

Cabinet – 6 July 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 The Improving Places Select Commission (IPSC) met on 23 June 2026 and the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) met on 1 July 2026 to scrutinise the following reports that would be considered at the Cabinet meeting on 6 July 2026.
 - Neighbourhood Leadership Strategy (Listed as Item 8 on the Cabinet agenda)
 - Financial Outturn 2025-26 (Listed as Item 11 on the Cabinet agenda)
 - Treasury Management Outturn 2025-26 (Listed as Item 12 on the Cabinet agenda)
 - May 2026-27 Financial Monitoring Report (Listed as Item 13 on the Cabinet agenda)
 - Council Plan and Year Ahead Delivery Plan Progress Update (Listed as Item 16 on the Cabinet agenda)
 - Draft Street Trading Policy (Listed as Item 18 on the Cabinet agenda)
- 1.2 Having reviewed the reports and the recommendations IPSC and OSMB resolved as follows in respect of these items listed:

Item	Recommendations
Neighbourhood Leadership Strategy (Listed as Item 8 on the Cabinet agenda)	<p>Resolved: That the Improving Places Select Commission supported the recommendations that Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the approach of producing two strategies: A Neighbourhood Leadership Strategy, focusing specifically on the role of Ward Councillors; and a Thriving Neighbourhoods Strategy setting out the overarching ambition for how the Council supports local working; 2. Approve the Neighbourhood Leadership Strategy and the aspirations for Ward Councillors to play an enhanced role in bringing residents closer to council services, enabling more responsive and locally impactful delivery and note the accountability arrangements for services and enhanced focus on wellbeing and health inequalities. <p>An additional recommendation to Cabinet from IPSC was that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Cabinet considers the removal of the following text under “Action Area 4: Ongoing Support and Leadership Development” of the Neighbourhood Leadership Strategy:- <i>“Within the strategy period, the 2028 local election will be used to reallocate Neighbourhood Coordinators to new wards to ensure Councillors have access to new skills and perspectives. This will be repeated in future electoral cycles.”</i> <p>IPSC Members felt strongly that the proposed introduction of a cyclical rotation of Neighbourhood Coordinators at local elections could be detrimental to neighbourhood working and the aims of the strategy, as significant local knowledge, connections and stability could be lost at a time of potential political change.</p>
Financial Outturn 2025-26 (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. Note the revenue outturn position for 2025/26. 2. Note the required transfer from HRA reserves decreased by £4.3m following the revenue and capital outturn position. 3. Note the carry forward of the combined surplus schools balance of £2.395m in accordance with the Department for Education regulations. 4. Note the reserves position set out in paragraphs 2.15 to 2.16. 5. Note the capital outturn, funding position and programme variations as set out in paragraphs 2.17 to 2.25.

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Treasury Management Outturn 2025-26 (Listed as Item 12 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. Note the Treasury Management Prudential Indicators outturn position as set out in Section 2 and Appendix 1.
May 2026-27 Financial Monitoring Report (Listed as Item 13 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. Note the current General Fund Revenue Budget forecast overspend of £4.6m. 2. Note the updated position of the Capital Programme. 3. Approve the capital budget variations as detailed in section 2.17 of the report.
Council Plan and Year Ahead Delivery Plan Progress Update (Listed as Item 16 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. Note the overall position in relation to the Year Ahead Delivery Plan activities. 2. Note the Quarter 4 data for the Council Plan performance measures. 3. Note the updates on the Council Plan long term measures of success. 4. Note that future progress reports will be presented to Cabinet in January and July 2027. <p>Additional recommendations to Cabinet from OSMB were that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. OSMB recommends that Cabinet ensures the Council clearly demonstrates in future updates how delays affect residents, the seriousness of the associated risks, and the measures in place to mitigate them. 6. OSMB recommends that Cabinet ensures the Council clearly identifies the main reasons for missed targets, demonstrates what actions are being taken to improve performance, and evidence whether those actions are delivering results, supported by named ownership, detailed action plans, progress tracking, impact data, and clear examples of learning and escalation. 7. OSMB recommends that Cabinet, in collaboration with senior officers, undertakes a review of the shop unit grant programme to assess whether the full range of available mechanisms and powers, such as planning controls, design standards, and regulatory tools, were being effectively utilised to maximise

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	long-term improvements to Rotherham's high streets.
Draft Street Trading Policy (Listed as Item 18 on the Cabinet agenda)	<p>Resolved: That the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board recommends that Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Defers consideration of the Draft Street Trading Policy and does not proceed to public consultation until further development work has been completed and sufficient supporting evidence is provided to ensure the policy is evidence-led and fit for consultation. This work should include clearer data on current trading activity and issues, improved impact assessments, clearer scope and definitions, and more detailed operational and fee proposals.

Recommendation

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

List of Appendices Included

None

Background Papers

None