Public Report
Council

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting
Council – 05 November 2025

Report Title
Petitions

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?
No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report
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Ward(s) Affected
Borough-Wide

Report Summary

This report provides Members with a list of all petitions received by Rotherham MBC since the last Council meeting held on 10 September 2025 and details which petitions will be presented by members of the public at this Council meeting.

This report is submitted for Members' awareness of the items to be presented to the Council meeting.

Recommendations

1. That the report be received.

2. That the Council receive the petition listed at paragraph 2.1 of the report and the lead petitioner or their representative be entitled to address the Council for a total period of five minutes in accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme.

3. That the relevant Strategic Director be required to respond to the lead petitioner, as set out in the Petition Scheme, by Wednesday 19 November 2025.

List of Appendices Included
Appendix 1 – Petition relating to Security Measures on Brook Hill.

Background Papers
None

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel
No

Council Approval Required
Yes

Exempt from the Press and Public
No

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1. Background

1.1 The Council refreshed its Petition Scheme in May 2019, following its introduction in 2010 after legislative changes requiring local authorities to respond to petitions. Whilst the Localism Act 2011 repealed that statutory requirement, the Council has maintained its commitment to responding to issues raised by local people and communities in respect of matters within the Council's remit.

1.2 The current Petition Scheme sets thresholds for various routes that petitions can take through the decision-making process:-

- Up to 20 signatures – not accepted as a petition.
- 20 to 599 signatures – five-minute presentation to Council by Lead Petitioner and response by relevant Strategic Director.
- 600 to 1,999 signatures – five-minute presentation to Council by Lead Petitioner and referral to Overview and Scrutiny Management Board for review of the issues, followed by response by the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Management Board setting out their findings and recommendations.
- 2,000 signatures and above – five-minute presentation to Council by Lead Petitioner followed by a 15-minute debate of the petition by the Council.

1.3 This report is submitted for information to detail the number of petitions received since the previous Council meeting held on 10 September 2025 and the route that these petitions will take through the Council's decision-making processes.

2. Key Issues

2.1 The following petition has been received which met the threshold for presentation to the Council meeting and for a response to be issued by the relevant Strategic Director:

Subject	Number of Valid Signatures	Lead Petitioner	Directorate
Petition relating to Security Measures on Brook Hill	62	John Wilson	Regeneration and Environment

2.2 The details of the petition can be found in Appendix 1 of the report.

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

3.1 This report is submitted for information and Members are recommended to note the content and resolve that the petition received be administered in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Petition Scheme.

4. Consultation on proposal

4.1 This report is submitted for information in order to detail the petitions received by the Council since the previous Council meeting held on 10 September 2025. There are no consultation issues directly associated with this report.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

5.1 Under the provisions of the Council's Petition Scheme, this petition will not be debated. It will be sent to the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment to provide a written response.

5.2 The Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment is required to provide a written response to the lead petitioner within 10 working days of the meeting. Responses are therefore due by Wednesday 19 November 2025.

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

6.1 There are no financial or procurement implications directly associated with this report.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

7.1 There are no legal implications directly associated with this report.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

8.1 There are no human resources implications directly associated with this report.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

9.1 There are no implications for either children and young people or vulnerable adults directly arising from this report.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

10.1 There are no specific equalities or human rights implications directly associated with this report.

11. Implications for Ward Priorities

11.1 There are no direct implications on ward priorities arising from the petition referred to earlier in this report.

12. Implications for Partners

12.1 There are no known implications for partners arising from the petition referred to earlier in this report.

13. **Risks and Mitigation**

13.1 As this report is submitted for information, there are no risks associated with the presentation of information in respect of petitions received.

14. Accountable Officers

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