

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Council – 22 April 2026

Report Title

Petitions

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

No

Executive Director Approving Submission of the Report

John Edwards, Chief Executive

Report Author(s)

Samantha Mullarkey, Governance Advisor
01709 247916 or samantha.mullarkey@rotherham.gov.uk

Ward(s) Affected

Borough-Wide

Report Summary

This report provides Members with a list of all petitions received by Rotherham MBC since the last ordinary Council meeting held on 14 January 2026 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 petitions listed at paragraph 2.1 of the report and the lead petitioners or their representatives be entitled to address the Council for a total period of five minutes per petition in accordance with the Council's Petition Scheme.
3. That the relevant Executive Director be required to respond to the lead petitioners, as set out in the Petition Scheme, by Thursday 7 May 2026.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 – Grant Licensed Taxi Drivers access to bus lanes across Rotherham

Appendix 2 – Improved Road Safety and School Crossing - Thorpe Hesley Primary School

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

Petitions

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 Whilst the Localism Act 2011 repealed that statutory requirement, the Council has maintained its commitment to responding to issues raised by local people and communities in respect of matters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 Executive 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 ordinary Council meeting held on 14 January 2026 and the route that these petitions will take through the Council's decision-making processes.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 The following petitions had been received which met the threshold for presentation to the Council meeting and for a response to be issued by the relevant Executive Director:

Subject	Number of Valid Signatures	Lead Petitioner	Directorate
Grant Licensed Taxi Drivers Access to Bus Lanes across Rotherham	59	Councillor Simon Ball	Regeneration and Environment
Improved Road Safety and School Crossing - Thorpe Hesley Primary School	117	Katie Dawson	Regeneration and Environment

- 2.2 The details of these petitions can be found in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 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 petitions 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 ordinary Council meeting held on 14 January 2026. 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, these petitions will not be debated. They will be sent to the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environment to provide a written response.

5.2 The Executive Director of Regeneration and Environment is required to provide a written response to the lead petitioners within 10 working days of the meeting. Responses are therefore due by Thursday 7 May 2026.

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 petitions referred to earlier in this report.

12. Implications for Partners

12.1 There are no known implications for partners arising from the petitions 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

Emma Hill, Head of Democratic Services

Report Author Samantha Mullarkey, Governance Advisor
01709 247916 or samantha.mullarkey@rotherham.gov.uk

This report is published on the Council's [website](#).