

Cabinet – 11 May 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

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Ward(s) Affected

Borough-wide

Summary

1.1 Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) met on 6 May 2026 to scrutinise the following reports that would be considered at the Cabinet meeting on 11 May 2026.

- Homelessness Prevention and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2026-2031 (Listed as Item 8 on the Cabinet agenda)
- Selective Licensing Update (Listed as Item 9 on the Cabinet agenda)
- Rotherham Markets and Libraries (Listed as Item 11 on the Cabinet agenda)

1.2 Having reviewed the reports and the recommendations OSMB resolved as follows in respect of these items listed:

Item	Recommendations
Homelessness Prevention and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2026-2031 (Listed as Item 8 on the Cabinet agenda)	Resolved: That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board supported the recommendations that Cabinet: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the Homelessness Prevention and Rough Sleeper Strategy consultation summary report. 2. Approves the Homelessness Prevention and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2026 31.

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	<p>3. Delegates authority to the Executive Director of Adult Care, Housing and Public Health to approve:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Any minor data amendments to the Strategy prior to publication. b. The Action Plan, following its development, including any amendments arising from annual reviews. <p>Additional recommendations to Cabinet from OSMB were that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. That the Action Plan clearly indicates any essential (“must deliver”) actions from scalable or discretionary activity, including setting out risk mitigation arrangements where funding or capacity reduces, and ensures any material departure from planned delivery be reported to the relevant scrutiny commission. 5. That specific performance measures be developed for households with multiple support needs, covering prevention successes, and repeated homelessness, and that this cohort be reported separately in monitoring reports.
<p>Selective Licensing Update (Listed as Item 9 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 report and progress to date. 2. Approve the approach to the community liaison roles and stakeholder panels. 3. Approve the approach to establishing the capital programme, with stakeholder groups identifying local priorities and delegate agreement for the final governance arrangement to the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environment in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Service Director for Legal Services. <p>Additional recommendations to Cabinet from OSMB were that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. That officers set out a clear escalation plan where licence application rates fall below expectations and provide the relevant Scrutiny Commission with regular updates on licence uptake, enforcement activity, and any risks to the effectiveness of the scheme. 5. Ensure that communications requesting nominations for the Stakeholder Groups clearly indicate that applicants who require reasonable adjustments will be duly considered.

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Rotherham Markets and Libraries (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. Approves the revised budget of £12.02m for the Wath Library scheme, including an increase of £2.04m to be funded from unallocated Local Regeneration Grant, as set out in Appendix 1. 2. Approves the revised budget for the Rotherham Markets & Library scheme, increasing the total project budget to £46.84m, representing an additional £5.95m, funded as set out in Appendix 5. 3. Notes that the revised budgets reflect the completion of the detailed design, resolution of construction stage risks and the establishment of a more robust and deliverable position for both projects. 4. Notes the intention of the Chief Executive to commission an investigation into the development and delivery of the Rotherham Markets & Library project which has resulted in the cost increase noted in Recommendation 2. <p>Additional recommendations to Cabinet from OSMB were that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. That future capital monitoring reports include a clear narrative for the Rotherham Markets & Library scheme explaining how key risks have changed, how contingency has been used, any new cost pressures, and the actions taken to manage them, so Cabinet and Scrutiny can see whether the project was genuinely stabilising. 6. Requests that the Chief Executive's investigation into the development and delivery of the Rotherham Markets & Library project, focusing on causes of cost increases be conducted by an independent external organisation and the findings be presented to OSMB at the appropriate point. 7. Notes that the Chief Executive has commissioned a separate independent end-to-end review of the capital project processes with a focus on large-scale development projects with a view to identifying learning and developing recommendations on how to embed best practice going forward and that the findings be presented to OSMB at the appropriate point.

Recommendation

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

List of Appendices Included

None

Background Papers

None