



19 January 2026

RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL

An extraordinary meeting of Rugby Borough Council will be held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Rugby at 7.00pm on Tuesday 27 January 2026.

Members of the public may also view the meeting via the livestream available on the Council's website.

Dan Green
Chief Executive

A G E N D A

PART 1 – PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. Apologies for absence.

2. Minutes.

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2025.

3. Declaration of Interests.

To receive declarations of -

(a) non-pecuniary interests as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors;

(b) pecuniary interests as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors; and

(c) notice under Section 106 Local Government Finance Act 1992 - non-payment of Community Charge or Council Tax.

4. To receive the Mayor's Announcements.

5. Questions pursuant to Standing Order 10.
6. To receive the reports of Cabinet and Committees which have met since the last meeting of the Council and to pass such resolutions and to make such orders thereon as may be necessary:

(a) Extraordinary Cabinet – 17 December 2025

(1) Rugby Central Shopping Centre Acquisition and Intervention - Growth, Investment, Digital and Communications Portfolio.

(b) Cabinet – 6 January 2026

(1) Rugby Borough Local Plan 2025-2042 Regulation 19 Consultation and Submission – Growth, Investment, Digital and Communications Portfolio.

(2) Town Centre Frontages Grant Scheme – Growth, Investment, Digital and Communications Portfolio.

(3) GEC Recreation Ground Changing Rooms development – Partnerships and Wellbeing Portfolio.

(4) Assets and Property Repairs Service – Transformation Journey and resulting budgetary impact - Communities, Homes, Regulation and Safety Portfolio.

(c) Audit and Ethics Committee – 24 November 2025

(1) Appointment Of Vice Chair and Audit and Ethics Changes.

7. Notices of Motion pursuant to Standing Order 11.

(a) This Council recognises that:

- · Motor Neurone Disease (MND) is a progressive, life-limiting neurological condition that places significant physical, emotional and financial strain on individuals, their families and carers.
- · Early diagnosis and coordinated support can significantly improve quality of life for people living with MND, even though there is currently no cure.
- · People diagnosed with MND, and other life limiting conditions often require support that goes beyond healthcare alone, including help with housing and home adaptations, benefits, community access, mobility, social connection and carer support.
- · The Heart Partnership plays an important role in bringing together the Councils in Warwickshire, voluntary, community and health organisations to support residents with complex needs through collaborative and person-centred approaches.

Council therefore resolves to:

1. Strengthen partnership working

o Work through the Heart Partnership to ensure people diagnosed with MND, and other life limiting conditions in the borough are able to access timely, coordinated and compassionate support across health, social care, housing and home adaptation, and the voluntary and community sector.

2. Improve awareness and signposting

- Support improved awareness among council officers, partners and the wider community of MND and the specific challenges faced by those living with the condition.
- Ensure clear and accessible signposting to local and national MND support organisations is available through relevant council and partnership channels.

3. Support carers and families

- Recognise the vital role of families and unpaid carers of people living with MND, and other life limiting conditions and work with the Heart
- Partnership to ensure they are connected into appropriate advice, wellbeing and respite support.

4. Promote inclusive services and environments

- Use the Council's influence as a place-shaper to encourage inclusive design, accessibility and flexibility in council services, housing and community facilities for people with rapidly changing and complex physical needs.

5. Engage with specialist organisations

- Where appropriate, encourage engagement between the Heart Partnership and specialist MND organisations to share expertise, improve local pathways and identify opportunities for improved support or innovation.

6. Report and review

- Request the Chief Officer for Communities and Homes bring a report to Cabinet outlining how support for people diagnosed with MND is being progressed through the Heart Partnership, including any identified gaps or opportunities for improvement.

This motion affirms Rugby Borough Council's commitment to partnership-led, compassionate and inclusive support for residents living with Motor Neurone Disease and other life limiting conditions, ensuring that no one faces diagnosis and progression of the condition without coordinated local help and understanding.

Proposer: Councillor Garcia.

- (b) "This Council welcomes the investment by Severn Trent water in the Rugby Borough area: namely the increase in capacity at Draycote water; the upgrade of the pumping station by Cawston Spinney; and the planned increase in capacity at Rugby sewage treatment works.

However, following a review with parish councils in the Dunsmore & Leam Valley division, Cllr Isabelle McKenzie, on behalf of the Lib Dem Group wrote to Severn Trent on 26th November detailing a catalogue of infrastructure failures including:

- Repeated sewage spills into local water courses, ditches, gardens and roads;
- Undersized pumping stations with repeated, and in some cases, continuous tanker activity to remove excess sewage;
- Inadequately sized pipes from pumping stations meaning that any excess, especially in wet weather, results in discharges into water courses, ditches, gardens and roads;
- In one village, repeated low and no potable water supplies.

In addition, we highlighted a 5,000 home urban extension with (potentially) new commercial premises are about to be built. This development was approved in 2019 but no substantial infrastructure works have been put in place to meet this massive increase in demand. Although we note the long overdue increase in pumping station capacity at Cawston Spinney.

To date, Severn Trent has only acknowledged the letter and has not provided any kind of response to the issues raised in the letter.

This Council requests the Chief Executive of Rugby Borough Council to write to:

1. the Chief Executive of Severn Trent to ask for answers to the letter of 26th November and to also remind Severn Trent that further infrastructure requirements will be needed from the new Local Plan process (for which they have been consulted on).
2. Ofwat to highlight the lack of infrastructure planning for the massive increase in housing in the area despite it being approved in 2019 Local Plan.”

Proposer: Councillor McKenzie

Secunder: Councillor Bennett

- (c) This Council recognises the significant issue of pavement parking and the obstruction of dropped kerbs. Council also recognises the increasing road safety concerns for children, push/wheel / chair users pedestrians and access issues for those with mobility and disability issues due to inconsiderate parking and the blocking of dropped kerbs.

This council requests that the Chief Executive formally writes to Warwickshire County Council Highways authority, the MP for Rugby and Bulkington, John Slinger, and the Minister for Transport with responsibilities for highway and public safety seeking greater enforcement powers for local councils to stop the obstruction of the shared highway and an urgent review of such anti-social practices, and introduce a nationwide scheme to ensure consistency of implementation across England and Wales .

Proposer: Councillor Sandison

Secunder: Councillor Trimble

8. Motion to Exclude the Public under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

To consider the following resolution:

“under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of information defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of the Act.”

PART 2 – EXEMPT INFORMATION

1. To receive the reports of Cabinet and Committees which have met since the last meeting of the Council and to pass such resolutions and to make such orders thereon as may be necessary:

(a) Extraordinary Cabinet – 17 December 2025

(1) Rugby Central Shopping Centre Acquisition and Intervention – Commercial Report - Growth, Investment, Digital and Communications Portfolio.

(b) Cabinet – 6 January 2026

(1) Election of Mayor and Appointment of Deputy Mayor 2026/27 – Finance, Performance, Legal and Governance Portfolio.

(2) Waste Services Reorganisation Phase 2 –Operations and Traded Services Portfolio.

QUESTIONS AT COUNCIL

A Councillor may ask a question at the meeting by giving notice in writing of the question to the Chief Executive no later than midday on Wednesday 21 January 2026. The rules relating to Questions are set out in Part 3a of the Council's Constitution.

REPORT OF CABINET

17 December 2025

PRESENT:

Councillors Mistry (Vice-Chair in the Chair), C Edwards, Livesey, Mistry, O'Rourke and Robinson.

Councillors McKenzie, Poole, Picker, Roodhouse, Sandison and Ward were also in attendance.

66. RUGBY CENTRAL SHOPPING CENTRE ACQUISITION AND INTERVENTION

Cabinet considered a report concerning the significant progress made towards the acquisition of Rugby Central Shopping Centre and recommended strategic interventions, including acquisition, as the foundation for delivering regeneration in Rugby Town Centre.

The report is available here:

[Extraordinary Cabinet 17 December 2025 report - Rugby Central Shopping Centre Acquisition and Intervention](#)

Recommendation of Cabinet

Cabinet decided to recommend to Council that –

- (1) the significant progress made towards the acquisition of the Rugby Central Shopping Centre be noted;
- (2) the principle of acquiring the Rugby Central Shopping Centre be approved, subject to legal completion, due diligence tests and compliance with all Council and statutory requirements;
- (3) should acquisition not be possible then Council agrees to:
 - the use of High Street Rental Auctions to bring long term empty units back into meaningful use;
 - initiating proceedings to acquire the centre via compulsory purchase; and
 - provide the opportunity to procure a development partner to help secure public and private sector funding;
- (4) a full governance structure be adopted for the project with standard project architecture, reporting regimes, responsibilities, and Member oversight; and

(5) delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive to progress towards acquisition of Rugby Central Shopping Centre in consultation with the S151 officer, the Monitoring Officer and the Leader of the Council.

Recommended that – the recommendation of Cabinet be approved.

**COUNCILLOR I MISTRY
VICE-CHAIR IN THE CHAIR**

REPORT OF CABINET

6 January 2026

PRESENT:

Councillors Moran (Chair), C Edwards, Livesey, Mistry, O'Rourke and Robinson.

Councillors S Edwards, Lewis, McKenzie, Poole, Roodhouse and Ward were also in attendance.

1. RUGBY BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN 2025-2042 REGULATION 19 CONSULTATION AND SUBMISSION

Cabinet considered a report concerning the proposed submission of the Local Plan for public consultation and then submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination. The report is available here:

[Cabinet 6 January 2026 report - Rugby Local Plan 2025-2042 Regulation 19 consultation and submission](#)

Recommendation of Cabinet

Cabinet decided to recommend to Council that –

- (1) the proposed submission draft Local Plan (appendix 1) together with the proposed submission policies map (appendix 2), Sustainability Appraisal report (appendix 3), Habitats Regulation Assessment (appendix 4), Consultation Statement (appendix 5), and Equalities Impact Assessment (appendix 6) and the supporting evidence base (together the “proposed submission documents”) be approved for a six week public consultation in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Town and County Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulation 2012;
- (2) delegated authority be given to the Chief Officer for Growth and Investment to make minor amendments and corrections as necessary to the proposed submission documents prior to the commencement of the public consultation;
- (3) delegated authority be given to the Chief Officer for Growth and Investment to, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Growth & Investment and Digital & Communications, agree a list of locations for in-person consultation events;
- (4) following close of the Regulation 19 consultation, delegated authority be given to the Chief Officer for Growth and Investment in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Growth & Investment and Digital & Communication to submit to the Secretary of State for independent examination the Proposed Submission Local Plan and the other proposed submission

documents, together with the Regulation 19 representations and a summary of the main issues raised in those representations;

- (5) delegated authority be given to the Chief Officer for Growth and Investment to (if required) prepare a list of proposed changes to the plan needed to address issues raised in the Regulation 19 consultation responses and submit the same to the Secretary of State;
- (6) delegated authority be given to the Chief Officer for Growth and Investment in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Growth & Investment and Digital and Communications to:
 - a. Produce supplementary information that may be required as part of the examination process to address issues of soundness or legal compliance, including agreeing statements of common ground with other organisations;
 - b. Correspond with the Planning Inspector(s) on behalf of the council for the purposes of conducting the examination and addressing issues of legal compliance and soundness;
 - c. Propose additional (minor) modifications to the Proposed Submission Local Plan to address issues raised during the examination;
 - d. If necessary, request under s20(7C) that the inspector(s) examining the plan recommend main modifications to the plan necessary to resolve issues of soundness or legal compliance, and (where appropriate) suggest main modification needed to address those issues.
 - e. Agree any main modifications recommended by the Inspector(s) and undertake a six-week public consultation on those modifications; and
- (7) the amended Statement of Community Involvement 2026 (Appendix 7) be adopted.

Recommended that – the recommendation of Cabinet be approved.

2. TOWN CENTRE FRONTAGES GRANT SCHEME

Cabinet considered a report concerning proposals for a Town Centre Frontages Grant scheme to address key concerns in Rugby Town Centre around the condition of buildings and the impact this has on footfall, perception of the town and attracting new investment. The report is available here:

[Cabinet report 6 January 2026 - Town Centre Frontages Grant Scheme](#)

Recommendation of Cabinet

Cabinet decided to recommend to Council that –

- (1) a 4-year project to fund improvements to frontages in Rugby Town Centre be approved;
- (2) the creation of a two-stage grant process comprising of an enabling fund (revenue) and a works package (capital) be approved;
- (3) delegated authority be given to the Chief Officer - Growth and Investment to make changes to the scheme during delivery;
- (4) a General Fund Supplementary revenue budget of £0.050m for 2026/27 for Shopfront Design Grants be approved. Future years will be incorporated into the annual budget setting process; and
- (5) a General Fund Supplementary capital budget of £0.300m, profiled as £0.100m per annum from 2026/27 to 2028/29 for the Shopfront Improvement Works Grants be approved and added to the capital programme.

Recommended that – the recommendation of Cabinet be approved.

3. GEC RECREATION GROUND CHANGING ROOMS DEVELOPMENT

Cabinet considered a report concerning proposals for the creation of a capital budget for investment into the pavilion facility at GEC Recreation Ground to develop a highly used community asset. The report is available here:

[Cabinet 6 January 2026 GEC Recreation Ground Changing Rooms Development](#)

Recommendation of Cabinet

Cabinet decided to recommend to Council that delegated authority be given to the Chief Officer for Leisure and Wellbeing for the establishment of a capital budget of £250,000 for the development of the GEC Recreation Ground facility to be funded through reserves and/or Section 106 funding following final confirmation of building cost specifications.

Recommended that – the recommendation of Cabinet be approved.

4. ASSETS AND PROPERTY REPAIRS SERVICE – TRANSFORMATION JOURNEY AND RESULTING BUDGETARY IMPACT

Cabinet considered a report concerning the transformation journey of the Council's Assets and Property Repairs service together with the resulting budgetary impact. The report is available here:

[Cabinet 6 January 2026 report - Assets and Property Repairs Service](#)

Recommendation of Cabinet

Cabinet decided to recommend to Council that a supplementary budget of £0.850M from Housing Revenue Account Revenue reserves be utilised to support the additional repairs spend required for 2025/26.

Recommended that – the recommendation of Cabinet be approved.

**COUNCILLOR M MORAN
CHAIR**

REPORT OF AUDIT AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

24 November 2025

PRESENT:

Membership of the Committee:

Mr J Eves (Vice Chair), Councillors Karadiar, Maoudis, and Roodhouse.

Also in attendance:

Reshma Ravikumar, Associate Director, Azets – Part 1, Agenda Item 6

1. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR AND AUDIT AND ETHICS CHANGES

The Committee considered a report concerning the appointment of a new Vice Chair and appointment of a new Liberal Democrat Group substitute.

The report is available here:

<https://www.rugby.gov.uk/documents/20124/62137965/2025.09.22+AEC+VC+-+marked+up+MS.pdf/2051cd8c-efa9-de20-4ec5-aa7e68776a94?version=1.0&t=1765467814337>

Recommendation of Audit and Ethics Committee

The Committee recommended to Council that:

1. Chris Green be appointed the new Vice Chair of the Audit and Ethics Committee;
and
2. Councillor Neil Sandison be appointed the new Liberal Democrat Group substitute.

Recommended that – the recommendation of Audit and Ethics Committee be approved.

**MR J EVES
VICE CHAIR**