

FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS
1 October 2026 – 31 December 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:

8 June 2026	14 September 2026	16 November 2026	18 January 2027	15 March 2027	10 May 2027
6 July 2026	12 October 2026	14 December 2026	8 February 2027	12 April 2027	

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 Marshal	Cabinet Member for Waste Services, Leisure and Green Spaces
Councillor John Williams	Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and Local Economy
Councillor Sarah Allen	Cabinet Member for Communities

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 12 OCTOBER 2026								
ADULT CARE, HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH								
Extra Care Housing Model	July 2026	To note the consultation outcome on a new model for Extra Care Housing and approve any proposed changes.	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 Delivery of Tenant Engagement	September 2026	To approve the proposal to deliver tenant engagement in-house.	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
Homelessness Prevention Grant - Commissioned Services	September 2026	To commission and procure related support services under the homelessness prevention grant.	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
Moving Rotherham Partnership - Delivery of Place Expansion Grant	July 2026	To approve use of Sport England Place Expansion main award 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								
Children and Young People's Strategy	May 2026	To approve the Children and Young People's 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
CORPORATE SERVICES								
Community Governance Review Recommendations for Consultation	July 2026	To approve the recommendations outlining proposals, and where appropriate, options for changes to parish councils following initial consultation, and to agree to commence consultation on these proposals.	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

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REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT								
Draft Street Trading Policy	April 2026	To approve the commencement of public consultation on a draft RMBC Street Trading Policy.	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
Local Plan	September 2026	To approve the commencement of the development of the Local Plan and associated governance arrangements.	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
NON KEY DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN ON 12 OCTOBER 2026								
POLICY, STRATEGY AND ENGAGEMENT								
Overview and Scrutiny Management Board Scrutiny Review - Street Lighting Columns	September 2026	To receive the report and consider the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board Scrutiny Review – Street Lighting Columns.	Cabinet Member for Communities	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Jane Maxwell Jane.Maxwell@rotherham.gov.uk
KEY DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN ON 16 NOVEMBER 2026								
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES								
Rotherham SEND Reform Plan	July 2026	To note Rotherham's SEND Reform Plan and approve publication.	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 Assurance Report	October 2026	To note Rotherham Safeguarding Children's Partnership Annual Assurance 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								
Property Transactions	February 2026	To consider recommendations for property transaction, including disposals, acquisitions, leases and licences.	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
September 2026-27 Financial Monitoring Report	September 2026	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 2026	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
POLICY, STRATEGY AND ENGAGEMENT								
Advice Services Service Level Agreement 2027 - 2030	September 2026	To approve the proposed model to be delivered through a service level agreement and accompanying grant aid for the period 2027 – 2030.	Leader of the Council	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Jane Maxwell Jane.Maxwell@rotherham.gov.uk
Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Service Level Agreement 2027-2030	September 2026	To approve the proposed model to be delivered through a service level agreement and accompanying grant aid for the period 2027 – 2030.	Cabinet Member for Communities	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Jane Maxwell Jane.Maxwell@rotherham.gov.uk
Crisis Support Service Level Agreement 2027-2030	September 2026	To approve the proposed model to be delivered through a service level agreement and accompanying grant aid for the period 2027 – 2030.	Leader of the Council	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Jane Maxwell Jane.Maxwell@rotherham.gov.uk
REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT								
Playing Pitch Strategy - Part 2	September 2026	To approve the Playing Pitch Strategy Part 2.	Cabinet Member for Waste Services, Leisure and Green Spaces	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 BY CABINET ON 16 NOVEMBER 2026								
CORPORATE SERVICES								
Maintained Schools Long Term Maintenance Plan (LTMP)	September 2026	To review and approve the 3-Year Maintenance Plan of prioritised capital expenditure focused on essential works for schools to create safe, warm, and dry learning environments.	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
New Applications for Business Rates Relief	May 2026	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								
Improving Places Select Commission Scrutiny Review - School Road Safety	September 2026	To receive the report and consider the recommendations of the Improving Places Select Commission Scrutiny Review – School Road Safety.	Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Jane Maxwell Jane.Maxwell@rotherham.gov.uk
KEY DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN ON 14 DECEMBER 2026								
ADULT CARE, HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH								
HRA Business Plan, Rent Setting and Service Charges 2027-28	October 2026	To approve the 2027-28 - HRA Business Plan; Dwelling rent for social, affordable and shared ownership tenures; Service charges and fees and garage rent; District heating charges and HRA budget.	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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Rotherham Safeguarding Children's Partnership Child Sexual Abuse Strategy	October 2026	To consider recommendations for the Rotherham Safeguarding Children's Partnership Child Sexual Abuse 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
CORPORATE SERVICES								
Property Transactions	July 2026	To consider recommendations for property transaction, including disposals, acquisitions, leases and licences.	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								
Crisis and Resilience Fund	October 2026	To consider and agree specific proposals for use of the Crisis and Resilience Fund in 2027/28 and 2028/29.	Leader of the Council	Relevant Members, Officers and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Jane Maxwell Jane.Maxwell@rotherham.gov.uk
REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT								
Library and Neighbourhood Hubs Strategy	October 2026	To approve a new Library and Neighbourhood Hubs Strategy for the period 2027 – 2032 and a future service delivery model for the Libraries and Neighbourhood Hubs Service following consultation.	Cabinet Member for Waste Services, Leisure and Green Spaces	Relevant Members, Officer and Stakeholders.	Report and appendices	All Wards	Open	Andrew Bramidge Andrew.Bramidge@rotherham.gov.uk
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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.