Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

Date of Decision:	5th February, 2025
Title:	Submission of the Rotherham Integrated Mainline Station Outline Business Case
Decision Maker: (Including Job Title)	Andrew Bramidge, Strategic Director, Regeneration & Environment
Specific Delegation: (If any)	Delegation to the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport Minute number 167 of the Cabinet meeting on 18th March 2024 - Agenda item - Transport Capital Programme 2024/2025 - Rotherham Council: 'Cabinet delegate authority to the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, to submit the completed Rotherham Mainline Station OBC to South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority and the DfT upon conclusion of the final review stages (estimated June 2024).'
Brief Description of Decision:	The Council is working with partners to promote the development of a new Gateway (mainline and tram-train) Station in Rotherham; improving local, regional, and national rail connectivity for local people and businesses, offering access to employment and business growth opportunities. The Council has prepared an Outline Business Case (OBC) that, in summary, sets out the designs, costs and benefits for the mainline station and tram train stop. In March 2024, as part of the Transport Capital programme 2024/25 report, Cabinet delegated authority to the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, to submit the completed Rotherham Mainline Station OBC to South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) and the Department for Transport (DfT) upon conclusion of the final review stages (estimated June 2024). The purpose of this report is to exercise this delegation and submit the completed OBC.
Reasons for the Decision:	Submission and approval of the Outline Business Case will enable the Council to draw down funds from SYMCA to progress to the next stage of the scheme (Full Business Case). This will include detailed design of the Rotherham Gateway Station, which includes the mainline station, tram-train stop and wider station 'floormat'.

Details of alternative options considered and rejected:	RMBC could consider not submitting the OBC at this time. However, this would negatively impact the critical path of the mainline station development and would carry reputational risk to the Council. It would delay the overall programme for scheme delivery and risk losing CRSTS funds, allocated for the Full Business Case.
Conflicts of interest declared by any Executive Member consulted by the decision maker which relates to the decision:	N/A
Dispensations Granted: (If any)	An exemption is sought for Appendix 1 under Paragraph 3 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)) of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 is requested, as this report contains information that relating to land in private ownership. It is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption would outweigh the public interest in disclosing the information because all such information relating to the land in private ownership should remain confidential in advance of detailed dialogue with the relevant private landowners being established.
Reports or parts of reports considered	Printed minutes Monday 24-Apr-2023 10.00 Cabinet.pdf (rotherham.gov.uk) Decision - Rotherham Integrated Mainline and Tram Train Station Outline Business Case funding approval and contractor appointments - Rotherham Council Printed minutes Monday 18-Mar-2024 10.00 Cabinet.pdf

I certify that this is a true record of the executive decision to promote the development of a new Gateway (mainline and tram-train) Station in Rotherham.

Signed by the Decision Maker:

Dated: 5th February, 2025
Name: Andrew Bramidge

Job Title: Strategic Director, Regeneration & Environment