country Park Car Parking*	Blue Badge Holders	Per Vehicle				-	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Ulley Country Park	Ulley Country Park Coarse Fishing*	Season Ticket Full Price	Per ticket	64.00			66.00	-	-	3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Ulley Country Park	Ulley Country Park Coarse Fishing*	Season Ticket Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per ticket	42.00			44.00	-	-	4.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Ulley Country Park	Ulley Country Park Coarse Fishing*	Day Ticket Full Price	Per day	5.40			5.60	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Ulley Country Park	Ulley Country Park Coarse Fishing*	Day Ticket Concessionary/Rothercard Price	Per day	3.70			3.80	-	-	2.7%

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Regeneration & Environment	Ulley Country Park	Ulley Country Park Coarse Fishing*	Match Fishing	Per event	4.40			4.60	-	-	4.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Ulley Country Park	Ulley Country Park Other Activities	Hire of Multi-purpose Room (1 Hour) (non-VAT unless hired for a sporting activity)	Per Hour	25.00			26.00	-	-	4.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Class "A" Playing Pitches	Football/Rugby/Cricket (incl. Changing & Showering facilities) Senior	Per Team Per Fixture	88.00			91.00	-	-	3.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Class "A" Playing Pitches	Official "Under 18 Leagues"	Per Team Per Fixture	58.00			60.00	-	-	3.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Class "B" Playing Pitches	Football/Rugby (incl. Changing Facilities but no services) Senior	Per Team Per Fixture	75.00			78.00	-	-	4.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Class "B" Playing Pitches	Official "Under 18 Leagues"	Per Team Per Fixture	50.00			52.00	-	-	4.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Class "C" Playing Pitches	Football/Rugby/Cricket Wicket (without Changing & Showering facilities) Senior	Per Team Per Fixture	66.00			69.00	-	-	4.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Class "C" Playing Pitches	Official "Under 18 Leagues"	Per Team Per Fixture	44.00			46.00	-	-	4.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Pavilion Hire	Commercial Hire	Per Booking	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Pavilion Hire	Canklow/Greenlands Park/Barkers Park/Wath Pavilion Room (community groups) per hour	Per Hour	17.00			18.00	-	-	5.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Playing Pitches	Administration Fee (Use of unbooked pitch)	Per Team Per Fixture	Pitch+ £75			Pitch+ £75	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Playing Pitches	Excess Litter Charges	Per Team Per Fixture	46.00			48.00	-	-	4.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Playing Pitches	Administration Fee (Use of unbooked pitch) Under 18's	Per Team Per Fixture	Pitch + £55			Pitch + £55	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Rosehill Park - Novelty Golf	Novelty Golf	Per Person	3.20			3.30	-	-	3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Rosehill Park - Novelty Golf	Novelty Golf - Junior	Per Person	2.00			2.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Urban Parks - miscellaneous	Organised Outdoor Fitness Classes (per class)	Per Class	14.00			15.00	-	-	7.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Urban Parks - miscellaneous	Scattering of Ashes	Per Unit	57.00			59.00	-	-	3.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Urban Parks - miscellaneous	Memorial Benches	Per Unit	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Urban Parks - miscellaneous	Memorial Trees	Per Unit	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Urban Parks - miscellaneous	Film Location Fee (Commercial)	Per application	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Urban Parks - miscellaneous	Lighting rig (per day/eve)	Per Day/Evening	25.00			26.00	-	-	4.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Urban Parks - miscellaneous	PA System (per day/eve)	Per Day/Evening	38.00			39.00	-	-	2.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Urban Parks - miscellaneous	Hire of secure areas within green spaces	Per hour	8.70			9.00	-	-	3.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Urban Parks - School Visits	Guided school visits (per pupil per half day)	Per Pupil Per Half Day	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Urban Parks - School Visits	Ranger/Officer educational visits to schools (per half day)	Per Half Day	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Urban Parks Outdoor Events	Clifton Park Hire-Community/Voluntary Grps per hour (per 0.5 Ha or part thereof)	Per Hour				-	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Urban Parks Outdoor Events	Park Hire-Community/Voluntary Grps per hour (per 0.5 Ha or part thereof) (Excluding Clifton Park)	Per Hour				-	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks	Urban Parks Outdoor Events	Park Hire - Commercial Events	Per Event	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A

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Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks - Clifton Park Wedding Packages	Garden Room, Sun Space & Courtyard (9am to 12.30am) - April to October	Friday to Sunday room hire	Per Booking	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks - Clifton Park Wedding Packages	Garden Room, Sun Space & Courtyard (9am to 12.30am) - April to October	Monday to Thursday room hire	Per Booking	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks - Clifton Park Wedding Packages	Garden Room, Sun Space & Courtyard (9am to 12.30am) - April to October	Day before set up	Per Booking	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks - Clifton Park Wedding Packages	Garden Room, Sun Space & Courtyard (9am to 12.30am) - November to March	Friday to Sunday room hire	Per Booking	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks - Clifton Park Wedding Packages	Garden Room, Sun Space & Courtyard (9am to 12.30am) - November to March	Monday to Thursday room hire	Per Booking	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks - Clifton Park Wedding Packages	Garden Room, Sun Space & Courtyard (9am to 12.30am) - November to March	Day before set up	Per Booking	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks - Clifton Park Wedding Packages	Garden Room, Sun Space & Courtyard (9am to 12.30am) - November to March	Christmas Eve & New Years Eve	Per Booking	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Urban Parks - Clifton Park Wedding Packages	Garden Room, Sun Space & Courtyard (9am to 12.30am) - November to March	Day before set up	Per Booking	Price on Application			Price on Application	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Standard hard-standing and Grass 8m x 8m, with shared electric hook-up point - High Season (School Holiday and bank Holiday's summer months) Pitch includes Awning, 2 people and 1 Car and caravan or motorhome	Per pitch. Incl 2 people and electricity, per night	35.50			36.80	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Standard hard-standing 8m x 8m, with shared electric hook-up point - Mid Season (Term time summer Months) Pitch includes Awning, 2 people and 1 Car and caravan or motorhome	Per pitch. Incl 2 people and electricity, per night	32.00			33.00	-	-	3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Standard hard-standing and Grass 8m x 8m, with shared electric hook-up point -Low Season (Winter months) Pitch includes Awning, 2 people and 1 Car and caravan or motorhome	Per pitch. Incl 2 people and electricity, per night	26.25			27.20	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Super Pitch 10m x 10m, with own static waste and tap water -High Season (School Holidays and bank Holidays summer) Pitch includes Awning, 2 people and 1 Car and caravan or motorhome	Per pitch. Incl 2 people and electricity, per night	37.75			39.20	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Super Pitch 10m x 10m, with own static waste and tap water - Mid Season (Term Time) Pitch includes Awning, 2 people and 1 Car and caravan or motorhome	Per pitch. Incl 2 people and electricity, per night	34.00			35.00	-	-	2.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Super Pitch 10m x 10m, with own static waste and tap water - low Season (Term time winter) Pitch includes Awning, 2 people and 1 Car and caravan or motorhome	Per pitch. Incl 2 people and electricity, per night	28.25			29.30	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Large Motorhome / caravan pitch - Peak Season Super Pitch with own waste, water, and electric point High season	Per pitch. Incl 2 people and electricity, per night	41.50			43.10	-	-	3.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Large Motorhome / Caravan pitch - Off Peak Season Super Pitch with own waste, water, and electric point Mid season	Per pitch. Incl 2 people and electricity, per night	37.75			39.20	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Large Motorhome / Caravan pitch - Off Peak Season Super Pitch with own waste, water, and electric point low season	Per pitch. Incl 2 people and electricity, per night	32.00			33.00	-	-	3.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Extra Large Motorhome / caravan pitch - High Season	Per pitch. Incl 2 people and electricity, per night	45.00			47.00	-	-	4.4%

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Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Extra Large Motorhome / Caravan pitch - Mid Season	Per pitch. Incl 2 people and electricity, per night	41.50			43.10	-	-	3.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Extra Large Motorhome / Caravan pitch - low Season	Per pitch. Incl 2 people and electricity, per night	35.50			36.80	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Tent Pitch 7.5m x 8m (shared electric hook up point)	Per pitch. Incl 2 people and electricity, per night	33.00			34.00	-	-	3.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Large Tent Pitch 10m x 10m (shared electric hook up point)	Per pitch. Incl 2 people and electricity, per night	35.00			36.00	-	-	2.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Infant aged 0 - 2 years, as part of a larger booking including adults	Per person per night	-			-	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Extra Awning or Pup Tent (only on caravan and motorhome pitches, max one per pitch)	per night	3.50			3.60	-	-	2.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Pet as part of a larger booing including adults	per night	3.50			3.60	-	-	2.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Child aged 3 to 16 years old as part of a larger booking including adults	per person per night	3.50			3.60	-	-	2.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Additional person over 16 years old	per person per night	3.50			3.60	-	-	2.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Additional car (note one car allowed free of charge on motorhome pitches, motorhome classed as a caravan)	per car per day	5.50			5.70	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Visitor car (must be pre-booked)	per day/part day	5.50			5.70	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Container Replacements	240L Black Bin (Recycling)	Per Bin	31.00			32.00	-	-	3.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Container Replacements	240L Black Bin (Recycling) - Rothercard Discount	Per Bin	15.50			16.00	-	-	3.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Container Replacements	240L Green Bin (Recycling)	Per Bin	31.00			32.00	-	-	3.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Container Replacements	240L Green Bin (Recycling) - Rothercard Discount	Per Bin	15.50			16.00	-	-	3.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Container Replacements	180L Pink Lid Black Bin	Per Bin	28.00			29.00	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Container Replacements	180L Pink Lid Black Bin - Rothercard Discount	Per Bin	14.00			15.00	-	-	7.1%
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Container Replacements	140L Pink Lid Black Bin	Per Bin	26.00			27.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Container Replacements	240L Brown Bin (Subscription Service)	Per Bin	30.00			31.00	-	-	3.3%
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Container Replacements	Delivery	Upto 4 Bins	11.00			11.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Containers (New Developments)	240L Black Bin (Recycling)	Per Bin	31.00			32.00	-	-	3.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Containers (New Developments)	240L Black Bin (Recycling)- Rothercard Discount	Per Bin	15.50			16.00	-	-	3.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Containers (New Developments)	240L Green Bin (Recycling)	Per Bin	31.00			32.00	-	-	3.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Containers (New Developments)	240L Green Bin (Recycling) - Rothercard Discount	Per Bin	15.50			16.00	-	-	3.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Containers (New Developments)	180L Pink Lid Black Bin	Per Bin	28.00			29.00	-	-	3.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Containers (New Developments)	180L Pink Lid Black Bin - Rothercard Discount	Per Bin	14.50			15.00	-	-	3.4%

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Service Ended

Directorate	Service Area	Service	Description of Fee or Charge	Basis of Charge	Fixed Charge 2025/26 £	Charge Range Minimum Charge 2025/26 £	Charge Range Maximum Charge 2025/26 £	Proposed Fixed Charge 2026/27 £	Proposed Charge Range Minimum Charge 2026/27 £	Proposed Charge Range Maximum Charge 2026/27 £	%age increase
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Containers (New Developments)	140L Pink Lid Black Bin	Per Bin	27.00			28.00	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Containers (New Developments)	Delivery	Upto 4 Bins	11.00			11.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Containers (New Developments)	1100L Black Lid Reverse Lock (Recycling)	Per Bin	355.00			368.00	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Containers (New Developments)	1100L Green Lid Reverse Lock (Recycling)	Per Bin	355.00			368.00	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Containers (New Developments)	1100L Pink Lid Standard Lock	Per Bin	355.00			368.00	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Containers (New Developments)	Delivery	Upto 3 Bins	39.00			40.00	-	-	2.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Containers (New Developments)	660l Black Lid Reverse Lock (Recycling)	Per Bin	333.00			346.00	-	-	3.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Containers (New Developments)	660l Green Lid Reverse Lock (Recycling)	Per Bin	340.00			353.00	-	-	3.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Containers (New Developments)	660L Pink Lid Standard Lock	Per Bin	324.00			336.00	-	-	3.7%
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Containers (New Developments)	Delivery	Upto 3 Bins	39.00			40.00	-	-	2.6%
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Garden Waste	Subscription Garden Waste 20 collections per annum	Per annum	49.00			53.00	-	-	8.2%
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Garden Waste	Subscription Garden Waste 20 collections per annum (Rothercard)	Per annum	41.40			45.05	-	-	8.8%
Regeneration & Environment	Waste	Garden Waste	Subscription Garden Waste 20 collections per annum - additional bin	Per annum	40.00			43.00	-	-	7.5%
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Athletics Full Price (am)	Per person				-			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Herringthorpe Athletics Stadium	Athletics Concessionary Price (am)	Per person				-			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Highway Asset & Drainage - Adoptions	Adoptions	S38 Agreement Requests	Per order	-			-		-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences - Street Works Permit Scheme. Road Category 3 and 4 Designated Non-Traffic	Permit - Variation Fee Non traffic sensitive	Per Permit	35.00			36.00			2.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences - Street Works Permit Scheme. Road Category 3 and 4 Designated Non-Traffic	Permit - Variation Fee Traffic sensivtive / Higher caterogy roads	Per Permit	45.00			47.00			4.4%
Regeneration & Environment	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Traffic Regulation Order or similar connected to s278 works	Per TRO in addition to s278 charges				-	-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Transportation Infrastructure Service	Traffic Regulation Order or similar connected to planning application w/o s278 works	Per TRO - min charge where suitable drawing provided by applicant					2,545.00	2,961.00	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences - Street Works Permit Scheme. Road Category 3 and 4 Designated Non-Traffic	Daily Charges for time over-runs on permit conditions	Per Permit		100.00	10,000.00		100.00	10,000.00	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Highways (Inspection and Street Works)	Permits / Licences - Street Works Permit Scheme. Road Category 3 and 4 Designated Non-Traffic	FPNs in respect of breach of licence conditions	Per Permit		80.00	500.00		160.00	1,000.00	100.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Licensing	Taxi and private hire licensing	Replacement licence - electronic copy	Per copy				-			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services	Resident/Visitor Parking Permit - 6 months	Per Permit	12.50			13.00			4.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services	Resident/Visitor Parking Permit - 12 months	Per Permit	17.50			18.20			4.0%

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Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services	Resident/Visitor Parking Additional Permit - 6 months	Per Permit	25.00			26.00			4.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services	Resident/Visitor Parking Additional Permit - 12 months	Per Permit	35.00			36.00			2.9%
Regeneration & Environment	Parking Services	Parking Services	Parking permits (All car parks) - General Public	Per month - pro rata for days parked	50.00			52.00	-	-	4.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Leisure, Tourism and Green Spaces	Tennis Courts	Hire of tennis courts	per hour	7.00			7.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	Up to 50% discount on extra day's stay with usage published through an ODR	per night	-				-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Waleswood Caravan and Camping Site	Caravan and Camping	10% off bookings with usage published through an ODR	per night	-				-	-	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Planning and Building Control	Planning Service	Archived Planning Application Copies	Up to 25 Pages/copies				10.00			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Planning and Building Control	Planning Service	Archived Planning application Copies	Complex Enquiries				35.00			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Culture, Sport and Tourism		Voluntary donation at checkout, option to donate by rounding up to nearest 50p	Per transaction				Per transaction			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Booking Fee	Administrative Fee applied to all tickets inc. Pantomime	Per ticket				1.50			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire	Annexe Lister Hall as meeting space.	Per half day (4 Hours)				75.00			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire	Annexe Lister Hall as meeting space.	Per Day (8 Hours)				120.00			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire	The Den as meeting space.	Per half day (4 Hours)				64.00			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire	The Den as meeting space.	Per Day (8 Hours)				105.00			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire	Bar as meeting space.	Per half day (4 Hours)				75.00			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire	Bar as meeting space.	Per Day (8 Hours)				120.00			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire	Auditorium as meeting space. with 2 technicians and DM	Per half day (4 Hours)				795.00			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire	Auditorium as meeting space. with 2 technicians and DM	Per Day (8 Hours)				1,165.00			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire	Full Front of House Aea as meeting space.	Per half day (4 Hours)				125.00			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire	Full Front of House Aea as meeting space.	Per Day (8 Hours)				210.00			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire	Auditorium as meeting space. with 2 technicians and DM & FOH areas	Per half day (4 Hours)				925.00			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Civic Theatre	Theatre Hire	Auditorium as meeting space. with 2 technicians and DM & FOH areas	Per Day (8 Hours)				1,375.00			N/A

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Service Ended

Directorate	Service Area	Service	Description of Fee or Charge	Basis of Charge	Fixed Charge 2025/26 £	Charge Range		Proposed Fixed Charge 2026/27 £	Charge Range		%age increase
						Minimum Charge 2025/26 £	Maximum Charge 2025/26 £		Proposed Minimum Charge 2026/27 £	Proposed Maximum Charge 2026/27 £	
Regeneration & Environment	Transport	Home to School Transport	Contributory charge towards the cost of home to school transport for discretionary transport/Not compulsory school age	Based on current cost of concessionary bus fares for 11-18 year olds	£1.00 per journey for travel within Borough, £2.00 for outside of borough	£1.00	£2.00	Current charge is £1 per journey within the Borough, based on the concessionary bus fare price which is set by SYMCA. Subject to any changes SYMCA make during 2026/27.	1.00	2.00	N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Transport	Home to School Transport	Agreed charges for providing home to school transport for children and young people who are the financial responsibilty of another Local Authority - where it is the most cost effective/sensible travel solution.	Based on actual cost of transport + agreed 10% admin fee for facilitation when it is not a shared journey. Where it is a shared journey, based on the current average cost per passenger + agreed 10% admin fee for facilitation	Cost plus 10%			Cost plus 10%			N/A
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Private Sector Housing Enforcement Trading Account fees	Selective Licence late maintenance fee (operating unlicensed for 90 days)	Licensing Unit	150.00			150.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Private Sector Housing Enforcement Trading Account fees	Flats within the same building - Maintenance fee for each additional flat above 1	Licensing Unit	244.65			244.65	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Private Sector Housing Enforcement Trading Account fees	Discounted Maintenance Fee for all properties which received "better property rebates" in the 2020-25 scheme, where the applicant is in the same name as the previous application	Licensing Unit	441.00			441.00	-	-	0.0%
Regeneration & Environment	Regulation and Enforcement	Private Sector Housing Enforcement Trading Account fees	Discount for 12 month Direct Debit on Maintenance Fee	Licensing Unit	- 22.00			- 22.00	-	-	0.0%

Background to the Budget and Financial Strategy

1. Introduction

1.1 The Council is split into five directorates, each made up of number of services and teams. The five directorates are:

- Adult Care, Housing and Public Health;
- Children and Young People's Service
- Regeneration and Environment
- Corporate Services
- Policy, Strategy and Engagement

This appendix summarises the activity being undertaken in each Directorate in the current year and the planned activity that will be undertaken in 2025/26 as part of the proposed budget.

2. Adult Care, Housing and Public Health

2.1 Adult Care

2.1.1 Adult Care is responsible for the provision of adult social care support for Care Act eligible adults in the borough, including older people and adults with mental ill-health, people with a learning disability and autism and physical and/or sensory impairments. The Directorate also supports people with housing and support requirements through housing related support and vulnerable adults experiencing multiple disadvantages as well as domestic abuse. The Directorate has been and continues to be at the forefront of the Council's response to safeguarding adults, supporting hospital discharges and maximising the independence of residents with care and support needs. The Directorate also has a key role in supporting the wider health and care system and externally commissions providers such as care homes, home care, supported living and voluntary sector partners including micro-enterprises, to deliver critical support.

2.1.2 Adult Care has statutory responsibility under the Care Act 2014 for managing and delivering:

- Information, advice and guidance
- Advocacy
- Prevention and recovery
- Safeguarding
- Assessment and support planning
- Care at home and in residential settings
- Managing provider failure
- Regulated care services
- As well as statutory responsibility under the Mental Health Act for the 24-hour provision of the Approved Mental Health Professionals.

2.1.3 The Directorate continues to face significant challenges because of changes in population demographics. There is a sustained budget pressure linked to an ageing population and a rising population of working age adults with long term health and care needs. Concurrently, increased acuity, multiple disadvantage and complexity of need and increased cost pressures for externally commissioned adult care providers are further compounding this position. The associated costs and increased risk faced by externally commissioned providers, has highlighted the need for the Directorate to respond with an aligned budget strategy to support sustainable fee increases.

2.1.4 The focus for 2026/27 is to continue to address the need to respond to the rising numbers of people with eligible and increasing care needs, seeking more preventative approaches which reduce the need for more intensive long-term support. This includes working with health and social care partners, to ensure support is personalised, responsive and cost effective.

2.1.5 Quality of care will continue to be a priority and improved through partnership working across the health and care system in the borough, which has strong, collaborative foundations. The Council will continue to have a key role in supporting the transition to wider system integration which will be partly achieved through the neighbourhood health pilot sites, for which Rotherham was successful. This will enable a proactive response to reforms of the NHS, to ensure place priorities, population health management and tackling health inequalities remain at the heart of our local offer. These areas form the cornerstone of regulation for Adult Social Care, and the department are currently awaiting their outcome report following inspection by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) in 2025.

2.1.6 Supporting people to live well at home, for as long as possible, continues to remain a key focus, with home first principles at the core of the delivery model. This approach improves quality of life for residents, while reducing cost. This will be achieved through continued investment in preventative care and increased use of emerging technology, to reduce acute and long-term interventions; access to appropriate, co-ordinated support including more effective support for working age adults; and personalised care delivered by skilled care workers and through new technology.

2.1.7 Adult Social Care remains committed to transforming how it meets people's needs creatively and innovatively. During 2026, this will include the opening of our new day opportunities service for people with a learning disability, autism and high support needs, as well as new supported living facilities. Similarly, with health partners, the Council will continue to build on its Transforming Care Hub at Rotherham Hospital, which enables people to be discharged from hospital safely and to the right care setting.

2.1.8 This can only be achieved if there is a high quality, motivated social care workforce in place. Adult Social Care have invested in a comprehensive workforce development plan and robust practice frameworks, which build skills and confidence in assessments and delivery of cost-effective strength-

based outcomes. This commitment to ongoing change and development in the way services and resources are organised will assist Adult Care to manage and deliver the support it provides.

2.1.9 Supporting the internal and external care workforce will continue to be a key focus in the coming year, with processes in place to support staff and to ensure that staff working remotely, as well as those in front facing delivery roles, have access to the right resources and equipment they need to discharge their duties effectively and safely.

2.1.10 Recruitment and retention of workers in the Adult Care Sector continues to present significant challenges for the borough, broadly in line with the national position. Actions to address this have been put in place during 2025/26 which has realised positive impacts with our vacancy position reducing dramatically within our locality assessment teams. However, actions will continue during 2026/27 for those roles within our mental health, learning disability and autism teams, where there has been a slower reduction in the vacancy rate. Actions will include targeted recruitment campaigns and continued promotion of the care sector as a career.

2.1.11 These priorities are designed to deliver a long term, sustainable reduction in demand pressures facing the directorate, ensure compliance with regulatory standards and delivery of services within the allocated budget.

2.2 Public Health

2.2.1 Public Health is an integral element of the borough's health and social care system, maintaining a focus on prevention, physical and mental wellbeing and tackling health inequalities. Working closely with commissioning colleagues the team is responsible for the commissioning of statutory public health services, including sexual health services; drug and alcohol treatment and recovery; 0-19 Public Health nursing; NHS Health Checks and Rotherham Healthwave, which comprises weight management and stop smoking services.

2.2.2 Alongside commissioning services, Public Health lead on the development of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment which underpins the Rotherham Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board. The team plays a pivotal role in providing intelligence, evidence-based advice, advocacy and challenge to ensure that the health of residents is safeguarded and to enable all partners to meet their duties in tackling health inequalities within the borough. The Team provides specialist public health advice across the domains of Health Protection, Health Improvement and Healthcare Public Health for the Rotherham system and provide strategic leadership to maximise Public Health outcomes within the borough. This includes leadership of the Rotherham Place Prevention and Health Inequalities Group, Rotherham's Combatting Drugs Partnership, the Moving Rotherham Partnership, the Rotherham Tobacco Control Alliance, the Rotherham Food Network, the Suicide Prevention Strategic Group and the Sexual Health Partnership. Through these forums and other roles public

health advice is provided to the NHS, other Council Directorates, schools, workplaces and social care providers to support health improvement across the borough.

2.2.3 Life expectancy at birth in Rotherham for males is 1.3 years below the England average and for females is 2.1 years below the England average (2022-2024), which is indicative of a range of health inequalities in the borough. This is further demonstrated by a difference in life expectancy of over twelve years for males and ten years for females between the borough's most and least deprived communities (2021-2023). The borough has higher smoking prevalence at 13.5% in adults, and lower levels of physical activity in adults at 58.8%, compared to the national average (10.4% and 67.4% respectively, 2024) which also correspond with local patterns of deprivation. These along with the associated health gap contribute to lower levels of economic productivity in the borough demonstrating the strong links between prosperity and health.

2.3 Housing Services

2.3.1 Housing Services work across the organisation, and with our communities and stakeholders, to develop and deliver against the Council's Housing Strategy for the Borough. The service holds overall landlord responsibility for the management and maintenance of the borough's 20,000 council homes. They provide information, advice and guidance on the housing options and support available to residents and facilitate adaptations to homes, as required by residents e.g. for accessibility/health reasons. Housing Services are also responsible for delivering the programme of new, affordable, high quality Council homes in the borough. In addition, the service works with housing associations and housing developers to deliver a range of new homes to meet the Borough's housing needs and delivery targets.

2.3.2 The service will continue to ensure that a robust, sustainable Housing Revenue Account 30-year Business Plan is in place. The effective delivery of this plan will ensure that the borough's 20,000 council homes are maintained effectively, meet the decent homes standard and continue to deliver an ambitious programme of new homes in the Borough to meet future demands. This will be achieved by building on council owned sites and acquiring new homes from private developers through Section 106 agreements and through market acquisitions.

2.3.3 The General Fund budget will continue to be used to prevent, reduce and relieve homelessness and deliver aids and adaptations to private homes.

2.3.4 Efficiencies will continue to be delivered by sustaining tenancies and supporting tenants in financial difficulties, high performance on void turnaround times; rent recovery and leasehold income collection. Alongside this, the future of the repairs and maintenance service, and other key landlord services, is being reviewed in light of contract break clauses and new regulatory requirements.

2.3.5 The homelessness service has seen demand increase significantly since the Covid-19 pandemic, leading to increased hotel usage. However, successful grant funding applications and improvements in the operation of homelessness and temporary accommodation services has successfully contributed to addressing budget pressures in this area.

3 Children and Young People's Services

3.1 The Directorate for Children and Young People's Services (CYPS) is responsible for early help and family engagement, the youth justice service, social care services, education and inclusion. It has a statutory responsibility for the safeguarding of children and young people and is supported by a dedicated performance, quality, commissioning and business support team.

3.2 Nationally, children's social care services are operating in a challenging budget and demand context. There has been an unprecedented surge in demand for children's social care support in recent years - a trend that shows no signs of abating and continues to see a rise in children in care across the region. This has been mirrored by the continuing significant demands across the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) landscape, resulting in stretched resources and budget pressures nationally.

3.3 Against the national trend, Rotherham's improvements in social care have positively impacted on reducing the number of Children in Care (CiC), those subject to Child Protection plans and Children in Need. The reduced demand has been supported through ongoing improvements to Early Help through the Family Help Strategy, the stability and improved practice of the CSC workforce, Family Group Conferencing, Family Network meetings, a comprehensive suite of evidence-based programmes and partnership working via the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub and community-based teams. There continues to be a steady number of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASC) in our care system, with a higher percentage accepted via the Governments National Transfer Scheme, and the resultant implications for our Care Leaver population. There are 17 Unaccompanied Children and 87 Former UASC Care Leavers as of December 2025.

3.4 This has been underlined by the Ofsted Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services in November 2025. This was the first judgement Inspection in three years and determined an Overall Effectiveness grade of Outstanding for the Service. This is a significant achievement and external recognition of the quality of practice and strategic leadership that have led to consistently improved outcomes for our children and young people.

3.5 Rotherham continues to receive Family Hubs and Start for Life funding, and this has now been extended permanently across the country for all Local Authorities by the Department for Education. This funding has added value to existing provision with programmes such as Solihull being introduced in the Borough. Additional collaboration and co-location across the public, community and voluntary sector in Rotherham has been enabled and is now

providing swifter access to services for children and families. The Service is reviewing the last four years of the programme and will present a refreshed offer in the spring.

3.6 The Department for Education is now responsible for the Supporting Families Programme and has ended the payments by results scheme. Going forward, the grant will be subsumed into a consolidated Child and Youth Grant along with other key funding allocations (e.g. Children Social care Prevention grant, Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) grant, etc). All the allocated monies for RMBC will be delivered this financial year and continue to expect a focus on an outcomes framework that helps families combat problems such as financial insecurity, unemployment, risk of homelessness and educational inequality.

3.7 In 2026/27 the Directorate priorities are to continue to sustain improvements across Children's Services, through ongoing development and implementation of the Families First Partnership Programme via our Family Help services, supporting children and families from the earliest point of need in conjunction with partners through to the most specialist services when required; to respond to the Schools White Paper on SEND reform that will reset SEND expectations across the system; to continue building in-borough capacity for Children in Care through the ongoing Residential Care Home programme and Foster Care offer; additional provision for children with learning difficulties and disabilities; and to continue to further develop interventions and services designed to better support children and families earlier.

3.8 The education and inclusion skills service operating model is now embedded which incorporates key strategic education forums and boards and groups including Schools Forum, Rotherham's Strategic Education Partnership, schools' leadership groups, Rotherham's Area SEND and Alternative Provision Partnership Board and SEND Executive Board. School facing services are continually reviewed to ensure that they are efficient and effective, whilst continuing to improve educational outcomes, particularly at in the Early Years, Key Stage 4, disadvantaged groups and for children with Special Education Needs and Disabilities SEND.

3.9 The SEND local area partnership continues to take action to improve of Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plans and waiting times for some health services. The new quality assurance (QA) framework is in place, and the quality of EHC plans is improving. Meeting the 18-week target for children and young people (CYP) across these health services remains a significant challenge; however, dedicated workstreams are addressing the issues. The SEND and Alternative Provision Strategy is improving outcomes and services for children with SEND

3.10 Work continues to manage the High Needs Budget within the constraints of the Safety Valve Agreement, which is now showing a projected overspend at the end of March 2026 of £3.7M. Despite close alignment to the milestones of the Agreement, including the commitment of DfE funding to enhance the

provision at Newman Special School, the nature of the national SEND system and the increasing number of EHCPs awarded to children has meant that the original financial projections can no longer be met. Investment in SEND Sufficiency continues to enhance SEND education provision and support transformation across the borough as evidenced in the Inspection outcome, and this includes continued focused investments, creating additional SEND places in Rotherham which enhance education outcomes for this cohort

3.11 Both Children in Care and Child Protection numbers have continued to reduce over the year and are now at quite stable levels. Focus is on step down plans to support children in care to move to permanent care arrangements, return home safely or transition into independent provision as Care Leavers. Work is underway to address the themes of the Families First programme including a significant emphasis on family group decision making and the development of service user voice and co-production activity. This will include a focus on kinship care arrangements and further exploration of regional initiatives. Further guidance has also just been published in relation to multi-agency child protection arrangements, and this will be considered by the Rotherham Safeguarding Partnership Executive over the coming months.

3.12 The introduction 30 hours of free childcare for children over 9 months old with working parents has significantly increase the workload for local authorities. The Council manages and distributes £43 million of grant funding to enable parents to access early education and childcare.

3.13 In 2025/26 the Council distributed £2.3M of programme funding to schools to expand wraparound care for children and young people. This funding has now ended and in 2026/27 the Council will be supporting schools to sustain wraparound care to children and young people funded by the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme. The Government has set new targets for children to achieve a good level of development before they start Year 1 of primary schools. Working to achieve these targets will mean increased staffing and resources in the early years.

3.14 The continued favourable comparison of numbers of children in care to statistical neighbours is linked to the impact of the Demand and Market Management Strategies. The challenge from a budget perspective is the increasing cost of individual placements, especially for those children and young people with complex needs.

4 Regeneration and Environment

4.1 The Regeneration and Environment Directorate's focus is to develop and promote Rotherham as a good place to live, work and visit; with emphasis on delivering against the Council Plan priorities and the Year Ahead commitments. The Directorate has been successful in continuing to secure and deliver significant external funding, linked to the priorities and building upon the Council's own investments. A key part of the work for 2025/26, and

into future years, is to deliver these projects and programmes as well as delivering services for residents, businesses and visitors.

4.2 The Directorate has a broad portfolio of responsibilities including:

- Community safety
- Environmental protection
- Licensing
- Waste collection, management and disposal
- Street cleaning and grounds maintenance
- Parks, countryside and green spaces
- Leisure, sport and physical activity
- Tourism and visitor economy
- Culture and events
- Children's Capital of Culture
- Heritage, museums, arts and archives
- Libraries and neighbourhood Hubs
- Planning and Building Control
- Regeneration and Economic Development
- Transport, highways, drainage and flood alleviation
- Emergency Planning, Business Continuity
- Passenger Transport and Fleet Services

4.3 The Directorate's budget is focussed on the delivery of frontline services to ensure the borough's neighbourhoods are clean, safe and inclusive, to create an environment where people want to live, work and play. In addition, the Directorate has a significant Capital budget consisting of Council funding and funding from external sources.

4.4 The adopted Town Centre Masterplan is being implemented, with a number of Public Realm improvements completed including Bridgegate, College Street and Frederick Street. A new scheme is underway on Corporation Street, with further public realm improvements to follow on Effingham Street. Council-led housing developments are now completed within the town centre, establishing the market for future private-led schemes. There is already seeing evidence of this happening with an increase in the number of planning applications for housing development. The Council has also made further progress this year on acquiring new sites for residential development. The town's landscape is continuing to change, with the Forge Island leisure development now completed, with Arc Cinema and Travelodge open, and three restaurants and cafés also now open.

4.5 Work is also well underway on the £40m redevelopment of the Markets and a new Central Library – the latter is set to open in Autumn 2026. The former Wilko unit was purchased and demolished and 3-7 Corporation Street buildings have also been purchased and demolished in preparation for future development.

4.6 The Council's work on flood mitigation continues which will see further schemes at Whiston Brook, Eel Mires Dike and Kilnhurst brought to a 'shovel

ready status' by the end of the 2025/26 financial year. Further funding has been made available by the Council to support delivery and construction of the project at Whiston Brook, with works commencing on site in Spring 2026. A scheme has also been identified and funding made available for potential mitigation for the Catcliffe area following the devastating impacts of Storm Babet in October 2023.

4.7 The Council now operates 5 successful business centres, following the opening of the £5.4m Century 2 Business Centre in Manvers. In total across the 5 hubs the Council now offer 156 office, 84 workshops, 12 meeting rooms, and 2 lab spaces. The centres are strategically located across the borough and are really successful, with over 150 businesses, supporting over 800 jobs. Around 80% of our businesses survive at least 3 years, with over 40% of businesses graduating out to occupy local commercial space. We see occupancy levels of c85% across the business centres. Supporting people into employment has also been a focus this year with the publication of a new Employment and Skills Strategy and the commencement of 'Pathways to Work', supporting people who are economically inactive back into the workplace.

4.8 Projects have progressed as part of the £31.6m that was secured from the Towns Fund to carry out ambitious regeneration projects across the town centre, Parkgate/Eastwood and Templeborough. Major regeneration projects are in development in Dinnington and Wath Town Centres, totalling just under £20m. This year has seen the completion of the Compulsory Purchase of land Dinnington, enabling the project to commence in 2026/27. This is in addition to the £39.41m secured via the Government's Pathfinder programme, further bolstering the town centre regeneration programme as well as developing the leisure economy and skills. This year the Council has completed major developments at Rother Valley and Thrybergh Country Parks to improve our Green Spaces and to further develop the growing visitor economy.

4.9 The Highways Service has made huge progress in improving the standard of roads having recently been awarded a Green rating by the Department of Transport for the work on filling pot holes – one of only two in Yorkshire to do so. New investment this year has also gone into street scene and community protection work. An additional team has been employed since October 2025 to undertake roadside cleaning with a focus on rural roads and also main gateway locations. The new Street Safe team became operational in the town centre from December in the town centre providing additional enforcement activity and also providing a support to the public greater re-assurance. This work will expand into the other main high street locations in the borough in the New Year.

4.10 The Council's cultural and leisure sites and venues continue to be popular with residents and visitors alike, reaching over 4m visits and with customer satisfaction ratings averaging over 90%. Waleswood Caravan and Camping site remains in the Top 3 best campsites in the country and Clifton Park Museum received Full Accreditation status from the Arts Council in December 2025 showing that it had met the national quality standards. This provides

assurance over organisational health, the quality of the collections and the service provided to users.

4.11 The Council was again successful in delivering the annual Rotherham Show over two days in September, reaching over 90,000 people. Events such as Uplift skate and arts festival, Plug In and Play, and the Christmas Lights Switch-On brought in over 55,000 visitors to Rotherham town centre.

4.12 The Council and its partners successfully delivered Children's Capital of Culture, in collaboration with local young people. The first season got off to a flying start with events such as Otherham, Signals and Roots Street Carnival. The programme continued through the year with diverse range of activities in primary, secondary and special schools, Rotherham Opera at Magna, a traineeship programme which has worked with more than 120 young people to date and an Arts Award programme which has enabled 250 young people to achieve accreditation which helps with accessing university, further training or employment. It is expected that by the end of the Children's Capital of Culture programme, over 400,000 people will have engaged with it as either active participants or audience Members.

4.13 Libraries welcomed increasing numbers of new customers to courses, clubs and classes, and continue to receive high satisfaction ratings from customers. It is clear that they provide a valued community resource, although book borrowing is decreasing, in line with national trends. However, the Summer Reading Challenge was another success in 2025. The Council will consult on a new Library Strategy in 2026 in particular looking at what people want from their Libraries and how they can contribute to increasing reading levels.

4.14 Green Spaces secured 4 Green Flags for parks at Clifton, Greasbrough, Rother Valley and Ulley. Visitors to parks continued to enjoy these important local habitats as well as participate on many nature-themed workshops and other events from the National Open Water Swimming Championships to Bonfire Night.

4.15 The Museums Arts and Heritage Service has engaged with local communities through its temporary exhibitions programme, particularly 'Self' as part of the Children's Capital of Culture festival year. This year also saw the Council support the visit of the Royal Horticultural Society for its summer flower show at Wentworth Woodhouse, bringing huge numbers of visitors to the borough.

5 Corporate Services

5.1 Corporate Services supports the delivery of front-line Council services that are delivered by its own and other directorates by promoting the most effective use of resources whilst ensuring services are compliant with Council regulation and national legislation. The Corporate Services provide leadership, influence, advice and a cross-cutting perspective to enable the Council to operate effectively. They are responsible for providing effective support and advice to all Council services to help ensure they function

efficiently; and to support elected members in making informed and lawful decisions.

5.2 They also deliver a number of direct front line and customer facing services such as the Council's Contact Centre, Revenues and Benefits, and the delivery of school meals, cleaning and school crossing patrols.

5.3 The Directorate provides services split into the following six areas:

1. Financial Services
    i. Finance, Accounting, Insurance
    ii. Local Taxation, Housing Benefit, Income Collection and Financial Assessments for care services
    iii. Procurement
2. Legal Services
    i. Legal
    ii. Elections
    iii. Registration and Bereavement
3. Customer, Information and Digital Services
    i. ICT
    ii. Customer Services
    iii. Information Management
4. Property and Facilities Services
    i. Property Services
    ii. Facilities Management
    iii. Catering & Cleaning, School Crossing Patrols
5. Human Resources and Organisational Development
    i. Human Resources
    ii. Organisational Development
    iii. Health and Safety

6. Internal Audit

5.4 The Directorate is committed to providing outstanding, high quality professional support services that are valued by its customers, both internal and external. The directorate has a key role in ensuring effective governance arrangements are in place across the Council and encompasses a number of key statutory roles (Chief Finance Officer [S151 Officer], Monitoring Officer [MO] and Senior Information Reporting Officer [SIRO]. When Property and Facilities Services transferred to the directorate during 2024, it brought with it a responsibility for health and safety compliance in relation to Council buildings which has, since then, been on a substantial improvement journey, delivering considerable improvements in levels of assurance. During 2025/26 Corporate Health and Safety transferred to the Assistant Chief Executives Directorate under the leadership of the Assistant Director for Human Resources. This has subsequently all transferred into the new Corporate Services Directorate along with Human Resources and

5.5 Organisational Development from 1st January 2026. The work of key directorate professional support services has been critical to supporting the Council in the delivery of a number of major housing and regeneration projects as well as capital investments in schools, children's homes and other assets.

5.6 The department has continued to directly support households through delivery of various financial support schemes such as the energy crisis scheme and the Council Tax Support top up scheme whilst the faster payment arrangements that were put in place for local businesses, ensuring their cash flows continue to be supported during the current difficult economic times has remained in place to support businesses whilst the economy has remained uncertain.

5.7 Following on from the many online processes developed in recent years, improving Customer access to services continues to be a priority. The investment that was previously made in customer services telephone staffing has enabled a continued reduction in call wait times to around 4 minutes with further improvement only being temporarily curtailed due to the Waste disruption over the Summer of 2025/26 leading to increased demand over the phones. The delivery of increased online access to services remains a key focus for the year ahead to ensure an ongoing improved customer experience overall. Previously, many services didn't offer an online booking form and instead bookings were taken manually, and any charges were invoiced afterwards. However, over the last 2 years, 288 online forms have been created making the process much easier for the customer and more efficient for the Council.

5.8 The Revenues and Benefits service have once again performed well despite the challenges facing many Rotherham residents whose household finances have been stretched, and this supports the Councils budget overall. The delivery of Council funded support schemes and the careful and strategic use of various Government Grants over the last few years has enabled funding to be earmarked for over 14,000 households to once again receive additional Local Council Tax Support as the proposed budget continues this, providing much needed financial support to those households on the lowest incomes.

5.9 Within Property and Facilities Services, the work to review health and safety and compliance arrangements within Council owned buildings has settled into a more managed and planned arrangement with a high level of compliance providing significant assurances that both Council used operational buildings and Council owned community assets are safe and fit for purpose.

6 Policy, Strategy and Engagement Directorate

6.1 This directorate supports the democratic process by supporting elected members, Ward Members, liaises closely with the community and voluntary

sector and the Councils Partner organisations. It also advises on compliance with Council procedures and the Constitution.

6.2 The Directorate has four distinct areas of responsibility:

- Neighbourhoods
- Communications & Marketing
- Democratic Services
- Policy, Performance and Intelligence

6.3 The Directorate has continued to provide support to services across Council directorates, including facilitating the delivery and monitoring of Council priorities as set out in the Year Ahead Plan 2025-26, along with the new Council Plan 2025-30.

6.4 During 2025/26, the directorate has continued to play a pivotal role in the Council despite the departure of the Assistant Chief Executive part way through the year. Key deliverables include:

- Providing a reliable source of information to the public and the workforce in different formats, including regular neighbourhood e-bulletins.
- Continuing to take a lead role in the implementation of key strategic documents including the Council Plan and Year Ahead Delivery Plan, Social Value Policy, Thriving Neighbourhoods Strategy and Rotherham Together Partnership Plan along with developing a new Inclusion Strategy.
- Continuation of effective and accountable democratic decision making.
- Implementation of the Workforce Plan that aims to position the Council as an ‘employer of choice’, improving our attraction, retention and engagement methods and focuses on an engaged, diverse and skilled workforce.

6.5 The directorate has also continued to deliver its core provisions including internal and external communications and HR support functions. The directorate has also worked closely with all directorates to monitor and deliver the Council Plan. This has included developing a new Council Plan for 2025-30.

6.6 In the coming 12 months, the directorate will focus more on Policy, Strategy and Engagement, as its new name suggests. Key areas of focus will be to:

- Maintain high quality communication and information to residents, partners and the workforce.
- Provide oversight and quality assurance on progress against the new Council Plan priorities through effective reporting and monitoring of the Year Ahead Delivery Plan.

- Work to strengthen social value arrangements to maximise the impact of local spending power.
- Implement the new Inclusion Strategy.
- Update the Thriving Neighbourhoods Strategy and continue to support Members in their Community Leadership role and build on our neighbourhood working model to develop a clearer and shared understanding of integrated locality working across the public sector.
- Seek to build on the current neighbourhood working model through more integrated, place-based working across Council services in localities.
- Enhance partnership working to achieve better outcomes across the borough through the ongoing delivery of the Rotherham Together Plan.
- Develop a strengthened approach to our development and use of business intelligence to build a clearer picture of the borough and its residents as well as informing decision-making and improving services for customers.
- Improve the Councils Complaints Handling processes in line with new Ombudsman requirements.

Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management and Investment Strategy 2025/26 – 2028/29

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To seek approval of the Treasury Management Strategy and the Investment Strategy.

2. Background

2.1 The Local Government Act 2003 and supporting regulations require the Council to 'have regard to' the CIPFA Prudential Code and the CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice and prepare, set and publish prudential indicators and treasury indicators that ensure the Council's capital expenditure plans are affordable, prudent and sustainable in the long-term.

2.2 The prudential indicators consider the affordability and impact of capital expenditure plans and set out the Council's overall capital framework. Each prudential indicator either summarises the expected activity or introduces limits upon the activity and reflects the underlying Capital Programme.

2.3 Within the overall prudential framework there is a clear impact on the Council's treasury management activity, either through borrowing or investment activity. As a consequence, a Treasury Management Strategy is prepared which considers the effective funding of the capital expenditure decisions and complements the prudential indicators.

2.4 The Council is required to operate a balanced revenue budget, which broadly means that cash raised during the year will meet cash expenditure. Part of the treasury management operation is to ensure that this cash flow is adequately planned, with cash being available when it is needed. Surplus monies are invested in low-risk counterparties or instruments commensurate with the Council's low risk appetite, providing adequate liquidity initially before considering investment return.

2.5 The second main function of the treasury management service is the funding of the Council's capital plans. These capital plans provide a guide to the borrowing need of the Council, essentially the longer-term cash flow planning, to ensure that it can meet its capital spending obligations. This management of longer-term cash may involve arranging long or short-term loans or using longer-term cash flow surpluses. On occasion, when it is prudent and economic, any debt previously drawn may be restructured to meet risk or cost objectives.

2.6 This means that increases in capital expenditure must be limited to a level whereby charges to revenue remain affordable within the projected income of the Council for the foreseeable future. These increased charges may arise from:

- increases in interest charges and debt repayments caused by increased borrowing to finance additional capital expenditure; and
- any increases in operational running costs from new capital projects.

2.7 The contribution the treasury management function makes to the Council is critical, as the balance of debt and investment operations ensure liquidity or the ability to meet spending commitments as they fall due, either on day-to-day revenue or for larger capital projects. The treasury operations will see a balance of the interest costs of debt and the investment income arising from cash deposits affecting the available budget. Since cash balances generally result from reserves and balances, it is paramount to ensure adequate security of the sums invested, as a loss of principal will in effect result in a loss to the General Fund Balance.

CIPFA defines treasury management as:

"The management of the local authority's borrowing, investments and cash flows, including its banking, money market and capital market transactions; the effective control of the risks associated with those activities; and the pursuit of optimum performance consistent with those risks."

2.8 Whilst any commercial initiatives or loans to third parties will impact on the treasury function, these activities are generally classed as non-treasury activities, (arising usually from capital expenditure), and are separate from the day-to-day treasury management activities.

2.9 The Council's treasury activities are strictly regulated by statutory requirements and guidance, including;

- CIPFA Treasury Management Code
- CIPFA Prudential Code
- MHCLG Investment Guidance
- MHCLG Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Guidance

2.10 The Council's Constitution (via Financial and Procurement Procedure Rules) requires the annual Treasury Management Strategy to be reported to Council outlining the expected treasury activity for the forthcoming 3 years. A key requirement of this report is to explain both the risks, and the management of the risks, associated with the treasury service. As a minimum a mid-year monitoring report is produced with a further report produced after the year-end to report on actual activity for the year. In addition, the Audit Committee receives quarterly reports to update on key Treasury Management issues.

2.11 Reports on treasury matters are also required to be adequately scrutinised before being recommended to the Council and this role is undertaken by the Audit Committee.

3. Key Issues

Overview

3.1 The Council's 2025/26 Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Strategy was approved by Council on 5 March 2025, whilst a Mid-Year report which updated the 2025/26 approved indicators was considered by the Audit Committee on the 25 November 2025. This report provides an update for the period 2025/26 to 2028/29.

3.2 The Treasury Management Strategy (including the Investment Strategy) is detailed in this report, with supporting detail provided on the key elements of the Council's capital expenditure plans and associated Prudential Indicators.

3.3 The Treasury Management Strategy has been drawn up taking account of advice from the Council's treasury management advisors, MUFG Corporate Markets Treasury Limited.

3.4 This is a technical and complex report however the key messages are:

- **Investments** – the primary governing principle will remain security over return and the criteria for selecting counterparties reflect this.

- **Borrowing** – The Council will maintain its strategy of being under-borrowed against the capital financing requirement.

  Since the mid-year report presented to the Audit Committee in November 2025 the Council has borrowed £25m from the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority and further borrowing is expected to be required before the end of the financial year. This borrowing is to re-finance historic debt and support cash flow management. As previously reported, the Council will predominantly adopt a short-term borrowing strategy to cover borrowing need in anticipation of lower interest rates in the medium term to long term.

- **Governance** – strategies and risk are reviewed by the Audit Committee with continuous monitoring which includes the Mid-Year and Year End reporting.

- The Council's approach to Treasury Management in recent years, utilising short term borrowing in particular, has generated significant savings for the Council, essential to achieving balanced budgets, but the future outlook remains challenging. The Bank of England has started to cut the Base Rate and the cost of short term borrowing has reduced as a result, with further reductions expected in the near future. The costs for longer term borrowing however remain high reflecting the yield on UK gilts.

3.5 The current 50 year PWLB borrowing level is 5.67%. Short term borrowing is available for 4.5% for 6 months. The Council keeps interest rates under

constant review along with its borrowing strategies and decisions on the mix of long-term and short-term borrowing.

Reporting Requirements

3.6 The Council is currently required to receive and approve, as a minimum, three main treasury reports each year, which incorporate a variety of policies, estimates and actuals. The **Prudential and Treasury Indicators and Treasury Strategy** is reported to and approved by the Council, the **Annual Treasury Report** & **Mid-Year Treasury Management Report** are presented to the Audit Committee, with the former being referred onto the Council.

a. **Prudential and Treasury Indicators and Treasury Strategy** (this report) - The first, and most important report is forward looking and covers: -
   - the capital plans (including prudential indicators)
   - a minimum revenue provision (MRP) policy (how residual capital expenditure is charged to revenue over time)
   - the Treasury Management Strategy (how the investments and borrowings are to be organised), including treasury indicators; and
   - an Annual Investment Strategy (the parameters on how investments are to be managed)

b. **A Mid-year Treasury Management Report** – This is primarily a progress report and will update members on the capital position, amending prudential indicators as necessary, and whether any policies require revision. In addition, the Audit Committee will receive quarterly update reports.

c. **An Annual Treasury Report** – This is a backward-looking review document and provides details of a selection of actual prudential and treasury indicators and actual treasury operations compared to the estimates within the Strategy.

Treasury Management Strategy for 2026/27

3.7 The Strategy for 2026/27 covers two main areas:

Capital issues

- the capital expenditure plans and the associated prudential indicators
- the minimum revenue provision (MRP) Policy

Treasury management issues

- the current treasury position
- treasury indicators which limit the treasury risk and activities of the Council
- prospects for interest rates
- the borrowing strategy

- policy on borrowing in advance of need
- debt rescheduling
- the investment strategy
- creditworthiness policy; and
- the policy on use of external service providers

3.8 These elements cover the requirements of the Local Government Act 2003, MHCLG Investment Guidance, MHCLG MRP Guidance, the CIPFA Prudential Code and the CIPFA Treasury Management Code.

Training

3.9 The CIPFA Treasury Management Code requires the responsible officer to ensure that Members with responsibility for treasury management receive adequate training in treasury management. This especially applies to members responsible for scrutiny. Training will be arranged with the Council's treasury advisors MUFG for Members of the Audit Committee.

3.10 The Code states that it is expected that all organisations to have a formal and comprehensive knowledge and skills or training policy for the effective acquisition and retention of treasury management knowledge and skills for those responsible for management, delivery, governance and decision making.

3.11 The Council is required to record attendance at training and prepare learning plans for treasury management officers, board/Council members.

3.12 A formal record of the training received by officers central to the Treasury function will be maintained by the Treasury Manager. Similarly, a formal record of the treasury management/capital finance training received by Members will also be maintained by the Finance Manager responsible for Treasury Management.

Treasury Management Consultants

3.13 The Council uses MUFG Corporate Markets as its external treasury management advisors.

3.14 The Council recognises that responsibility for treasury management decisions remains with the organisation at all times and will ensure that undue reliance is not placed upon the services of the external service providers. All decisions will be undertaken with regards to all available information, including, but not solely, the treasury advisers.

3.15 It also recognises that there is value in employing external providers of treasury management services to acquire access to specialist skills and resources. The Council will ensure that the terms of their appointment and the methods by which their value will be assessed are properly agreed and documented and subjected to regular review.

3.16 The company provides a range of services which include:

- Technical support on treasury matters, capital finance issues and the drafting of Member reports;
- Economic and interest rate analysis;
- Debt services which includes advice on the timing of borrowing;
- Debt rescheduling advice surrounding the existing portfolio;
- Generic investment advice on interest rates, timing and investment instruments; and,
- Credit rating/market information service comprising the three main credit rating agencies.

4. The Capital Prudential Indicators 2025/26 – 2028/29

4.1 The Council's capital expenditure plans are summarised below and form the first of the prudential indicators. A certain level of capital expenditure is grant supported by the Government; any decisions by the Council to spend above this level will be considered unsupported capital expenditure. This unsupported capital expenditure needs to have regard to:

- Service objectives (e.g. strategic planning);
- Stewardship of assets (e.g. asset management planning);
- Value for money (e.g. option appraisal)
- Prudence and sustainability (e.g. implications for external borrowing and whole life costing);
- Affordability (e.g. implications for the council tax and rents)
- Practicality (e.g. the achievability of the Capital Programme)

4.2 The revenue consequences of capital expenditure, particularly the unsupported expenditure, will need to be paid for from the Council's own revenue resources.

4.3 This capital expenditure can be paid for immediately (by applying capital resources such as capital receipts, capital grants etc., or revenue resources), but if these resources are insufficient any residual expenditure will add to the Council's borrowing need.

4.4 The key risks to the plans are that the level of Government support has been estimated and is therefore subject to change. Similarly, some of the estimates for other sources of funding, such as capital receipts, may also be subject to change over this timescale.

4.5 The revised capital expenditure plans in the updated Capital Strategy and Capital Programme being presented within this report, are summarised in the table below.

4.6 It should be noted that these represent the capital investment forecasts under traditional forms of financing and excludes assets acquired under PFI and

finance lease arrangements which are a type of borrowing but which are budgeted for separately outside of the capital financing budget.

4.7 With regards to the Council's capital spending plans, the Council will need to closely consider the level of prudential borrowing it incurs moving forwards, post the 2026/27 Budget, to ensure that the Council's overall debt position is manageable, can be sustainably financed within the Council's Treasury Management Budgets (revenue) and to help guard against interest rate risk.

Capital Expenditure and Financing

4.8 This prudential indicator is a summary of the Council's capital expenditure plans, both those agreed previously, and those forming part of this budget cycle. Members are asked to approve the capital expenditure forecasts: -

Capital expenditure £m	2025/26 Estimate	2026/27 Estimate	2027/28 Estimate	2028/29 Estimate
Children and Young People's Services	9.586	14.133	6.283	16.100
Policy, Strategy and Engagement	0.439	0.255	0.210	0.210
Adult Care & Housing	11.727	7.098	6.394	6.927
Corporate Services	12.633	19.456	12.791	19.451
Regeneration and Environment	66.939	91.121	21.620	6.521
Total Non HRA	**101.324**	**132.063**	**47.298**	**49.209**
HRA	67.064	78.843	52.207	97.866
Total HRA	**67.064**	**78.843**	**52.207**	**97.866**
Total expenditure	**168.388**	**210.906**	**99.505**	**147.075**

4.9 **Other long-term liabilities** - the above financing need excludes other long-term liabilities, such as Private Finance Initiative (PFI) and leasing arrangements that already include borrowing instruments.

The table below summarises the above capital expenditure plans and how these plans are being financed by capital or revenue resources. Any shortfall of resources results in a funding borrowing need.

Financing of Capital expenditure £m	2025/26 Estimate	2026/27 Estimate	2027/28 Estimate	2028/29 Estimate
Capital receipts	4.958	8.920	5.180	21.892
Capital grants, capital contributions & other capital funding sources	94.671	102.872	48.643	75.622
Total financing resources	**99.629**	**111.792**	**53.823**	**97.514**
Prudential borrowing requirement for the year	**68.759**	**99.114**	**45.682**	**49.561**
Total Financing of Capital expenditure £m	**168.388**	**210.906**	**99.505**	**147.075**

The Council's Borrowing Need (the Capital Financing Requirement)

4.10 The second prudential indicator is the Council's Capital Financing Requirement (CFR). The CFR is simply the total historic outstanding capital expenditure which has not yet been paid for from either revenue or capital resources. It is essentially a measure of the Council's indebtedness and so its underlying borrowing need. Any capital expenditure above, which has not immediately been paid for through a revenue or capital resource, will increase the CFR.

4.11 The CFR does not increase indefinitely, as the minimum revenue provision (MRP) is a statutory annual revenue charge which broadly reduces the indebtedness in line with each asset's life, and so charges the economic consumption of capital assets as they are used. Therefore, in order to reduce the CFR the Council would need to have a planned MRP charge that is greater than the level of borrowing incurred in that year.

4.12 The CFR includes any other long-term liabilities (e.g. PFI schemes, finance leases). Whilst these increase the CFR, and therefore the Council's borrowing requirement, these types of schemes include a borrowing facility by the PFI, Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) lease provider and so the Council is not required to separately borrow for these schemes. The Council currently has £134m of such schemes within the CFR.

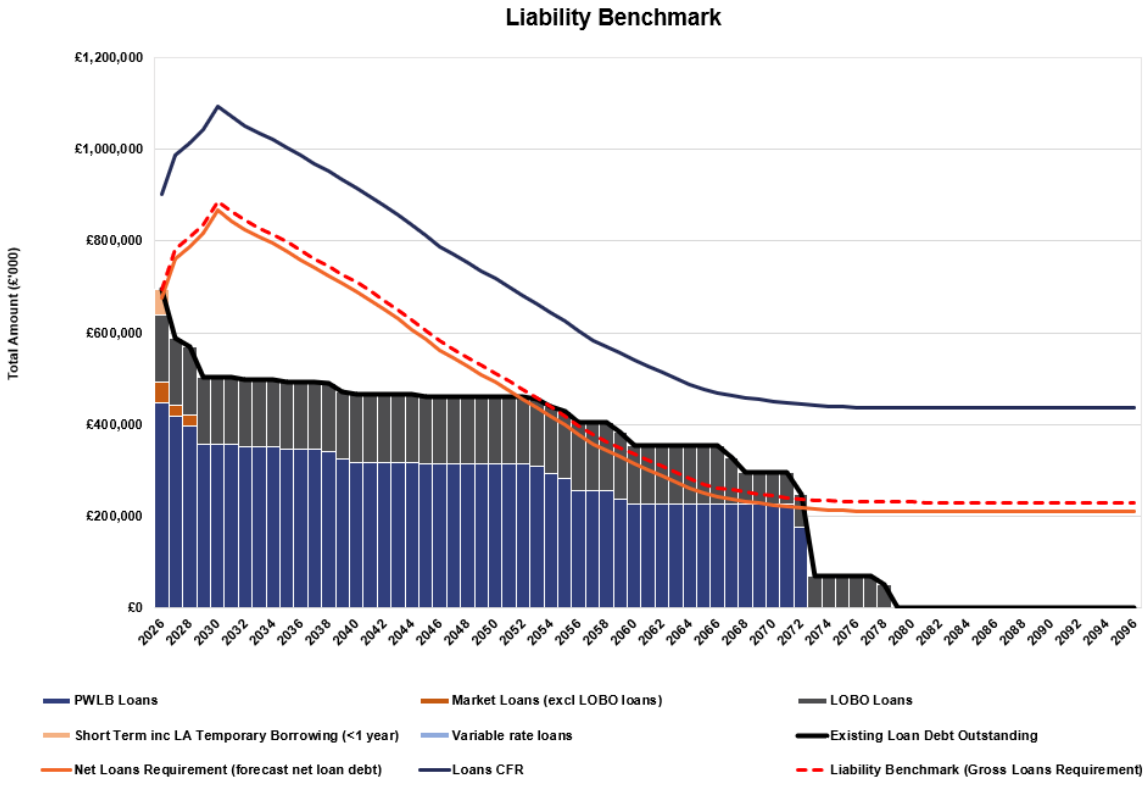
4.13 The Council is asked to approve the CFR projections below:

£m	2025/26 Estimate	2026/27 Estimate	2027/28 Estimate	2028/29 Estimate
Capital Financing Requirement				
CFR – General Fund	707.754	759.121	768.179	774.622
CFR - HRA	328.991	357.166	368.878	385.054
Total CFR	**1,036.745**	**1,116.287**	**1,137.057**	**1,159.676**
Movement in CFR	**54.192**	**79.542**	**20.770**	**22.619**
				Of which:
CFR – Capital investment	902.270	987.760	1,014.570	1,043.058
OLTL	134.475	128.527	122.487	116.618
Movement in CFR represented by				
Prudential borrowing requirement for the year (table above)	68.759	99.114	45.682	49.561
Net financing need for the year for OLTL	-4.494	-5.948	-6.041	-5.869
Less MRP and other financing movements	-10.073	-13.624	-18.871	-21.073
Movement in CFR	**54.192**	**79.542**	**20.770**	**22.619**

Liability Benchmark

4.14 The Council is required to estimate and measure the Liability Benchmark (LB) for the forthcoming financial year and the following two financial years, as a minimum. There are four components to the LB: -

1. **Existing loan debt outstanding**: the Council's existing loans that are still outstanding in future years.
2. **Loans CFR**: this is calculated in accordance with the loans CFR definition in the Prudential Code and projected into the future based on approved prudential borrowing and planned MRP.
3. **Net loans requirement**: this will show the Council's gross loan debt less treasury management investments at the last financial year-end, projected into the future and based on its approved prudential borrowing, planned MRP and any other major cash flows forecast.
4. **Liability benchmark** (or gross loans requirement): this equals net loans requirement plus short-term liquidity allowance.



4.15 Any years where actual loans are less than the benchmark indicate a future borrowing requirement; any years where actual loans outstanding exceed the benchmark represent an overborrowed position, which will result in excess cash requiring investment.

4.16 The index shows that in the short to medium term the net loans requirement exceeds the existing debt so borrowing will be required to finance capital expenditure. In 2054 the level of loans exceeds the gross loan requirement which results in a cash balance to invest. This index is based on the current 4-year Capital Programme. In reality it is likely that further borrowing will be required to fund the Capital Programme beyond this 4-year time horizon and the actual loan requirement will be greater than shown on the index.

Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy Statement

4.17 Under Regulation 27 of the Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) (England) Regulations 2003, where the Council has financed capital expenditure by borrowing it is required to make a provision each year through a revenue charge (MRP).

4.18 The Council is required to calculate a prudent provision of MRP which ensures that the outstanding debt liability is repaid over a period that is reasonably commensurate with that over which the capital expenditure provides benefits. The MRP Guidance (2024) gives four ready-made options for calculating MRP, but the Council can use any other reasonable basis that it can justify as prudent.

4.19 The Executive Director of Corporate Services will, where it is prudent to do so, use discretion to review the overall financing of the Capital Programme and the opportunities afforded by the regulations to maximise the benefit to the Council whilst ensuring it meets its duty to charge a 'prudent' provision. To provide maximum flexibility the recommended MRP policy includes the use of the annuity method and the equal instalments method.

4.20 The MRP Policy Statement requires Council approval in advance of each financial year.

4.21 It is recommended that the following MRP Statement is approved:

a) The MRP charge in relation to capital expenditure incurred prior to 2007/08 where the expenditure was funded by either supported or unsupported borrowing will be calculated using the expected useful life of the asset and the calculation of the provision will be by the annuity method;

b) The MRP charge in relation to capital expenditure incurred since 2007/08 where the expenditure is funded by either supported or unsupported borrowing will be calculated using the expected useful life of the asset at the point the asset is brought into use. The calculation of the provision will be either the annuity method or the equal instalments method depending on which is most appropriate; and

c) The MRP charge in relation to capital expenditure incurred since 2007/08 where the expenditure is funded by a 'capitalisation directive' (e.g. equal pay) will be calculated on the basis of the specified period(s) set down within the regulations. The calculation of the provision will be either the annuity method or the equal instalments method depending on which is most appropriate.

d) Repayments included in annual PFI charges or finance lease payments are also applied as MRP.

e) Where former operating leases have been brought onto the balance sheet due to the adoption of the IFRS 16 Leases accounting standard, and the asset values have been adjusted for accruals, prepayments, premiums and/or discounts, then the annual MRP charges will be adjusted so that the overall charge for MRP over the life of the lease reflects the value of the right-of-use asset recognised on transition rather than the liability.

f) No MRP charge is currently required for the HRA. The HRA charges depreciation on its assets, which is a revenue charge.

In order to meet the requirement to make an annual, prudent repayment of debt, the Council may use prior year capital receipts to pay down debt, reducing the level of MRP charged to revenue. This Policy has been factored into the planned Capital Programme and management of Capital Programme resources.

Under the MRP guidance, charges made in excess of the statutory MRP can be made and are known as voluntary revenue provision (VRP). VRP can be reclaimed in later years if deemed necessary or prudent. In order for these amounts to be reclaimed for use in the budget, this policy must disclose the cumulative overpayment made each year. Cumulative VRP overpayments made to 31st March 2025 are nil.

5. Borrowing Strategy

5.1 The capital expenditure plans set out in Section 3 provide details of the service activity of the Council. The treasury management function ensures that the Council's cash is organised in accordance with the relevant professional codes, so that sufficient cash is available to meet this service activity and the Council's Capital Strategy. This will involve both the organisation of the cash flow and, where capital plans require, the organisation of appropriate borrowing facilities. The Strategy covers the relevant treasury / prudential indicators, the current and projected debt positions, and the Annual Investment Strategy.

Current Portfolio Position

5.2 The Council's forward projections for borrowing are summarised below. The table shows the actual external debt, against the underlying capital borrowing need, (the Capital Financing Requirement - CFR), highlighting any over or under borrowing.

£m	2025/26 Estimate	2026/27 Estimate	2027/28 Estimate	2028/29 Estimate
External Debt				
Debt at 1 April	**677.232**	**785.000**	**884.114**	**929.796**
Expected change in Debt	107.768	99.114	45.682	49.561
External Debt (excluding OLTL)	**785.000**	**884.114**	**929.796**	**979.357**
Other long-term liabilities (OLTL)	138.970	134.475	128.527	122.487
Expected change in OLTL	-4.495	-5.948	-6.040	-5.869
Estimated gross debt at 31 March	**919.475**	**1,012.641**	**1,052.283**	**1,095.975**
The Capital Financing Requirement	**1,036.745**	**1,116.287**	**1,137.057**	**1,159.676**
Under / (over) borrowing	**117.270**	**103.646**	**84.774**	**63.701**

5.3 Within the range of prudential indicators there are several key indicators to ensure that the Council operates its activities within well-defined limits. One of these is that the Council needs to ensure that its gross debt does not, except in the short-term, exceed the total of the CFR in the preceding year plus the estimates of any additional CFR for 2026/27 and the following two financial years. This allows some flexibility for limited early borrowing for future years but ensures that borrowing is not undertaken for revenue or speculative purposes.

5.4 The Executive Director of Corporate Services reports that the Council complied with this prudential indicator in the current year and does not envisage difficulties for the future. This view takes account of current commitments, existing plans and the proposals in this Budget report.

Treasury Indicators: Limits to Borrowing Activity

5.5 The Operational Boundary. This is the limit beyond which external debt is not normally expected to exceed. In most cases, this would be a similar figure to the CFR but may be lower or higher depending on the levels of actual debt and the ability to fund under-borrowing by other cash resources.

perational Boundary £m	2025/26 Estimate	2026/27 Estimate	2027/28 Estimate	2028/29 Estimate
Debt	815.000	914.114	959.796	1,009.357
Other long-term liabilities	134.475	128.527	122.487	116.618
Total	**949.475**	**1,042.641**	**1,082.283**	**1,125.975**

5.6 The Authorised Limit for external debt. This is a key prudential indicator and represents a control on the maximum level of borrowing. This represents a legal limit beyond which external debt is prohibited, and this limit needs to be set or revised by the Full Council. It reflects the level of external debt which, while not desired, could be afforded in the short-term, but is not sustainable in the longer-term.

- This is the statutory limit determined under section 3 (1) of the Local Government Act 2003. The Government retains an option to control either the total of all local authority plans, or those of a specific authority, although this power has not yet been exercised.
- The Council is asked to approve the following Authorised Limit.

Authorised Limit £m	**2024/25 Estimate**	**2025/26 Estimate**	**2026/27 Estimate**	**2027/28 Estimate**
Debt	922.270	1,007.760	1,034.570	1,063.058
Other long-term liabilities	141.199	134.953	128.611	122.449
Total	**1,063.469**	**1,142.713**	**1,163.181**	**1,185.507**

5.7 Separately, the Council was limited to a maximum HRA CFR through the HRA self-financing regime debt cap. This cap was removed in the Government's Autumn Budget 2018. The latest iteration of the HRA Business Plan requires additional borrowing to support the Growth Programme, and therefore there has been an increase in the HRA CFR. A prudent debt limit has been applied to the Council's HRA borrowing, allowing for that current need, plus £30m to enable a reaction to any significant development opportunity that arises.

HRA Debt Limit £m	**2024/25 Estimate**	**2025/26 Estimate**	**2026/27 Estimate**	**2027/28 Estimate**
HRA Debt Limit	358.991	387.166	398.878	415.054
HRA CFR	328.991	357.166	368.878	385.054
HRA Headroom (+)	**30.000**	**30.000**	**30.000**	**30.000**

Expected Movement in Interest Rates

5.8 The Council's treasury advisors expect the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) will gradually reduce the Bank Rate from the current level of 3.75% to 3.25% by March 2026. Their expectation is that the MPC will not increase the Bank Rate above 3.75% in the near future, but it is possible.

Gilt yields and PWLB rates

5.9 The overall longer-run trend is for gilt yields and PWLB rates to fall back over the medium term, but there is a risk that these stay higher for longer than forecast.

Borrowing Strategy

5.10 The Council is currently maintaining an under-borrowed position. This means that the capital borrowing need (the Capital Financing Requirement), has not

been fully funded with loan debt as cash supporting the Council's reserves, balances and cash flow has been used as a temporary measure. This strategy is prudent as medium and longer dated borrowing rates are expected to fall from their current levels, albeit only once prevailing inflation concerns are addressed by restrictive near-term monetary policy. That is, the Bank Rate remains relatively elevated in 2026 even if further rate cuts arise.

5.11 Against this background and the risks within the economic forecast, caution will be adopted with the 2026/27 treasury operations. The Executive Director of Corporate Services, under delegated powers, will take the most appropriate form of borrowing depending on the prevailing interest rates at the time, taking into account the risks shown in the forecast above.

5.12 While short term borrowing provides lower cost opportunities in the short to medium term, in a rising interest rate environment it can be advantageous to lock in long term borrowing. In the current situation where interest rates are forecast to fall in the medium term it is advantageous to defer long-term borrowing and utilise short term borrowing. Subsequently locking in long-term borrowing when rates are lower.

5.13 Any decisions will be reported to the appropriate decision-making body at the next available opportunity.

Policy on Borrowing in Advance of Need

5.14 The Council will not borrow more than or in advance of its needs purely in order to profit from the investment of the extra sums borrowed. Any decision to borrow in advance will be within forward approved Capital Financing Requirement estimates and will be considered carefully to ensure that value for money can be demonstrated and that the Council can ensure the security of such funds.

5.15 Risks associated with any borrowing in advance of activity will be subject to prior appraisal and subsequent reporting through the mid-year or annual reporting mechanism.

Rescheduling

5.16 Rescheduling of current borrowing in the debt portfolio may be considered whilst premature redemption rates remain elevated, but only if there is surplus cash available to facilitate any repayment, or rebalancing of the portfolio to provide more certainty is considered appropriate.

5.17 The reasons for any rescheduling to take place will include:

- The generation of cash savings and/or discounted cash flow savings;
- Helping to fulfil the treasury strategy; and,
- Enhancing the balance of the portfolio (amending the maturity profile and/or the balance of volatility).

6. Annual Investment Strategy

6.1 The key requirements of both the Code and the investment guidance are to set an annual investment strategy, as part of its annual treasury strategy for the following year, covering the identification and approval of the following:

- The guidelines for investment decision making, particularly non-specified investments.
- The principles to be used to determine the maximum periods for which investments can be made.
- The specified investments the Council may use.
- The non-specified investments the Council may use.

6.2 This Strategy is to be approved by Council. The Investment Policy proposed for the Council is detailed in the following paragraphs.

Investment Policy – Management of Risk

6.3 The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and CIPFA have extended the meaning of 'investments' to include both financial and non-financial investments. This report deals solely with treasury (financial) investments, (as managed by the treasury management team). Non-financial investments, essentially the purchase of income yielding assets and service investments, are covered in the Capital Strategy, (a separate report).

6.4 The Council's Investment Policy has regard to the following: -

- MHCLG's Guidance on Local Government Investments ("the Guidance")
- CIPFA Treasury Management in Public Services Code of Practice and Cross Sectoral Guidance Notes 2021 ("the Code")
- CIPFA Treasury Management Guidance Notes 2021

6.5 The Council's investment priorities will be security first, portfolio liquidity second and then yield (return). The Council will aim to achieve the optimum return (yield) on its investments commensurate with proper levels of security and liquidity and with regard to the Council's risk appetite.

Creditworthiness Policy

6.6 The primary principle governing the Council's investment criteria is the security of its investments, although the yield or return on the investment is also a key consideration. After this main principle, the Council will ensure that: -

- It maintains a policy covering the categories of investment types it will invest in, criteria for choosing investment counterparties with adequate security, and monitoring their security. This is set out in the specified and non-specified investment sections below; and
- It has sufficient liquidity in its investments. For this purpose, it will set out procedures for determining the maximum periods for which funds may

prudently be committed. These procedures also apply to the Council's prudential indicators covering the maximum principal sums invested.

6.7 The Executive Director of Corporate Services will maintain a counterparty list in compliance with the following criteria and will revise the criteria and submit them to Council for approval as necessary. These criteria are separate to that which determines which types of investment instrument are either specified or non-specified as it provides an overall pool of counterparties considered high quality which the Council may use, rather than defining what types of investment instruments are to be used.

6.8 Credit rating information is supplied by MUFG, the Council's treasury advisors, on all active counterparties that comply with the criteria below. Any counterparty failing to meet the criteria would be omitted from the counterparty (dealing) list. Any rating changes, rating watches (notification of a likely change), rating outlooks (notification of the longer-term bias outside the central rating view) are provided to officers almost immediately after they occur, and this information is considered before dealing. For instance, a negative rating watch applying to a counterparty at the minimum Council criteria will be suspended from use, with all others being reviewed in light of market conditions.

6.9 The criteria for providing a pool of high-quality investment counterparties, (both specified and non-specified investments) is:

- **Banks** - The Council will use banks which are rated by at least two rating agencies and have at least the following Fitch, Moody's and Standard and Poors' ratings (where rated):

	Fitch	Moody's	Standards & Poor's
Short-term	**F1**	**P-1**	**A-1**
Long-term	**A-**	**A3**	**A-**

- To allow for the day to day management of the Council's cash flow the Council's bankers will also be retained on the list of counterparties if ratings fall below the above minimum criteria.
- **Building societies** - the Council will use the top 20 Building Societies ranked by asset size but restricted to a maximum of 20% of the investment portfolio.
- **Money Market Funds (MMFs) (CNAV or LVNAV)** – restricted to a maximum investment of £20m per fund. The Council works with its specialist Treasury Advisors to review and select appropriate MMF's to ensure that those selected are AAA rated and therefore highly secure, with cash available for withdrawal each day, therefore these are very low risk accounts.
- **UK Government** – Debt Management Office
- **UK Local Authorities**

6.10 A limit of 35% will be applied to the use of Non-Specified investments within the investment portfolio, excluding day to day cash management through the Council's own bank.

6.11 Whilst the above criteria rely primarily on the application of credit ratings to provide a pool of appropriate counterparties for officers to use, additional operational market and sovereign information will continue to be applied before making any specific investment decision from the agreed portfolio of counterparties.

6.12 The time and monetary limits for institutions on the Council's Counterparty List are as follows (these will cover both Specified and Non-Specified Investments):

	Fitch	Moody's	Standard & Poor's	Money Limit	Time Limit
Upper Limit Category	**F1+/AA-**	**P-1/Aa3**	**A-1+/AA-**	**£20m**	**5 years**
Middle Limit Category	**F1/A-**	**P-1/A3**	**A-1/A-**	**£10m**	**364 days**
Lower Limit Category *	**All Building Soc's ranked 1 to 10**			**£5m**	**6 mths**
	All Building Soc's ranked 11 to 20			**£1m**	**3 mths**
Debt Management Office	**-**	**-**	**-**	**Unlimited ****	**6 months**
Money Market Funds	**-**	**-**	**-**	**£20m**	**n/a**
UK LA's	**-**	**-**	**-**	**£20m**	**5 years**
Council's Bankers	**-**	**-**	**-**	**£20m*****	**364 days**

The above money limits are exclusive of bank balances held by schools

* Based on maximum of 20% of the investment portfolio

** Provides maximum flexibility

*** There may be occasions where the Council has to exceed this limit, where government issues out significant grant funding, such as Covid Business Grants and the Council is unable to invest those resources within the options available on the day. This risk is mitigated by daily review of the cashflow forecast, however, the volume of government funding issued during the pandemic has been significant.

The proposed criteria for specified and non-specified investments are shown in Appendix C for approval.

Investment Strategy

6.13 Investments will be made with reference to the core balance and cash flow requirements and the outlook for short-term interest rates (i.e., rates for investments up to 12 months). Greater returns are usually obtainable by investing for longer periods. However, with Bank Rate having appeared to have peaked and with further cuts expected, higher rates of return have been available on shorter term investments. As a result, retaining an agile investment strategy would be appropriate to optimise returns.

6.14 Accordingly, while most cash balances are required in order to manage the ups and downs of cash flow, where cash sums can be identified that could be invested for longer periods, the value to be obtained from longer-term investments will be carefully assessed.

Investment returns expectations

6.15 The Council's Treasury advisor's current forecast investment earnings rates for returns on investments placed for periods up to about three months during each financial year are as follows: -

Average earnings in each year	Average Interest Rate
2025/26 (residual)	3.80%
2026/27	3.40%
2027/28	3.30%
2028/29	3.30%
2029/30	3.50%
Years 6 to 10	3.50%
Years 10+	3.50%

6.16 As there are so many variables at this time, caution must be exercised in respect of all interest rate forecasts.

6.17 For its cash flow generated balances, the Council will seek to utilise its Money Market Funds and short-dated deposits, in order to benefit from the compounding of interest.

6.18 Investment treasury indicator and limit is the total principal funds invested for greater than 365 days. These limits are set with regard to the Council's liquidity requirements and to reduce the need for early sale of an investment and are based on the availability of funds after each year-end.

6.19 The Council is asked to approve the following treasury indicator and limit: -

Upper limit for principal sums invested for longer than 365 days			
£m	**2026/27**	**2027/28**	**2028/29**
Principal sums invested for longer than 365 days	£10m	£10m	£10m

Investment Performance / Risk Benchmarking

6.20 These benchmarks are already intrinsic to the approved Treasury Strategy through the counterparty selection criteria and some of the prudential indicators, e.g. the maximum funds which may be invested for more than 364 days, the limit on the use of non-specified investments, etc.

6.21 Security – Security is currently evidenced by the application of minimum criteria to investment counterparties, primarily through the use of credit ratings supplied by the three main credit rating agencies. Whilst this approach embodies security considerations, benchmarking the levels of risk is more subjective and therefore problematic.

6.22 One method to benchmark security risk is to assess the historic level of default against the minimum criteria used in the Council's Investment Strategy. The default rates are little changed from last year.

Credit Rating	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years
AAA	0.04%	0.09%	0.16%	0.24%	0.33%
AA	0.02%	0.04%	0.09%	0.15%	0.21%
A	0.05%	0.13%	0.23%	0.34%	0.47%
BBB	0.14%	0.36%	0.62%	0.92%	1.22%

6.23 The Council's minimum long term rating criteria (over one year) is "AAA" meaning the average expectation of default for a three-year investment in a counterparty with a "AAA" long term rating would be 0.16% of the total investment (e.g. for a £1m investment the average potential loss would be £1,600).

6.24 The Council's minimum long term rating criteria (up to one year) is "BBB" and the average expectation of default for such an investment would be 0.14% (e.g. for a £1m investment the average loss would be £1,400).

6.25 These are only averages but do act as a benchmark for risk across the investment portfolio.

6.26 The Council's average security risk benchmark for the estimated maximum portfolio during 2025/26 is 0.063% which means that for every £1m invested the average potential loss would be £630. This position remains unchanged from 2024/25 (benchmark was 0.063% or £630).

Policy on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) considerations

6.27 This Council is supportive of the Principles for Responsible Investment (www.unpri.org) and will seek to bring ESG (environmental, social and

governance) factors into the decision-making process for investments. Within this, the Council is also appreciative of the statement on ESG in Credit Risk and Ratings which commits signatories to incorporating ESG into credit ratings and analysis in a systemic and transparent way. The Council uses ratings from Fitch, Moody's and Standard & Poor's to support its assessment of suitable counterparties. Each of these rating agencies is a signatory to the ESG in credit risk and ratings statement.

6.28 For short term investments with counterparties, this Council utilises the ratings provided by Fitch, Moody's and Standard & Poor's to assess creditworthiness, which do include analysis of ESG factors when assigning ratings. The Council will continue to evaluate additional ESG-related metrics and assessment processes that it could incorporate into its investment process and will update accordingly.

Liquidity

6.29 This is defined as "having adequate, though not excessive cash resources, borrowing arrangements, overdrafts or standby facilities to enable the Council at all times to have the level of funds available to it which are necessary for the achievement of its business/service objectives" (CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice). The Council seeks to maintain:

- Liquid, short-term deposits of at least £6m available with a week's notice.

6.30 The availability of liquidity and the inherent risks arising from the investment periods within the portfolio is monitored using the Weighted Average Life (WAL) of the portfolio. This measures the time period over which half the investment portfolio would have matured and become liquid.

6.31 A shorter WAL generally represents less risk and in this respect the benchmark to be used for 2025/26 is:

- 0.25 years which means that at any point in time half the investment portfolio would be available within 90 days.

Yield

6.32 These benchmarks are currently widely used to assess investment performance and the Council's local measure of yield is:

- Internal returns above the Sterling Overnight Index Average (SONIA) which has replaced the London Interbank Bid rate (LIBID).

End of Year Investment Report

6.33 At the end of the financial year, the Council will report on its investment activity as part of its Annual Treasury Report.

APPENDICES

A. Prudential and treasury indicators

B. Economic background

C. Treasury management practice 1 – credit and counterparty risk management

Appendix A

THE CAPITAL PRUDENTIAL AND TREASURY INDICATORS 2026/27 – 2028/29

The Council's capital expenditure plans are the key driver of treasury management activity. The output of the capital expenditure plans is reflected in the prudential indicators, which are designed to assist Members' overview and confirm capital expenditure plans.

Affordability Prudential Indicators

The previous sections cover the overall capital and control of borrowing prudential indicators, but within this framework prudential indicators are required to assess the affordability of the capital investment plans. These provide an indication of the impact of the capital investment plans on the Council's overall finances. The Council is asked to approve the following indicators: -

Ratio of Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream

This indicator identifies the trend in the cost of capital (borrowing and other long-term obligation costs net of investment income), against the net revenue stream.

%	2025/26 Estimate	2026/27 Estimate	2027/28 Estimate	2028/29 Estimate
Non-HRA	11.04	12.70	15.46	16.24
HRA	14.67	13.47	12.42	11.50

The estimates of financing costs include current commitments and the proposals in this budget report.

Maturity Structure of Borrowing

These gross limits are set to reduce the Council's exposure to large, fixed rate sums falling due for refinancing, and are required for upper and lower limits.

The Council is asked to approve the following treasury indicators and limits: -

Maturity structure of borrowing 2026/27				
	Indicator		Current position	
	Lower	Upper	%	£m
Under 12 months	0%	50%	11.90%	77.242
12 months to 2 years	0%	35%	10.05%	65.252
2 years to 5 years	0%	45%	0.90%	5.820
5 years to 10 years	0%	45%	1.02%	6.603
10 years to 20 years	0%	45%	5.20%	33.750
20 years to 30 years	0%	50%	8.68%	56.336

30 years to 40 years	0%	50%	11.56%	75.000
40 years to 50 years	0%	60%	39.91%	259.000
50 years and above	0%	60%	10.79%	70.000

Control of Interest Rate Exposure

RMBC	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Interest rate Exposures				
	Upper	**Upper**	**Upper**	**Upper**
Limits on fixed interest rate debt based on fixed net debt	100%	100%	100%	100%
Limits on variable interest rate debt based on variable net debt	50%	50%	50%	50%

Compliance with Treasury and Prudential Limits

It is a statutory duty for the Council to determine and keep under review the affordable borrowing limits. During the quarter ended 31st December 2025, the Council has operated within the treasury and prudential indicators set out in the Council's Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2025/26. The tables below set out the actual position as at 31 December 2025 compared to these indicators. The Executive Director of Corporate Services reports that no difficulties are envisaged for the current or future years in complying with these indicators.

All treasury management operations have also been conducted in full compliance with the Council's Treasury Management Practices.

Treasury Indicators	2025/26 Budget £'000	31.12.25 Actual £'000
Authorised limit for external debt	**1,113,716**	704,062
Operational boundary for external debt	**1,112,163**	
Gross external debt	**1,052,163**	
Investments	20,000	31,380
Net borrowing	**1,032.163**	672,682

Maturity structure of borrowing	Upper limit	Actual as at 31.12.25
Under 12 months	60%	7.82%
12 months to 2 years	35%	10.97%
2 years to 5 years	45%	9.34%
5 years to 10 years	45%	1.64%
10 years to 20 years	45%	4.84%
20 years to 30 years	50%	8.00%
30 years to 40 years	50%	7.10%
40 years to 50 years	55%	40.34%
50 years and above	60%	9.94%

	Limit	Actual as at 31.12.25
Sums invested >364 days	£10m	£0m

Appendix B

ECONOMIC BACKGROUND

The financial year 2025/26 to date saw:

- The Bank of England continuing its cuts to interest rates with three cuts to date, bringing base rate down from 4.5% to 3.75%.
- 10-year gilt yields fluctuated between 4.4% and 4.8%, ending the half year at 4.70% before falling back to a little over 4.5% in late December.
- CPI inflation remained at 3.8% in September but dropped to 3.2% by November.
- An easing in wage growth as the headline 3-month year over year rate (excluding bonuses) fell from 5.5% in June to 4.6% in September 2025.

Appendix C

TREASURY MANAGEMENT PRACTICE (TMP1) – CREDIT AND COUNTERPARTY RISK MANAGEMENT

The MHCLG issued Investment Guidance in 2018, and this forms the structure of the Council's policy below. These guidelines do not apply to either trust funds or pension funds which operate under a different regulatory regime.

The key intention of the Guidance is to maintain the current requirement for local authorities to invest prudently, and that priority is given to security and liquidity before yield. In order to facilitate this objective, the Guidance requires this Council to have regard to the CIPFA publication Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice and Cross-Sectoral Guidance Notes. This Council has adopted the Code and will apply its principles to all investment activity. In accordance with the Code, the Executive Director of Corporate Services has produced its treasury management practices (TMPs). This part, TMP 1, covering investment counterparty policy requires approval each year.

Annual Investment Strategy - The key requirements of both the Code and the investment guidance are for the Council to set an Annual Investment Strategy, as part of its annual treasury strategy for the following year, covering the identification and approval of the following:

- The strategy guidelines for choosing and placing investments, particularly non-specified investments.
- The principles to be used to determine the maximum periods for which funds can be committed.
- Specified investments that the Council may use. These are high security and high liquidity investments in sterling and with a maturity of no more than a year.
- Non-specified investments, clarifying the greater risk implications, identifying the general types of investment that may be used and a limit to the overall amount of various categories that can be held at any time.

The Investment Policy proposed for the Council is:

Strategy guidelines – The main strategy guidelines are contained in the body of the Treasury Management Strategy Statement.

Specified investments – These investments are sterling investments of not more than one-year maturity, or those which could be for a longer period but where the Council has the right to be repaid within 12 months if it wishes. They also include investments which were originally classed as being non-specified investments, but which would have been classified as specified investments apart from originally being for a period longer than 12 months once the remaining period to maturity falls to under 12 months.

These are considered low risk assets where the possibility of loss of principal or investment income is small. These would include sterling investments which would not be defined as capital expenditure with: -

- The UK Government (such as the Debt Management Account deposit facility, UK Treasury Bills or a Gilt with less than one year to maturity).

- UK Local Authorities.
- Money Market Funds that have been awarded a AAA credit rating by a credit rating agency e.g., Standard and Poor's, Moody's and/or Fitch rating agencies restricted to £20m.
- A bank or building society that has been awarded a minimum short-term rating of F1 by Fitch, P-1 by Moody's and A-1 by Standard and Poor's rating agencies. For Building Societies investments will be restricted to 20% of the overall investment portfolio and:

    - a maximum of £5m for a period not exceeding 6 months if the society is ranked in the top 10 by asset size; or
    - a maximum of £1m and a period not exceeding 3 months if the society is ranked 11 to 20 by asset size.

Non-specified investments – are any other type of investment (i.e., not defined as specified above). The identification and rationale supporting the selection of these other investments and the maximum limits to be applied are set out below.

Non-specified investments would include any sterling investments with: -

1. A bank that has been awarded a minimum long term credit rating of AA- by Fitch, Aa3 by Moody's and AA- by Standard & Poor's for deposits with a maturity of greater than 1 year.
2. The Council's own bank if ratings fall below the above minimum criteria.
3. A Building Society which is ranked in the top 20 by asset size. Investments will be restricted to 20% of the overall investment portfolio and:
    - a maximum of £5m for a period not exceeding 6 months if the Society is ranked in the top 10 by asset size; or
    - a maximum of £1m and a period not exceeding 3 months if the Society is ranked 11 to 20 by asset size.

This Council will seek further advice on the appropriateness and associated risks with investments in these categories.

The monitoring of investment counterparties - The credit rating of counterparties will be monitored regularly. The Council receives credit rating information (changes, rating watches and rating outlooks) from MUFG as and when ratings change, and counterparties are checked promptly.

On occasion ratings may be downgraded when an investment has already been made. The criteria used are such that a minor downgrading should not affect the full receipt of the principal and interest.

Any counterparty failing to meet the criteria will be removed from the list immediately by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, and if required new counterparties which meet the criteria will be added to the list.

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Flexible use of Capital Receipts Strategy 2026/27

1. Introduction

The proposals within this Flexible use of Capital Receipts Strategy have been prepared based on a capitalisation direction issued by the Secretary of State under Sections 16(2)(b) and 20 of the Local Government Act 2003: Treatment of Costs as Capital Expenditure.

2. The Direction

The Direction issued by the Secretary of State under Sections 16(2)(b) of the Local Government Act specifies that Local Authorities can treat as capital expenditure, expenditure which:

- "is incurred by the Authority that is designed to generate ongoing revenue savings in the delivery of public services and/or transform service delivery to reduce costs and/or transform service delivery in a way that reduces costs or demand for services in future years for any of the public sector delivery partners".

- "is properly incurred by the Authority for the financial years that begin on 1 April 2016 to 1 April 2024"

- The extension of the existing flexibility from 2022/23 onwards was updated in August 2022.

- The Autumn Policy Statement 2024 made clear Governments intention to extend flexible use of capital receipts to 2030, it was then confirmed in March 2025. The Government also removed the restriction with respect to redundancy costs, imposed from April 2022, that limits the use of the flexibility to statutory redundancy costs only. This will support authorities in taking forward transformation and invest-to-save projects.

It is a condition of the Secretary of State's direction that the flexible use of capital receipts in accordance with the direction only applies to capital receipts which have been received in the years to which the direction applies.

When applying the direction, Authorities are required to have regard to Guidance on Flexible Use of Capital Receipts issued by the Secretary of State under Section 15(1)(a) of the Act.In using the flexibility, the Council will have due regard to the requirements of the Prudential Code and to the CIPFA Local Authority Accounting Code of Practice.

The Council is also required to prepare a Flexible use of Capital Receipts Strategy before the start of the year to be approved by the Council – this is that Strategy.

3 The Council's Proposals

The Guidance sets out examples of qualifying expenditure which includes "funding the cost of service reconfiguration, restructuring or rationalisation (staff or non-staff),

where this leads to ongoing efficiency savings or service transformation" and it is for this purpose that the Council is proposing to use Capital Receipts in 2026/27, where required. The Council maintains the ability to use new year capital receipts to support capital expenditure on short life assets.

4. 2026/27 Revenue Budget

To support the continued reconfiguration of the Council's services to deliver the improvement and efficiencies set out in the Council's Budget for 2026/27, it is proposed that any associated one-off costs are funded from capital receipts. The legitimacy of this use will be determined by the s151 Officer in order to ensure that it meets the requirements set out by the Secretary of State.

5. The Prudential Code

The Council has due regard to the requirements of the Prudential Code and the impact on its prudential indicators from the application of this Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy. In line with this Strategy and the Council's overall Financial Strategies, the first call on capital receipts generated in the year will be utilised to meet the cost of voluntary severance. Any capital receipts which are received in excess of the amount required for this purpose will be used to fund revenue costs incurred to support the Council's service development and delivery of savings and efficiencies. These receipts have not been earmarked as funding for any other proposed capital expenditure and therefore there is no anticipated additional impact on the Council's prudential indicators as set out in the Council's Treasury Management Strategy.

The Council will also have due regard to the Local Authority Accounting Code of Practice when determining and including the entries required from undertaking and funding this scheme within the 2026/27 Statement of Accounts.

6. Monitoring the Strategy

Implementation of this Strategy will be monitored as part of regular financial reporting arrangements.

Initial Equality Screening Assessment (Part A)

As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality and diversity.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provide a record of both the process and decision. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions.

Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality and diversity
- whether or not equality and diversity is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an equality analysis.

Directorate: Finance and Customer Services	**Service area: Finance**
Lead person: Rob Mahon	**Contact number: 01709 254518**

1. Title:

Is this a:

X	**Strategy / Policy**	X	**Service / Function**		**Other**

If other, please specify

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening

The Council is required to set a balanced budget for 2026/27 and present that balanced budget at Cabinet in February 2026 and March Council 2026. The budget report outlines the Council's available resources from core government funding, grants and those resources generated through local taxation, and how those resources will be utilised across the Councils services.

The Council's Budget and Council Tax report 2025/26 included the delivery of £7.925m savings, made up of £5.333m existing savings still to be delivered and £2.592m of new savings, approved in the Budget report. This position was further improved following the end of the 2024/25 financial year, which comes after the 2025/26 Budget is approved at March Council. As at the financial year end 2024/25 following the delivery of a further £431k of the existing savings the Council had £7.494m of savings still to be delivered as shown below. Financial Monitoring reports to Cabinet during 2025/26 have monitored progress against these savings, at present, £6.918m of delivery has been secured.

For 2026/27 the Council has to consider the following in order to set a budget and MTFS for 2026/27 to 2028/29;

- Impact of Provisional Financial Settlement
- Impact of Fair Funding Review 2.0
- Council Tax increases
- Fees and Charges increases
- Further use of reserves.
- Potential Savings
- Potential Capital and Revenue Investments

As outlined in the Budget and Council Tax Report 2026/27 the Council has to a degree used all these options to create a balanced budget position for 2026/27 and 2027/28. However, due to the financial pressures in 2028/29 and to a degree economic uncertainty over that period the Council has a £9.3m Budget gap in 2028/29. The Council will monitor this position closely and take further actions as required as greater clarity around the financial pressures faced and how the funding position moves across the period. As the Budget Report details the Council expects a positive outcome from the Business Rates Reset that is expected to complete in the summer of 2026, however, it is too early to build any benefit from that process into the MTFS.

The delivery of new savings and investments as part of this Budget and Council Tax report will need to be worked through with their own EIA and following the Council's Human Resource policies and procedures to ensure that appropriate engagement, consultation and support is provided to impacted staff. In addition, any likely impacts on residents will need to be assessed to ensure that any that are disproportionate in relation to protected groups, are mitigated where possible.

In addition to the revenue budget, the Council's revised Capital Programme will be approved as part of the budget report. The Council's Capital Programme will be approved as part of the Capital Strategy section of the budget report.

Finally, the budget report will approve the Council's Treasury Management Strategy, and prudential indicators. This report covers how the Council intends to manage its debt, borrowing for new investments, cashflow and banking procedures and risk. The prudential indicators provide the key framework for how that strategy will be managed.

The Budget sets the framework within which Cabinet makes its decisions. Therefore, detailed impact assessments of proposals within the budget will be undertaken at the earliest opportunity as they are developed, in order to inform decision-making.

In addition, services will consider equality implications that arise from the implementation of the Council's Budget through service planning process.

3. Relevance to equality and diversity

All the Council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or

the wider community – borough wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality and diversity.

The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are.

When considering these questions think about age, carers, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation and any other relevant characteristics (for example socio-economic status, social class, income, unemployment, residential location or family background and education or skills levels).

Questions	**Yes**	**No**
Could the proposal have implications regarding the accessibility of services to the whole or wider community?	X	
Could the proposal affect service users?	X	
Has there been or is there likely to be an impact on an individual or group with protected characteristics?	X	
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns regarding the proposal?	X	
Could the proposal affect how the Council's services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?	X	
Could the proposal affect the Council's workforce or employment practices?	X	

If you have answered **no** to all the questions above please complete **sections 5 and 6.**

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above please complete **section 4.**

4. Considering the impact on equality and diversity

The budget report provides an indication of the key challenges that the Council faces, and the specific challenges faced by each directorate along with an indication of the aims and objectives of those directorates.

The ongoing financial challenges faced by the Council are similar to those of other local authorities. The financial pressures faced by local authorities are largely as a result of inflation, rising demand and complexity of care packages as a result of a growing population, and market cost pressures within the provision of social care.

These budget pressures mean that the Council must be responsible in its budget setting approach, prioritising investment and savings proposals that best contribute to the Council's priorities as identified within the Council Plan to best meet the needs of Rotherham's residents and ensure that best value is demonstrated across the breadth of Council services.

The budget proposals for 2026/27 include provision for £8.6m additional Budget for adult social care. Children's Placements budgets will be uplifted by £2.8m with a further £2m earmarked for in year inflationary uplifts. During 2025/26 the Council reviewed the CYPS placements savings that were originally approved as part of 2019/20 Budget setting. This review focussed on looking back across this period to assess if the Council has made the

savings that it originally set out to achieve and if those savings have impacted positively on the Council's placements costs. The result of the review shows that the Council has reduced Looked After Children (LAC) placements across this period by in excess of 120 placements. The challenge across this period is that market costs in this sector, in particular on residential placements, have risen dramatically and continue to do so. As a comparison, had the Council still had that same level of placements that it held in 2019/20, at today's prices, the Council would be spending around £10m more per year. As such the Council is able to record these savings as delivered as the key actions have been achieved. The remaining pressures within CYPS relate more towards the impact of rising market prices, lack of real growth in the Council's fostering placements and the need to complete the in-house residential programme.

A budget increase is provided for ongoing cost and demand pressures within Home to School Transport, a national issue and pressure.

The budget proposals also prioritise £2.8m revenue budget investment across the following themes, mirroring the Council Plan priorities:

- Places are thriving, safe, and clean,
- An economy that works for everyone,
- Children and young people achieve their potential,
- Residents live well,
- One Council that listens and learns.

The Council is aware that many residents will be facing rising household costs. In recognition of this the Council proposes to provide a further Local Council Tax Support Top Up scheme across the financial year 2026/27. Based on current caseloads this is expected to provide additional support to approximately 14,000 households. The Council's Local Council Tax Support Scheme was fully reviewed in 2024 and no further changes are proposed to the scheme for 2026/27.

The Capital Programme section of the report will seek approval for a series of new investment proposals, prioritised following a process of review and scrutiny of options. The linked financial revenue implications of the capital programme have been factored into the Council's revenue budget.

A public consultation on the Budget ran from 28th November 2025 to January 9th 2026 and responses have been considered in finalising the budget proposals. A report reflecting the consultation is appended to this report. No specific equality implications were raised as part of the consultation. A full report on the outcome of the consultation process is included at appendix 5.

- **How have you considered equality and diversity?**

Please see section above.

- **Key findings**

Please see section above.

- **Actions**

As indicated in Section 3, the specific equality implications that arise from the Council's Budget will be addressed through Directorate and service budgets aligned to service plans that now include an equalities section. Within this process, all Directorates will complete or will have already completed an equality screening or analysis to ensure due regard has been given and that there is an understanding of the effects of a strategy, policy, service on those from a protected characteristic group. In addition, it is an expectation that appropriate mitigations are considered and put in place to manage any disproportionate impacts.

Date to scope and plan your Equality Analysis:	Upon development of proposals
Date to complete your Equality Analysis:	Upon completion of proposals
Lead person for your Equality Analysis (Include name and job title):	Relevant directorate leads as appropriate

5. Governance, ownership and approval

Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening:

Name	**Job title**	**Date**
Judith Badger	Executive Director Corporate Services	22 January 2026

6. Publishing

This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given.

If this screening relates to a **Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision** a copy of the completed document should be attached as an appendix and published alongside the relevant report.

A copy of **all** screenings should also be sent to equality@rotherham.gov.uk For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file and also published on the Council's Equality and Diversity Internet page.

Date screening completed	22 January 2026
If relates to a Key Delegated Decision, **Executive Board**, **Council** or a **Significant Operational Decision** – **report date and date sent for publication**	Cabinet – 9 February 2026
Date screening sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement equality@rotherham.gov.uk	22 January 2026

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Appendix 12 - Carbon Impact Assessment

Will the decision/proposal impact…	Impact	If an impact or potential impacts are identified:			
		Describe impacts or potential impacts on emissions from the Council and its contractors.	Describe impact or potential impacts on emissions across the Borough as a whole.	Describe any measures to mitigate emission impacts	Outline any monitoring of emission impacts that will be carried out
Emissions from non-domestic buildings?	None				
Emissions from transport?	None				
Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	None				
Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	None				
Emissions from construction and/or development?	None				
Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	None				

Identify any emissions impacts associated with this decision which have not been covered by the above fields:

Will the proposal affect Council services' resilience to climate change, or the capacity of people living in the Borough to adapt to climate change?

This report is the Council's Budget and Council Tax Report 2026/27, it sets the Councils budgets for revenue and capital and provides the financial context and challenges that the Council is operating within. The report does aim to gain approval for the Councils budgets for 2026/27 and a number of new investment proposals in revenue and capital. However, any direct carbon impacts from those investments will be addressed as those investments are brought forward for delivery and only if those proposals are approved. These revenue investments will be subject to their own carbon impact assessments; though it should be recognised that budget setting does influence the likelihood of interventions being undertaken by providing the finances required for delivery. The comments in the table above summarise the potential impacts, and further detail would be available when individual schemes are brought forward.

Budget setting and the Council's medium term financial strategy are fundamental to the sustainable delivery of resilient Council services.

Provide a summary of all impacts and mitigation/monitoring measures:

This report is the Council's Budget and Council Tax Report 2026/27: it sets the Council's budgets for revenue and capital and details the financial context and challenges within which the Council operates. Whereas the report seeks approval for the Council's budgets for 2026/27 and a number of new capital and revenue investment proposals, any direct carbon impacts from those investments will be addressed as they are brought forward for delivery -- and only if the proposals are approved. However, it is recognised that budget setting does influence the likelihood of interventions being undertaken, by providing the finances required for delivery. High-level, potential impacts include the following:

- Proposed capital investment in pedestrian crossings and ward road safety plans may decrease carbon emissions from transport, since perceptions of road safety may affect propensity for active travel.

- Additional revenue funding proposed for HWRCs may decrease emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste produced by Rotherham households, by extending the useful life of items which could be re-used, in preference to recycling or energy recovery.

- Proposed renewal of facilities at Ulley Country Park may decrease carbon emissions from non-residential buildings, as the existing visitor centre and boat house are replaced by a more sustainable and energy efficient asset.

These points summarise select, high-level carbon impacts: further details of these and other schemes will become available as they are brought forward.

Supporting information:	
Climate Impact Assessment Author	Rob Mahon Service Director of Financial Services Financial Services Corporate Services
Please outline any research, data or information used to complete this Climate Impact Assessment.	
If quantities of emissions are relevant to and have been used in this form please identify which conversion factors have been used to quantify impacts.	
Validation	Tracking Reference: CIA 590 Arthur King Principal Climate Change Officer

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Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Public Report
Cabinet

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting
Cabinet – 09 February 2026

Report Title
Rotherham Gateway Progress to Full Business Case

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?
Yes

Executive Director Approving Submission of the Report
Andrew Bramidge, Executive Director of Regeneration and Environment

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Ward(s) Affected
Borough-Wide

Report Summary
The Council is working with partners to promote the development of Rotherham Gateway Station. This mainline and tram-train station will be a catalyst for growth, improving local, regional, and national rail connectivity for all communities and businesses across the Borough, creating employment, and supporting the development of high-quality new homes.

An Outline Business Case (OBC) has been approved by South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA), the Department for Transport (DfT) and Ministerial approval was received by the Council on 14th January 2026. This approval releases funding of £11.35 million to the Council to develop a Full Business Case (FBC) for the scheme. This report recommends that Cabinet accept this funding to progress to Full Business Case with submission to SYMCA for assurance and approval of the Business Case.

Recommendations

That Cabinet:

1. Accepts the £11.35 million CRSTS funding from SYMCA to progress the Full Business Case for Rotherham Gateway Station.

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.

3. Grants approval to allocate the funding as required within the CRSTS allocation.

4. Delegates authority to the Executive Director 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.

5. Delegates authority to the Service Director Property & 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 compulsory purchase (Town and Country Planning Act or the Transport and Works Act) to acquire the necessary property interests for the Station.

6. Delegates authority to the Service Director Property & 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 inquiry, appeal or legal challenge concerning the same.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 Equalities Impact Assessment
Appendix 2 Climate Impact Assessment

Background Papers
Cabinet: Mainline Station Update (September 2023)

Cabinet: Mainline Station and Strategic Acquisition (July 2025)

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel
None

Council Approval Required
No

Exempt from the Press and Public
No

Rotherham Gateway Progress to Full Business Case

1. Background

1.1 The Council is working with partners to promote the development of Rotherham Gateway Station. This mainline and tram-train station will be a catalyst for growth, improving local, regional, and national rail connectivity for all communities and businesses across the Borough. It will drive investment, attracting new businesses, creating employment, and supporting the development of high-quality new homes.

1.2 In 2021, the Council took the role of sponsor for the proposed mainline station after it was omitted from the Government's Integrated Rail Plan. The Council progressed the scheme, initially preparing a Strategic Outline Business Case, setting out the strategic importance of the scheme and high-level costs and outputs.

1.3 In May 2023, the Council received £1m of CRSTS funding to develop the Outline Business Case for the scheme. This funding enabled completion of key workstreams required including:

- Modelling and scheme testing to understand the catchment and impact of the scheme
- Operational railway design work
- Timetable modelling (heavy rail and tram train) to confirm service provision and power supply capability
- Station building and facilities design
- Preferred location and preliminary layout for tram train stop
- Updated cost estimate

1.4 In February 2025, the Outline Business Case (OBC) was submitted to SYMCA and the Department for Transport for assurance and approval to release £11.35 million for Full Business Case development. The Full Business Case will contain detailed funding requirements and strategy, design, timetabling and contractor appointment, therefore once completed and approved it will allow for delivery of the station. The content of a Full Business Case is explained further in 2.1. SYMCA and DfT approved the Outline Business Case in 2025 and final Ministerial approval was received by the Council in January 2026.

1.5 This report seeks Cabinet approval to accept the £11.35 million released by the OBC approval to progress and submit the Full Business Case. It seeks approval to consult with the public and scheme stakeholders on the outputs of the Full Business Case (FBC) as they are developed. To ensure the FBC can progress at pace, it also requests approval to allocate the funding as required and to undertake any actions as necessary to complete the FBC, such as procurement and contract award, design matters and liaison with partner organisations. Following completion, this report seeks to delegate authority to the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy, for submission of the Full Business Case to SYMCA to approve funding to deliver the project in full.

2. Key Issues

2.1 The Full Business Case is the final and most detailed stage in the HM Treasury business case process for transport projects. It is prepared before construction begins and is required for Department for Transport (DfT) or other public funding approval. It follows HM Treasury's Five Case Model and DfT's Transport Analysis Guidance (TAG) to confirm the scheme is viable, affordable, and deliverable. It provides robust evidence that the station project offers value for money and aligns with strategic objectives, as a route to final approval for implementation and delivery.

2.2 The outputs of the Full Business Case will include:

- Detailed design completed for the main line station, tram-train stop and floormat between them (including station building / business centre and provision for user-friendly multi-modal transport interchange)
- Appointment of contractors and agreed delivery programme
- Timetable and economic benefits modelling updated
- Securing of train operator and service specifier commitments to stop train services at the new station
- Integrated transport strategy agreed and planned (e.g. integrated bus services to maximise station usage)
- Cost plan interrogated and updated
- Delivery funding strategy and security of funding source in place
- Consents in place
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Essential land acquisition complete

2.3 The Full Business Case is a significant commitment for the Council, requiring dedicated project support which will have impacts across several Council services. The requirements for this are being scoped. A governance and management structure is being prepared to ensure appropriate resource is in place which includes working with partner organisations including ~~such as~~ SYMCA. ~~The~~ Where necessary the Council will secure appropriate external expertise to support the development of the FBC.

2.4 **Land Acquisition**

Following a thorough options assessment, a location for Gateway Station was selected on Forge Way near Parkgate. Three essential parcels of land were identified for the Station.

In September 2023, Cabinet approved a Resolution in Principle to investigate the use of compulsory purchase powers to acquire the necessary property interests for the Station. In the event that it was not possible to acquire any or all of the properties by agreement within the required timescales and/or funding envelopes, the paper noted that a further report would be submitted to Cabinet seeking formal resolution to acquire the property interests through use of Compulsory Purchase or Transport and Works Act powers.

One of the three required interests has already been acquired, and negotiations are progressing well with landowners of the two remaining sites. However, to meet the timescales of the Full Business Case and ensure land acquisition is complete in time for delivery, the Council would now like to seek formal resolution to initiate powers and (if necessary) make an order for compulsory purchase (Town and Country Planning Act or a Transport and Works Act Order). This paper requests approval to progress this process alongside continued negotiations. Acquisition by negotiation is still the Council's preferred approach and every effort will be made to obtain the remaining sites by agreement.

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

3.1 **The Council could consider not accepting the funding**
This would risk losing the funding that has been allocated to the scheme. It would also leave the future of the scheme in doubt, and it may not be progressed. This option is not recommended.

3.2 **Accept the funding and progress the scheme**
The Council has worked closely with partners to achieve the Outline Business Case approval which is a key milestone for Rotherham Gateway. The scheme has widespread support with over 650 individuals pledging their support via the Rotherham Gateway website and positive engagement with the public at Rotherham Show. Utilising the devolved funding allocated is the best opportunity to progress the scheme towards delivery.

This option is recommended.

4. Consultation on proposal

4.1 Stakeholder consultation was undertaken throughout the development of the Outline Business Case. This was facilitated by the project governance structure which includes Network Rail, SYMCA, Northern and Transport for the North. Partners contributed to/provided feedback on the OBC outputs and station designs via the steering group and station board. The completed outline designs reflect the requirements of the project stakeholders.

4.2 In the coming months, work with stakeholders will continue to obtain feedback before work starts on the Full Business Case for the Station. This review work will be crucial to guide the next stages of the Station design. Consultation with stakeholders will also be key to understanding the next steps required to set up the Full Business Case.

4.3 Engagement on the wider scheme has taken place with local and regional stakeholders including representatives of local businesses, education and community partners via internal and external boards. This includes the Employment and Skills Board, Business Growth Board and the Rotherham Together Partnership. The Town Board has been updated regularly and is supportive of the scheme.

4.4 In September 2025, public engagement took place at the Rotherham Show. This was an opportunity to share information on the Station and the wider Masterplan which was positively received. A press campaign has been launched featuring an opinion piece by the Leader in the Yorkshire Post. The Rotherham Advertiser is backing the scheme and is running a series of press releases sharing key milestones. Information has also been shared on the Council's social media platforms, and a website has been developed where people can pledge their support for the scheme.

4.5 Future public engagement will take place throughout the FBC work as the scheme moves closer to delivery. This will be via formal consultations and more informal information-sharing sessions. This will target communities across the Borough to understand equalities impacts and issues such as accessing the Station. Online consultation will take place and information sharing will continue via the website pledge page.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

5.1

Multidisciplinary contract appointment for pre-FBC work	February 2026
Cabinet Approval for Progress of FBC	February 2026
Establish governance and partnering arrangements	January – March 2026
Approve and appoint project team/structure/procurement of services, if required	March to June 2026
Start FBC	July 2026
Option development, cost and design feasibility	September 2026
Detailed designs and cost	March 2027
Consultation/stakeholder engagement	July 2027 to September 2027
Complete FBC and submit for approval	December 2027

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

6.1 The engagement of external expertise and contractors to support the development of the Full Business Case, must be procured in compliance with relevant legislation (Procurement Act 2023 or the Public Contracts Regulations 2015) dependent on the route to market and where the Council is leading the procurement, compliance with the Council's own Financial and Procurement Procedure Rules.

6.2 The completion of the Full Business Case will be fully funded by the awarding of the £11.35m City and Regions Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) grant, should its acceptance be approved.

6.3 This report seeks authority to acquire land required for the station floormat only, via an order for compulsory purchase. This was referred to as Phase 1 of the masterplan in the report to Cabinet in July 2025. At the time of that report, there was sufficient funding available for these sites.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

7.1 Approval for Grant funding in relation to the City and Regions Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) of £11.35 million has now been received, which will allow the Council to develop a Full Business Case (FBC) for the Rotherham Gateway Stations scheme. This report is seeking approval to accept the funding from SYMCA, to develop the FBC and consult as necessary on its outputs with the public and stakeholders. The report also seeks approval to allocate the CRSTS funding as required and delegates authority to the Executive Director of 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 funding/decision makers.

7.2 The Service will have to ensure that in its allocation of the funding, it complies with the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement, including the grant funding claims procedure and any procurement is compliant with the Procurement Act 2023, and the Council's Financial, Procurement and Procedure Rules.

7.3 The request for authority to use compulsory purchase powers is consistent with previous reports. Property Services will have oversight of the use of compulsory purchase powers and will provide advice and support as required.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

8.1 Any interim appointments made to supplement the project team will require appointment through the RMBC agency framework. HR will continue to support the service in relation to any future permanent appointments.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

9.1 There are no implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

10.1 The Equalities Impact Screening Assessment is attached at Appendix 1.

11. Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change

11.1 The Climate Impact Assessment is attached at Appendix 2.

12. Implications for Partners

12.1 The Gateway scheme is crucial to the Don Valley element of the SYMCA Growth Plan one of four key aspirations for growth across South Yorkshire. Rotherham Gateway Station will be a catalyst to 'kickstart' development and

investment in the wider region. The Council will work closely with colleagues at SYMCA to develop the Full Business Case.

12.2 The Council will also work closely with the wider scheme stakeholders as the project governance develops. A scheme of this scale will require a commitment from all stakeholders to provide the skills and resource required for delivery.

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 **Risk:** To achieve wider regeneration benefits it is essential that the transport elements related to rail and tram/train are not developed in isolation. Rather the development of the first phase of an innovation campus, station building and public realm must be developed in tandem. £2.250m Gainshare funding is being drawn down from SYMCA and allocated to the development of the priority projects. Any delays in the masterplan development workstreams could impact on the mainline/tram-train design work taking place for the Full Business Case.

Mitigation: The Council is considering the resourcing required to ensure the schemes can run concurrently and required outputs are produced in a timely manner.

13.2 **Risk:** Funding for delivery not yet secured resulting in delays/scheme not progressing.

Mitigation: An outline funding strategy was prepared as part of the Outline Business Case. Further detail and funding options will be explored as part of the Full Business Case resulting in identified funding schemes proposed by the completion of the Full Business Case. The scheme is a priority for SYMCA, and the Council will work closely with SYMCA to understand how devolved, regional funding could work for the scheme.

13.3 **Risk:** Inability to acquire the land essential for the Station.

Mitigation: The Council has already made good progress in negotiations with landowners regarding the Station floormat. Negotiations are underway with the remaining landowners, and the Council is starting to ‘twin-track’ the use of compulsory purchase powers. Any future requirements for external expertise to support in this matter will be in consultation with the Council’s Property Services team.

14. Accountable Officers

Simon Moss, Service Director of Planning, Regeneration and Transport

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

	Named Officer	**Date**
Chief Executive	John Edwards	26/01/26
Executive Director of Corporate Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	22/01/26
Service Director of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Phil Horsfield	19/01/26

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Appendix 1

PART A - Initial Equality Screening Assessment

As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality and diversity.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provide a record of both the process and decision. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions.

Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality and diversity
- whether or not equality and diversity is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an Equality Analysis (Part B).

Further information is available in the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance – see page 9.

1. Title	
Title: Rotherham Gateway Progress to Full Business Case	
Directorate: Regeneration and Environment	**Service area:** Regeneration
Lead person: Lorna Vertigan	**Contact number:** Lorna.Vertigan@rotherham.gov.uk
Is this a: ☐ **Strategy / Policy** ☐ **Service / Function** ☒ **Other** **If other, please specify** Full Business Case Funding Request	

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening
We are screening to identify any possible impacts to requesting funding for the full Business Case for Rotherham Gateway.

3. Relevance to equality and diversity
All the Council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – borough wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality and diversity.

Appendix 1

The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are.

When considering these questions think about age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, civil partnerships and marriage, pregnancy and maternity and other socio-economic groups e.g. parents, single parents and guardians, carers, looked after children, unemployed and people on low incomes, ex-offenders, victims of domestic violence, homeless people etc.

Questions	Yes	No
Could the proposal have implications regarding the accessibility of services to the whole or wider community?		X
Could the proposal affect service users?		X
Has there been or is there likely to be an impact on an individual or group with protected characteristics?		X
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns regarding the proposal?		X
Could the proposal affect how the Council's services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?		X
Could the proposal affect the Council's workforce or employment practices?		X

If you have answered no to all the questions above, please explain the reason

The Equality Screen Assessment has been completed to form part of the submission of a Cabinet Report to request funding to support the Full Business Case. There are no direct equalities implications. In the longer term, the Full Business Case will support the delivery of the Rotherham Gateway. Rotherham Gateway will increase growth and economic opportunities and takes into account equality across the borough and nationally. Rotherham Gateway is also a part of the wider Masterplan. The opportunities that could be provided by this scheme will have a positive impact on communities, groups and service users.

Separate Equality Screening Assessments will be completed at each point of the delivery of the Rotherham Gateway that will relate to each stage of the project, this will take into account the potential impacts at each stage.

If you have answered **no** to all the questions above please complete **sections 5 and 6.**

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above please complete **section 4.**

4. Considering the impact on equality and diversity

If you have not already done so, the impact on equality and diversity should be considered within your proposals before decisions are made**.**

Considering equality and diversity will help to eliminate unlawful discrimination,

harassment and victimisation and take active steps to create a discrimination free society by meeting a group or individual's needs and encouraging participation. Please provide specific details for all three areas below using the prompts for guidance and complete an Equality Analysis (Part B).
• **How have you considered equality and diversity?**
• **Key findings**
• **Actions**

Date to scope and plan your Equality Analysis:	N/A
Date to complete your Equality Analysis:	N/A
Lead person for your Equality Analysis (Include name and job title):	N/A

5. Governance, ownership and approval

Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening:

Name	Job title	Date
Lorna Vertigan	Head of Regeneration	08.12.2025
Maria Coyne	Senior Project Manager	08.12.2025

6. Publishing

This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given.

If this screening relates to a **Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision** a copy of the completed document should be attached as an appendix and published alongside the relevant report.

A copy of **all** screenings should also be sent to equality@rotherham.gov.uk For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file and also published on the Council's Equality and Diversity Internet page.

Date screening completed	N/A
Report title and date	Rotherham Gateway Progress to Full Business Case
If relates to a Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision – report date and date sent for publication	Cabinet – 16th February 2026
Date screening sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement equality@rotherham.gov.uk	08.12.2025

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Will the decision/proposal impact…	Impact	If an impact or potential impacts are identified:			
		Describe impacts or potential impacts on emissions from the Council and its contractors.	Describe impact or potential impacts on emissions across the Borough as a whole.	Describe any measures to mitigate emission impacts	Outline any monitoring of emission impacts that will be carried out
Emissions from non-domestic buildings?	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Emissions from transport?	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Emissions from construction and/or development?	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Identify any emissions impacts associated with this decision which have not been covered by the above fields: We are currently completing a Cabinet Report to apply for funding to support the Full Business Case for Rotherham Gateway, therefore we would advise there would be no current impacts on carbon, as the carbon impact assessment has been completed to apply for the funding for the Full Business Case, there are currently no intentions to commence any construction work on site.					

Will the proposal affect Council services' resilience to climate change, or the capacity of people living in the Borough to adapt to climate change? The Full Business Case is not expected to affect resilience to climate change, however through the delivery of the wider scheme, it will support climate change adaptations and mitigate against flood risk.

Provide a summary of all impacts and mitigation/monitoring measures: **Embodied Carbon and Construction Impact**: The Full Business Case will support the delivery of the Rotherham Gateway. The Gateway will involve significant embodied carbon, which includes emissions from the production and transportation of building materials, as well as the energy used during construction. Additionally, increased rail traffic will contribute to carbon emissions, although rail is proven to be a more carbon efficient mode of transport compared to the use of the private car. **Long-term Benefits**: Rotherham Gateway is part of the Wider Masterplan. The Masterplan includes plans to create a wider regeneration of the Borough, more specifically long term, an Innovation Campus is proposed. The Innovation Campus, alongside the other phases of the Masterplan, will increase the use of public transport and private cars, however Rail and Tram use emits far fewer greenhouse gases (GHG) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) per passenger kilometre compared to private vehicles. Increased public transport connectivity and use via Rotherham will therefore contribute to lower overall emissions in the Borough.

Supporting information:	
Climate Impact Assessment Author	Laura Dryden Project Support Officer Regeneration Regeneration and Environment
Please outline any research, data or information used to complete this Climate Impact Assessment.	
If quantities of emissions are relevant to and have been used in this form please identify which conversion factors have been used to quantify impacts.	
Validation	Tracking Reference: 570 Arthur King Principle Climate Change Officer