

ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

Date of Decision:	13 th May 2026																									
Title:	Household Support Fund - year-end adjustments for 2025/26																									
Decision Maker:	Chris Paddock, Interim Director of Policy, Strategy and Engagement																									
Details of Specific Cabinet Delegation or Delegation contained in the relevant Sub-Scheme of Delegation.	<p>Minute line 146 of the 14th April 2025 Cabinet decision on Household Support Fund resolved to:</p> <p>‘Delegate authority to the Assistant Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader, to determine revised and final allocations for the Household Support Grant. This included provision for other eligible actions within the use of Household Support Fund should it not be possible to achieve full spend of the grant through the approved options’.</p>																									
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Reasons for the Decision:	<p>Following approval of the programme by Cabinet in April 2025, minor changes have been made to allocations based on need and demand over the one-year period. This enables the Council to meet crisis need effectively and maximise the grant.</p>																									

Details of alternative options considered and rejected:	Alternatives have not been provided. The revised allocations reflect the final position in relation to provision of support across the agreed elements of HSF, enabling support to be effectively targeted and grant to be maximised.
Conflicts of interest declared by any Cabinet Member consulted by the decision maker which relates to the decision:	There are no conflicts of interest.
Dispensations Granted: (If any)	None.
Reports or parts of reports considered	Household Support Fund, report to Cabinet, April 14 th 2025

I certify that this is a true record of the executive decision to

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Dated: 13/05/26

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Job Title: Interim Director of Policy, Strategy and Engagement