

Cabinet – 13 April 2026

Report Title

Recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

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

No

Director Approving Submission of the Report

Chris Paddock, Interim Director of Policy, Strategy and Engagement

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 barbel.gale@rotherham.gov.uk

Ward(s) Affected

Borough-wide

Summary

- 1.1 Improving Places Select Commission met on 10 March 2026 and the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) met on 8 April 2026 to scrutinise the following reports that would be considered at the Cabinet meeting on 13 April 2026.
 - Community Governance Review (Listed as Item 9 on the Cabinet agenda)
 - Council Plan Update - Year Ahead Plan 2026/27 (Listed as Item 11 on the Cabinet agenda)
 - Crisis and Resilience Fund (Listed as Item 12 on the Cabinet agenda)
 - Playing Pitch Strategy (Listed as Item 13 on the Cabinet agenda)
 - Climate Emergency Annual Report (Listed as Item 14 on the Cabinet agenda)
- 1.2 Having reviewed the reports and the recommendations, the Improving Places Select Commission and OSMB, resolved as follows in respect of these items listed:

Item	Recommendations
Community Governance Review (Listed as Item 9 on the Cabinet agenda)	<p>Resolved: That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board supported the recommendations that Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approves the commencement of a Boroughwide Community Governance Review. 2. Approves the Terms of Reference of the review as set out in Appendix 1. 3. Approves the timetable for review as set out in Appendix 2. 4. Approves that should any Community Governance Reviews be triggered by petition during the Boroughwide review, Cabinet agrees to delegate authority to the Chief Executive to amend the Terms of Reference as appropriate. 5. Note that a draft recommendations report will be brought for approval following the first round of consultation. 6. Note that a final recommendations report will be brought for approval following the second round of consultation. Cabinet will be asked to approve the final recommendations and recommend the report to Council.
Council Plan Update - Year Ahead Plan 2026/27 (Listed as Item 11 on the Cabinet agenda)	<p>Resolved: That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board supported the recommendations that Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agree the new Year Ahead Delivery Plan for 2026-27. 2. Note that future progress reports will be presented to Cabinet in January and July 2027.
Crisis and Resilience Fund (Listed as Item 12 on the Cabinet agenda)	<p>Resolved: That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board supported the recommendations that Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agree provisional allocations of the CRF for the following areas of activity in 2026/27: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crisis Support <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. £1m for an application-based crisis support scheme b. £1,402,600 to support families with children during the summer holidays c. £407,584 for Discretionary Housing Payments d. £1.7m towards the costs of the Council's Local Council Tax Support Top Up scheme

Item	Recommendations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. £60,000 to local voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations to support vulnerable households over Christmas / New Year through a supplement to the crisis support service level agreement f. £20,000 to provide parcels of household items to be distributed via VCS organisations g. £18,000 additional funding for FareShare/food providers to meet increased food costs <p>Resilience Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> h. £370,000 for Open Arms Rotherham i. £90,000 to provide additional financial support to care leavers <p>Community Coordination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> j. £50,000 to coordinate CRF elements, raise awareness, and improve data capture and referral systems <p>Administrative Costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> k. £81,699 for DHP administrative costs
<p>Playing Pitch Strategy (Listed as Item 13 on the Cabinet agenda)</p>	<p>Resolved: That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board supported the recommendations that Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the headline findings of the Playing Pitch Strategy 2026 – 2029 Part 1. 2. Approve and formally adopt the Part 1 Strategy as the evidence base for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Local Plan review to 2040 b. Planning decisions c. Developer contributions (via Sport England PPS calculator) d. Investment planning with National Governing Bodies 3. Agree to receive a further report on the Playing Pitch Strategy Part 2 which will set out the response to the recommendations contained in Part 1, including Rotherham Council's vision and implementation plan. 4. Agree that the PPS is monitored annually and reviewed every 3 years, or sooner if significant changes occur. 5. Delegate implementation oversight to the Service Director for Culture, Sport and Tourism, supported by the Sport & Physical Activity Manager, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Street Scene and Green Spaces.

Item	Recommendations
Climate Emergency Annual Report (Listed as Item 14 on the Cabinet agenda)	<p>Resolved: That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board supported the recommendations that Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the key achievements and progress made as detailed in Appendix 1 and section 2 of this report. 2. Approves the 2026/27 Climate Change Action Plan proposed in Appendix 2. 3. Delegates the specification, procurement, contract award and subsequent delivery of (i) the Corporate Property Decarbonisation Programme, Appendix 3a, (ii) the EV Infrastructure Programme, Appendix 3b and (iii) works referenced under the Energy section of the Climate Change Action Plan 2026-2027, Appendix 2, as well as any changes to these programmes and works, to the Service Director of Property and Facilities Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy. 4. Delegates allocation of the Council's Capital Decarbonisation Budget and EV Infrastructure Capital Budget and the acceptance of any available funding streams such as from the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA), Great British Energy or other Government schemes for delivery as per Appendices 3a and 3b to the Service Director of Property and Facilities Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy. 5. Approves an amendment to the £1m renewable energy pilot project approved by Cabinet on 15 February 2021, to deliver instead an invest-to-save renewable energy scheme comprising rooftop or car park canopy solar PV, as detailed in Appendix 4 and section 2.20 below; and also delegates authority for site selection, procurement and delivery of the amended scheme to the Service Director of Property and Facilities Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy.

Recommendation

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

List of Appendices Included

None

Background Papers

None