

Council Plan – Easy Read



Foreword (Introduction)

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Rotherham council is working hard to make Rotherham a better place to live.



We are proud that our services for children and young people in Rotherham are getting better.



Also, our services for children with special needs are some of the best in the country.



In 2025, we worked with young people to make the first children's capital of culture.



This is a year of fun and exciting events that help young people to think about their future.



We are spending money on libraries and making the town and local villages cleaner, nicer and better places to live.



While working with other organisations, we have supported people in Rotherham who are struggling with money. This is because everything is getting expensive.



We have made a good start on this work.



We have gone through hard times in recent years and have shown that we are a strong community.



We have had floods, violent crime and everything is getting more expensive.



Our plan will make things better for everyone who lives in Rotherham, so that everyone can get the best they can out of their lives.



Rotherham is our home, and we can be proud of it.



Our Story So Far

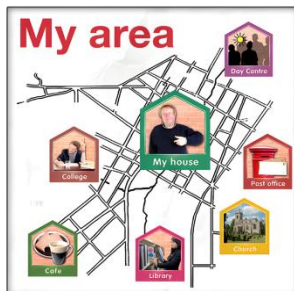
Three years ago, we decided what we would do for 2022-25.



We continue to work with other organisations and people who live in Rotherham to give support in every part of the town.



We have listened to people and made the changes people wanted.



We are making lively neighbourhoods where people feel happy, safe and proud.



We have made plans for each area of Rotherham, which change each year. Local communities helped us do this.



We have made 23 areas of Rotherham better and listened to people about what they want to change.



We have held events across Rotherham for people of all ages and backgrounds.



We are still helping people in crisis and those who are struggling with money, as well as working with local partners.



We want to make sure that local people live in good health for as long as possible and don't go into crisis.



We have started work on a big new day service for people with learning disabilities. We have built more new council homes.



We have been updating our town centre and villages, so that people have a great place to live, work and visit.



We are also helping people to learn new skills, so that people can be paid at the living wage or more.



We are working to make things better, including:



Our bus and train services



Making the town cleaner



Helping our climate



We continue to work with lots of organisations in the community to make lives better and more accessible for everyone.



What you have told us



People said that they liked:



- Living near the countryside, parks and green spaces.



- Friendly neighbours and good communities.



- Peace and quiet



- Shops, pubs and other places close by

What you want to improve



- Feeling safe, both in the town and where they live



- Clean streets with less litter



- Better roads



- Good green spaces that are well looked after



- Supporting the town centre to grow, with more good shops and other places



What is your wish for the future?

People said they wanted all these:



- to feel safe



- make the town centre better and be proud of it



- more shops



- better housing



- good education for everyone



- more jobs



- good health services



- help with money because things are expensive.



We are a council that listens and learns. We want to be caring, honest and proud.



We want to make opportunities for everyone, work on our strengths and try to stop problems from happening.



What people said:



“My wish for the future of Rotherham is to protect green space and develop safe outdoor spaces”



“A town where people can thrive, live healthy, happy lives connected to the people you love”



“More life bringing into the town centre”



“My wish for the future of Rotherham is cleaner streets and less crime”.



Looking ahead



We have a plan called the Thriving Neighbourhoods Strategy.



This is very important for changing our communities for the better, and making people feel proud.

Some changes you will see:



Bring people together with enjoyable activities and events, to make people in Rotherham feel proud and, for many people, less lonely.



Make Wath and Dinnington town centres better



Keep improving our parks and country spaces



Make sure places are clean and safe.



Carry on making our roads better



Keep working with our partners to make sure all of this happens.



We will value and support the people who work with us, so they can deliver the best possible services for Rotherham.



We will help to lower the effects of climate change



Make sure people are supported and new jobs are made.



To keep the plan working well, the council needs to be strong and have good leadership.



We will carry on working together with communities and organisations to make this happen.



Every year, we will check that the things people have asked us to do happen.



We will talk about this with everyone and write accessible reports.



We will try and make things better for people in different communities, including LGBTQ+ groups.



We will make sure that all people in Rotherham are treated equally and fairly, while our plan to make Rotherham better continues.



We would like you to get involved, and there are lots of different ways you can do this.



If you would like this plan to be presented in a different way, or another language, please ask us.