

ROTHERHAM IMPROVEMENT BOARD

**Venue: Town Hall, The Crofts,
Moorgate Street,
Rotherham. S60 2TH**

Date: Friday, 26th September, 2014

Time: 2.00 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. Introductions.
2. Apologies for Absence.
3. Context for the Work of the Improvement Board.
4. Role of the Improvement Board and Terms of Reference (herewith) (Pages 1 - 2)
5. Style and Approach Issues, including Frequency and Style of Meetings.
6. Requirements to Allow the Improvement Board to be Effective.
7. Expected Timeline.
8. Date, Time and Arrangements for the Next and Future Meetings.

Rotherham Improvement Board – Terms of Reference

The Programme Board is a partnership between Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council and the Local Government Association and will provide oversight, support and challenge to Rotherham's improvement and transformation journey following the publication of the Jay report into child sexual exploitation in Rotherham and in due course in light of the findings of forthcoming inspections by both DCLG and Ofsted.

The Board aims to support the Council to:-

1. Restore public confidence in the council.
2. Demonstrate its ambitions for its local communities.
3. Drive forward its plans for improvement in corporate governance and services in a timely way.
4. Prioritise what is most important.
5. Create the capacity and plans to embed lasting improvements and culture change.
6. Deliver improved services within realistic spending constraints.
7. Assist Rotherham to respond to the findings of the forthcoming inspection by Ofsted and the inspection by DCLG.

The Improvement Board's role is to:-

1. Provide support and guidance.
2. Identify and signpost appropriate good practice.
3. Provide challenge and act as a critical friend.
4. Ensure the contributions from different external agencies/bodies to Rotherham's improvement journey are coordinated.
5. Ensure there is a single, integrated and holistic improvement plan that can be clearly understood and communicated internally and externally.
6. Advise on decisions which impact on political and managerial leadership arrangements, corporate governance and improvement in advance of them going through Rotherham's own decision-making structures, e.g. Cabinet or Council.

Board Meetings and Membership:-

Chairman – Rob Vincent

Cllr Paul Lakin Leader of Rotherham
Leader of UKIP in Rotherham
Leader of Conservative Group in Rotherham

Carolyn Downs LGA
Cllr Steve Houghton Leader Of Barnsley (LGA Member peer)
Cllr Pete Reeve LGA Independent Group (UKIP)

Cllr David Simmonds or LGA Conservative peer
Nathan Elvery CE of Croydon
Edwina Grant LGA National Children's Improvement Adviser

Improvement Board will report to Rotherham MBC Cabinet?

Duration – We expect the Improvement Board to be in place for at least 12 months.

Frequency – monthly for the first six months then review.

Venue – at a Rotherham Council venue.