

Updated: 1 October 2025

FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS
1 October 2025 – 31 December 2025

This is formal notice under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 of Key Decisions due to be taken by the Authority and of those parts of the Cabinet meeting identified in this Forward Plan will be held in private because the agenda and reports for the meeting will contain confidential or exempt information as defined in the Local Government Act 1972.

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What is the Forward Plan?

The Forward Plan contains all the key decisions the Council expects to take over the next three months. It will be refreshed monthly and will give at least 28 days' notice of any Key Decisions and, if applicable, the Cabinet's intention to discuss an item in private. This gives you the opportunity to submit relevant documents to the decision maker concerning any individual Key Decisions and draws to your attention any relevant constitution process.

What is a Key Decision?

A Key Decision is one which is likely to:-

- relate to the capital or revenue budget framework that is reserved to the Council, or
- result in income, expenditure or savings of £400,000 or greater, or
- have a significant effect on two or more wards

A Key Decision can be made by the Cabinet. The Forward Plan also includes some matters which are not Key Decisions under the heading "Decisions which are not Key Decisions".

What does the Forward Plan tell me?

The plan gives information about:

- what key decisions are to be made in the next three months.
- the matter in respect of which the decision is to be made.
- who will make the key decisions.
- when those key decisions are likely to be made.
- what documents will be considered.
- who you can contact for further information.

Who takes Key Decisions?

Under the Authority's Constitution, Key Decisions are taken by the Cabinet. Key Decisions are taken at public meetings of the Cabinet. The Cabinet meets once a month on a Monday at 10.00am at Rotherham Town Hall. Meeting dates for 2025/26 are:

12 May 2025	7 July 2025	20 October 2025	15 December 2025	9 February 2026	13 April 2026
9 June 2025	15 September 2025	17 November 2025	19 January 2026	16 March 2026	11 May 2026

Further information and Representations about items proposed to be heard in Private

Names of contact officers are included in the Plan.

If you wish to make representations that a decision which is proposed to be heard in private should instead be dealt with in public, you should contact Democratic Services by no later than five clear working days before the meeting. At the end of this document are extracts from the Local Government Act 1972 setting out the descriptions of information which may be classed as "exempt", and the definition of confidential information.

The members of the Cabinet and their areas of responsibility are: -

Councillor Chris Read	Leader of the Council
Councillor Victoria Cusworth	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
Councillor Joanna Baker-Rogers	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health
Councillor Saghir Alam	Cabinet Member for Finance and Community Safety
Councillor Linda Beresford	Cabinet Member for Housing
Councillor Lynda Marshal	Cabinet Member for Street Scene and Green Spaces
Councillor John Williams	Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and Local Economy

Decision title	Date added to the Forward Plan	What is the decision?	Cabinet Portfolio	Who will be consulted	Documents to be considered	Wards affected	Is the decision to be made in private	Directorate and contact for further information
KEY DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN ON 20 OCTOBER 2025								
ADULT CARE, HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH								
Oaktrees Extra Care Scheme	August 2025	To approve to demolish the Resource Centre on the site at Stag Willow following consultation and provide options for future use of the land.	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health	Cabinet Member and Tenants.	Report and appendices	Sitwell	Open	Ian Spicer Tel: 01709 255992 ian.spicer@rotherham.gov.uk
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES								
Revised Elective Home Education Policy	August 2025	To approve the revised Elective Home Education Policy.	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Nicola Curley nicola.curley@rotherham.gov.uk
REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT								
Selective Licensing Policy	January 2025	To consider the adoption of a Selective Licensing Policy following a period of consultation.	Cabinet Member for Housing	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Andrew Bramidge Andrew.Bramidge@rotherham.gov.uk
Authorisation of Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP) - Whitestone Solar Farm	August 2025	To approve to delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy to submit to the Planning Inspectorate all documentation for their consideration and deal with all procedural matters relating to NSIP applications.	Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Andrew Bramidge Andrew.Bramidge@rotherham.gov.uk
Householder Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document	August 2025	To approve the updated Householder Design Guide SPD following public consultation.	Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Andrew Bramidge Andrew.Bramidge@rotherham.gov.uk

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KEY DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN ON 17 NOVEMBER 2025								
ADULT CARE, HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH								
Rotherham Financial Inclusion Plan 2026-28	September 2025	To approve a Rotherham Financial Inclusion Plan.	Cabinet Member for Housing	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Ian Spicer Tel: 01709 255992 ian.spicer@rotherham.gov.uk
Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Asset Management Strategy	September 2025	To approve the HRA Asset Management Strategy.	Cabinet Member for Housing	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Ian Spicer Tel: 01709 255992 ian.spicer@rotherham.gov.uk
ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE								
Corporate Safeguarding Protocol	September 2025	To approve the updated Corporate Safeguarding Protocol.	Cabinet Member for Finance and Community Safety	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Judith Badger Tel: 01709 822046 judith.badger@rotherham.gov.uk
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES								
Family Help	September 2025	To note the update on Family Help and the refreshed action plan.	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Nicola Curley nicola.curley@rotherham.gov.uk
Rotherham Safeguarding Children's Partnership Annual Report	September 2025	To endorse the Rotherham Safeguarding Children's Partnership Annual Report.	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Nicola Curley nicola.curley@rotherham.gov.uk
Care Leaver Offer and Care Leavers Charter	September 2025	To receive an update to the care leavers' offer and and recommend to Council the Council's contribution to a Care Leavers Charter.	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Nicola Curley nicola.curley@rotherham.gov.uk

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FINANCE AND CUSTOMER SERVICES								
Property Transactions	August 2024	To consider any recommendations for property transactions, including disposals, acquisitions, leases and licenses.	Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report	All Wards	Open	Judith Badger Tel: 01709 822046 judith.badger@rotherham.gov.uk
September 2025-26 Financial Monitoring Report	September 2025	To note the current revenue and capital monitoring position and agree any required actions.	Cabinet Member for Finance and Community Safety	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Judith Badger Tel: 01709 822046 judith.badger@rotherham.gov.uk
Medium Term Financial Strategy Update	September 2025	To note the updates to the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy.	Cabinet Member for Finance and Community Safety	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Judith Badger Tel: 01709 822046 judith.badger@rotherham.gov.uk
REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT								
Rotherham Employment and Skills Strategy	November 2024	To endorse the Rotherham Employment and Skills Strategy.	Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy	Relevant Members, officers and stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Andrew Bramidge Andrew.Bramidge@rotherham.gov.uk
Catcliffe and Treeton Flood Alleviation Scheme	September 2025	To note the progress to date and the next steps in the Catcliffe and Treeton Flood Alleviation Scheme.	Cabinet Member for Street Scene and Green Spaces	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	Rother Vale	Open	Andrew Bramidge Andrew.Bramidge@rotherham.gov.uk
General Enforcement Policy	September 2025	To approve a period of consultation on a revised General Enforcement Policy.	Cabinet Member for Finance and Community Safety	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Andrew Bramidge Andrew.Bramidge@rotherham.gov.uk
Pride in Place	September 2025	To approve the Regeneration Plan for the central Rotherham area of the Pride in Place programme.	Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Andrew Bramidge Andrew.Bramidge@rotherham.gov.uk

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NON-KEY DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN ON 17 NOVEMBER 2025								
ADULT CARE, HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH								
Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Plan 2025-28	September 2025	To endorse the Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Plan (2025 – 2028).	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Ian Spicer Tel: 01709 255992 ian.spicer@rotherham.gov.uk
FINANCE AND CUSTOMER SERVICES								
New Application for Business Rates Relief for The Rotherham Hospice Trust	September 2025	To consider the recommendation for a new application for Business Rates discretionary relief.	Cabinet Member for Finance and Community Safety	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Judith Badger Tel: 01709 822046 judith.badger@rotherham.gov.uk
KEY DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN ON 15 DECEMBER 2025								
ADULT CARE, HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH								
Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Plan, Rent Setting and Service Charges 2026-27	October 2025	To consider and recommend to Council the refresh of the HRA 30-year business plan and proposed rents, fees and service charges for 2026-27.	Cabinet Member for Housing	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Ian Spicer Tel: 01709 255992 ian.spicer@rotherham.gov.uk
Unpaid Carers Strategy 2026-2031	October 2025	To approve the proposed Unpaid Carers Strategy to commence April 2026 – 2031,	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Ian Spicer Tel: 01709 255992 ian.spicer@rotherham.gov.uk
Adult Social Care Charging Policy	October 2025	To approve the Adult Social Care Charging Policy following a period of consultation.	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Ian Spicer Tel: 01709 255992 ian.spicer@rotherham.gov.uk
Housing First Recommissioning	August 2025	To agree the recommissioning of Housing First.	Cabinet Member for Housing	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Ian Spicer Tel: 01709 255992 ian.spicer@rotherham.gov.uk

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ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE								
Inclusion Strategy and Annual Report	September 2025	To approve the Council's Inclusion Strategy. To report on progress in delivering the Council's Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy over the last 12 months and note the actions for the coming year.	Cabinet Member for Finance and Community Safety	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Judith Badger Tel: 01709 822046 judith.badger@rotherham.gov.uk
FINANCE AND CUSTOMER SERVICES								
Property Transactions	August 2024	To consider any recommendations for property transactions, including disposals, acquisitions, leases and licenses.	Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Judith Badger Tel: 01709 822046 judith.badger@rotherham.gov.uk
REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT								
Library Strategy	October 2025	To receive an update on the performance of the 2021-2026 Library Strategy. To set out proposals to undertake consultation on a new library strategy for the period 2027 – 2032 and a future service delivery model for the Libraries and Neighbourhood Hubs Service.	Cabinet Member for Street Scene and Green Spaces	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Andrew Bramidge Andrew.Bramidge@rotherham.gov.uk
Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Update	October 2025	To approve projects to be funded from Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).	Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Andrew Bramidge Andrew.Bramidge@rotherham.gov.uk
Biodiversity Duty	October 2025	To approve the proposed Biodiversity Action Plan.	Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Ian Spicer Tel: 01709 255992 ian.spicer@rotherham.gov.uk

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ADULT CARE, HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH								
Rotherham Council Mental Health Strategy 2026-2029	October 2025	To approve the Rotherham Mental Health Strategy 2026-2029.	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Ian Spicer Tel: 01709 255992 ian.spicer@rotherham.gov.uk
The Future of Housing Repairs and Maintenance	October 2025	The receive an update on the future of Housing repairs and maintenance.	Cabinet Member for Housing	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Ian Spicer Tel: 01709 255992 ian.spicer@rotherham.gov.uk
FINANCE AND CUSTOMER SERVICES								
New Applications for Business Rates Relief	April 2025	To consider the recommendation for a new application for Business Rates discretionary relief.	Cabinet Member for Finance and Community Safety	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report	All Wards	Open	Judith Badger Tel: 01709 822046 judith.badger@rotherham.gov.uk

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 SCHEDULE 12A**ACCESS TO INFORMATION: EXEMPT INFORMATION****PART 1****DESCRIPTIONS OF EXEMPT INFORMATION: ENGLAND**

1. Information relating to any individual.
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes –
 - a. to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - b. to make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

PART 2**QUALIFICATIONS: ENGLAND*****Paragraphs 1-8 repealed.***

- 9 Information is not exempt information if it relates to proposed development for which the local planning authority may grant itself planning permission pursuant to regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992.
- 10 Information which –
 - a. falls within any of paragraphs 1 to 7 above; and
 - b. is not prevented from being exempt by virtue of paragraph 8 or 9 above, is exempt information if and so long, as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**SECTION 100A(3) – DEFINITION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

Confidential information means –

- a. information furnished to the council by a Government department upon terms (however expressed) which forbid the disclosure of the information to the public; and
- b. information the disclosure of which to the public is prohibited by or under any enactment or by the order of a court;

and, in either case, the reference to the obligation of confidence is to be construed accordingly.