

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

Date and Time:- Wednesday 15 October 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, Harper, 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 9th September 2025 (Pages 5 - 22)

To consider the minutes of the previous meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board held on 9th September 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 20th October 2025. Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board are invited to comment and make recommendations on the proposals contained within the report.

6. Selective Licensing Policy (Pages 23 - 541)

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations

That Cabinet

1. Review all options proposed in section 5 of this report and approve Option 3, which is to proceed to approve Selective Licensing declarations, including the establishment of a stakeholder steering group (based on the criteria set out within this report and appendices);
2. Approve the revised Licence Fee and the Licence Conditions, in all of the proposed areas which are:
 - a) Town centre / Eastwood / East Dene / Clifton / Boston Castle
 - b) Masbrough / Kimberworth
 - c) Thurcroft
 - d) Dinnington
 - e) Brinsworth
 - f) Parkgate

7. Authorisation of Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP) - Whitestone Solar Farm (Pages 543 - 556)

Report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment.

Recommendations

That Cabinet:

1. Delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment in consultation with the Head of Planning and Building Control and Cabinet member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy to submit to the Planning Inspectorate all documentation and relevant evidence for their consideration and deal with all procedural matters that may arise in relation to this application and any future applications that fall under the legislation for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects.
2. Agree to the proposal that a report be submitted to the Planning Board

on a quarterly basis to provide a summary of all responses submitted from the Council to the Planning Inspectorate in respect of Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects in the previous quarter.

For Information/Monitoring:-

8. Work Programme (Pages 557 - 559)

To consider the Board's Work Programme.

9. Work in Progress - Select Commissions

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

10. 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](#)

11. 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.

12. Call-in Issues

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

13. 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 12 November 2025 commencing at 10.00 a.m. in Rotherham Town Hall.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Edwards', with a stylized, cursive script.

John Edwards,
Chief Executive.