

Cabinet Member Portfolios as at 13th May 2026

The Leader (Cllr Read)

The Leader has responsibility for overall leadership of the Council and representing the borough at a national, regional and sub-regional level. The Leader will take personal responsibility for leading the drive towards corporate improvement, organisational and cultural change, and is responsible for the Council's governance and ethical framework.

- Overall leadership of the Council
- Overall responsibility for ensuring the Council sets and delivers a balanced budget
- Oversight of the Council's response to Child Sexual Exploitation
- Setting Corporate Policy including the Council Plan
- To lead on corporate performance management arrangements
- Reputation management and corporate communication
- Corporate Improvement, Innovation and Organisational change
- To lead on Standards & Governance
- Overall responsibility for Corporate Governance, including signing the Council's Annual Governance Statement to confirm the Council has appropriate rules, policies and procedures in place and operating effectively for managing its business
- To lead the Council's formal Conciliation and Consultation arrangements
- Member of the Rotherham Together Partnership Board
- To lead on City Region activity and devolution, including as member of South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority
- Customer Services
- Democratic Services
- Community Cohesion
- To be responsible for Social Value through corporate Commissioning and Procurement strategies and their implementation including Community Wealth Building
- UK Shared Prosperity Fund
- Crisis and Resilience Fund and other local welfare assistance schemes, including the Food for People in Crisis Partnership, crisis loans schemes and development of the social supermarket
- Advocacy and Appeals (and the Single Advice Model)

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children and Young People (Cllr Victoria Cusworth)

The Deputy Leader will support the Leader in day-to-day activity and holds specific responsibility for child safeguarding, child protection and incorporates education and the early help strategy.

- Statutory position as lead member for Children
- Chair of the Children and Young People's Partnership

- Children's Safeguarding (including neglect, abuse, CSE and CCE) and prevention and early intervention strategies
- Family intervention, fostering, adoption and looked after children including out of borough placements; corporate parenting lead
- Transitional arrangements from childhood to adulthood for young people with complex needs
- Lead member for Education & 14-19 Strategy including early years, schools, special schools, and pupil referral units
- Healthy Holidays Programme
- School Admissions and Appeals
- Home to School Transport
- School Crossing Patrols
- School Catering
- Family Help services and youth provision including the Universal Youth Work offer
- Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)
- To Lead on the Domestic Abuse Strategy
- Member neighbourhood working and the Thriving Neighbourhoods Strategy.
- Member Development

Cabinet Member for Housing (Cllr Beresford)

This portfolio is responsible for the council's housing stock and Rotherham Housing Strategy, increasing access to affordable housing and regulation of private sector landlords, and also has oversight of Registrars and associated services.

- Responsibility for management, improvement and adaptation of the housing stock
- Oversight of the Housing Revenue Account
- Housing Strategy and affordability policies
- Asset Management (in relation to Housing and HRA assets)
- Planning for future housing needs (alongside the Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy)
- Selective Licensing including the Community Impact elements (where appropriate alongside the Cabinet Member for Communities)
- Other regulation of private landlords
- Reducing homelessness and rough sleeping
- Cemeteries, crematorium and mortuary services, including the Dignity contract.
- Registrars Service
- The Welfare Rights Service
- Responsibility for complaints falling under the Housing Ombudsman (tenant to landlord complaints)

Cabinet Member for Waste Services, Leisure and Green Spaces (Cllr Marshall)

The portfolio holder leads on key Waste services, as well as libraries, cultural services, outdoor spaces and flood prevention. The portfolio holder will have specific responsibilities around:

- All matters relating to Waste Management, collection and recycling, including engagement with the BDR Waste Partnership
- Household Waste Recycling Centres
- Cultural Services (and the Cultural Partnership), including libraries, neighbourhood hubs, heritage, theatre and arts, and Children's Capital of Culture
- All matters relating to Leisure Services (including recreation, sport and the Leisure PFI)
- Development of an events programme in parks
- Green spaces (including Country Parks) and recreational facilities
- Tree Service
- All matters relating to Allotments (including liaison with the Rotherham Allotments Alliance)
- Local Flood Authority duties, including Whiston, Laughton Common, Catcliffe and other flood prevention investments
- All matters relating to Highway Drainage (including septic tank and cesspool emptying)

Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health (Cllr Baker-Rogers)

This portfolio retains the oversight and all commissioning activities and provision of adult social care, public health functions and the interface with NHS. The main thrust is to provide services in a personalised manner around the citizen, including the "My Front Door" programme, and to lead on the integration of local health and adult social care services. The portfolio has responsibility for the delivery of modern Adult Social Care services, as well as Public Health functions.

- Adult Social Services including adult safeguarding, services for older people, a range of services to meet the needs of people with learning disabilities, support for people with mental health issues and dementia, and services to support people with physical disabilities
- Arrangements from childhood to adulthood for people with complex needs
- Lead member for preparation of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment with health partners
- Lead for liaison with health partners to lead on the integration of local health services including prevention/early intervention activity
- Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board
- Public Health, including overseeing the Health Protection Plan, health inequalities, prevention and improvement
- Health Watch Liaison

Cabinet Member for Communities (Cllr Allen)

This portfolio oversees essential council services, impacting the quality of life in all communities across the borough. Specific responsibilities are:

- Street Scene, Street Cleansing (including the Roadside Cleansing Team), Litter & Fly Tipping
- Towns & Villages and Our Places Funds
- Pride in Place programme
- Overall responsibility for Enforcement policy and performance (including Community Protection, Street Safe, and the joint agreement with Doncaster MBC)
- Love Where You Live
- Environmental Health and Food Hygiene
- Parish Council Liaison
- Voluntary and Community Sector liaison
- Community Cohesion (supporting the Leader)
- Net Zero, climate change & Biodiversity Planning requirements
- Rotherham Community Energy Scheme
- Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Strategy and Implementation

Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy (Cllr Williams)

This portfolio has overall responsibility for securing jobs and investment in the local economy as well as strategic responsibility for Transportation and Planning.

- All matters relating to Planning (including the Local Plan) and Building Regulations
- Responsibility for Licensing Policy
- Economic Development and Regeneration Strategy and Services
- The major Wath and Dinnington centre investments and other capital regeneration schemes
- Business centres
- The development and co-ordination of partnership strategies for Lifelong Learning, Skills and Employment
- Employment Solutions and Pathways to Work
- Member of the Rotherham Together Partnership Business Growth Board
- The development and Implementation of Economic Growth Regeneration projects including Inward Investment and Business Growth
- Major town centre projects and development (including Town Centre Events)
- Supporting the High Streets Team (where appropriate alongside the Cabinet Member for Communities)
- Highways schemes, repairs and maintenance
- Active Travel, the Cycling Strategy, and issues relating to public transport
- Member of the Safer Roads Partnership

- Neighbourhood Road safety schemes and school safety schemes
- Highways Asset Management Policy and Strategy,
- All matters relating to car parking (including enforcement, parking appeals, parking permits and Blue Badge Scheme)
- Untaxed and Abandoned vehicle removal

Cabinet Member for Finance & Community Safety (Cllr Alam)

This portfolio is concerned with ensuring that residents and employees are treated fairly and with dignity. As such it has an overview the proper and efficient working of the council and its processes, and with key elements of the Community Safety agenda. Specific responsibilities are:

- Day to day working of financial activity (including Revenues and Benefits), and to support the Leader in development of the Budget and Capital Strategy
- Human resources strategies, policies and procedures
- To lead on ICT, particularly on new ways of working and Digital Inclusion
- To lead on Internal Audit and Risk Management
- To lead on Health, Safety and Equalities at Work
- Community Safety, Crime Reduction and Anti-Social Behaviour Strategies
- Chair of the Safer Rotherham Partnership
- All matters relating to the Channel Duty
- All matters relating to the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (including “Protect” and “Prepare”)
- All matters relating to the deployment of portable CCTV
- To lead on Emergency Planning issues
- Asset Management and Facilities Management
- To lead on all matters relating to Legal Services
- Responsibility for complaints falling under the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman, and those falling under the Energy Ombudsman