

IMPROVING PLACES SELECT COMMISSION

**Venue: Town Hall, Moorgate
Street, ROTHERHAM.
S60 2TH**

Date: Wednesday, 19th June, 2013

Time: 1.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. To determine whether the following items should be considered under the categories suggested in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended March 2006) of the Local Government Act 1972.
2. To determine any item(s) the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered later in the agenda as a matter of urgency.
3. Apologies for absence
4. Declarations of Interest
5. Minutes of the previous meeting of the Improving Places Select Commission held on 16 April 2013 (Pages 1 - 4)
6. Representation on Other Bodies 2013/14 (report herewith) (Pages 5 - 7)
7. Homelessness Strategy Scrutiny Review (report herewith) (Pages 8 - 11)
8. Scrutiny Work Programme 2013/14 (report herewith) (Pages 12 - 22)
9. Date, time and venue for the next meeting:-
Wednesday 24th July 2013 at 10.30 am at the Town Hall, Rotherham
Please note the morning start

Improving Places Select Commission: membership: -

Councillors Andrews, Astbury, Atkin, Dodson, Ellis, Falvey (Chairman), Foden, Gilding, Godfrey, Gosling, N. Hamilton, Jepson, Johnston, Pickering, Read, Roche, P. A. Russell, Sims (Vice-Chairman), Swift, Vines, Wallis and Whysall.

Co-opted members: - Mrs. P. Copnell, Mr. T. Roche and Mr. B. Walker.

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16th April, 2013

Present:- Councillor Whysall (in the Chair); Councillors Andrews, Astbury, Atkin, Ellis, Falvey, Gilding, Gosling, N. Hamilton, Jepson, Read, P. A. Russell, Sims, Swift and Wallis.

Together with co-opted members Mrs. P. Copnell and Mr. B. Walker and Councillor G. Smith (Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dodson, Foden, Havenhand and Johnston.

56. CO-OPTED MEMBER - MRS. P. COPNELL

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. Paul Copnell to her first meeting of the Improving Places Select Commission. Mrs. Copnell had replaced Mr. D. Corkell as a co-opted member, representing RotherFed.

57. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

58. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS

There were no questions from members of the public or the press.

59. COMMUNICATIONS

None were received.

60. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE IMPROVING PLACES SELECT COMMISSION HELD ON 27TH MARCH, 2013

Resolved:- (1) That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Improving Places Select Commission, held on 27th March, 2013, be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chairman, with the inclusion of Councillor Johnston in the list of persons attending that meeting.

(2) That a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Improving Places Select Commission explaining the use of the 'proceeds of crime' funding.

61. HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE - 'MULTIHOG' PATCHING AND POTHOLE PROCEDURES

Further to Minute No. 15 of the meeting of the Improving Places Select Commission held on 25th July, 2012, consideration was given to a report presented by the Director of Streetpride describing the effectiveness of

the new method of highway maintenance and repairing of potholes and defects using the 'Multihog' milling machine.

The report outlined the main benefits of undertaking highway repairs with the 'Multihog':-

- : health and safety improvements for employees;
- : financial savings, because the cost of repairs is reduced;
- : the unnecessary removal of highway surfacing, around the repair area, is prevented;
- : the 'Multihog' is small enough to be transported quickly and easily between locations and is capable of repairing defects in areas inaccessible to larger machinery;
- : as well as highway repairs, the machine is used for Winter maintenance and salt spreading.

The report also described the revised arrangements for safety defect repairs to highways.

Members asked various questions on the following issues:-

- : the pilot scheme began in November 2012, although trials of the machine have been hampered by the relatively prolonged period of snowfall; the recent years of bad weather has caused deterioration of highway surfaces;
- : the trial is continuing and comparative information is still being collected about highway repairs before and after use of the 'Multihog';
- : it was agreed that Members should be afforded the opportunity to observe the 'Multihog' in operation in their own Wards; Members requested details of the projected use of the machine around the Borough area; and Members were requested to inform Streetpride if they wished to observe the 'Multihog' machine in use;
- : the machine specialises in repairing small patches of highway surface, but is not suitable for larger, more substantial areas;
- : emphasis was placed on the need for highway surface repairs to be completed quickly, for reasons of safety;
- : the various methods of highway surface inspection and repair and their budget implications were explained; Members noted that the existing highway repair budget was limited;
- : Members requested information about the cost of 'repeat' repairs, ie: instances where an initial repair to a highway surface is unsuccessful and has to be repaired again;

: it was acknowledged that it is sometimes a fairly difficult task to ascertain which roads require priority repairs; this process is responsive to reports received from the general public and from Councillors;

: it was explained that the surface dressing method (ie: the use of tar and stone chippings) was an unsuitable method of highway repair in residential areas, in part because of the problem caused by loose chippings.

: it was also noted that the 'Multihog' machine has proved to be very useful for snow clearing in areas where access is restricted.

Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.

(2) That a report on the progress of the use of the 'Multihog' milling machine be submitted to a meeting of the Improving Places Select Commission in September, 2013 and such report shall include the following details:-:

: a financial appraisal of the use of the machine;

: information about the number of potholes being repaired and the repeat repairs;

: explanations of the criteria for each type of highway surface repair; and

: comparative information and costs with the methods of highway repair utilised before acquisition of the 'Multihog' machine.

(3) That Elected Members be informed of the proposed schedule of use of the 'Multihog' milling machine, throughout the Rotherham Borough area, to enable them to observe the use of the machine on site.

62. OFF-ROAD MOTOR VEHICLES - PREVENTION OF NUISANCE

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Director of Streetpride concerning the current arrangements for managing and responding to the Off-Road Motor Vehicle nuisance.

The Select Commission's consideration of this issue included the following salient issues:-

: budget limitations for this area of work; the funding available for 'target-hardening' and installation of barriers restricting vehicular access to specific areas of land, ie: preventative measures so that the nuisance does not occur; Members referred to the importance of ensuring the most effective use of the available funding;

: South Yorkshire Police has responsibility for responding to this nuisance, including the direction of specific resources to 'hotspot' areas of concern, as well as the powers to seize motor vehicles and apprehend culprits;

: Members referred to those locations in their electoral Wards which continued to suffer from the off-road motor vehicle nuisance;

: the nuisance occurs on the public highway, as well as 'off-road' locations;

: an explanation was provided of Streetpride's response to complaints received by the Council relating to off-road motor vehicle nuisance; it was noted that there was regular contact with the Safer Neighbourhood Teams; Members emphasised the usefulness of there being a single point of contact for this type of complaint and also to ensure they would receive feedback about the progress of response to the complaints; officers explained that the single point of contact was the Leisure and Community Services (LCS) administration team and that the LCS Area Manager would be the officer lead;

: the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner had included the response to the off-road motor vehicle nuisance as a priority within the 2013/14 policing plan and would make funding available for measures to tackle this nuisance.

Resolved:- That the report be received and its contents noted.

Representation of the Council on Other Bodies 2013/2014

Title	Description	Council Rep.	Frequency	Councillors Role	RMBC Officer Support	How issues are reported back into the Council
Rotherham Bond Guarantee Scheme	Bond Guarantee Scheme, recent re-organisation taken place undertaken in respect of attendance and support by Officers	1 rep. from Improving Places Select Commission	Bi-monthly	Representative	Claire Boldy	Quarterly performance reports Annual funding report to Cabinet Member
RUSH House Management Committee	Providing the strategic direction and the overall decision making body for the accommodation and support service for homeless people aged 16 to 23	1 rep. from Improving Places Select Commission	Bi-monthly	Co-opt member To read papers, receive minutes and report back.	Sandra Tolley	Elected Member to report to Cabinet Member annually
Social Concerns Committee Churches Together		1 rep. from Improving Places Select Commission				
Environmental Protection - Yorkshire and Humberside Division	The work of the Division is carried out voluntarily by members who want to make an impact upon creating sustainable environments for future generations.	4 reps. from the Improving Places Select Commission	1 event and 3 meetings per year	Representative and information sharing	Mark Ford	Information shared between Officers
Yorkshire and Humberside Pollution and	To consider all matters relating to environmental pollution and control.	2 reps from the Improving Places Select	Annual Meeting In July	Representative	Mark Ford	Report to Improving Places Select Commission

Title	Description	Council Rep.	Frequency	Councillors Role	RMBC Officer Support	How issues are reported back into the Council
Advisory Council		Commission				
Women's Refuge	Refuge Management Committee, addresses all management, strategy, policy and operational matters of the Women's Refuge	1 Rep. from Improving Places Select Commission	Monthly	Representative	Sandra Tolley	Monthly management minutes Elected member to report back annually
Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield and Mansfield	Operates a variety of environmental and employment schemes in association with other local organisations.	a named substitute is required (note: Councillor Swift, is the Council's named Director) – last year's named substitute was Councillor Whysall	Quarterly	To substitute for the nominated representative when required		Via the Council's Groundworks Trusts Panel which meets quarterly
Health, Welfare and Safety Panel:-	To oversee health and safety issues throughout the Council's premises.	one member and a substitute from each Select Commission – last year's member was Councillor Swift and the substitute Councillor Gosling	Quarterly meetings plus visits of inspection	Councillor	Sean Fiander, Principal Health and Safety Officer	Via the Panel meetings and bulletins

Title	Description	Council Rep.	Frequency	Councillors Role	RMBC Officer Support	How issues are reported back into the Council
Local Plan Members' Steering Group	To assist in the production of the LDF	The 4 Chairs of the Select Commissions	Monthly	Select Commission	Andy Duncan, Strategic Policy Team Leader	Via Cabinet and Council
Recycling Group	Cross cutting – development of initiatives and implementation of new policies and schemes	1 representative required from each of the Select Commissions (previous attenders:- Councillors Atkin and Whysall)	Quarterly	Input suggestions and consider proposals	TBC (previously Hugh Long, Customer Projects Interface Officer)	Via the appropriate Cabinet Member or Cabinet

1.	Meeting	Improving Places Select Committee
2.	Date	19th June 2013
3.	Title	Homelessness Strategy Scrutiny Review
4.	Directorate	Neighbourhoods and Adult Services

5. Summary

As part of the implementation of the Homelessness Act 2002, Rotherham's first Homelessness Strategy 2003-2008 was produced. This Strategy was refreshed in 2008 and had a stronger emphasis on homelessness prevention and partnership working. The Homelessness Strategy is due to end in 2013.

Last year, the Homeless service started a consultation process to complete a thorough review. The review also considered how effective the Strategy had been and what further changes might be needed to ensure homelessness prevention is prioritised.

As part of the Homelessness Strategy review process, it has been recommended that the Improving Places Select Committee carry out a Scrutiny review on the Homelessness Strategy. It is anticipated that this work could start in June 2013.

6. Recommendations

- **That Improving Places Select Committee considers the proposed Scrutiny Review, including the outline scope detailed in section 7.**
- **That once Improving Places Select Committee has completed the review a report is brought to Cabinet Member for Safe and Attractive Neighbourhoods detailing a proposed revised Homelessness Strategy 2013 - 2018**

7. Proposals and details

7.1. The scope of the scrutiny review could be to determine which are the most successful prevention strategies to help people remain in their current home, and what methods are available to obtain alternative accommodation. Performance issues could also be considered such as assessment timescales, accessibility and interview techniques. To help with the review process Communities and Local Government have recently published a Self Diagnostic toolkit which can be offered to Scrutiny Members to utilise to complete the review. This self assessment tool also looks at the customer experience of the Homelessness Service.

7.2The Scrutiny Review could also consider how:

- homeless applicants can be encouraged to consider the opportunities that the private rented sector has to offer
- we can plug gaps in provision of temporary supported accommodation for single non priority need homeless applicants over the age of 25
- to raise awareness of the National Rough Sleeping reporting line and how we can improve Rotherham's Out of Hours service for homeless households

8. Finance

8.1 By focusing on homelessness prevention will facilitate a cost saving to the Council as it is likely to allow a reduction in the temporary units of accommodation currently needed for homelessness families. In Rotherham we utilise our own temporary accommodation (crash pads) which is our preferred option, and can be managed more effectively. It is more economical than other options used by other authorities, eg bed and breakfast.

8.2 Our focus is prevention of homelessness and we need to continue to support the Rent in Advance scheme which is self financing and carry out effective monitoring of payments within the homelessness team, as well as the close working relationship we have with the Key Choices Property Management Team.

8.3 The majority of the training will be carried out in house by the Homelessness Manager and the Homelessness Co-ordinator. £2000 has been set aside for additional legal training for 2013/14 and will be sourced externally - this is budgeted for in the training plan.

8.4 Homelessness prevention activity is mainly financed through the homelessness grant which is set at £93,340 for 2013/14 and 2014/15. For the previous 2 years the Council has also received a further £75,000 to help with downsizing, CLG have recently confirmed that this funding will no longer be allocated.

9. Risks and uncertainties

9.1 We are already seeing an increase in the numbers of people contacting the service, who are homeless or threatened with homelessness, and we have to prioritise the work of the team accordingly. This is mainly due to the following:

- Complex lifestyles and the increasing need for support prior to and after rehousing

- Changes to Welfare Reform
- Mortgage and Rent Arrears

9.2 During 2012/13 we have accepted fewer people as statutorily homeless but the number of preventions has increased significantly from 670 households in 2011/2012 to 890 households. Prevention work is time consuming but very effective, and this must remain our priority.

9.3 The recorded homelessness preventions only include those that fall into the homelessness priority need groups (mainly families with children) but there are a number of other single person households that are also assisted to prevent homelessness. Where a single person households present as homeless the Council has a duty to provide advice and assistance to help the customer find suitable accommodation. Where the single person is over the age of 25 and requires accommodation on that night the homelessness team struggle to find a bed space. This is because there is no direct hostel in Rotherham to accommodate single people over the age of 25 year olds and bed spaces in the sub regional hostels are often already taken or booked up by their own Local Authority. Therefore this customer group is at the greatest risk of rough sleeping or sofa surfing.

9.4 Changes in welfare reform and the introduction of universal credit are expected to see an increase in households finding themselves in financial difficulty and potentially homeless. If our service is approached early enough we can provide the advice and support needed, but there is the likelihood that we will only be involved at a late stage or at crisis point. The Welfare Reform Action plan which is lead by the Strategic Welfare Reform group dovetails with the Homelessness Strategy.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

Ensuring the Council's Homeless Strategy is as fair as possible will contribute to two of the priorities of Rotherham Partnership's Community Strategy: *Ensure the best start in life for children and families*, and *Support those that are vulnerable within our communities*.

It also contributes to four of the ten commitments within our new Housing Strategy:

- Commitment 1: We will deliver Council housing that meets people's needs
- Commitment 2: We will increase and improve the supply of affordable rented housing in Rotherham
- Commitment 6: We will help people to access the support they need
- Commitment 7: We will help people in Rotherham's most disadvantaged communities

11. Background papers and consultation

Background papers

- Homelessness Strategy 2008-2013
- RMBC's Housing Allocations Policy, December 2008 (updated February 2011)
- Discharge of Homelessness Statutory Duty, Cabinet, 18 July 2012

Consultation

Consultation was carried out during summer 2012 as part of the wider housing strategy consultation. We recorded a diverse range of opinions.

The main points from this consultation were:

- Lack of direct access temporary supported accommodation for single people over the age of 25
- Advice surgeries should be provided in local areas
- Early intervention when households initially seek assistance, particularly around debt issues
- Work in schools with Year 11 pupils to offer advice on housing and budgeting
- Awareness of who does what – both from a customer's perspective and within organisations and departments
- Ensure applicants are offered an individual service and that all necessary support and advice is provided at the earliest possible stage
- Know where to go for services - Improved marketing of services

12. Contact details

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ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Improving Places Select commission
2.	Date:	19th June 2013
3.	Title:	Scrutiny Work Programme 2013/14
4.	Directorate:	Resources

5. Summary

The report updates members of Management Board and all of the Select Commissions on the outcomes from the “development session” on the work programme, held during OSMB on the 24th May 2013, and the proposals for allocation of that work programme to each of the Select Commissions.

6. Recommendation

That Members endorse the work programme and consider the following:

- **OSMB maintain oversight of the emerging Scrutiny arrangements for the City Region Economy and conduct any work as deemed necessary**
- **Additional items for both Health Select Commission and Improving Places**
- **How Self Regulation and/or Improving Places should deal with the Local Procurement agenda**
- **Reallocation of the Housing Finance agenda from Self Regulation to Improving Places**

7. Proposals and Details

The work programme for 2012/13 was agreed early in the municipal year which gave Scrutiny a much earlier start to its work. This has been reflected in the volume of work that has been covered during the year, despite the staffing changes and reductions that have taken place.

The aim is to take the same approach this year and with this in mind Management Board agreed a headline work programme in a dedicated work planning session held at its meeting on the 24th May 2013. Attached at appendix A is the work programme that was agreed during these discussions.

It was agreed that each Commission should aim to have 1 full review and 1 spotlight review during the year, but that other items of interest and priority could be managed as part of the scheduled meetings with well scoped and planned reports by individual officers. On this basis the appendix identifies not only the work area but whether it will be a full review, spotlight review or report to a scheduled meeting.

Whilst information contained within the draft work programme reflects the discussions that were held on the 24th May, there are a number of items that will require further clarification between the Select Commissions and OSMB. These are as follows:

- Whilst the importance of the City Region Economy, in terms of key policy agendas, was recognised, it was noted that there will be new Scrutiny structures on a sub regional basis being devised for this. It was therefore agreed that this was the most sensible way to support scrutiny of the City Region and that OSMB keep a watching brief on this as it emerges.
- Some key suggestions from members of the Health Select Commission were not considered on the 24th May due to an omission, these are School Nursing and Sexual Health Services. The Health Select Commission may well therefore wish to discuss its work programme further in light of this.
- Similarly, additional suggestions for Improving Places have also been received since the 24th May which include Town Centres and Council house gardens. An ongoing work commitment to Pot holes and Section 106 agreements were also omitted. Improving Places Select Commission may also wish to discuss its work programme further in light of this.
- The allocation of Local Procurement to the Self Regulation Select Commission was based on the assumption that it could be looked at as part of their Commissioning Review. The scoping of this may result in it becoming more of a focus on the economic regeneration implications of this and therefore more appropriately allocated to Improving Places
- Council Housing Finance was allocated to Self Regulation on the 24th May, however, there is somewhat of an imbalance between Self Regulation and Improving Places in terms of work load so Members may wish to consider re-allocating this to the Improving Places Select Commission.

By way of assisting Members with these discussions, the terms of reference for all of the Select Commissions are attached as appendix B.

It is intended that this report be considered by all Select Commissions and Management Board at the following meetings:

Improving Lives – 12th June
Health – 13th June
OSMB – 14th June
Improving Places – 19th June
Self Regulation – 27th June
OSMB – 28th June

It is intended therefore that upon completion of the June round of meetings, these discussions will have been completed and that the work programme can be finalised. This would ensure that it could begin in July 2013, in advance of the Summer recess, the same as the previous year.

8. Finance

No direct financial implications.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The development of a clear work programme maximises the potential for Scrutiny to have an impact and mitigates against the risk of using resources with little impact or outcome. It does, however, need to maintain flexibility to allow for uncertainties to be accommodated within the planning process. The work programme should begin by July 2013 to ensure the best chances of it being completed in time.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The Scrutiny work programme aims to add value to corporate priorities by addressing key policy and performance priorities. These are taken into consideration when defining the work programme on an annual basis.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

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Appendix A**Work Programme 2013/14 – as agreed 24th May 2013****Overview and Scrutiny Management Board:**

Subject	Source	Work category	Lead responsibility	Scope
Community Safety	Statutory requirement	Reports	OSMB	Priority setting Anti Social Behaviour Bill
Flooding	“ “	Single item	OSMB	As required to fulfil statutory requirements – includes Utilities
Welfare Reform	Scrutiny	Cross cutting theme	OSMB/Steering Group	Maintain overview and refer issues to Steering Group as required
Update review of Scrutiny function – Member structures	Scrutiny	Spotlight Review	OSMB	Looking at terms of reference and reviewing how effective the new structure is in implementation
City Region economy – jobs and business	Scrutiny and Cabinet/SLT	Progress report	OSMB	To be addressed at City Region level
Deprived Communities	Cabinet/SLT	Full Review	OSMB – to be done by Vice Chairs	Review of impact of policy and look specifically jobs and employment issues. To include issue referred from Welfare Reform Steering Group.

Health Select Commission:

Subject	Source	Work category	Scope
Excess Medication	Scrutiny	Spotlight Review	Aim to find ways to reduce wastage and save resources
Continence Services	Scrutiny	Spotlight Review	Aim to find ways for more preventive approaches and save resources
How to improve health in Rotherham	Cabinet/SLT	Progress Reports	This is a wide area – work with Health and Wellbeing Board on Health and Wellbeing strategy monitoring
Access to GPs	Scrutiny	Full Review	To follow on from issues raised in Urgent Care review
Continuing Health care for Children and Young People	Officer	Report	Follow on from Adults review

Self Regulation Select Commission:

Subject	Source	Work category	Scope
Private Finance Initiative update	Scrutiny	Report	
Local procurement policies	Officer	Report	This could be a separate piece of work around economic benefits or part of Commissioning review
Commissioning	Scrutiny	Review	Brought forward from 2012/13
Budget setting process	Cabinet/SLT and Scrutiny	Review	Members input into the process. Self Regulation to consider including impact on equalities.
Budget monitoring	Scrutiny	Progress Reports	Regular monitoring reports.
Performance monitoring/review of Corporate Plan outcomes	Scrutiny	Progress Reports plus potential report on refresh of Corporate Plan	Regular monitoring reports.
Post RBT savings	Scrutiny	Progress report as part of budget items	Have savings been made as originally projected.
Impact of budget cuts on equalities	Scrutiny	Report	To be considered as part of budget review
Council Housing rents and supplementary charges for community rooms and laundry charges	Scrutiny	Report	With Improving Places
Council Housing finance – impact of Welfare Reform	Scrutiny	Spotlight Review	Report on officer review currently taking place

Improving Places Select Commission:

Subject	Source	Work category	Scope
Local Plan - Sites and Allocations Policy	Scrutiny	Progress reports	Consideration of progress via consultation and development of policy. In collaboration with Local Plan Steering Group
Community assets/Community Right to Buy	Scrutiny	Potential report – later on in programme	Consideration of progress if required
Housing repairs	Scrutiny	Progress reports	Quarterly reports required on repairs and voids.
Council Housing rents and supplementary charges for community rooms and laundry charges	Scrutiny	Report	With Self Regulation
Customer Service Centre and Libraries	Scrutiny	Full Review	Impact of new opening hours and changes to services.

Improving Lives Select Commission:

Subject	Source	Work category	Scope
School places update	Scrutiny	Progress Report	Progress on issues raised – also links to Section 106 reports to Improving Places and Local Plan Steering Group work.
Child Sexual Exploitation	Scrutiny	Progress report	Picking up outstanding issues from 2012/13
Update on Families for Change	Scrutiny	Progress Report	
Support for improving outcomes at Key Stage 2;	Scrutiny	Progress Report	Follow on from performance clinic work – also focus on impact of Learners First and pupil premium
Outcomes and impact of the Lifestyle Survey – six-month progress review;	Scrutiny	Report	
Outcomes for Looked After Children (based on the 10 questions to ask...)	Scrutiny	Report	
Poverty – children and older people	Officer – census information	Full Review	To be completed but needs to be focused.
Review of IYSS	Scrutiny		To review one year following start – defer to 2014/15
Safeguarding	Cabinet/SLT	Spotlight Review	Initiate with Annual Report then look at alcohol and drug misuse, transition to adults services.

Appendix B – terms of reference: specific functions of Select Commissions

SELF-REGULATION

The Self Regulation Select Commission is tasked with carrying out in-depth overview and scrutiny reviews as directed by the OSMB, including

- scrutinising the Council's self-assessment processes as part of the self-regulation framework;
- scrutinising issues and actions emerging from external assessments (peer review, inspection etc);
- monitoring and holding to account the performance of service delivery within the Council and its partners etc with particular reference to the Corporate Plan and Community Strategy;
- scrutinising and monitoring whether efficiency savings are achieved or exceeded;
- co-ordinating the carrying out of value for money reviews;
- scrutinising the annual budget setting process; and
- monitoring the Council's budget and medium term financial strategy.

HEALTH

The Health Select Commission is tasked with carrying out in-depth overview and scrutiny reviews as directed by the OSMB, including

- performing the role of the Council's designated scrutiny body for any issue relating to health and the public health agenda;
- scrutinising the health services commissioned for the people of Rotherham (under the powers of health scrutiny as outlined in the Health and Social Care Act 2001);
- scrutinising partnerships and commissioning arrangements in relation to health and well-being and their governance arrangements;
- scrutinising measures for achieving health improvements and the promotion of wellbeing for Rotherham's adults and children;
- scrutinising measures designed to address health inequalities;
- scrutinising public health arrangements;

- scrutinising food standards and environmental health ; and
- scrutinising issues referred to the select commission by the Local Involvement Network (or any successor body).

The Health Select Commission will also act as a consultee in respect of those matters of “substantial variation” on which NHS bodies must consult with the Council in relation to its health scrutiny function.

The Health Select Commission will lead on the overview and scrutiny of any regional and specialist health service health matters affecting residents of two or more local authorities within Yorkshire and the Humber, and will conduct such overview and scrutiny reviews in accordance with the Protocol for the Yorkshire and the Humber Council’s Joint Health Scrutiny Select Commission.

IMPROVING LIVES

The Improving Lives Select Commission is tasked with carrying out in-depth overview and scrutiny reviews as directed by the OSMB including

- scrutinising the Every Child Matters agenda (note Health Select Commission responsibilities);
- scrutinising the “Think Family” and early intervention/ prevention agendas;
- scrutinising other cross-cutting services provided specifically for children and young people;
- scrutinising employment and skills development; and
- scrutinising non-health related adult social care.

IMPROVING PLACES

The Improving Places Select Commission is tasked with carrying out in-depth overview and scrutiny reviews as directed by the OSMB, including:-

- scrutinising community cohesion and social inclusion and the Council's specific initiatives to promote them;
- scrutinising tourism, culture and leisure services and strategies;
- scrutinising borough wide housing and neighbourhood strategies;
- scrutinising economic development and regeneration strategies; and
- scrutinising the environment and sustainable development.