



CABINET

Monday 13 April 2026

10.00 a.m.

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

Cabinet Members:-

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

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

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

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

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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 11 - 28)

To receive the record of proceedings of the Cabinet meeting held on 16 March 2026.

5. Exclusion of the Press and Public

There are no exempt items.

ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

6. Extra Care Housing Model (Pages 29 - 51)

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

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Note the preferred option to remodel care and support to tenants in the ECH schemes, as set out in paragraph 3.5 of the report.
2. Approve a formal, public consultation on this option for 90 days from May to July 2026.
3. Note that the findings of the consultation and proposed final model will be presented to Cabinet in September 2026 for approval.

DEPUTY LEADER & CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

7. Family Hub Progress Update and Extension (Pages 53 - 91)

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

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Notes the update and progress made in the delivery of the Family Hubs programme over the last year.
2. Approves a consultation on proposals to deregister the existing Children's Centres to enable the Council to move forward with the Family Hubs programme and for the decision, based on the consultation, to be delegated to the Executive Director for Children and Young People's Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.
3. Approves, in line with government requirements and to ensure consistency for families, that Family Hubs and Children's Centre buildings are renamed as either Best Start Family Hubs or "Connect" Best Start Family Hubs, in line with the Best Start Family Hubs and Healthy Babies Programme expectations.
4. Notes the future of the programme with additional grant funding to embed the model and agrees that the decision to accept and allocate this funding be delegated to the Executive Director for Children and Young People's Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.

8. Domestic Abuse Strategy (Pages 93 - 169)

Report from the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations

That Cabinet:

1. Endorse the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Offences Strategy 2026/27 – 2028/29 (attached at Appendix 1.)
2. Note that regular oversight of the Strategy will be undertaken by the Safer Rotherham Partnership Board and the Improving Lives Select Committee.

FINANCE & COMMUNITY SAFETY

9. Community Governance Review (Pages 171 - 239)

Report from the Executive Director of Corporate Services.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Approves the commencement of a Boroughwide Community Governance Review.
2. Approves the Terms of Reference of the review as set out in Appendix 1.
3. Approves the timetable for review as set out in Appendix 2.
4. Approves that should any Community Governance Reviews be triggered by petition during the Boroughwide review, Cabinet agrees to delegate authority to the Chief Executive to amend the Terms of Reference as appropriate.
5. Note that a draft recommendations report will be brought for approval following the first round of consultation.
6. Note that a final recommendations report will be brought for approval following the second round of consultation. Cabinet will be asked to approve the final recommendations and recommend the report to Council.

10. New Applications for Business Rates Relief - The Rotherham Hospice Trust (Pages 241 - 262)

Report from the Executive Director of Corporate Services.

Recommendation:

1. To consider the application for the award of Discretionary Business Rates Relief for The Rotherham Hospice Trust. This is in accordance with the Council's Business Rates Discretionary Relief Policy.

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

11. Council Plan Update - Year Ahead Plan 2026/27 (Pages 263 - 311)

Report from the Interim Director of Policy, Strategy and Engagement.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Agree the new Year Ahead Delivery Plan for 2026-27.
2. Note that future progress reports will be presented to Cabinet in January and July 2027.

12. Crisis and Resilience Fund (Pages 313 - 347)

Report from the Interim Director of Policy, Strategy and Engagement.

Recommendations

That Cabinet:

1. Agree provisional allocations of the CRF for the following areas of activity in 2026/27:

Crisis Support

- a. £1m for an application-based crisis support scheme
- b. £1,402,600 to support families with children during the summer holidays
- c. £407,584 for Discretionary Housing Payments
- d. £1.7m towards the costs of the Council's Local Council Tax Support Top Up scheme
- e. £60,000 to local voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations to support vulnerable households over Christmas /

New Year through a supplement to the crisis support service level agreement

- f. £20,000 to provide parcels of household items to be distributed via VCS organisations
- g. £18,000 additional funding for FareShare/food providers to meet increased food costs

Resilience Services

- h. £370,000 for Open Arms Rotherham
- i. £90,000 to provide additional financial support to care leavers

Community Coordination

- j. £50,000 to coordinate CRF elements, raise awareness, and improve data capture and referral systems

Administrative Costs

- k. £81,699 for DHP administrative costs
2. Delegate authority to the Director of Policy, Strategy and Engagement, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to determine revised and final allocations for the CRF. This will include provision for other eligible actions in 2026/27 to ensure best use of the funding.
 3. Delegate authority to the Director of Policy, Strategy and Engagement, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to approve amendments to existing service level agreements and approve new agreements where required, in relation to the allocations above.
 4. Agree to receive a further report in December 2026 setting out specific proposals for future years of the fund.

STREET SCENE AND GREEN SPACES

13. Playing Pitch Strategy (Pages 349 - 654)

Report from the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Note the headline findings of the Playing Pitch Strategy 2026 – 2029 Part 1.
2. Approve and formally adopt the Part 1 Strategy as the evidence base for:
 - a. Local Plan review to 2040
 - b. Planning decisions
 - c. Developer contributions (via Sport England PPS calculator)
 - d. Investment planning with National Governing Bodies

3. Agree to receive a further report on the Playing Pitch Strategy Part 2 which will set out the response to the recommendations contained in Part 1, including Rotherham Council's vision and implementation plan.
4. Agree that the PPS is monitored annually and reviewed every 3 years, or sooner if significant changes occur.
5. Delegate implementation oversight to the Service Director for Culture, Sport and Tourism, supported by the Sport & Physical Activity Manager, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Street Scene and Green Spaces.

TRANSPORT, JOBS AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY

14. Climate Emergency Annual Report (Pages 655 - 731)

Report from the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations

That Cabinet:

1. Notes the key achievements and progress made as detailed in Appendix 1 and section 2 of this report.
2. Approves the 2026/27 Climate Change Action Plan proposed in Appendix 2.
3. Delegates the specification, procurement, contract award and subsequent delivery of (i) the Corporate Property Decarbonisation Programme, Appendix 3a, (ii) the EV Infrastructure Programme, Appendix 3b and (iii) works referenced under the Energy section of the Climate Change Action Plan 2026-2027, Appendix 2, as well as any changes to these programmes and works, to the Service Director of Property and Facilities Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy.
4. Delegates allocation of the Council's Capital Decarbonisation Budget and EV Infrastructure Capital Budget and the acceptance of any available funding streams such as from the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA), Great British Energy or other Government schemes for delivery as per Appendices 3a and 3b to the Service Director of Property and Facilities Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy.
5. Approves an amendment to the £1m renewable energy pilot project approved by Cabinet on 15 February 2021, to deliver instead an invest-to-save renewable energy scheme comprising rooftop or car park

canopy solar PV, as detailed in Appendix 4 and section 2.20 below; and also delegates authority for site selection, procurement and delivery of the amended scheme to the Service Director of Property and Facilities Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy.

15. Don Valley Corridor (Pages 733 - 751)

Report from the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Endorse the establishment of a Don Valley Corridor programme and partnership with SYMCA and SCC.
2. Endorse the establishment of a Mayoral Development Zone for the Don Valley Corridor with delegation to the Executive Director of Regeneration & Environment, in consultation with the S151 Officer, the Monitoring Officer and the Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy to agree the governance principles and implement the preferred model.
3. Agree to: allocate £400,000 of Gainshare revenue to the resourcing of the programme and project feasibility for its first 3 years, this being subject to SYMCA's formal approval; and delegate to the Executive Director of Regeneration & Environment, in consultation with S151 Officer and Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy, the allocation of this £400,000 to specific activities.

16. Street Cleansing and Fly Tipping Improvements (Pages 753 - 767)

Report from the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet note:

1. The progress delivered by the RVGC team since mobilisation.
2. The planned April–October gateway cleansing and maintenance programme and the improved data capture now in place to inform future scheduling.

17. Street Safe Team Update (Pages 769 - 785)

Report from the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendation:

That Cabinet note the progress to date.

18. 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 8 April 2026.

19. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cabinet will be held on Monday 11 May 2026 commencing at 10.00am in Rotherham Town Hall.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Edwards', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Edwards,
Chief Executive.