

Cabinet Decisions

12 October 2026

A record of decisions made at the Cabinet Meeting, which took place on Monday 12 October 2026.

Cabinet Decision Making

The membership of the Cabinet is:

Leader of the Council

Councillor Chris Read

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member – Children and Young People

Councillor Victoria Cusworth

Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care and Health

Councillor Joanna Baker-Rogers

Cabinet Member – Finance and Community Safety

Councillor Saghir Alam

Cabinet Member – Housing

Councillor Linda Beresford

Cabinet Member – Waste Services, Leisure and Green Spaces

Councillor Lynda Marshall

Cabinet Member – Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy

Councillor John Williams

Cabinet Member - Communities

Councillor Sarah Allen

All Cabinet decisions are taken collectively at Cabinet Meetings. There are no decisions taken by individual Cabinet Members.

Decisions taken by Cabinet are detailed below and are subject to the Call-In Procedure set out at Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 13. This rule provides for a period of seven working days from the date of the publication of the decision notice before any decision taken by the Cabinet can be implemented.

CABINET DECISIONS TAKEN ON 12 October 2026

Report Title	Portfolio	Directorate	Contact Officer	Decision / Recommendations agreed	Alternative Options Considered	Conflict of Interest Recorded	Dispensations Granted	Action Date
Extra Care Housing Model	Social Care and Health	Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	Ian Spicer, Executive Director of ACHPH	That Cabinet: 1. Note the feedback from the consultation. 2. Approve implementation of the proposed final model, as set out in paragraph 3.1.	Report - Extra Care Housing Model	N/A	N/A	22/10/26
Moving Rotherham Partnership – Delivery of Place Expansion Grant	Social Care and Health	Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	Ian Spicer, Executive Director of ACHPH	1. That Cabinet approve the acceptance and spending of the Rotherham Sport England Grants (comprising the Main Award and Capital Grant) in line with Sport England grant conditions and as set out in section 2 of this report.	Report - Moving Rotherham Partnership	N/A	N/A	22/10/26
Overview and Scrutiny Management Board Scrutiny Review – Street Lighting Columns	Communities	Policy, Strategy and Engagement	Jane Maxwell, Director of PSE	That Cabinet receives the recommendations listed below, as approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board: a. Approve amendments to the Highway Asset Management Plan to incorporate a comprehensive framework for attachments to lighting columns and associated highway assets, setting out requirements relating to permitted and prohibited attachments, risk-based approval arrangements, structural testing and retesting requirements, applicant responsibilities, and enforcement provisions. The framework should apply consistently to all users of lighting columns, including the Council, Parish and Town Councils, contractors and third parties. b. Approve the development and publication of a standalone, publicly accessible Lighting Column Attachments Guidance Document, in consultation with Parish and Town Councils, to provide clear and practical guidance on the application of the Highway Asset Management Plan framework, including attachment classifications, approval processes, testing requirements, responsibilities, communication arrangements, and practical examples of acceptable and unacceptable attachments. c. Establish formal consultation, communication and engagement arrangements with Parish and Town Councils, including consultation on future policy changes, testing programmes and charging arrangements, together with sufficient advance notice of any financial implications to enable effective budget planning, procurement and decision-making.	Report - OSMB Review - Street Lighting Columns	N/A	N/A	22/10/26

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				d. Establish clear categories for lighting column attachments, identifying which attachments are permitted without testing, permitted subject to approval and structural testing, or prohibited, and publish consistent standards for structural testing, assessment criteria, retesting intervals, validity periods and maximum permissible loading thresholds where appropriate. e. Continues to coordinate structural testing arrangements on a borough wide basis where appropriate and considers longer-term funding, procurement and cost-sharing arrangements to minimise administrative burdens and secure value for money for Parish and Town Councils whilst maintaining compliance with relevant safety standards. f. Ensures arrangements are developed to support the continuation of community display schemes where lighting columns are unable to safely accommodate attachments, including consideration of alternative display solutions, targeted asset replacement where appropriate, the use of structural testing outcomes to identify trends, inform the Council's future investment priorities, replacement programmes and wider asset management decisions. g. That the service engages in meaningful discussions with interested parties including Parish Councils, seeking to install displays on lighting columns, with the aim of reaching a shared understanding regarding the timescales and process for replacing damaged or missing columns, and to explore opportunities to facilitate timely installation where feasible. h. Strengthen the enforcement framework for unauthorised attachments by establishing clear compliance procedures and, where legally permissible, implementing arrangements for the recovery of costs incurred in the removal of unauthorised installations, and reviews the effectiveness of the new arrangements within 12 months of implementation, including consideration of feedback from Parish and Town Councils, testing outcomes and enforcement activity, with the findings reported to the relevant Scrutiny Board. 2. That Cabinet formally considers its response to the above recommendations within two months of its receipt, in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.				

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				3. That in responding to these recommendations, it is requested that Cabinet's response should identify the proposed actions, responsible officer(s), success measures and target completion dates for each recommendation.				
Children and Young People's Strategy	Children and Young People	Children and Young People's Services	Nicola Curley, Executive Director of CYPS	That Cabinet: 1. Note the activity to date of the Children and Young People's Partnership Board, a co-chaired, youth-led forum embedded in Borough governance, where young people set priorities, challenge leaders, and co-produce solutions alongside senior leaders across the partnership. 2. Endorse the Rotherham Children's Strategy for implementation from October 2026.	Report - Children and Young People's Strategy	N/A	N/A	22/10/26
Community Governance Review Recommendations for Consultation	Finance and Community Safety	Corporate Services	Judith Badger, Executive Director of Corporate Services	That Cabinet: 1. Approves the retention of the existing community governance arrangements for the following parish, town and community councils and parish meeting, and agrees that no further consultation is required. These arrangements will therefore be carried forward to the Final Recommendations Report: a) Anston Parish Council b) Brampton Bierlow Parish Council c) Catcliffe Parish Council d) Harthill-with-Woodall Parish Council e) Hellaby Parsh Council f) Maltby Town Council g) Thorpe Salvin Parish Council h) Todwick Parish Council i) Treeton Parish Council j) Ulley Parish Council 2. Approves consultation with the affected parish councils and their electors to seek views on the revision of the number of council seats as outlined below: a) Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Council: An increase of three council seats from 15 to 18 b) Bramley Parish Council: An increase of one seat from 13 to 14 c) Brinsworth Parish Council: An increase of three seats from 11 to 14 d) Ravenfield Parish Council: An increase of two seats from 7 to 9 e) Thrybergh Parish Council: A decrease of four seats	Report - Community Governance Review - Recommendations for Consultation	N/A	N/A	22/10/26

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				from 15 to 11 f) Thurcroft Parish Council: A decrease of five seats from 18 to 13 g) Wales Parish Council: A decrease of two seats from 15 to 13 h) Waverley Community Council: An increase of five seats from 7 to 12 i) Whiston Parish Council: An increase of three seats from 9 to 12 j) Wickersley Parish Council: A decrease of two seats from 16 to 14 k) Woodsetts Parish Council: A decrease of one seat from 9 to 8 3. Approves consultation with electors at 605, 607, 609 and 611 Retford Road, together with Aston-cum-Aughton and Orgreave Parish Councils to seek views on the transfer of the properties from Aston-cum-Aughton West Ward of Aston-cum-Aughton Parish Council to Orgreave Parish Council. 4. Approves consultation with residents of the Poppy Fields development, together with Bramley Parish Council and Ravenfield Parish Council, to inform consideration of whether the current parish boundary remains appropriate or whether changes should be considered. 5. Approves consultation with electors in the BWA polling district, together with Brinsworth Parish Council, to inform consideration of whether the Brinsworth Parish Council boundary should be extended to include the BWA polling district. 6. Approves consultation with Dalton Parish Council and its electors to inform consideration of whether Dalton Parish Council should be renamed Dalton and Sunnyside Parish Council and the parish wards renamed to Sunnyside Ward, Dalton Ward, and Brecks Ward. 7. Approves consultation with electors residing in the Penny Hill area, together with Dinnington St John's Town Council and Firbeck Parish Council, to inform consideration of whether the properties within the Penny Hill area should remain within the Dinnington Town Ward of Dinnington St John's Town Council or be transferred to Firbeck Parish Council.				

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				8. Approves consultation with electors within the Gildingwells Parish Meeting area regarding the future community governance arrangements for the parish. The consultation should seek views on the following options: a) Re-establishing the Parish Meeting b) Merging Gildingwells Parish Meeting with Letwell Parish Council; c) Merging Gildingwells Parish Meeting with Woodsetts Parish Council; and d) Abolishing Gildingwells Parish Meeting In addition, consultation should be undertaken with Letwell Parish Council and Woodsetts Parish Council to seek their views on the potential merger options and the implications for effective and convenient local governance. 9. Approves consultation with electors within the Hooton Levitt Parish Meeting area regarding the future community governance arrangements for the Parish. The consultation should seek views on the following options: a) Re-establishing the Parish Meeting b) Merging Hooton Levitt Parish Meeting with Laughton-en-le-Morthen Parish Council; c) Abolishing Hooton Levitt Parish Meeting In addition, it is proposed that consultation is undertaken with Laughton-en-le Morthen Parish Council to seek their views on the potential merger options and the implications for effective and convenient local governance. 10. Approves consultation with electors residing in the Firsby area and within the Hooton Roberts parish area, together with Ravenfield Parish Council, to seek their views on a proposal to transfer the Firsby area from Hooton Roberts Parish Meeting to Ravenfield Parish Council, or to retain the existing parish boundary arrangements. 11. Approves consultation with electors residing in the Thurcroft South Ward (Laughton Common), together with Laughton-en-le-Morthen Parish Council and Thurcroft Parish Council, to seek their views on the potential transfer of the Thurcroft South Ward of Thurcroft Parish Council to Laughton-en-le Morthen Parish Council, or the retention of the existing parish boundary arrangements.				

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				12. Approves consultation with the electors of 11, 38 and 40 Reresby Park Close, together with Dalton and Thrybergh Parish Councils, on the potential transfer of these properties from Thrybergh South Ward of Thrybergh Parish Council to Dalton North Ward of Dalton Parish Council. 13. Approves consultation with Wentworth Parish Council and parish electors, particularly those in Harley Ward, to seek their views on changing the name of Harley Ward to Harley and Hood Hill Ward. 14. Approves the commencement of a twelve-week public consultation on the draft recommendations set out in Recommendations 2-13 of this report. 15. Notes that a final recommendations report will be brought forward following the consultation on the draft recommendations. Cabinet will be asked to approve the final recommendations and recommend their adoption by Council in Spring 2027.				
Future Delivery of Tenant Engagement	Housing	Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	Ian Spicer, Executive Director of ACHPH	That Cabinet: 1. Approve the proposal to introduce a hybrid model, with tenant engagement insourced and tenant scrutiny outsourced from April 2027. 2. Approve the proposal to procure an external provider to manage and deliver a tenant scrutiny function.	Report - Future Delivery of Tenant Engagement	N/A	N/A	22/10/26
Homelessness Prevention – Commissioned Services	Housing	Adult Care, Housing and Public Health	Ian Spicer, Executive Director of ACHPH	That Cabinet approve the proposals to: 1. Re-procure the Rough Sleeper Accommodation Hub for a period of 3 years, with the option to extend for up to a further 2 years. 2. Re-procure dispersed accommodation with support for single people who are homeless, rough sleeping or at risk of rough sleeping for a period of 3 years, with the option to extend for up to a further 2 years. 3. Procure an Accommodation Hub specifically for women for a period of 3 years, with the option to extend up to a further 2 years.	Report - Homelessness Prevention - Commissioned Services	N/A	N/A	22/10/26
Draft Street Trading Policy	Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy	Regeneration and Environment	Andrew Bramidge, Executive Director of	That Cabinet: 1. Approve consultation to determine whether the Council should adopt Schedule 4 of the Local Government	Report - Draft Street Trading Policy	N/A	N/A	22/10/26

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			R&E	(Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982. 2. Approve consultation on the draft Street Trading Policy, as outlined in the report. 3. Note that, following consultation, a further report will be presented to Cabinet outlining the final recommendations regarding the adoption of Schedule 4 and the introduction of a Borough-wide Street Trading Policy.				
Local Plan	Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy	Regeneration and Environment	Andrew Bramidge, Executive Director of R&E	That Cabinet: 1. Note the contents of this report and approve the commencement of preparation of a new Rotherham Local Plan in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2026. 2. Approve the publication of the Local Plan Timetable attached at Appendix 1 and note that it supersedes the current Local Development Scheme timetable for the preparation of the new Local Plan. 3. Approve the publication of the formal 'Notice of Intention to Commence' by 30 October 2026, at the latest, in line with Regulation 19. 4. Approve the establishment of a Local Plan Steering Group in accordance with the Terms of Reference attached at Appendix 2 including the addition of a Parish Council representative to the Membership. 5. Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy: - to approve updates to the Local Plan Timetable during plan preparation; - to approve, publish and submit all documents required for the statutory Scoping Stage (Regulation 20); - to approve publication and submission of documents required for Gateway 1 (Regulation 21); and - to approve the content and commencement of consultation on proposed plan content, draft vision and supporting evidence (Regulation 23). 6. Agree that Planning Board and Overview and Scrutiny	Report - Local Plan	N/A	N/A	22/10/26

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				Management Board will be updated and consulted at appropriate stages throughout plan preparation. 7. Agree to receive a further report as the Local Plan progresses towards plan content and evidence consultation (Regulation 23(1)(a)) and seeking approvals for subsequent stages - Gateways 2 (Regulation 26) and Gateway 3 (Regulation 31).				
Strategic Acquisitions	Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy	Regeneration and Environment	Andrew Bramidge, Executive Director of R&E	That Cabinet: 1. Approve the acquisition of the property identified in exempt Appendix 1 for future regeneration purposes. 2. Approve the use of the Capital Contingency Fund for the acquisition and associated costs, up to the maximum total financial limit set out in exempt Appendix 1. 3. Delegate authority to the Service Director for Property and Facilities Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy, the Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer, to agree the acquisition terms and complete the acquisition within the due-diligence requirements and financial limits contained in exempt Appendix 1.	Report - Strategic Acquisitions	N/A	N/A	N/A