

**COUNCIL MEETING
15th May, 2026**

Present:- Councillor Rukhsana Ismail (in the Chair); Councillors Rashid, Adair, Ahmed, Alam, Allen, Bacon, Baggaley, Baker-Rogers, Baum-Dixon, Bennett-Sylvester, Beresford, Blackham, Bower, Brent, C. Carter, Clarke, T. Collingham, Z. Collingham, Cusworth, Duncan, Elliott, Fisher, Garnett, Harper, Harrison, Hughes, Hussain, Jones, Lelliott, Marshall, McKiernan, Monk, Pitchley, Read, Reynolds, Ryalls, Steele, Sutton, Taylor, Tinsley and Williams.

Officers in attendance:

John Edwards	Chief Executive
Phil Horsfield	Service Director of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer
Emma Hill	Head of Democratic Services
Barbel Gale	Governance Manager
Samantha Mullarkey	Governance Advisor and Clerk

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<https://rotherham.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Resolved: That Councillor Haroon Rashid be elected Chairman of the Rotherham Borough Council for the ensuing Municipal Year and that he be entitled to the style of Mayor by virtue of Section 245(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Mover: Councillor Read

Seconder: Councillor Ahmed

Councillor Rashid thereupon made and subscribed the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

(Councillor Rashid assumed the Chair)

2. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR (COUNCILLOR RUKHSANA ISMAIL)

Resolved: That the Council tender its sincere thanks to Councillor Rukhsana Ismail for the excellent manner in which she has carried out all her duties as Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Rotherham. And that the best thanks of this Council be recorded for the kind and admirable way in which Miss Kaukab Amjid performed the duties of Mayoress.

Mover: Councillor Read

Seconder: Councillor Cusworth

3. PRESENTATION OF THE PAST MAYOR'S PENDANTS

The Mayor asked the Council to join him in offering his sincere thanks to Councillor Rukshana Ismail for the excellent manner in which she had carried out all of her duties as Mayor and formally presented her and the Mayoress with their past Mayor's pendants.

4. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Resolved: That Councillor Rajmund Brent be elected Vice-Chairman of the Rotherham Borough Council for the ensuing Municipal Year and that he be entitled to the style of Deputy Mayor by virtue of Section 245(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Mover: Councillor Steele

Seconder: Councillor Williams

5. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Ball, Beck, A. Carter, Currie, Jackson, Keenan, Mault, Sheppard, Stables, Tarmey, Thorp and Yasseen.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest to record.

7. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CADETS

The Mayor formally announced the names of the Mayor's Cadets for the Municipal Year 2026/27 to the Council:

Representing the Royal Air Force Air Cadets:

- Sergeant Silver Rose-Sleight

Representing the Sea Cadets:

- Ordinary Cadet First Class Zakariya Nazir

Representing the Army Cadets:

- Lance Corporal Monaghan

The Mayor invited Sergeant Rose-Sleight, Ordinary Cadet First Class Nazir and Lance Corporal Monaghan to receive their Mayor's Cadet badges and certificates.

8. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items to consider.