

FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS
1 February 2026 – 30 April 2026

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	13 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 OBE	Cabinet Member for Finance and Community Safety
Councillor Linda Beresford	Cabinet Member for Housing
Councillor Lynda Marshall	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 9 FEBRUARY 2026								
ADULT CARE, HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH								
Rotherham Baby Packs: Outcomes and Future Commissioning	December 2025	To report on the progress of the Rotherham Baby Pack Pilot and agree future recommissioning.	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	Relevant Members, officers and stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Ian Spicer Tel: 01709 255992 ian.spicer@rotherham.gov.uk
Local Authority Better Care Fund 2025/26 - Discharge Grant Commitments	December 2025	To approve the funding of the schemes that were previously part of the Better Care Fund Discharge Grant.	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
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES								
SEND Sufficiency Strategy 2026	December 2025	To approve the SEND Sufficiency Strategy.	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	December 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

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CORPORATE SERVICES								
Budget and Council Tax Report 2026-27	December 2025	That Cabinet recommend to Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To approve the Budget and Financial Strategy for 2026/27. To approve the updated Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) to 2027/28. To approve the Reserves Strategy. To approve the proposed increase in Council Tax. To approve the Council's updated Capital Programme 2025/26 to 2027/28. 	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
December 2025/26 Financial Monitoring Report	December 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
Business Rates Discretionary Relief Renewals in 2026/27	December 2025	To consider the recommendation for the annual renewal applications 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
POLICY, STRATEGY AND ENGAGEMENT								
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
REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT								
Rotherham Gateway Progress to Full Business Case	December 2025	To consider the allocation of funding and delegate authority to complete and submit the Full Business Case (FBC) and related approvals.	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 16 MARCH 2026								
ADULT CARE, HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH								
Housing Capital Programme 2026/27 to 2029/30	December 2025	To approve the four-year outline Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme 2026-27 to 2029-30 Approval of the detailed 2026-27 Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme.	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
Public Health Grants for 2026/27	December 2025	To note changes in the Government's approach to the allocation of Public Health Grants; and To approve spending plans for Rotherham's Public Health Grants outlined in the report.	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
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES								
Best Start Plan 2026-2029	January 2026	To note the activity to date to improve early years outcomes and tackle inequalities and approve the Best Start Plan for implementation from April 2026.	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
Family Hub progress update and extension	October 2025	To note the update on the Family Hubs programme and extension of the programme and funding.	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders	Report, Appendices	All Wards	Open	Nicola Curley nicola.curley@rotherham.gov.uk
South Yorkshire Regional Adoption Agency	January 2026	To approve entering into a new regional arrangement with Barnsley, Doncaster City, and Sheffield City Council to deliver adoption services as part of a Regional Adoption Agency.	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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CORPORATE SERVICES								
Community Governance Review	January 2026	To agree the commencement of a borough-wide consultation on parishes and parish boundaries.	Cabinet Member for Finance and Community Safety, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	Relevant Members, Officers, Stakeholders and the public.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Judith Badger Tel: 01709 822046 judith.badger@rotherham.gov.uk
POLICY, STRATEGY AND ENGAGEMENT								
Local Growth Fund 2026/27 allocation	December 2025	To consider and agree Rotherham's Local Growth Fund for 2026/27.	Leader of the Council	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Judith Badger Tel: 01709 822046 judith.badger@rotherham.gov.uk
Crisis and Resilience Fund	December 2025	To consider and agree Rotherham's Crisis and Resilience Fund programme from 2026/27.	Leader of the Council	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Judith Badger Tel: 01709 822046 judith.badger@rotherham.gov.uk
REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT								
Transport Capital Programme 2026/27	December 2025	To approve the Transport Capital Programme for 2026/2027.	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
Climate Emergency Annual Report	December 2025	To approve the Climate Change Action Plan noting the key achievements and opportunities summarised in this report.	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 16 MARCH 2026								
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES								
Families First Partnership Programme	December 2025	To note the update on Families First Partnership Programme 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
CORPORATE SERVICES								
New Applications for Business Rates Relief	December 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
POLICY, STRATEGY AND ENGAGEMENT								
Scrutiny Review Recommendations - Access to Contraception	December 2025	To receive the report and consider the recommendations of the Access to Contraception scrutiny review by the Health Select Commission.	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Judith Badger Tel: 01709 822046 judith.badger@rotherham.gov.uk
REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT								
Modern Slavery Transparency Statement - Annual Refresh	December 2025	To approve the Modern Slavery Transparency Statement 2026.	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

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KEY DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN ON 13 APRIL 2026								
ADULT CARE, HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH								
Adult Social Care Strategy 2027-2032	January 2026	To seek approval to consult on creating a new Adult Social Care Strategy 2027-2032. To update on outcomes from the Adult Social Care Strategy 2024-2027.	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health	Relevant Members, Residents, Stakeholders, Partners, People with lived experience of our services and carers.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Ian Spicer Tel: 01709 255992 ian.spicer@rotherham.gov.uk
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES								
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
CORPORATE SERVICES								
Property Transactions	October 2025	To consider recommendations for property transaction, including disposals, acquisitions, leases and licences.	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
POLICY, STRATEGY AND ENGAGEMENT								
Council Plan Update - Year Ahead Plan 2026/27	December 2025	To consider and agree the Year Ahead Plan for 2026/27.	Leader of the Council	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Judith Badger Tel: 01709 822046 judith.badger@rotherham.gov.uk
Social Value Annual Report	January 2026	To receive the Social Value Annual Report of progress on new social value commitments and delivery against existing commitments together with market intelligence. To receive recommendations on priorities for the coming year (25/26).	Leader of the Council	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Judith Badger Tel: 01709 822046 judith.badger@rotherham.gov.uk

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REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT								
Street Cleansing and Fly Tipping Improvements	January 2026	To receive an update regarding Council revenue investment.	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
Street Safe Team Update	January 2026	To receive an update regarding Council revenue investment.	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
Domestic Abuse Strategy	January 2026	To approve the refreshed Domestic Abuse Strategy.	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Andrew Bramidge Andrew.Bramidge@rotherham.gov.uk
Playing Pitch Strategy	January 2026	To approve the Playing Pitch Strategy.	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
NON KEY DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN ON 13 APRIL 2026								
CORPORATE 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.