

#### Cabinet – 20 October 2025

### **Report Title**

Recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

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

# **Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report**

Judith Badger, Strategic Director for Finance and Customer Service

#### **Report Authors**

Emma Hill, Head of Democratic Services and Statutory Scrutiny Officer 01709 823566 or emma.hill@rotherham.gov.uk

Barbel Gale, Governance Manager 01709 807665 or <a href="mailto:barbel.gale@rotherham.gov.uk">barbel.gale@rotherham.gov.uk</a>

### Ward(s) Affected

Borough-wide

# Summary

- 1.1 Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) met on 15 October 2025 to scrutinise the following reports that would be considered at the Cabinet meeting on 20 October 2025.
  - Selective Licensing Policy (Listed as Item 8 on the Cabinet agenda)
  - Authorisation of Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP) -Whitestone Solar Farm (Listed as Item 9 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
Selective Licensing Policy	Resolved: That the Overview and Scrutiny Management
(Listed as Item 8 on the Cabinet agenda)	Board supported the recommendations that Cabinet:
	Review all options proposed in section 3 of the report and approve Option 3, which is to proceed to approve Selective Licensing declarations, including the establishment of a stakeholder steering group

Item	Recommendations
	(based on the criteria set out within the report and appendices);
	<ol> <li>Approve the revised Licence Fee and the Licence Conditions, in all of the proposed areas which are:         <ul> <li>a. Town centre / Eastwood / East Dene / Clifton / Boston Castle</li> <li>b. Masbrough / Kimberworth</li> <li>c. Thurcroft</li> <li>d. Dinnington</li> <li>e. Brinsworth</li> <li>f. Parkgate</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
	An additional recommendation to Cabinet was put forward as follows:
	3. That the annual review of the selective licensing planned designations is brought back to the relevant scrutiny committee to review the progress being made on the overall selective licensing scheme and to review any amendments to the scheme in twelve months time.
Authorisation of Nationally Significant Infrastructure	Resolved: That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board supported the recommendations that Cabinet:
Projects (NSIP) - Whitestone Solar Farm (Listed as Item 9 on the Cabinet agenda)	1. Delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment in consultation with the Head of Planning and Building Control and Cabinet member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy to submit to the Planning Inspectorate all documentation and relevant evidence for their consideration and deal with all procedural matters that may arise in relation to this application and any future applications that fall under the legislation for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects.
	<ol> <li>Agree to the proposal that a report be submitted to the Planning Board on a quarterly basis to provide a summary of all responses submitted from the Council to the Planning Inspectorate in respect of Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects in the previous quarter.</li> </ol>
	An additional recommendation to Cabinet was put forward as follows:
	<ol> <li>Agrees that a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document be developed to provide clear and accessible guidance on the process for making representations to support elected members and residents.</li> </ol>

### Recommendation

That Cabinet has regard to the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board when making decisions in respect of the above matters.

List of Appendices Included

None

**Background Papers** 

None