

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

Date and Time:- Tuesday 9 September 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

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

Membership:- Councillors Steele (Chair), Bacon (Vice-Chair), Allen, Baggaley, Blackham, Brent, A. Carter, Keenan, McKiernan, Monk, Tinsley and Yasseen.

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

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive the apologies of any Member who is unable to attend the meeting.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 July 2025 (Pages 5 - 22)

To consider the minutes of the previous meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board held on 2 July 2025 and to approve them as a true and correct record of the proceedings and to be signed by the Chair.

3. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of interest from Members in respect of items listed on the agenda.

4. Questions from Members of the Public and the Press

To receive questions relating to items of business on the agenda from members of the public or press who are present at the meeting.

5. Exclusion of the Press and Public

To consider whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any part of the agenda.

Items for Pre-Decision Scrutiny

In accordance with the outcome of the Governance Review in 2016, the following items are submitted for pre-scrutiny ahead of the Cabinet meeting on Monday 15 September 2025. Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board are invited to comment and make recommendations on the proposals contained within the report.

6. July 2025-26 Financial Monitoring Report (Pages 23 - 46)

Report from the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Note the current General Fund Revenue Budget forecast overspend of £2.4m.
2. Note whilst there is a projected overspend, the Council expects to be able to manage this pressure during the year and return to a balanced position following mitigating actions. Should that not be possible the Council will need to draw on its reserves to balance the 2025/26 financial position.
3. Note the updated position of the Capital Programme.

7. Investing in our Community Facilities (Pages 47 - 70)

Report from the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Approve the works set out in section 1.7 in relation to:
 - (a) The Black Hut;
 - (b) Oaklea Retreat;
 - (c) Clifton Learning Centre;
 - (d) The Meeting Place (Wingfield); and
 - (e) Artworks, Brook Hill
2. Delegate authority to the Assistant Director for Property and Facilities Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Community Safety to amend the works as required within budget.

8. Community Safety Strategy 2025-2028 (Pages 71 - 146)

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Endorses the Safer Rotherham Partnership Strategy and recommends it to Council for approval.
2. Notes the requirement for scrutiny of the Safer Rotherham Partnership Annual Report, which is discharged by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.
3. Approves the ongoing informal consultation to capture service user voices throughout the duration of the plan.

For Discussion/Decision:-

9. Progress update on the implementation of the Pathways to Work Economic Inactivity Trailblazer programme (Pages 147 - 163)

To consider the progress update on the implementation of the Pathways to Work Economic Inactivity Trailblazer programme.

10. Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2024-2025 (Pages 165 - 180)

To consider the annual update which is to be presented to Council on 10 September 2025 on activities and outcomes achieved in respect of Overview and Scrutiny during the 2024-2025 municipal year.

For Information/Monitoring:-

11. Work Programme (Pages 181 - 183)

To consider the Board's Work Programme.

12. Work in Progress - Select Commissions

To receive updates from the Chairs of the Select Commission on work undertaken and planned for the future.

13. Forward Plan of Key Decisions

To review and identify items for pre-decision scrutiny from the Forward Plan of Key Decisions.

Link to: [Browse plans - Forward Plan of Key Decisions, 2025 - Rotherham Council](#)

14. South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee

As part of their role the Chair and Vice Chair of OSMB are appointed to the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA) Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Chair of OSMB is the Vice Chair on this committee.

This committee holds the MCA to account and ensure that all aspects of the decision-making process are transparent, inclusive and fair. The Committee are responsible for checking that the MCA is delivering its objectives and that the decisions made in policies, strategies and plans have been made in the best interests of the residents and workers of South Yorkshire.

The published agenda packs and minutes can be accessed via: [South Yorkshire MCA](#).

Members who have comments and queries regarding any item on any agenda should refer this to the Chair of OSMB and the Governance Manager at the earliest opportunity to ensure they're reflected in debate during the relevant public meeting.

15. Call-in Issues

To consider any issues referred for call-in from recent Cabinet meetings.

16. Urgent Business

To determine any item which the Chair is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.

The next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board will be held on Wednesday 8 October 2025 commencing at 10.00 a.m. in Rotherham Town Hall.



John Edwards,
Chief Executive.