

**THE CABINET**  
**17th November, 2025**

Present:- Councillor Read (in the Chair); Councillors Alam, Baker-Rogers, Beresford, Cusworth, Marshall and Williams.

Also in attendance Councillor Steele (Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board).

**67. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**68. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Ashraf thanked the Council for agreeing to fly the Palestinian Flag on the agreed date but disagreed with the timings. He asked if it could be agreed that the Palestinian Flag would be raised annually without having to raise the question ever year.

The Leader explained that the flag flying timings were subject to the working requirements of staff, which did particularly affect matters on weekends and evenings. In terms of agreeing an annual flag flying process, that was a decision for full Council to make.

**69. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Resolved:**

That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 20th October, 2025, be approved as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

**70. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The Chair advised that there were no items of business on the agenda that would require the exclusion of the press and public from the meeting.

**71. ROTHERHAM SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD STRATEGIC PLAN 2025-2028**

Consideration was given to the report which asked Cabinet to endorse the Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Strategic Plan 2025-28. The Plan was produced by the Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board (RSAB) who ensured that local safeguarding arrangements and partnerships acted to help and protect adults at risk of or experiencing neglect and/or abuse. The Strategic Plan informed the public about the RSAB's plans and commitment to keeping adults safe.

The previous Strategic Plan was developed in 2022 and covered the period 2022-2025. The Plan had 3 strategic objectives to be delivered during the 3-year period. The objectives were titled Back to Basics; Systems, Processes and Performance; and Strengthen Partnership. Paragraph 1.4 of the report set out the achievements against these objectives. Some of these included providing safeguarding training to the partnership voluntary sector and commissioned services; developing a new Safeguarding Referral Process to ensure the customer's voice was heard throughout the process; and commissioning a Local Government Peer Review to ensure all Board partners worked together to provide the best outcomes.

The Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Plan 2025 -2028 was developed in consultation with Board members, including the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care. A development day was held in January 2025 to bring partners together to agree the safeguarding priorities for the next 3 years. The development session included workshops to understand what the Safeguarding Partnership felt were the areas for development, and where, by working together, it could improve services for the people of Rotherham. Five new strategic priorities, detailed in paragraph 2.1 of the report, had been agreed:

- Strategic Priority 1 – Communication, Engagement and Voice.
- Strategic Priority 2 – Prevention and Early Intervention.
- Strategic Priority 3 – Leadership and Partnership
- Strategic Priority 4 – Making Safeguarding Personal
- Strategic Priority 5 – Learning and Development

There were 4 sub-groups that sat under the Board and Executive Group and each group had a work plan to support delivery of the Strategic Plan. A new sub-group, Voice, was to be developed to bring the customer voice and experience to the Board. A business plan would track the progress made on each of the priorities, and the SAB Executive would monitor all actions quarterly.

The Independent Chair of the RSAB, Moira Wilson, was present at the meeting and spoke in support of the Plan. She stated that there was strong, multi-agency working in Rotherham and the Board received excellent support from its partners. It was reiterated that this was a 3 year plan which would be regularly monitored by the Board. A report would also go to the Health Select Commission for scrutiny. The Chair of RSAB informed the meeting that the week commencing 17th November was Safeguarding Awareness Week and there were a range of training opportunities available.

It was agreed that the recommendation be changed from Cabinet noting the Plan to Cabinet endorsing the Plan.

The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board agreed that Members of the Improving Lives Select Commission should be invited to scrutinise the Plan along with the Health Select Commission and asked that those arrangements be put in place.

**Resolved:**

1. That Cabinet endorse the development of the Rotherham Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Plan 2025 – 2028.

**72. FAMILIES FIRST PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME**

Consideration was given to the report which provided an update on the progress to date of the Families First Partnership Programme in Rotherham, including the expenditure of the Children's Social Care Prevention Grant. In February 2025, the Government published the grant determination for the Children's Social Care Prevention Grant for 2025-26 (Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council (RMBC) allocation £2.083m). This new grant was specifically for direct investment in additional prevention activity for children and families through the implementation of Family Help and Child Protection reforms. It was intended to fund local authorities to deliver against the planned new legislative duties. This was in addition to the Children and Families Grant, which was now mainstreamed funding, initially for the Supporting Families programme and intended to enable continuation of existing Prevention Services.

Following Cabinet approval on 9th June 2025, to establish the governance structure for the management, oversight, and scrutiny of the Families First Partnership Transformation Programme, progress had been made by the Council in realising the ambition of the Programme and initiating a partnership approach to delivery. The inaugural meeting of the Families First Programme Delivery Group was held in September 2025. This meeting had good representation from key officers across the Partnership including South Yorkshire Police, Health, and Education, along with Council Service areas.

On 9th June 2025, Cabinet received confirmation of the intended enabling workstreams which would be accountable to the Families First Partnership Programme Delivery Group, for mobilising and driving forward some of the key changes and opportunities within the Programme. These were the Family Help Partnership Group, Workforce Group, Practice Development Group, Statutory Children's Service Multi-Agency Steering Group, ICT Development Group and Voice Steering Group. Further details on the workstreams were set out in paragraph 2.4 of the report.

In addition to the Programme, governance arrangements being established, a number of key appointments had been made. These additional resources would form a transformation team providing dedicated capacity to enable the Programme to accelerate delivery. These included the Strategic Programme Lead; Participation Lead; Communication and Marketing Manager and Family Help Navigators.

The Cabinet report dated 9th June 2025 confirmed that Rotherham had been allocated £2.083 million for the financial year 2025/26 through the Children's Social Care Prevention Grant. This funding was ringfenced for direct investment in enhanced prevention activities for children and families, delivered through the implementation of the Family First Partnership Programme (FFPP). Subsequently, the Government had awarded an additional £0.127 million to support further transformation initiatives. This brought the total funding allocated to Rotherham for 2025/26 to £2.210 million.

In addition to confirming the funding allocation, the Cabinet report of June 2025 set out the intended use of the Children's Social Care Prevention Grant in line with the conditions outlined in the Grant Determination Letter. The funding would be used to support the following: to deliver transformation activity; increased direct delivery of Family Help; practice development, workforce development and ICT development; and children and family voice. The table at paragraph 6.4 of the report set out the planned expenditure and commitments to date for 2025/26.

It was agreed that a further update would be presented to Cabinet in March 2026.

**Resolved:**

That Cabinet:

1. Notes the progress made since the last update on 9th June 2025.
2. Notes the expenditure of the Children's Social Care Prevention Grant since the last update on 9th June 2025.
3. Agrees to receive a further update in March 2026.

73.

**SEPTEMBER 2025-26 FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT**

Consideration was given to the report which set out the financial position as at the end of September 2025 and forecast for the remainder of the financial year, based on actual costs and income for the first half of 2025/26. As of September 2025, the Council's financial position for 2025/26 remained positive. Whilst there was still a forecast overspend of £0.9m, this was an improvement of £1.5m since the reported position in July, as positive management activity took effect. The forecast position was made up of a Directorate overspend of £6.2m, offset by a projected

Central Service underspend of £5.3m. Whilst this was an overspend, the Council expected to be able to manage this pressure further during the year and return to a balanced position following mitigating actions.

As of September 2025, the Council estimated an overspend against the Directorates of £6.2m for the financial year 2025/26. This was largely due to demand and market pressures in relation to Children's residential placements and placement types. Market prices were increasing at above inflation levels, placing further pressures on the Council's Budget. These pressures were anticipated, and a corporate provision was maintained within Central Services as part of the Budget and Council Tax Report 2025/26.

The Council's Treasury Management Strategy continued to perform well, with the Council's approach to borrowing adapted to minimise the level of borrowing and to borrow short term to ultimately minimise interest costs. It was estimated that this approach should see the Council generate savings to support Council-wide pressures. It was noted that the Council's Budget and Council Tax Report 2025/26 approved a requirement for the Treasury Management Strategy to save at least £3m in 2025/26. This was on track; however economic and market conditions were out of the Council's control.

Paragraph 2.16 of the report set out the Capital Programme Update. The revised Capital Programme was £211.687m split between the General Fund (£138.907m) and Housing Revenue Account (£72.780m). This was an increase of £2.208m from the position reported to Cabinet on 15th September 2025, the majority of which related to revised grant and funding estimates. The movement was based on the latest profiles of expenditure against schemes, including slippage re-profiles and corrections of £879k and new grant funding added to the programme of £3.086m.

The report also provided an update on Local Authority Better Care Fund 2025/26 - Discharge Grant Commitments. As part of the Financial Settlement 2025/26 the Discharge Grant was combined into the Local Authority Better Care Fund from 2025/26 onwards. As such, the Discharge Grant of £3.4m ceased to exist from the outset of 2025/26. However, as this was confirmed by Government late in the Budget setting process for 2025/26, the Council had needed to fund some of the activity that was already underway to ensure key projects and programmes could be completed and allow time to assess what areas of activity the Council needed to continue. The Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy could not accommodate the continuation of £3m of activity but could accommodate a phased reduction of the Discharge Grant activity.

**Resolved:**

That Cabinet:

1. Note the current General Fund Revenue Budget forecast overspend of £0.9m.
2. Note that 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.
4. Note the update on the Local Authority Better Care Fund 2025/26 - Discharge Grant Commitments.

**74. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY UPDATE**

Consideration was given to the report which set out an update of the Council's Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) to 2028/29, including the standard technical updates required, recognition of financial pressures impacting the delivery of services and the ongoing impact on the Council's base costs of inflation.

The technical adjustments also included the Council's assessment of the potential impact of the Government's Fair Funding Review 2.0 (FFR) which looked to make a significant change to the way Local Authority funding was distributed. The FFR 2.0 would provide a significant change in the formulas used for funding distribution as it looked to direct more funding to areas of greater need. To manage the impact on the local authorities that would see reduced resources as a result of the new methodology, there was a tapering of the impact over 3 years. However, the Council still estimated a positive impact that would see a £20m increase in its base funding by the end of the Spending Review period 2026/27 to 2028/29. It was expected that the Government's Budget on the 26 November 2025 will provide further clarity about the impact of the FFR 2.0.

The MTFS position could change as the Council gained greater clarity on the impact of the FFR 2.0, the Government's Budget and the impact of management actions taken to ensure that the 2025/26 financial outturn was balanced by year end. The FFR 2.0 was the biggest change in the approach to Local Authority funding methods for many years and as such it presented a degree of uncertainty. The Government's Budget and outcome of the FFR 2.0 consultation would help, but none of these would provide a definitive outcome for the Council. The Provisional Financial Settlement was set to be released in mid to late December 2025; until then the Council would not have specific allocations.

The current MTFS forecasts presented small surpluses ahead of a large budget gap in 2028/29. The Council would need to utilise its positive short term position to plan for the 2028/29 challenge. As this pressure was far enough into the future, it would not necessarily be required to be resolved as part of setting the 2026/27 Budget.

The report was considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) who advised that the recommendations be supported. Discussions at OSMB had focussed on the Children and Young People's Services overspends, the winding-up order made against Specialty Steel (the Council's single biggest rate payer at £2.8m a year) and the South Yorkshire Pensions revaluation process.

**Resolved:**

1. That Cabinet note the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025/26 to 2028/29 update.

**75. NEW APPLICATION FOR BUSINESS RATES RELIEF FOR THE ROTHERHAM HOSPICE TRUST**

Consideration was given to the report which detailed the application for Discretionary Business Rates Relief from the Rotherham Hospice Trust. The Rotherham Hospice Trust was a registered Charity and was the only adult hospice serving the people of Rotherham. The Hospice offered specialist palliative care through a range of holistic services aimed at supporting patients to live life as fully as they could to the end of their life.

The Charity ran retail and cafe outlets throughout the Borough which were operated with the sole purpose of generating income to help fund the running costs of the Hospice. There were currently 10 outlets operating which were staffed and supported by a team of volunteers which reduced overhead costs and maximised the income to go into care services.

The Charity had benefited from an award for discretionary rate relief at their main hospice premises since 1st April 2005 and was now seeking additional support for the retail and cafe outlets which operated throughout the Borough.

Paragraph 6.3 of the report set out the 10 outlets that were seeking the award and the amount of award sought. A full application had been completed for each of the premises in accordance with the Council's criteria. In total, the amount of relief was £22,678.69 with the cost to the Council totalling £11,112.56.

The applications for the award of discretionary relief were in line with the Council's qualifying criteria as set out in its Policy. The Charity provided access to facilities which were open to all sections of the community and worked to reflect the diversity of local communities in service delivery, volunteering, and staffing.

**Resolved:**

1. That Cabinet approve the applications for Discretionary Business Rates Relief for The Rotherham Hospice Trust in accordance with the details set out in Section 6 to this report for the 2025/26 financial year.

**76. CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING PROTOCOL**

Consideration was given to the report which presented the updated Corporate Safeguarding Protocol for approval. The Protocol acted as a framework for the Council to ensure that safeguarding was embedded across all services and that staff, contractors, Elected Members and volunteers understood their responsibilities and the different forms that abuse can take.

The Council had a duty to make appropriate arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, young people and adults. The Council believed that every child, young person and adult, regardless of their background, age, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity or religious belief should be able to live and participate in safe society without any fear, violence, abuse, bullying, discrimination or exploration. The Protocol acted as a framework to ensure that safeguarding was embedded across all services. This included staff, contractors, Elected Members and volunteers being aware of their roles and responsibilities for safeguarding and ensuring that support was in place to develop and maintain this understanding in the evolution of safeguarding responsibilities, legislative alignment, and operational improvements.

The Corporate Safeguarding Protocol was last approved by Cabinet in November 2022. The proposed updates were set out in paragraphs 2.3 to 2.6 of the report and included changes to: Section 1 Foreword; Section 4 Legislative Context – Adults and Children’s Types of Abuse and Neglect; Section 5 Safeguarding Children and Young People – Children’s Participation; and Section 6 Adults Safeguarding Board (SAB).

**Resolved:**

1. That Cabinet approve the updated Corporate Safeguarding Protocol.

**77. GENERAL ENFORCEMENT POLICY**

Consideration was given to the report which asked Cabinet to approve a period of consultation with stakeholders to be undertaken in respect of the General Enforcement Policy. The Council was required by statutory guidance to have in place mechanisms to engage those they regulate, residents, businesses, and others to offer views and contribute to the development of their policies. A review of the Council’s General Enforcement Policy is an opportunity to ensure that stakeholders are

engaged and consulted in relation to policy development and to identify if there should be any amendments to the Policy. The Policy had to be reviewed at regular intervals and the last review was in May 2023.

The General Enforcement Policy set out Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council's approach to regulatory compliance and enforcement, aiming to protect the public, support businesses, and safeguard the environment. The Policy emphasised transparency, consistency, proportionality, and accountability in all enforcement actions, ensuring that resources were targeted at the highest risks and that advice and support were prioritised to encourage compliance. It outlined the conduct of investigations, decision-making processes for enforcement actions, and the importance of fairness, confidentiality, and feedback. The Policy also detailed the range of enforcement actions available, from advice and voluntary undertakings to prosecution and licence revocation, and highlighted the Council's commitment to working with partners, adhering to relevant legislation and codes of practice, and regularly reviewing its approach to ensure effectiveness and public trust. The Policy set out the principles of transparency, consistency and proportionality to which the Council would adhere to in its discharge of enforcement and regulatory functions.

The Consultation Plan was provided in Appendix 2. The consultation would take place between 1st December 2025 and 27th February 2026. Following completion of the consultation, a revised Policy would be presented to Cabinet in May 2026 for adoption.

The report was considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) who advised that the recommendations be supported. Discussions at OSMB had focussed on how enforcement should focus on education and support and on how the consultation should be conducted. Councillor Alam and the Leader agreed that hard-to-reach groups needed to be included in the consultation and asked Elected Members to inform them when this was not being done.

**Resolved:**

That Cabinet:

1. Approve a period of consultation with stakeholders to be undertaken in respect of the General Enforcement Policy to inform a review.
2. Note that a refreshed Policy will then be presented to Cabinet in May 2026 following the consultation.

78.

**ROOTHERHAM FINANCIAL INCLUSION PLAN 2026-28**

Consideration was given to the report which presented the refreshed Financial Inclusion Plan which detailed the support available to Rotherham residents. The aim was to help tenants and residents improve their quality of life by maximising their income, reducing debt, increasing

levels of educational attainment, and improving their potential to gain employment. The Plan 2026-28 would be implemented by the Financial Inclusion Team within the Housing Service with involvement from all Directorates. It was intended, therefore, to align resources and offer services, to all residents of the Borough whether they were RMBC tenants, privately renting or homeowners, as appropriate.

The Council first developed a Housing Financial Inclusion Plan which covered the period 2017-2020. This was then updated for 2022-25 and its focus expanded to include all Rotherham residents. The Plan was designed to reflect current support practices and to develop a wider range of operational support, placing the customer at the heart of the service delivery model. The objectives were to promote financial responsibility, offer practical help with maintaining access to housing regardless of housing status and protect the most vulnerable and provide comprehensive support and advice. Paragraph 1.2 of the report set out some examples of this work.

The Plan aimed to financially empower residents, and this was to be achieved through a combination of interventions:

- Education - Multi-point education covering essential life skills such as budgeting, cooking and home management delivered from childhood into adulthood.
- Money Advice: Specialised bespoke budgeting advice with a focus on money saving techniques where there was no additional entitlement to benefits.
- Holistic Support: Client centred, holistic support which identified and took steps to address the underlying issues that could exacerbate financial difficulties such as mental health issues/drug/alcohol addiction etc to facilitate tenancy sustainment.
- Employment and Training: Educating, upskilling, and supporting people into economically beneficial and sustainable employment opportunities.

The Council recognised that supporting its residents remained important. In line with the Council's Year Ahead Delivery Plan, the focus would be on reaching the people impacted by financial hardship that might have never needed to access support services before. As such, the framework was focused on tackling those issues. Further, the Council had continued to embed financial inclusion activity across services and external grants had been managed to ensure that residents accessed the support that was available. A number of activities in the plan were delivered through external grants and this would be kept under review.

**Resolved:**

1. That Cabinet approves the Financial Inclusion Plan 2026-28.

79.

**CATCLIFFE AND TREETON FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME**

Consideration was given to the report which detailed the preferred proposal for the Catcliffe and Treeton Flood Alleviation Scheme. As a result of the heavy rainfall in October 2023 (Storm Babet), Catcliffe and Treeton Villages suffered severe flooding from the River Rother. As part of the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) duties, a Section 19 flood investigation was carried out by the Council. Contained in the Section 19 report were "Catcliffe and Treeton next steps" which identified 3 options the Council could investigate to help reduce the risk of future flooding in this area.

Whilst flood risk management of main rivers was the responsibility of the Environment Agency (EA), the Council recognised the devastation and hardship experienced by residents affected by flooding and had engaged its staff in evaluating these 3 options. Following the initial evaluation, there was a key area of focus emerging for the Council in relation to seeking to alter the existing bridge on Treeton Lane to improve the flow path of the River Rother, which had been supported by a Capital investment commitment by the Council of £6m. In parallel to progressing further work on this option, the Council would continue to explore the development of upstream storage of storm water through working with the Environment Agency and neighbouring local authorities.

Initial hydraulic modelling of the Bridge alteration showed that a reduction in the thickness of the existing bridge deck at Treeton Lane could improve conveyance in the River Rother. This proposal would see the existing bridge removed and replaced with a new one built to modern design standards, allowing a greater distance between the bridge deck and the river.

To mitigate this risk and maintain momentum within the programme, the Council was prioritising early contractor engagement. Securing a design and build contractor at the earliest opportunity would be critical to ensuring continuity between the design and construction phases, enabling more efficient planning, risk management, and co-ordination with regulatory bodies such as the Environment Agency.

Early engagement would also allow the contractor to contribute valuable insights during the design development stage, helping to refine construction methodologies, identify potential constraints, and optimise the programme for delivery. Subject to approvals, the procurement process was expected to conclude with contract award in Quarter 3 of the 2025/26 financial year, positioning the project for a timely transition into detailed design and mobilisation. In order to continue to progress at pace, the report sought a delegation to the Strategic Director for Regeneration

and Environment to award the contract, following a procurement process, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Street Scene and Green Spaces and the Section 151 Officer.

Further technical detail on the proposal was set out in Section 3 of the report. Paragraph 3.12 noted that the Council was ambitious in aiming to deliver the Scheme within 3 years to seek to protect residents and properties as quickly as possible, but experience suggested that a 5 year timeline may be more realistic.

Section 4 of the report set out the consultation that had been undertaken. The Council held 2 public meetings that were chaired by the local Member of Parliament; both were very well attended. The bridge scheme was discussed at the meeting and received widespread support from the local community. Further to these events, 2 community drop-in sessions had been held with the Council in attendance to allow residents the opportunity to discuss the Scheme or any concerns in a one-to-one environment. Consultation with the Environment Agency was ongoing and early engagement had laid a strong foundation for ongoing collaboration.

**Resolved:**

That Cabinet:

1. Note the progress to date and the next steps in the Catcliffe and Treeton Flood Alleviation Scheme.
2. Delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment to enter into contract with a design and build partner, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Street Scene and Green Spaces and the Section 151 Officer.

**80. PRIDE IN PLACE**

Consideration was given to the report which sought approval from Cabinet to submit Rotherham's Pride in Place Phase 1 Regeneration Plan, a high-level indicative plan comprising a 10 year vision and 4 year funding profile, as detailed in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 by 28 November 2025.

Pride in Place (PiP) was originally announced in March 2025 and named the Plan for Neighbourhoods. It was part of a wider strategy to ensure that nowhere was left behind. It was intended to "help revitalise local areas and fight deprivation at root cause by zeroing in on 3 goals: creating thriving places, building stronger communities, and empowering people to thrive". Rotherham was one of 75 places in the UK to benefit from a £20m fund to be made available over 10 years.

A key stipulation of the funding was that MHCLG determined the area of focus. The boundary chosen by Government was Rotherham's 'Built Up Area' (BUA) as defined by the Office for National Statistics. At the heart of

Rotherham's BUA was the town centre and it was surrounded by a concentration of the most deprived areas of the Borough. While £20m was a significant sum, the funding was spread over a large geography with a population of 71,627, and a long period of time; it was essential, therefore, that the allocation was carefully considered and concentrated to ensure it had impact. The list of places included in the boundary and a map were included in paragraphs 1.2.4 and 1.2.5 of the report.

Rotherham's Pride in Place Phase 1 approach was born from the principles that:

- A strong, well performing town centre provided for its local and extended communities by being attractive with a strong service provision and was well-maintained and accessible.
- A strong and resilient community was one in which people felt a sense of belonging and mutual respect, with the ability to connect to opportunities, services and each other.

There were 6 investment themes, as detailed in paragraph 2.3 of the report:

1. Regeneration, High Streets and Heritage
2. Safety and Security
3. Education and Opportunity
4. Cohesion
5. Health and Wellbeing
6. Work, Productivity and Skills

Further, Government had allocated a revenue capacity budget to Pride in Place in order to support the development of Rotherham's Regeneration Plan, as well as to build capacity in communities and prepare for the investment programme. The breakdown of the funding was set out in paragraph 3.3 of the report. A total of £415,103 had been allocated for this Fund.

Additionally, the Government had allocated £1.5m through the new Impact Fund to Rotherham Council, as one of 95 local authorities across the country, to deliver some short term capital interventions. £750,000 had been allocated in 2025/26 and a further £750,000 in 2026/27 to be spent within each financial year on improvements to community spaces, public spaces and high streets across the Borough. Delegated authority was sought to allocate this funding to be spent on projects that met the Government's criteria within the timescales.

A requirement of the PiP funding was that a Neighbourhood Board must be established and it should bring together those with a deep connection to the local area. As encouraged by Government, Rotherham's Neighbourhood Board originated from the established Town Board but had been adapted to ensure it was representative of the BUA geography

and equipped to undertake its responsibilities within the PiP programme. Since the Fund was established, Rotherham's Phase 1 Neighbourhood Board had been transitioning and its membership was expected to continue evolving up until the commencement of the programme in April 2026, so that representation was reflective of the geography and the investment themes. Presently the Neighbourhood Board was made up of representatives from the public, private and voluntary sectors, as well as statutory involvement from South Yorkshire Police, the MP for Rotherham Central and 2 Ward Councillors - the Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy (Councillor John Williams) and Councillor Thorp, Councillor for Sitwell Ward. The process of appointing a new Chair was underway.

**Resolved:**

That Cabinet:

1. Delegate authority to the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment in consultation with S151 Officer and the Leader of the Council to submit Rotherham's PiP Phase 1 Regeneration Plan in line with the Government's Pride in Place programme.
2. Delegate authority to the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment in consultation with S151 Officer, the Leader of the Council and the Neighbourhood Board Chair to approve the delivery of Rotherham's interventions (as detailed in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2).
3. Delegate authority to the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment in consultation with S151 Officer, the Leader of the Council and the Neighbourhood Board Chair to re-allocate funding and add, amend or replace a scheme or intervention should it become unfeasible or undeliverable.
4. Delegate authority to the Assistant Director for Planning, Regeneration and Transport, to draw down the 2025/26 allocation of £415,103 capacity funding, in line with the details provided at Section 2.
5. Delegate authority to the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment in consultation with S151 Officer and the Leader of the Council to approve allocations from the Pride in Place Impact Fund as outlined in section 3.4.

**81. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Consideration was given to the circulated report, the contents of which were included as part of the relevant items and the details included accordingly.

**82. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved:**

The next meeting would take place on Monday, 15th December, 2025.