
Cabinet – 15 September 2025

Report Title

Recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

Borough-wide

Summary

1.1 Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) met on 9 September 2025 to scrutinise the following reports that would be considered at the Cabinet meeting on 15 September 2025.

- July 2025-26 Financial Monitoring Report (Listed as Item 9 on the Cabinet agenda)
- Investing in our Community Facilities (Listed as Item 11 on the Cabinet agenda)
- Community Safety Strategy 2025-2028 (Listed as Item 12 on the Cabinet agenda)

1.2 Having reviewed the reports and the recommendations, the Board resolved as follows in respect of these items listed:

Item	Recommendations
July 2025-26 Financial Monitoring Report (Listed as Item 9 on the Cabinet agenda)	Resolved: That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board supported the recommendations that Cabinet: 1. Note the current General Fund Revenue Budget forecast overspend of £2.4m.

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	2. Note whilst there is a projected overspend, the Council expects to be able to manage this pressure during the year and return to a balanced position following mitigating actions. Should that not be possible the Council will need to draw on its reserves to balance the 2025/26 financial position. 3. Note the updated position of the Capital Programme.
Investing in our Community Facilities (Listed as Item 11 on the Cabinet agenda)	Resolved: That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board supported the recommendations that Cabinet: 1. Approve the works set out in section 2.4 in relation to: (a) The Black Hut; (b) Oaklea Retreat; (c) Clifton Learning Centre; (d) The Meeting Place (Wingfield); and (e) Artworks, Brook Hill 2. Delegate authority to the Assistant Director for Property and Facilities Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Community Safety to amend the works as required within budget.
Community Safety Strategy 2025-2028 (Listed as Item 12 on the Cabinet agenda)	Resolved: That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board supported the recommendations that Cabinet: 1. Endorses the Safer Rotherham Partnership Strategy and recommends it to Council for approval. 2. Notes the requirement for scrutiny of the Safer Rotherham Partnership Annual Report, which is discharged by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board. 3. Approves the ongoing informal consultation to capture service user voices throughout the duration of the plan.

1.3 The Improving Lives Select Commission scrutinised the following reports via an off the agenda email briefing, that would be considered at the Cabinet meeting on 15 September 2025.

- No Family Left Behind Strategy (Listed as Item 13 on the Cabinet agenda).

1.4 Having reviewed the reports and the recommendations, a member of the Improving Lives Select commission provided the following comments in respect of the item listed:

- That the mention of cultural education was absent from the Strategy, examples were provided of the potential inclusion of free book schemes, stationary schemes and community film shows.

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No Family Left Behind Strategy (Listed as Item 13 on the Cabinet agenda)	That consideration is given by Cabinet to the inclusion of cultural education and associated available schemes within the Strategy

1.5 The Improving Places Select Commission met on 2 September 2025 to scrutinise the following reports that would be considered at the Cabinet meeting on 15 September 2025.

- Housing Strategy 2025-2030 (Listed as Item 14 on the Cabinet Agenda)

1.6 Having reviewed the reports and the recommendations, Members of the Improving Lives Select commission provided the following comments in respect of the item listed:

- Members of the Improving Places Select Commission felt that the use of the word “happy” was inappropriate in Priority 4 of the Strategy, as it is too subjective a word that means different things to different people.
- Members of the Improving Places Select Commission felt that more reference to the problems and impact of anti-social behaviour should be included within the Strategy, including case studies with a variety of outcomes.

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Housing Strategy 2025-2030	Resolved: That Cabinet give consideration to the following: 1) That reference is made within the Housing Strategy to compulsory training being delivered to all Housing/Tenancy Officers regarding anti-social behaviour, using the following suggested wording: <i>“Our housing officers undergo comprehensive training to effectively deal with Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). This training ensures that they:</i> <i>- Identify and understand ASB issues</i> <i>- Know when and how to report incidents</i> <i>- Are aware of the powers available to the council to address ASB.”</i> <i>Equipped with this knowledge, our officers can take</i>

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	<i>prompt and effective action to tackle ASB, providing a safer and more supportive environment for our community.”</i> 2) That the word “<i>happy</i>” is removed from Priority 4 of the Housing Strategy – “<i>safe, happy and thriving</i>” and replaced with “<i>safe, thriving and places people want to live in</i>”.

Recommendation

That Cabinet has regard to the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, Improving Lives Select Commission and Improving Places Select Commission when making decisions in respect of the above matters.

List of Appendices Included

None

Background Papers

None