

## **IMPROVING PLACES SELECT COMMISSION**

**Date and Time :-** Tuesday 25 October 2022 at 1.30 p.m.

**Venue:-** Town Hall, Moorgate Street, Rotherham.

**Membership:-** Councillors Wyatt (Chair), Tinsley (Vice-Chair), Atkin Aveyard, Bennett-Sylvester, Browne, C Carter, Castledine-Dack, T Collingham, Cowen, Ellis, Havard, Hunter, Jones, Khan, McNeely, Monk, Reynolds, Taylor.

**Co-opted Members:-** Mrs. K. Bacon, Mrs. M. Jacques.

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### **AGENDA**

#### **1. Apologies for Absence**

To receive the apologies of any Member who is unable to attend the meeting.

#### **2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 September 2022 (Pages 3 - 10)**

To consider and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 September 2022 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

#### **3. Declarations of Interest**

To receive declarations of interest from Members in respect of items listed on the agenda.

#### **4. Questions from members of the public and the press**

To receive questions relating to items of business on the agenda from members of the public or press who are present at the meeting.

#### **5. Exclusion of the Press and Public**

To consider whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any part of the agenda.

**6. Flood Alleviation Update (Pages 11 - 54)**

To receive an update on works to reduce flood risk and the Council's Six Priority Flood Alleviation Schemes.

**7. Work Programme (Pages 55 - 69)**

To consider and endorse an updated outline of proposed scrutiny work for 2022/23.

**8. Urgent Business**

To consider any item which the Chair is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.

**9. Date and time of the next meeting**

The next meeting of the Improving Places Select Commission will take place on 13 December, commencing at 1.30 in Rotherham Town Hall.

**IMPROVING PLACES SELECT COMMISSION**  
**Tuesday 20 September 2022**

Present:- Councillor Wyatt (in the Chair); Councillors Atkin, Aveyard, Bennett-Sylvester, Castledine-Dack, Cowen, Ellis, Hunter, Jones, McNeely, Monk, Taylor and Tinsley. Also present were co-optees Mrs. M. Jacques and Mrs. K. Bacon.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Browne, C Carter, Havard and Khan.

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**20. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 26 JULY 2022**

**Resolved:-**

1. That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 26 July 2022 be approved as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

**21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Bennett-Sylvester declared a personal interest as a tenant of the Council.

Cllr McNeely declared a personal interest as a tenant of the Council.

Cllr Wyatt declared a personal interest as a tenant of a Council garage.

Cllr Ellis declared a personal interest as a Parish Councillor.

**22. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS**

The Chair advised that there were no members of the public or representatives of media organisations present at the meeting and there were no questions in respect of matters on the agenda.

**23. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The Chair advised that there were no items of business on the agenda that would require the exclusion of the press or public from the meeting.

**24. THRIVING NEIGHBOURHOODS ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22**

Consideration was given to an annual report in respect of progress on the delivery of the Thriving Neighbourhoods Strategy and the neighbourhood working model. The Thriving Neighbourhoods Strategy aims to put communities at the heart of the Council's work and to make people healthier, happier, safer and proud by:

- Working with communities on the things that matter to them
- Listening and working together to make a difference
- Supporting people from different backgrounds to get on well together

The period covered by the report was clarified, as this is the fifth annual report on the Strategy to be considered for scrutiny. The timelines were also clarified in terms of the member development programme, which began with the last all-member election. Headlines from the report were highlighted. It was emphasised that the priorities highlighted by Members within their wards have been considered in policy development, strategy development and funding allocation. Neighbourhood working allows Members to deliver priorities using ward budgets. The presentation provided a summary of use of e-bulletins as well as community meetings that have taken place face to face. More focused work in wards with local people with protected characteristics was identified as an area for development. It was noted that quarterly data will be received at CAPS from October.

Risks and Challenges were also summarised in the presentation. The Cabinet Member noted the potential for scrutiny to help minimise risks. Members were invited to consider various work programme items in terms of their relationship to neighbourhoods and ward priorities. The service also was seeking the potential expansion of participation by parish councillors, and Members were encouraged to feed in needs for Member Development.

In discussion, members raised questions in regard to the presentation of data from relevant partners whose work is of interest to the CAP meetings, such as the police. Police representation had not always been knowledgeable and could not always answer questions. Therefore, it was posited that councillors be given the opportunity to become custodians of data so that attendance could be improved. Officers agreed that the strategy could go further, and it was desired that, in partnership with Members, the quarterly information would be distributed to CAPs. System issues with police data being organised by the updated ward boundaries remains a challenge that had been escalated for action and resolution. The request had been made for representation to be at the meetings to interpret the data in the reports. Escalations from CAPS that go on to a tasking procedure will have progress fed back in a sensitive way that preserves confidentiality where data protection is required.

Members requested clarification around the availability of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money as it related to parish councils. It was clarified that the money not allocated to parish councils comes into ward budgets. It was noted that no CIL money devolved to wards in this way had been spent by wards. The current balances since the devolution in April were offered following the meeting. Members had been advised about these devolutions. A breakdown of the derivation of the devolved funds was also described. Members emphasised that moneys should go to where they are most needed, and Members that desire to be able to explain to residents where the moneys have been spent.

Members also requested a description of how the service utilises the JSNA/Rotherham Data Hub to ensure comparable data from ward to

ward. The response from officers emphasised the availability of data support from the service. Members were encouraged to seek advice from the team before embarking on a project in the ward, because the amount of available data is vast. The comparable data is available through the neighbourhood coordinator. Furthermore, updated ward profiles will include census data in time for the development of new ward plans. An example of how data could be made more useful to the meetings was offered which described greater cross-ward working and a potential data organisation principle by north, south, and central localities to ensure pertinent information is presented. The result would be a universal offer that could then be customized for the locality being considered.

Members welcomed the dialogue around working with communities with protected characteristics. Members also noted the need for accurate data in any format that is more flexible and relevant. The officers welcomed challenge from Members across the actions taken around communication and engagement. If something more could be done in a ward with communities that Members had identified, Members were entreated to make the service aware.

Members expressed interest in furthering the work to narrow the gaps between areas of most and least deprivation in the Borough. It was noted that the allocation must also be replicated in officer time, as the workloads generated by various areas will be different. An example of unequal distribution was given, based on relative population density. The response from the Cabinet Member noted the difficult but worthy goal of resolving these gaps. Benchmarking with other authorities had shown that other authorities were impressed with the devolved budget system Rotherham implements, and this was seen as something special. It was observed that, to further the principle, mainstream budgets should likewise be divvied up to support the most deprived areas foremost. To overcome inertia, evidencing need becomes very important to initiate those policy decisions. Redirection of funds to the areas of most need was a goal to strive for although not an easy journey as discussions take place.

Members requested further details around attendance of face to face meetings, as it was understood that these may not meet with the same enthusiasm across the board. The response from officers noted that participation is recorded, in terms of the number of meetings but not necessarily the number of people. Face to face meetings functioned as part of a suite of communications and engagement plans which Councillors have the opportunity to shape in their wards. If Members desired a certain service to send representation, officers would certainly be able to attend if invited in a timely way. It was noted that no particular blueprint could be seen as appropriate across the board – as these meetings should be and are responsive to requests. The Housing Hubs were not organised by a one-size-fits-all approach as had been tried in the past, as each ward works differently. There was further work to do in terms of building capacity. The ward housing hubs sought to demonstrate the impact of ward housing hub projects, and applications were

considered relative to the agreed ward priorities. These applications were turned around within two weeks; projects were agreed and delivered quicker as a result.

**Resolved:-**

1. That the parish council liaison continue to encourage wider participation in ward meetings from parish councils.
2. That the numbers related to Community Infrastructure Levy money availability be provided to Members.
3. That the monthly newsletters continue to be utilised as an engagement tool.
4. That the service continue to work with SYP to ensure alignment of data to ward boundaries.
5. That the support of members for the continued devolution of budgets to allocate funds based on indices of multiple deprivation be noted; and that support for the service to continue looking for ways to address deprivation wherever possible be noted.

**25. DRAFT TENANT ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK**

Consideration was given to a Draft Tenant Engagement Framework. The Cabinet Member noted that the development of the Tenant Engagement Framework is a refresh of the previous framework to reflect recent housing legislation, Council priorities, learning from residents, as well as a desire to involve Members in the development of the refreshed framework at an early stage. The service were seeking to create a thoroughly practicable, usable framework as the finished result. During the presentation, key achievements of the Tenant Engagement Team were summarised, with acknowledgement of the contributions of Members in accomplishing the engagement agenda. Diverse approaches to meetings were described with a view to greater inclusion. Links into new local strategies were also described as they would come to bear on the draft framework. Five new proposed outcomes of the tenant engagement framework were also listed, along with an action plan for delivery of key outcomes.

In discussion, the Chair noted the value of the work of the tenant engagement panels and thanked the panels for providing their insights.

Clarification was requested around the proliferation of neighbourhood centres and whether these could be circulated to Members by Ward. It was noted that RotherFed would pass along the details in respect of specific wards. RotherFed were thanked for coming along to support when asked.

Members noted that consultations could be better publicised and circulated to Members. The response from officers noted the tenant meetings and estate walkabouts are not the only priorities, as it had been found that residents often do not desire a formalised role or contribution. The feedback from residents within wards suggested that residents want more flexibility to participate in the ways that suit them best. The service noted that conversation with residents when there is a proposal ensures that the resident voice is heard. It was clarified that multiple Tenant and Resident Associations (TARAs) and Community Groups are supported within each ward. Nevertheless, the point was taken that the range of participation was wide.

Members raised concerns that residents could sometimes wait 10 months for an Occupational Therapist (OT) assessment appointment. The response from the service noted that recruitment and national shortage of skills had been a seriously limiting factor. The service had therefore sought to diversify the jobs that could be performed by an apprentice or by workers with special training, for handrails for example. It was noted that small jobs do not need an OT. The Cabinet Member concurred that a robust plan to improve the wait times for appointments was in place, and that these had begun to reduce.

Members welcomed the opportunity presented by the framework to be creative in targeting under-participating areas and residents who may be harder to reach. Regarding the Ward Housing Hubs, the flexibility has resulted in a responsive model. The call-back time had been observed to have been greatly reduced, which was seen as a significant improvement. The framework diversified the ways to get feedback from people which added value.

**Resolved:-**

1. That the draft framework be noted.
2. That the feedback provided by Members on the draft framework be noted.
3. That an update on the implementation of the framework be received at an appropriate time.

**26. PROGRESS ON THE HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND ROUGH SLEEPER STRATEGY 2019-2022**

Consideration was given to an update presentation in respect of progress against the Homelessness and Rough Sleepers Strategy 2019-2022. The presentation illustrated the local picture in terms of prevention and crisis intervention. The demand had remained high; people are presenting in crisis when they have lost their accommodation. This created pressure on temporary

accommodations. Although numbers have reduced, caseloads have increased. A breakdown of open homelessness cases was presented.

The team had implemented a growing emphasis on prevention, proactively working to encourage people to access other options such as going on the housing registry. A breakdown of themes was also provided. Links with other strategies such as the domestic abuse strategy were also noted in the description of the service's focus on prevention. It was noted that stays in hotels for families was a last resort for temporary housing accommodation. An update on the move-on pathway was also provided.

The presentation also included a description of challenges and projected future demands. It was noted that the housing review responded to recommendations issued by past scrutiny, leading to several temporary contracts having been made permanent. The aim of the service to refresh the strategy and the live consultation survey were noted.

Further key aims of the strategy and related actions were illustrated. These aims were:

- Aim 1 - Support people with Complex Needs
- Aim 2 – To prevent homelessness and offer rapid housing solution to get people in urgent need rehoused quicker.
- Aim 3 – To increase support for young people to prevent homelessness
- Aim 4 – End Rough sleeping and begging
- Aim 5 – To improve access to tenancy support, employment, and health support services.
- Aim 6 – A range of options of decent emergency accommodation.

In discussion, Members requested additional information around how people access private housing properties, noting the seriously complex cases. It was clarified that, when it comes to evictions due to private landlords wanting to sell the property, if possible and appropriate, the council does attempt to acquire the property.

Members expressed interest in knowing more about how the service assists families with children of school age who need clean clothing on a regular basis. The response from officers noted that, in temporary accommodation, the service tried to keep laundry processing to a minimum, but in moved-on accommodation, people have their own washing facilities.

Members lauded the service as gold standard, and the work with Shiloh was praised. Clarification was requested around action taken to encourage more options for those who are seeking a private route to tenancy. A detailed answer emphasised signposting to the available services and provision rather than giving funds, and it was noted that lessons learned would be considered in the strategy refresh. It was noted



that, when the service receives calls, the response is prompt. The street kitchen workers were also effective in the outreach efforts and worked closely with the rough sleeper team. Prevention funds were available to help ensure there were no blocks to helping people access help.

Members noted the benefits of prevention versus helping in crisis after a legal notice has already been served and requested clarification around the provision for veterans who are in danger of becoming homeless. The response from officers affirmed the desire of the service to further enhance prevention and offered clarification regarding the allocated funding for veterans. This funding had been extended to end of March. The current underspend was offered outside the meeting.

Members noted that a timescale of two years seemed protracted in terms of a target timeline for completion of the service review and strategy refresh and suggested that consideration be given to accomplishing the refresh sooner. The response from officers averred this would be taken on board in the ongoing discussions around the strategy refresh.

**Resolved:-**

1. As the next iteration of the strategy is in development, that early intervention activity to prevent homelessness be prioritised to receive feedback from Members, either in a seminar or scrutiny format.
2. That consideration be given to an earlier strategy revision date.
3. That an update be received on the revised strategy at an appropriate time.

**27. WORK PROGRAMME**

**Resolved:-**

1. That the report and proposed schedule of work be noted.
2. That authority be delegated to the Governance Advisor in consultation with the Chair and Vice-chair to make changes to the schedule of work as appropriate between meetings, reporting any changes back to the next meeting for endorsement.

**28. URGENT BUSINESS**

The Chair advised that there were no urgent items of business requiring the Commission's consideration.

**29. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved:-**

1. That the next meeting of the Improving Places Select Commission will take place on 25 October 2022, commencing at 1.30 at Rotherham Town Hall.

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**Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting**

Improving Places Select Commission – 25 October 2022

**Report Title**

Update on reducing flood risk and the Council's Six Priority Flood Alleviation Schemes

**Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?**

No

**Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report**

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**Ward(s) Affected**

Borough-Wide

**Report Summary**

This report builds on previous reports to Improving Places Select Commission related to flooding, namely February 2020 (Full Committee), November 2020 (Sub-group – Flood Alleviation) and September 2021 (Full Committee). This report, along with the accompanying presentation, provides an update on the following areas:

- Reducing flood risk across the Borough
  - Progress since the November 2019 floods
  - Examples of completed works
  - Ongoing and future needs for work
  - Upcoming actions for work to reduce flood risk
- The Council's Six Priority Flood Alleviation Scheme projects
  - Progress on advanced construction phases & on survey / investigation work on future phases
  - Delivery process for the "Shovel Ready" work Funding position
  - Work planned to be undertaken over the next year

Further details are included are in this report.

**Recommendations**

1. That Improving Places Select Commission note the content of this report.

**List of Appendices Included**

Appendix 1 Presentation

Appendix 2 Carbon Impact Form

Appendix 3 Initial Equality Screening Assessment (Part A) & Equality Analysis Form (Part B)

**Background Papers**

Not applicable

**Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel**

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**Council Approval Required**

No

**Exempt from the Press and Public**

No

## **Update on reducing flood risk and the Council's Six Priority Flood Alleviation Schemes**

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### **1. Background**

- 1.1 South Yorkshire and the surrounding catchments of the Rivers Don and Rother suffered significant rainfall during the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of November and subsequently on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019. This heavy rainfall, mainly during the 7<sup>th</sup> and the 8<sup>th</sup> November caused significant flooding in both business and residential areas, with a number of roads closed and/or damaged. The rail and tram/train link through Rotherham Central and Parkgate stations was also closed for several days due to severe flooding of approximately 2km of the tracks.
- 1.2 The Council's Drainage Team fulfils the Council's statutory role as Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) under the remit of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. The LLFA's role includes taking the lead in identifying and delivering Flood Alleviation Scheme (FAS) projects, which requires partnership working with other Risk Management Authorities, stakeholders, landowners, funders and external suppliers.
- 1.3 Following the November 2019 floods, many small and medium sized projects have been identified to reduce the risk of flooding across the borough. These projects typically focus on small numbers of properties and are delivered by the Council's in-house teams.
- 1.4 Six priority FAS projects have been identified to reduce risk to larger numbers of properties (i.e. residential and commercial), strategic highways, the rail networks, the tram / train network and other critical infrastructure (e.g. utility networks). Along with the initial (2020) estimates for their delivery costs that total £52m, these are:
  - Scheme A: Rotherham Renaissance FAS (£24m)
  - Scheme B: Parkgate & Rawmarsh FAS (£14m)
  - Scheme C: Whiston Brook FAS at Whiston (£4m)
  - Scheme D: Eel Mires Dike FAS at Laughton Common (£3m)
  - Scheme E: Catcliffe pumping station (£5m)
  - Scheme F: Culvert renewal programme (£2m)
- 1.5 All six projects are currently going through the design and approvals phase to reach a 'shovel ready' status, with support from an external Consultant and Contractor supply chain, as set out in Section 2.
- 1.6 A summary of previous Improving Places Select Commission (IPSC) presentations is provided in the presentation at Appendix 1.

### **2. Key Issues**

#### **2a. Overview of progress update provided**

- 2.1 The presentation at Appendix 1 provides a progress update on the following:

- Previous updates to IPSC on flooding
- Reducing risk across the Borough
  - Progress since the November 2019 floods
  - Examples of completed works
  - Ongoing and future needs for works
  - Upcoming actions for work to reduce flood risk
- The Council's six priority Flood Alleviation Scheme projects
  - Progress on advanced construction phases & survey / investigation work on future phases
  - Delivery process for the "Shovel Ready" work
  - Funding position
  - Work planned to be undertaken over the next year / questions

2.2 Sub sections 2b, 2c and 2d of this report provide an overview of the key issues.

2b. Progress update on engagement and consultation

2.3 Across all areas of work, engagement and consultation continues with individual landowners, communities, funders and other stakeholders. This is undertaken from an individual level (e.g. landowners impacted upon by the Council's proposed works) through to community forums (e.g. Town/Parish Councils) and strategic forums (e.g. via the South Yorkshire wide "Connected by Water" initiative).

2.4 This work will continue through to 2024 as part of the "shovel ready" process.

2c. Progress update on reducing flood risk across the borough

2.5 The Council's Local Flood Risk Management Strategy was updated in February 2022 and is now available on the Council's website.

2.6 The LLFA team continues to support delivery of the "Connected by Water Action Plan", which includes the following specific actions for the Council:

- Delivery of the Council's six priority Flood Alleviation Scheme projects
- Delivery of Theme 4: Communication, Engagement and Building Resilience
- Support partners in the delivery of the projects that they lead on (e.g. Environment Agency projects)

2.7 Small and medium sized projects continue to be delivered to reduce the risk of flooding across the borough. These projects typically focus on small numbers of properties and are delivered by the Council's in-house teams. To the end of July 2022, work has been completed at over 60 locations.

2.8 Upcoming works are associated with:

- Communications and engagement
- Ongoing delivery of LLFA works

- Ongoing delivery of other works

2.9 The above will be reported on to a future IPSC meeting.

2d. Progress update on the Council's six Priority FAS projects

- 2.10 By Summer 2023, approximately £15m of advanced phases of construction works are planned to have been completed. These are located in Rotherham Town Centre (located along the River Don) and in Parkgate (located on 2 small watercourses that flow into the River Don). Construction of the last of these advanced phases along the River Don started on site in May 2022.
- 2.11 When this last advanced phase is complete, which is planned to be in June 2023, this will provide a continuous line of flood defence along the River Don over a 1.6km extent in the upstream part of Rotherham Town Centre.
- 2.12 This leaves a further 1.9km extent still to design and construct to complete works along the north/west bank of the River Don. The full 3.5km extent of flood defences, plus all the work on the 2 small watercourses in Parkgate, is needed to significantly reduce risk to properties, transport networks and other critical infrastructure that is located in Rotherham Town Centre and Parkgate.
- 2.13 The pre-construction works on the remaining/future works on all six priority FAS projects are in the process of being delivered, with support from an external Consultant and Contractor supply chain that was procured in 2021.
- 2.14 The current focus for the remaining/future works on the six priority FAS projects is on survey/investigation and initial engagement works with landowners, funders and other stakeholders. This process is targeting achieving an "Approval in Principle" in 2023, at which stage the scale and extent of each project will be established.
- 2.15 At the time of writing this report, £22.5m of funding has been secured against the initial (2020) estimates of delivery of £52m, which is an increase of £7.0m of secured funding since the September 2021 IPSC meeting. A further £17.1m of funding is currently unsecured. Further detailed information can be found in Appendix 1, slide 20.
- 2.16 Work to develop over 20 business cases for funding is planned to start in Autumn 2022, and it is expected to take 2 to 3 years to complete this work.
- 2.17 Several potential funders have been identified, and the ones to be approached for a substantial proportion of the funding are the Council, Environment Agency and the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority. This is linked to the types of property and infrastructure that will ultimately benefit from the delivery of the six priority FAS projects.
- 2.18 After completion of the "Approval in Principle" stage of the projects, delivery budgets for each FAS project will need to be reassessed. This will inform the development and approval of business cases that are to be submitted to several external funding organisations. Early indications are that the initial

(2020) estimate of £52m will need to increase, however, it is not possible to present an accurate figure at this time.

2.19 Work planned on the six priority FAS projects for the next year includes:

- Continue communications and engagement work
- Start to make agreements with over 50 landowners, with some agreements to be made via Land Agents
- Ongoing delivery of “Shovel Ready” process for the six Priority Flood Alleviation Scheme projects
- Reducing flood risk in a timely manner where appropriate to do so – the “no regrets” approach
- Increasing confidence in programme and cost certainty – to set budgets for Business Cases
- Start the preparation of funding bids for the 6 Priority Flood Alleviation Scheme projects

2.20 The above will be reported on to a future IPSC meeting.

### **3. Options considered and recommended proposal**

3.1 There are no options to be considered because this report is a progress update to IPSC only.

3.2 Improving Places Select Commission are recommended to note and comment on the contents of this report and accompanying presentation at Appendix 1.

### **4. Consultation on proposal**

4.1 This report does not represent a proposal however the FAS projects have been subject to consultation as part of previous Improving Place Select Commissions.

4.2 Consultation on specific FAS projects will be undertaken where required as the “Shovel Ready” programme progresses.

### **5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

5.1 No decision is needed because this report is a progress update only.

### **6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications (to be written by the relevant Head of Finance and the Head of Procurement on behalf of s151 Officer)**

6.1 The report and the attached presentation describes the requirement for additional funding to fully deliver the six priority FAS projects across the Borough in order to mitigate the impact of future significant flood events

6.2 As an update report, there are no specific direct procurement implications. All current projects have been procured in compliance with the Public



Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and the Council's own Financial and Procurement Procedure Rule

- 6.3 The Strategic Outline Programme (SOP), for use of £5.8m of Council funding to deliver the pre-construction process, over three financial years, was completed in July 2021.

**7. Legal Advice and Implications (to be written by Legal Officer on behalf of Assistant Director Legal Services)**

- 7.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

**8. Human Resources Advice and Implications**

- 8.1 There are no direct implications for Human Resources arising from this report.

**9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults**

- 9.1 There are no direct implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults arising from this report.

**10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications**

- 10.1 There are no direct implications for Equalities and Human Rights arising from this report. Refer to Appendix 3 for further information

**11. Implications for CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions and Climate Change**

- 11.1 There are no direct implications for CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions and Climate Change arising from this report. Refer to Appendix 2 for further information.
- 11.2 Increase risk of flooding is clearly linked to climate change. The delivery of this work will help to mitigate the impacts of Climate Change that are associated with flooding of people, property and infrastructure.

**12. Implications for Partners**

- 12.1 The Council will be working closely with other Risk Management Authorities, stakeholders, landowners, funders and external suppliers. Engagement and consultation will be needed throughout the delivery of the six priority FAS projects. However, there are no direct implications for partners arising from this report.

**13. Risks and Mitigation**

- 13.1 The main area of risk for all of the six priority FAS projects is associated with the engineering complexity, environmental requirements and third party approvals with land and asset owners. These issues will be addressed over the course of the three year pre-construction process.

**14. Accountable Officers**

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Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

	<b>Named Officer</b>	<b>Date</b>
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	Click here to enter a date.
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Named officer	Click here to enter a date.
Head of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Named officer	Click here to enter a date.

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# **Improving Places Select Commission October 2022**

**Update on:  
Reducing flood risk and the Council's Six  
Priority Flood Alleviation Schemes**

**Sam Barstow and Richard Jackson**

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# 1: Previous updates to IPSC on flooding

## **Introductory note:**

- Previous IPSC presentations on flooding have been:
  - 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – to full IPSC
  - 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – to Flood Alleviation Scheme (FAS) sub-group of IPSC
  - 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – to full IPSC

## **Information reported to 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 meeting:**

- Overview of the Council's Six Priority FAS projects – to help new IPSC members become familiar with the projects
- Identified initial (2020) estimated delivery cost of £52m
- Progress update on what funding had been secured via both the Council's Corporate resources and several External Funding sources – £15.5m had been secured at the time
- Progress update on advanced phases of work located along the River Don corridor
- Progress update on achieving a "Shovel Ready" status for all six Priority FAS projects – setting out how and when an external supply chain was to be established through 2021
- Overview of the pre-construction work planned to be delivered between 2022 and 2024

# 1: Previous updates to IPSC on flooding

**The “next steps” reported to 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 meeting were:**

- Begin the pre-construction process with the three Consultant suppliers
- Work through a three staged approach (as detailed at IPSC) for each of the six priority FAS projects to achieve “Shovel Ready” status in 2024, with concurrent working across the six projects
  - Stage 1: Mobilisation of resources, surveys and investigation
  - Stage 2: Initial design work and engagement with third parties
  - Stage 3: Detailed design, finalisation of third party approvals and work up to procurement of construction suppliers
- Work with stakeholders on these complex FAS projects
- The Drainage Team would continue to respond to flood incidents as and when they occur
- Continue to work to attract funding to fully deliver the schemes in future and protect residents, businesses and road network from flooding in the future

**Today’s presentation provides additional information on the above.**

# 2a: Progress since the November 2019 floods



## Local Flood Risk Management Strategy

February 2022

Produced: Drainage Team  
File: 17/187/46  
Issued: 16/02/2022  
Edition: 2  
Revision: 2

Rotherham  
Metropolitan  
Borough Council 

### Work undertaken

- Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS) has been updated in February 2022
- Sets the Council's policy framework for managing flood risk across the borough
- Link to the LFRMS:  
<https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/water-management-flooding/flood-risk-management-strategy>

### General principles of the LFRMS

- Community focus and partnership working
- Sustainability
- Risk Based Approach
- Proportionality
- Multiple benefits



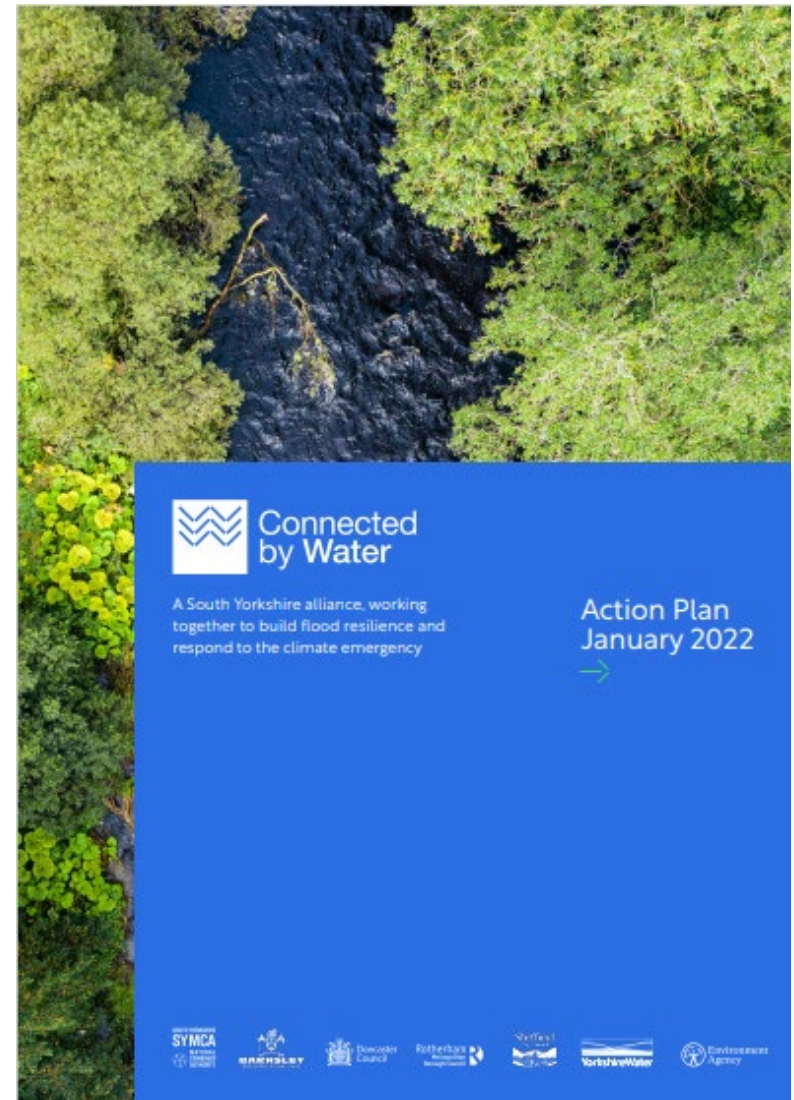
# 2a: Progress since the November 2019 floods

## What is Connected by Water?

- It is an “Action Plan” that was published in January 2022
- Developed by a South Yorkshire alliance of the 4 Local Authorities, Environment Agency, South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority and Yorkshire Water Services Ltd
- Along with the above partners, a number of supporting organisations are crucial to the delivery of this plan
- <https://connectedbywater.co.uk/>

## Ongoing actions specific to the Council

- Delivery of the Council’s six Priority FAS projects
- Delivery of Theme 4: Communication, Engagement and Building Resilience
- Support partners in the delivery of the project they lead on (e.g. Environment Agency projects)





# 2a: Progress since the November 2019 floods

## Working with communities

- We have taken the opportunity to work with Town/Parish Council's and Local Community Groups to help them increase their resilience
- The South Yorkshire wide "Connected by Water" initiative supports the above and may open up further funding opportunities in the medium to long term



# 2b: Examples of completed works across the Borough

## Small scale capital works continue to be delivered

- Targeted at reducing risk to small numbers of properties located across the borough

### Ravenfield

- Increased size of the culvert, installed a new trash screen and cleared remainder of existing culvert
- Reduced risk of flooding to 13 properties that were impacted in November 2019

### Fence

- Cleared watercourse, created new bund and installed a new box culvert
- Reduced risk of flooding to a dwelling, kennels and highway that were impacted in November 2019

### Salt Hill, Firbeck

- Installed 2 large diameter soakaways
- Removed surface water connections to a highway drain that lacked capacity
- Reduced risk of flooding to 6 properties that were impacted in November 2019



# 2c: Ongoing and future needs for works across the Borough

## **Works delivered to the end of July 2022**

- Since November 2019, small and medium sized projects have been constructed in areas that were both affected by flooding in June 2007 and November 2019
- Typically the works involved increasing capacity within systems or installing new drainage systems, with focus on reducing the risk of surface water flooding to residential properties
- Small to medium scale projects have been carried out at over 60 locations

## **Works that still need to be undertaken**

- Flooding continues to be one of the greatest risks to the Borough – ongoing improvement works, maintenance and understanding will be at the forefront of managing the risk
- Historically, highway drainage assets have been designed to hold rainfall events of 1 in 30 year storms – this capacity will be reached more frequently with climate change, and so ongoing improvements will be required

## **Development control role as the LLFA helps the Council manage flood risk in the long term**

- As a Statutory Consultee for major planning applications, the LLFA have the ability to control new development through the planning application process
- Currently looking into emerging legislation on LLFA responsibilities for sustainable drainage

# 2d: Upcoming actions for work to reduce the flood risk across the Borough

## Continue work on communications and engagement

- With partners via “Connected by Water” project
- With the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment
- With Ward Members, Town/Parish Council’s and Community Groups
- Continue attendance of the Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion at Regional Flood and Coastal Committee meetings, as a delegated responsibility from the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment
- Continue to update the website with information on flooding

## Ongoing delivery of LLFA works

- In-house team will continue to deliver small scale works in known flood risk locations
- Develop a programme of works for areas of flood risk that we already know of
- Add investigations and works following future flood incidents to the programme of works
- This is a rolling programme of works (<https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/roads-pavements/indicative-drainage-repair-programme-202223>)

## Ongoing delivery of other works

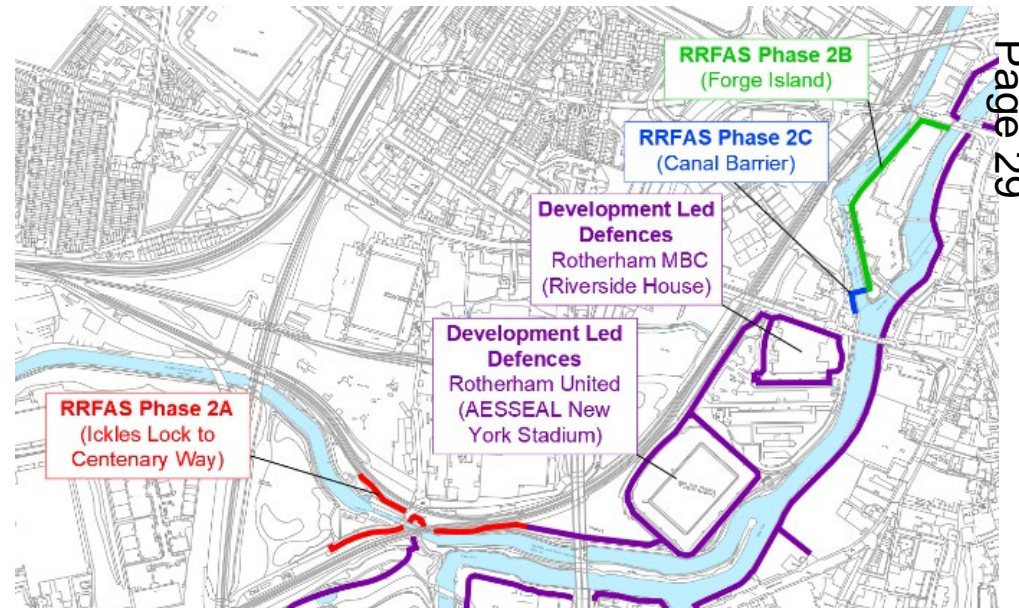
- Continue maintenance work and improve the gully cleansing process
- Continue LLFA role in development control and sustainable drainage



# 3a: Progress on advanced phases of construction on the six Priority FAS projects

Key focus continues to be to construct works along the River Don in Rotherham Town Centre as part of the Rotherham Renaissance Flood Alleviation Scheme (i.e. Phases 2A, 2B & 2C).

- By 2023, approximately £15m of works will have been constructed as part of these three phases
  - This will provide a continuous line of defence over 1.6km (on the north/west bank)
- This leaves a further 1.9km to design and construct (on the north/west bank)
- Need the full 3.5km of defences in order to reduce risk (from the River Don) between Forge Island and Parkgate
  - This area includes the A633, the railway and the tram/train network including Rotherham Central station and Parkgate station
- Works need to be designed and constructed on the south/east bank at:
  - Marsh Street/Sheffield Road (opposite the Rotherham United FC stadium)
  - Effingham Street/St Anne's (near Parkgate)



# 3a: Progress on advanced construction phases (works now complete)

Within Rotherham Town Centre, advanced construction phases of Rotherham Renaissance Flood Alleviation Scheme (RRFAS) have been completed. These phases are along the River Don corridor.

- **Phase 2B: Forge Island Flood Wall and Public Realm Improvements**
  - Pre-construction – completed between 2017 and 2019
  - Construction – completed in 2021
- **Phase 2C: Forge Island Canal Barrier**
  - Pre-construction – completed between 2019 and 2021
  - Construction – completed in August 2022





# 3a: Progress on advanced phases of construction (works now complete)

Construction photos of the Rotherham Renaissance Phase 2C: Forge Island Canal Barrier





# 3a: Progress on advanced phases of construction (works now complete)

Canal Barrier and adjacent works, at end of July 2022 (shortly before completion)

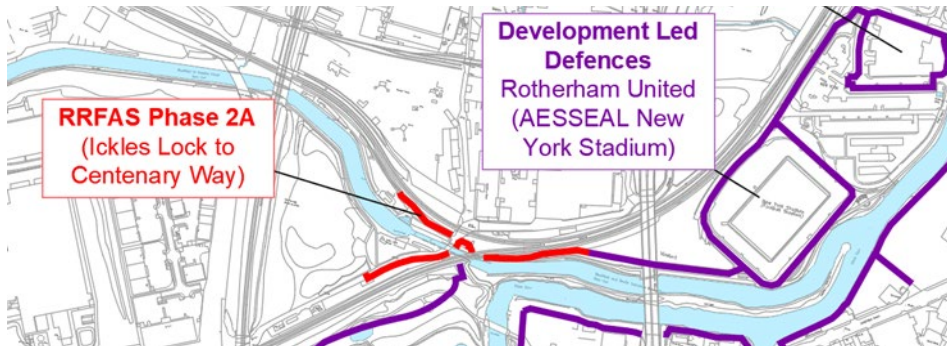




# 3a: Progress on advanced phases of construction (that started in 2022)

As part of the Rotherham Renaissance FAS the next phase of construction around Ickles Lock has started.

- **Phase 2A: Ickles Lock to Centenary Way Flood Wall and Flood Embankment**
  - Pre-construction – detailed design and third party approvals completed (including Network Rail, Canal & River Trust, Trans Pennine Trail, BOC Ltd and Northern Power Grid Ltd)
  - Construction – Started in May 2022 and planned to be completed in June 2023



# 3a: Progress on survey and investigation work (that started in 2022)

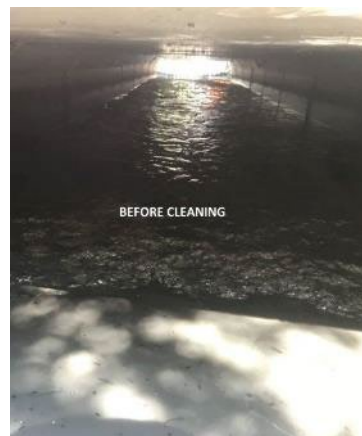
Pre-construction work is ongoing for all six Priority Flood Alleviation Scheme projects, using the £5.8m allocated by the Council in April 2021, for example:

- Engagement with Town/Parish Council's
- Letter drops to inform of survey work
- Engineering & Environmental surveys
- Topographic surveys
- Culvert surveys and clearance works
- Geotechnical investigation

Delivering the above has allowed the team to start to engage with landowners alongside the watercourses and with other people and organisations impacted upon by flooding – with positive feedback so far

## Targeting completion of survey work in 2023

Survey and investigation allows the Design Team to establish the extent, scale and size of each FAS project – i.e. the work up to “Approval in Principle” through 2022 and 2023



**LAUGHTON COMMON**  
Working together to reduce the risk of flooding

Flooding occurs in Laughton Common because the drainage systems and smaller watercourses (also called ordinary watercourses) in the area cannot always cope with the amount of rainfall, which results in flooding of properties.

Rotherham Council work together with other organisations including the Environment Agency, South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority and Donnington St John's Town Council to reduce the risk of flooding.

**ROTHERHAM COUNCIL**  
Rotherham Council is responsible for the local flood response. They raise the highway drainage networks such as streets and roads are clear and maintained, help communities recover from flooding and, in some cases, provide financial assistance to those affected by floods.

Contact Rotherham Council to:

- Report a blocked, damaged or missing manhole, drain cover or gully gate
- Find out what financial assistance is available if you have been affected by floods

For useful information on flood events and how to prepare for them visit:  
[www.rotherham.gov.uk/water-management-flooding](http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/water-management-flooding)

For information on how to prepare your home and community for an emergency visit:  
[www.rotherham.gov.uk/emergencies](http://www.rotherham.gov.uk/emergencies)  
t. 01709 336003

**Donnington St John's Town Council**  
Donnington St John's Town Council have a supply of hydrobags to help reduce distribution time during a flood event. Hydrobags are a modern eco-friendly alternative to traditional sandbags. They are lightweight, easy to carry and can be easily and safely disposed of after use.

Rotherham Council and the Town Council work together during a flood event to agree on the most suitable locations for the Hydrobags and provide properties with a supply if they are deemed at risk.

[www.donningtonstjohns.org](http://www.donningtonstjohns.org)  
t. 07947 880573 – Town Clerk



### What can you do?

It is impossible to remove all dangers associated with flooding, but you can take measures to reduce the damage caused to your property and minimise the effect it will have on you and your family.

The best way to protect yourself from flooding is to know what to do in advance. Write your own personal flood plan and think about:

- Who to contact during a flood event
- What you would want to move to safety before a flood
- Know how to turn off gas, electricity and water mains supplies
- Prepare a flood kit of essential items
- Check your insurance cover

To create your own household flood plan and for practical options on how you can help reduce the impact of flooding on your home visit the Environment Agency website.

[www.gov.uk/environment-agency](http://www.gov.uk/environment-agency)  
t. 0370 850 6506 – General enquiries  
t. 0345 988 1188 – Flood line

### What's happening in South Yorkshire

The Council is working with other South Yorkshire Local Authorities, the Environment Agency, South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority and Severn Trent Water to reduce future flood risk and build climate resilience across South Yorkshire as part of the Connected by Water South Yorkshire Action Plan.

You can meet the plan in full at  
[www.connectedbywater.co.uk](http://www.connectedbywater.co.uk)

### Future flood prevention in Laughton Common

The Council has secured £5.8m to make six major flood alleviation schemes ready for construction work to begin. Funding for the construction phase has not yet been secured, however, the Council are exploring all resource opportunities.

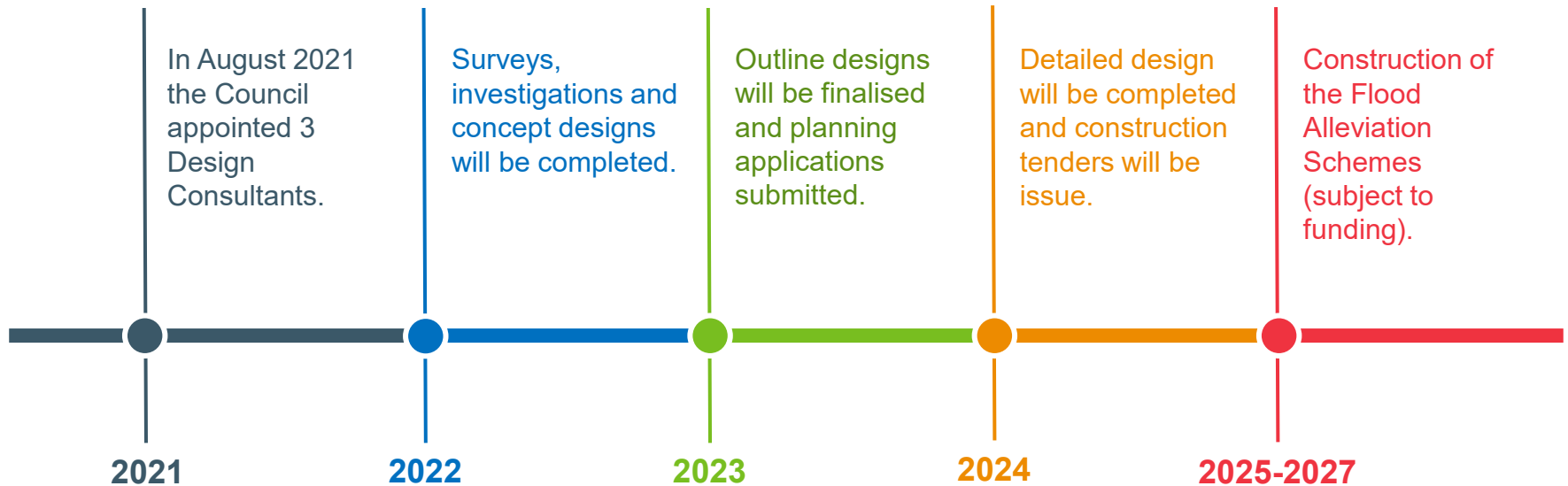
One of these priority projects is the East Mires Dike Flood Alleviation Scheme. This project aims to reduce the long-term risk of flooding to residential properties and local businesses in the surrounding area.

Throughout 2022, you may see people in high-visibility clothing undertaking surveys and carrying out maintenance work. Further information will be provided on the scheme after the work has been completed.



## 3b: Delivery process for “Shovel Ready” works

“Shovel Ready” delivery process (i.e. the pre-construction works to get projects ready for construction)





## 3b: Reducing flood risk in a timely and “no regrets” manner – possible opportunities

- Looking for opportunities to deliver advanced phases of work in a timely and “no regrets” manner
- These are small to medium scale works that can be constructed to make modest reductions in flood risk within communities, for example:
  - Works to make localised improvements to the flow carrying capacity of small watercourses
  - Works to reduce the risk of debris build up and siltation of small watercourses
  - Short extents of new flood defences alongside the River Don (i.e. in locations where water first escapes from the main river channel)
- Exploring funding opportunities to support this approach



# 3c: Funding position – overview of initial (2020) estimates

£5.8m of RMBC capital funding has been secured for the pre-construction of the 6 Priority FAS projects.

This “Shovel Ready” pre-construction phase will be delivered over three Financial Years (i.e. 2021/22, 2022/23 & 2023/24).

The initial (2020) estimated costs for construction is £46.2m, taking the overall total required to £52m.

Scheme	Initial overall cost estimate (i.e. Pre-construction & construction)	Initial costs to achieve “Shovel Ready” status (i.e. Pre-construction only)
Rotherham Renaissance FAS	£24m	£2m
Parkgate & Rawmarsh FAS	£14m	£2m
Whiston Brook FAS	£4m	£0.5m
Eel Mires Dike FAS	£3m	£0.6m
Catcliffe Pumping Station	£5m	£0.6m
Culvert Renewal Programme	£2m	£0.1m
<b>Total</b>	<b>£52m</b>	<b>£5.8m</b>

# 3c: Funding position – progress on secured funding

**£22.5m of funding has been secured** against the required £52m (i.e. £29.5m still needed) from several organisations to deliver both the pre-construction process and construction works.

Note: £7.0m of the £22.5m has been secured since the September 2021 update to IPSC. £17.1m has been identified but not secured .

Funding source	Funding secured to date	Priority FAS projects supported by funding secured to date
RMBC Capital Programme	£5.8m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-construction process for all six Priority FAS projects</li> </ul>
RMBC Town Centre Investment Fund	£5.7m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rotherham Renaissance FAS Phases 2A, 2B and 2C (in Rotherham Town Centre)</li> </ul>
European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)	£4.1m (Original £1.6m plus NEW £2.5m)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rotherham Renaissance FAS Phases 2A and 2C (in Rotherham Town Centre)</li> <li>Parkgate &amp; Rawmarsh FAS (in Parkgate area)</li> </ul>
South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (Local Growth Funds)	£1.3m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rotherham Renaissance FAS Phases 2B and 2C (in Rotherham Town Centre)</li> </ul>
Yorkshire Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (Administered by the Environment Agency) – Local Levy	£0.7m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business case for Rotherham Renaissance FAS (Rotherham Town Centre, Parkgate and Kilnhurst areas)</li> <li>Pre-construction process for Rotherham Renaissance FAS Phase 2C (in Rotherham Town Centre)</li> </ul>
Levelling Up Fund	£2.5m (NEW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rotherham Renaissance FAS Phase 2C (in Rotherham Town Centre)</li> </ul>
South Yorkshire Mayoral Combine Authority (Gainshare)	£2.0m (NEW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rotherham Renaissance FAS Phases 2A, 2B and 2C (in Rotherham Town Centre)</li> </ul>
Network Rail	£0.4m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-construction process for Rotherham Renaissance FAS Phase 2C, and for construction of Phase 2B (in Rotherham Town Centre)</li> </ul>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£22.5m</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Total funding secured to date (leaving £29.5m still to secure, based on initial cost estimates)</b></li> </ul>

# 3d: Work planned for the next year

- Continue communications and engagement work
- Start to make agreements with **over 50 landowners**, with some agreements to be made via Land Agents
- Ongoing delivery of “Shovel Ready” process for the six Priority Flood Alleviation Scheme projects
- Reducing flood risk in a timely manner where appropriate to do so – the “no regrets” approach
- Increasing confidence in programme and cost certainty – to set budgets for Business Cases
- Start the preparation of funding bids for the 6 Priority Flood Alleviation Scheme projects

**We will provide a further update to IPSC in Autumn 2023**

**Questions?**

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**Appendix 2 – Carbon Impact Form – Improving Places Select Committee - Update on reducing flood risk across the Borough and the Council’s Six Priority Flood Alleviation Scheme (FAS) projects.**

Will the decision/proposal impact...	Impact.	If an impact or potential impacts are identified			
		Describe impacts or potential impacts on emissions from the Council and its contractors.	Describe impact or potential impacts on emissions across Rotherham as a whole.	Describe any measures to mitigate emission impacts.	Outline any monitoring of emission impacts that will be carried out.
<b>Emissions from non-domestic buildings?</b>	No impact	-	-	-	-
<b>Emissions from transport?</b>	Increases emissions	Increased transport movements will occur during survey/investigation and construction works.	N/A – only localised impacts anticipated	Where practical, reduce travel during survey/investigation works, and target use locally sourced materials during construction works.	-
<b>Emissions from waste, or the quantity of waste itself?</b>	Increases emissions	Demolition and clearance works would result in additional emissions during such works.	N/A – only localised impacts anticipated	Where practical, re-use materials from demolition and clearance works within the permanent works, or dispose of to local disposal sites	-
<b>Emissions from housing and domestic buildings?</b>	No impact	-	-	-	-
<b>Emissions from construction and/or development?</b>	Increases emissions	<p>The Council has a statutory duty under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 to investigate flood risk.</p> <p>The Council seeks to reduce flood risk where possible for the benefits of Rotherham’s communities, businesses and infrastructure operators.</p> <p>Both the above can increase emissions in the short term.</p>	N/A – only localised impacts anticipated	Where practical, the FAS assets should be designed to reduce emissions from construction, including targeting the use locally sourced materials during construction works.	-

Will the decision/proposal impact...	Impact.	If an impact or potential impacts are identified			
		Describe impacts or potential impacts on emissions from the Council and its contractors.	Describe impact or potential impacts on emissions across Rotherham as a whole.	Describe any measures to mitigate emission impacts.	Outline any monitoring of emission impacts that will be carried out.
<b>Carbon capture (e.g. through trees)?</b>	Reduce impact	Whilst some trees will need to be removed to construct FAS assets, this loss will be mitigated through replacement tree planting.	N/A – only localised impacts anticipated	The Council is targeting Biodiversity Net Gain across the FAS projects, and this will include planting new trees (in addition to those required as replacements for lost trees).	-

**Identify any emission impacts associated with this decision that have not been covered by the above fields:**

The long term benefit of reducing flood risk will reduce the overall impacts on emissions because:

- Property/infrastructure will be flooded less frequently, requiring less frequent property and infrastructure repair works to be undertaken
- Emergency response during flood events that is provided via the Council and its Partners will require less travel and material use

**Please provide a summary of all impacts and mitigation/monitoring measures:**

In the short term, emissions will increase during the survey/investigation and construction phases of the FAS projects, with only localised impacts anticipated. Medium and long term impacts would be a reduction in emissions, because flooding will be less frequent, reducing the impacts associated with carrying out repair works and delivering an emergency response.

<b>Supporting information:</b>	
<b>Completed by:</b> (Name, title, and service area/directorate).	Richard Jackson, Head of Highways and Flood Risk
<b>Please outline any research, data, or information used to complete this [form].</b>	Nil, at this time
<b>If quantities of emissions are relevant to and have been used in this form please identify which conversion factors have been used to quantify impacts.</b>	Nil, at this time.
<b>Tracking [to be completed by Policy Support / Climate Champions]</b>	Sam Blakeborough, Policy Officer, PPI, ACEX

## PART A - Initial Equality Screening Assessment

As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality and diversity.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provide a record of both the process and decision. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions.

Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality and diversity
- whether or not equality and diversity is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an Equality Analysis (Part B).

Further information is available in the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance – see page 9.

1. Title	
<b>Title: Rotherham Priority Flood Alleviation Scheme projects</b>	
<b>Directorate:</b> Regeneration and Environment	<b>Service area:</b> Community Safety and Streetscene
<b>Lead person:</b> Peter Henchley	<b>Contact number:</b> 01709 254485
Is this a: <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Strategy / Policy</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Service / Function</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b>	
<b>If other, please specify: Pre-construction phase of the Council's six Priority Flood Alleviation Scheme projects (i.e. up to them becoming "Shovel Ready")</b>	

2. Please provide a brief description of what you are screening
<p>The report reviews the pre-construction ("Shovel Ready") phase of the Council's six Priority Flood Alleviation Schemes (FAS) across the Borough, which aim to reduce flood risk to residents, businesses, and infrastructure. The six schemes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rotherham Renaissance FAS</li> <li>• Parkgate and Rawmarsh FAS</li> </ul>

- Whiston FAS
- Eel Mires Dike FAS
- Catcliffe pumping station FAS
- Borough wide culverts renewal programme

### 3. Relevance to equality and diversity

All the Council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – borough wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality and diversity.

The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are.

When considering these questions think about age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, civil partnerships and marriage, pregnancy and maternity and other socio-economic groups e.g. parents, single parents and guardians, carers, looked after children, unemployed and people on low incomes, ex-offenders, victims of domestic violence, homeless people etc.

Questions	Yes	No
Could the proposal have implications regarding the accessibility of services to the whole or wider community? <i>(Be mindful that this is not just about numbers. A potential to affect a small number of people in a significant way is as important)</i>	✓	
Could the proposal affect service users? <i>(Be mindful that this is not just about numbers. A potential to affect a small number of people in a significant way is as important)</i>	✓	
Has there been or is there likely to be an impact on an individual or group with protected characteristics? <i>(Consider potential discrimination, harassment or victimisation of individuals with protected characteristics)</i>		✓
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns regarding the proposal? <i>(It is important that the Council is transparent and consultation is carried out with members of the public to help mitigate future challenge)</i>		✓
Could the proposal affect how the Council's services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom? <i>(If the answer is yes you may wish to seek advice from commissioning or procurement)</i>		✓
Could the proposal affect the Council's workforce or employment practices? <i>(If the answer is yes you may wish to seek advice from your HR business partner)</i>		✓
If you have answered no to all the questions above, please explain the reason		

If you have answered **no** to **all** the questions above please complete **sections 5 and 6**.

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above please complete **section 4**.

#### 4. Considering the impact on equality and diversity

If you have not already done so, the impact on equality and diversity should be considered within your proposals before decisions are made.

Considering equality and diversity will help to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and take active steps to create a discrimination free society by meeting a group or individual's needs and encouraging participation.

Please provide specific details for all three areas below using the prompts for guidance and complete an Equality Analysis (Part B).

- **How have you considered equality and diversity?**

The six Priority Flood Alleviation Scheme projects will provide a reduction to flood risk for residents, businesses and critical infrastructure, including schools, highways, and other public transport links within the Borough.

All residents, businesses, local Councillors and relevant stakeholders are consulted prior to the delivery of schemes, which includes the submission of planning applications where needed. All queries relating to access to properties or businesses are considered in the provision of the works. All additional requirements required to meet any specific needs of a group or individual during the delivery of our works will be accommodated, where practical and appropriate.

The Council will liaise with the various media outlets and social media portals, including the Council website, to make the wider community aware of the proposed works, provide a method for interested parties to influence works and allow regular updates during the progress of the schemes.

The Council has already engaged with communities through Parish/Town Councils in workshops, distributed newsletters to residents and businesses previously affected by flooding, as well as engagement with stakeholders, landowners and residents where applicable in the environmental and engineering surveys for the schemes.

*(think about the scope of the proposal, who is likely to be affected, equality related information, gaps in information and plans to address, consultation and engagement activities (taken place or planned) with those likely to be affected)*

- **Key findings**

We have not identified any issues or actions at this pre-construction phase but will consider further as the project proceeds.

The long term benefit of reducing flood risk will reduce the overall impacts for communities because:

- Property/infrastructure will be flooded less frequently, requiring less frequent property and infrastructure closure and repair, reducing the effect on the community
- Requirement for emergency response during flood events that is provided via the Council and its Partners to vulnerable groups will be less frequent

In the short term, disruption will increase during the survey/investigation and construction phases of the FAS projects, with only localised impacts anticipated. Medium and long term impacts would be a reduction in disruption, because flooding will be less frequent, reducing the impacts associated with carrying out repair works and delivering an emergency response.

*(think about any potential positive and negative impact on different equality characteristics, potential to promote strong and positive relationships between groups, potential to bring groups/communities into increased contact with each other, perception that the proposal could benefit one group at the expense of another)*

- **Actions**

No actions identified.

*(think about how you will promote positive impact and remove/reduce negative impact)*

Date to scope and plan your Equality Analysis:	September 2022
Date to complete your Equality Analysis:	September 2022
Lead person for your Equality Analysis (Include name and job title):	Peter Henchley (Manager of the six Priority FAS projects)

## 5. Governance, ownership and approval

Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening:

Name	Job title	Date
Richard Jackson	Head of Highways and Flood Risk	[insert approval date]


## 6. Publishing

This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given.

If this screening relates to a **Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision** a copy of the completed document should be attached as an appendix and published alongside the relevant report.

A copy of **all** screenings should also be sent to [equality@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:equality@rotherham.gov.uk) For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file and also published on the Council's Equality and Diversity Internet page.

<b>Date screening completed</b>	<b>[insert date completed]</b>
<b>Report title and date</b>	Improving Places Select Commission (25 <sup>th</sup> October 2022): Update on reducing flood risk across the Borough and the Council's 6 Priority Flood Alleviation Scheme projects
<b>If relates to a Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision – report date and date sent for publication</b>	Cabinet Decision date:
<b>Date screening sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement</b> <a href="mailto:equality@rotherham.gov.uk">equality@rotherham.gov.uk</a>	<b>[insert date sent to PII]</b>



## PART B – Equality Analysis Form

As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality and diversity.

This form:

- Can be used to prompt discussions, ensure that due regard has been given and remove or minimise disadvantage for an individual or group with a protected characteristic

- Involves looking at what steps can be taken to advance and maximise equality as well as eliminate discrimination and negative consequences
- Should be completed before decisions are made, this will remove the need for remedial actions.

Note – An Initial Equality Screening Assessment (Part A) should be completed prior to this form.

When completing this form consider the Equality Act 2010 protected characteristics Age, Disability, Sex, Gender Reassignment, Race, Religion or Belief, Sexual Orientation, Civil Partnerships and Marriage, Pregnancy and Maternity and other socio-economic groups e.g. parents, single parents and guardians, carers, looked after children, unemployed and people on low incomes, ex-offenders, victims of domestic violence, homeless people etc. – see page 11 of Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance.

1. Title	
<b>Equality Analysis title: Rotherham Priority Flood Alleviation Scheme projects</b>	
<b>Date of Equality Analysis (EA): Regeneration and Environment</b>	
<b>Directorate: Regeneration and Environment</b>	<b>Service area: Community Safety and Streetscene</b>
<b>Lead Manager: Peter Henchley</b>	<b>Contact number: 01709 254485</b>
<b>Is this a:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Strategy / Policy</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Service / Function</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b>  <b>If other, please specify: Pre-construction phase of the Council's six Priority Flood Alleviation Scheme projects (i.e. up to them becoming "Shovel Ready")</b>	

2. Names of those involved in the Equality Analysis (Should include minimum of three people) - see page 7 of Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance		
Name	Organisation	Role (eg service user, managers, service specialist)
Sam Barstow	RMBC	Assistant Director



Richard Jackson	RMBC	Head of Service
Andy Saxton	RMBC	Highway Asset and Drainage Manager

### 3. What is already known? - see page 10 of Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance

#### **Aim/Scope (who the Policy/Service affects and intended outcomes if known)**

This may include a group/s identified by a protected characteristic, others groups or stakeholder/s e.g. service users, employees, partners, members, suppliers etc.)

The six Priority Flood Alleviation Scheme projects will provide a reduction to flood risk for residents, businesses and critical infrastructure including schools, highways, and other public transport links within the Borough.

#### **What equality information is available? (Include any engagement undertaken)**

The Council has already engaged with communities through Parish/Town Councils in workshops, distributed newsletters to residents and businesses previously affected by flooding, as well as engagement with stakeholders, landowners and residents where applicable in the environmental and engineering surveys for the schemes.

The Council will liaise with the various media outlets and social media portals, including the Council website, to make the wider community aware of the proposed works, provide a method for interested parties to influence works and allow regular updates during the progress of the schemes.

#### **Are there any gaps in the information that you are aware of?**

Not that we are aware of, but all parts of the Council can improve their ability to communicate with the various user groups both Corporately and individual services.

#### **What monitoring arrangements have you made to monitor the impact of the policy or service on communities/groups according to their protected characteristics?**

Monitoring arrangements are not currently set up due to the FAS projects being in a pre-construction phase.

<b>Engagement undertaken with customers. (date and group(s) consulted and key findings)</b>	Laughton Common Parish Council meeting – 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021 Whiston summer festival – 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 Kilnhurst information and roadshow event – 8 <sup>th</sup> August 2022
<b>Engagement undertaken with staff (date and group(s) consulted and key findings)</b>	

#### 4. The Analysis - of the actual or likely effect of the Policy or Service (Identify by protected characteristics)

**How does the Policy/Service meet the needs of different communities and groups?** (Protected characteristics of Age, Disability, Sex, Gender Reassignment, Race, Religion or Belief, Sexual Orientation, Civil Partnerships and Marriage, Pregnancy and Maternity) - see glossary on page 14 of the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance)

The six Priority Flood Alleviation Schemes aim to reduce the flood risk to residential properties, businesses, visitors, the highway network, and other critical infrastructure including the rail network and schools in the Borough.

This reduction in flood risk makes positive changes to wellbeing and reduction in disruption to disadvantaged groups in access to services and transport. For example, for an advanced phase of the Rotherham Renaissance Flood Alleviation Scheme (which is split into approximately 10 phases) will also provide a betterment for visually impaired and wheelchair users at Ickles Lock with an improvement to the Canal towpath access ramp.

All of the 6 Flood Alleviation Schemes will consider and incorporate mobility and accessibility issues where possible during the design phase.

**Does your Policy/Service present any problems or barriers to communities or Groups?** No

**Does the Service/Policy provide any positive impact/s including improvements or remove barriers?**

The reduction in flood risk across the Borough makes positive changes to wellbeing and reduction in disruption to disadvantaged groups in access to services and transport. For example, for an advanced phase of the Rotherham Renaissance Flood Alleviation

Scheme (which is split into approximately 10 phases) will also provide a betterment for visually impaired and wheelchair users at Ickles Lock with an improvement to the Canal towpath access ramp.

All of the 6 Flood Alleviation Schemes will consider and incorporate mobility and accessibility issues where possible during the design phase.

**What affect will the Policy/Service have on community relations?** (may also need to consider activity which may be perceived as benefiting one group at the expense of another)

The Council will look to minimise disruption to all groups in the scheduling and within the construction phases of the six Priority Flood Alleviation Scheme projects.

The Council will liaise with the various media outlets and social media portals, including the Council website, to make the wider community aware of the proposed works, provide a method for interested parties to influence works and allow regular updates during the progress of the schemes.

Please list any **actions and targets** that need to be taken as a consequence of this assessment on the action plan below and ensure that they are added into your service plan for monitoring purposes – see page 12 of the Equality Screening and Analysis Guidance.

## **5. Summary of findings and Equality Analysis Action Plan**

If the analysis is done at the right time, i.e. early before decisions are made, changes should be built in before the policy or change is signed off. This will remove the need for remedial actions. Where this is achieved, the only action required will be to monitor the impact of the policy/service/change on communities or groups according to their protected characteristic - See page 11 of the Equality Screening and Analysis guidance

<b>Title of analysis:</b> <b>Rotherham Priority Flood Alleviation Scheme projects</b>
<b>Directorate and service area:</b>  <b>Regeneration and Environment, Community Safety and Streetscene.</b>
<b>Lead Manager:</b> <b>Peter Henchley</b>
<b>Summary of findings:</b> <b>The Initial Equality Screening (Part A) and Equality Assessment (Part B) processes note that the six Priority Flood Alleviation Scheme projects will benefit people, property and infrastructure by reducing flood risk in the long term. There are no specific actions arising from these assessments.</b>

Action/Target	State Protected Characteristics as listed below	Target date (MM/YY)


\*A = Age, D= Disability, S = Sex, GR Gender Reassignment, RE= Race/ Ethnicity, RoB= Religion or Belief, SO= Sexual Orientation, PM= Pregnancy/Maternity, CPM = Civil Partnership or Marriage. C= Carers, O= other groups

#### 6. Governance, ownership and approval

Please state those that have approved the Equality Analysis. Approval should be obtained by the Director and approval sought from DLT and the relevant Cabinet Member.

Name	Job title	Date
Sam Barstow	Assistant Director	TO BE ADDED
Equalities team representative	TO BE ADDED	TO BE ADDED

#### 7. Publishing

The Equality Analysis will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given.

If this Equality Analysis relates to a **Cabinet, key delegated officer decision, Council, other committee or a significant operational decision** a copy of the completed document should be attached as an appendix and published alongside the relevant report.

A copy should also be sent to [equality@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:equality@rotherham.gov.uk) For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file and also published on the Council's Equality and Diversity Internet page.

Date Equality Analysis completed	TO BE ADDED
Report title and date	TO BE ADDED
Date report sent for publication	TO BE ADDED

Date Equality Analysis sent to Performance, Intelligence and Improvement <a href="mailto:equality@rotherham.gov.uk">equality@rotherham.gov.uk</a>	TO BE ADDED
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Public Report  
Improving Places Select Commission

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**Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting**

Improving Places Select Commission – 25 October 2022

**Report Title**

Work Programme

**Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?**

No

**Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report**

Jo Brown, Assistant Chief Executive

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**Ward(s) Affected**

Borough-Wide

**Report Summary**

To provide an update on the Work Programme of the Improving Places Select Commission.

**Recommendations**

1. That the report and proposed schedule of work be noted.
2. That authority be delegated to the Governance Advisor in consultation with the Chair and Vice-chair to make changes to the schedule of work as appropriate between meetings, reporting any changes back to the next meeting for endorsement.

**List of Appendices Included**

Appendix 1 Work Programme – Improving Places Select Commission 2022/23

**Background Papers**

Minutes of Improving Places Select Commission meetings 2021/22

Minutes of Improving Lives Select Commission meetings 2021/22

Minutes of Overview and Scrutiny Management Board meetings 2021/22

**Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel**

None

**Council Approval Required**

No

**Exempt from the Press and Public**

No



**IPSC – Work Programme 2022/23****1. Background**

- 1.1 The remit of the Improving Places Select Commission (IPSC) is to undertake scrutiny activity in respect of all matters pertaining to the borough of Rotherham as a place. In broad terms, this remit relates to business and economic development, employment, emergency planning, environment, housing, climate change, leisure, culture and tourism, transport and highways, as well as regulatory services such as trading standards and environmental health. The breadth of functions and services that fall within the Commission's remit is significant.
- 1.2 The way in which the Commission discharges its scrutiny activity is a matter for itself, having regard to the provisions of the Constitution and any direction from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board. The IPSC has chosen to scrutinise a range of issues through a combination of pre-decision scrutiny items, policy development, performance monitoring, information updates and follow up to previous scrutiny work.
- 1.3 The IPSC has eight scheduled meetings over the course of 2022/23, representing a maximum of 20 hours of scrutiny per year – assuming 2.5 hours per meeting. Members therefore must be selective in their choice of items for the work programme. The following key principles of effective scrutiny are considered in determining the work programme:
  - Selection – There is a need to prioritise so that high priority issues are scrutinised given the limited number of scheduled meetings and time available. Members should consider what can realistically and properly be reviewed at each meeting, taking into account the time needed to scrutinise each item and what the session is intended to achieve.
  - Value-added – Items had to have the potential to 'add value' to the work of the council and its partners.
  - Ambition – the Programme does not shy away from scrutinising issues that are of greatest concern, whether or not they are the primary responsibility of the council. The Local Government Act 2000 gave local authorities the power to do anything to promote economic, social and environmental wellbeing of local communities. Subsequent Acts have conferred specific powers to scrutinise health services, crime and disorder issues and to hold partner organisations to account.
  - Flexibility – The Work Programme maintains a degree of flexibility as required to respond to unforeseen issues/items for consideration during the year and to accommodate any further work that falls within the remit of this Commission.
  - Timing – The Programme has been designed to ensure that the scrutiny activity is timely and that, where appropriate, its findings and recommendations inform wider corporate developments or policy development cycles at a time when they can have most impact. The Work Programme also helps safeguard against duplication of work undertaken elsewhere.

**2. Key Issues**

- 2.1 Members are required to review their work programme at each meeting during the 2022/23 municipal year to give focus and structure to scrutiny activity to ensure that it effectively and efficiently supports and challenges the decision-making processes of the Council, and partner organisations, for the benefit of the people of the borough.
- 2.2 An updated draft work programme for Improving Places Select Commission is appended to this report.

### **3. Options considered and recommended proposal**

- 3.1 Members are recommended to discuss potential areas of scrutiny work to be added to the work programme.

### **4. Consultation on proposal**

- 4.1 The work programme is subject to consultation with the Chair and Members of the IPSC. Regular discussions take place with Cabinet Members and officers in respect of the content and timeliness of items set out on the work programme.

### **5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision**

- 5.1 The decision to develop a work programme is a matter reserved to the Commission and will be effective immediately after consideration of this report.
- 5.2 The Statutory Scrutiny Officer (Head of Democratic Services) is accountable for the implementation of any decision in respect of the Commission's work programme. The Governance Advisor supporting the Commission is responsible on a day-to-day basis for the Commission's work programme. Members are recommended to delegate authority to the Governance Advisor to make amendments to the programme between meetings.

### **6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications**

- 6.1 There are no direct financial or procurement implications arising from this report.

### **7. Legal Advice and Implications**

- 7.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.
- 7.2 The authority of the Select Commission to determine its work programme is detailed within the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules and Responsibility for Functions parts of the Constitution. The proposal to review the work programme is consistent with those provisions.

### **8. Human Resources Advice and Implications**

- 8.1 There are no direct human resources implications arising from this report.

### **9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults**

- 9.1 There are no implications for children and young people or vulnerable adults arising from this report.

### **10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications**

- 10.1 Whilst there are no specific equalities implications arising from this report, equalities and diversity are key considerations when developing and reviewing scrutiny work programmes. One of the key principles of scrutiny is to provide a voice for communities, and the work programme for this Commission has been prepared following feedback from Members representing those communities.

## **11. Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change**

- 11.1 There are no implications for CO2 emissions or climate change directly arising from this report. Members will have regard to the Climate Emergency when selecting potential items for scrutiny and in developing recommendations.

## **12. Implications for Partners**

- 12.1 The membership of the Commission includes co-opted members from RotherFed who contribute to the development and review of the work programme. Where other matters are being considered for inclusion on the work programme, relevant partners or external organisations are consulted on the proposed activity and its timeliness.

## **13. Risks and Mitigation**

- 13.1 There are no risks directly arising from this report.

## **14. Accountable Officer(s)**

Emma Hill, Head of Democratic Services and Statutory Scrutiny Officer

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Meeting Date	Items for Scrutiny	Scope	Recommendations
7 June 2022	Draft Enviro-Crime Plan	Members to feed into the three-part early draft plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the report be noted and the next update, including information in respect of performance measurement, clean-up and removal cost breakdowns, graffiti removal response times and a summary of work in schools, be submitted 12 months from implementation.</li> <li>2. That consideration be given to expanding the work with private landlords and provision of support to communities where there may be an eyesore or public health concern on private or common land.</li> <li>3. That the service avail all appropriate channels to further promote and publicise services and schemes to help residents dispose of waste responsibly and affordably.</li> <li>4. That the service continue to engage elected members and community groups to maximise the local knowledge available to the service to inform deployment of assets, resources and schemes.</li> <li>5. That forthcoming work on customer and digital interface include ward- or neighbourhood-level demonstrations where appropriate with a view to broadening access to information and support around responsible waste disposal.</li> <li>6. That the service clarify the process for addressing contaminated recycling bins, and that any removal of such be coordinated with direct engagement with the resident, with a view to enhancing understanding of processes and resident responsibility.</li> </ol>

			<p>7. That the responsiveness of the graffiti removal teams be noted, and that the service provide Members with information in respect of graffiti removal.</p> <p>8. That the service explore potential restorative justice approaches to dealing with waste offences.</p>
	Initial Work Programme	Members to feed into the outline schedule of scrutiny work for 2022/23 municipal year.	<p>1. That the report and initial schedule of work be noted.</p> <p>2. That authority be delegated to the Governance Advisor in consultation with the Chair and Vice-chair to make changes to the schedule of work as appropriate between meetings, reporting any changes back to the next meeting for endorsement.</p>
	Scrutiny Review Recommendations - Markets Engagement and Recovery	To consider and endorse the findings and recommendations from the site visit and review of markets engagement and recovery from the pandemic.	<p>1. That a review of the Council's Rules and Regulations in respect of Markets be added to the IPSC work programme.</p> <p>2. That the following recommendations from the review be endorsed for submission to Overview and Scrutiny Management Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. That face-to-face consultations and clear communication be prioritised in all interactions with vendors and traders.</li> <li>b. That the service avail case studies and resources available in the libraries of NABMA and NMTF to inform the strategic refresh of Rotherham markets.</li> <li>c. That the service re-evaluate the support offer for new vendors, in consultation with NABMA and NMTF, with a view to encouraging more new vendors to continue trading beyond the six-month introductory period.</li> <li>d. In view of relevant expert advice in respect of sustaining a market during redevelopment works, that retaining traders through the redevelopment phase be considered top priority.</li> </ul>



			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e. That any re-design of markets spaces duly consider usability and aesthetics, availing market research to optimise spaces for inclusiveness and accessibility, and to make the offer especially attractive to students and young people.</li> <li>f. That consideration be given to how the redesign and operation of the market may best cater to the needs and interests of younger generations by strengthening links with RNN student populations and extending opportunities to new entrepreneurs through the Young Traders Scheme.</li> <li>g. Recognising that the Town Centre markets complex represents a unique and distinct microeconomy with its own accompanying needs and character, that consideration be given to the ongoing management resource required to sustain the markets economy successfully over the long term.</li> <li>h. That consideration be given to design and development choices that would help the markets to incorporate cashless, up-to-date approaches to commerce that their potential customers expect.</li> </ul>
	IPSC Representative to Health, Welfare, and Safety Panel	To receive nominations for a member of IPSC to be representative to the Health, Welfare, and Safety Board.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Cllr McNeely be selected as representative to the Health, Welfare, and Safety Panel</li> </ul>
19 July	Tenant Scrutiny Review - Housing Repairs and Maintenance	To receive a report on the most recent tenant scrutiny panel review and the service's plan of action in response.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the report and action plan be noted.</li> <li>2. That the outcome of the forthcoming "You Said, We Did" publications be circulated to Members with a view to sharing widely the learning as evidence of the impact of tenant engagement.</li> </ul>

	Aids and Adaptations Update	To receive an update report on the progress of the aids and adaptations service in response to 2021 recommendations.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the progress report be noted.</li> <li>2. That the forthcoming leaflet be circulated to Members upon completion.</li> <li>3. That the refreshed Housing Policy be considered for scrutiny in early autumn 2023, or at an appropriate time to allow for the new policy to be embedded.</li> <li>4. That, pending assurances around prioritisation, the next update on Aids and Adaptations be received in early autumn 2023.</li> </ol>
	Revised Work Programme	To consider and endorse a revised outline schedule of scrutiny work for the 2022/23 municipal year	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the report and revised schedule of work be noted.</li> <li>2. That authority be delegated to the Governance Advisor in consultation with the Chair and Vice-chair to make changes to the schedule of work as appropriate between meetings, reporting any changes back to the next meeting for endorsement.</li> </ol>
20 Sept 2022	Neighbourhood Working Annual Report	To consider an annual update on delivery of the Thriving Neighbourhoods Strategy and neighbourhood working model.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the parish council liaison continue to encourage wider participation in ward meetings from parish councils.</li> <li>2. That the numbers related to Community Infrastructure Levy money availability be provided to Members.</li> <li>3. That the monthly newsletters continue to be utilised as an engagement tool.</li> <li>4. That the service continue to work with SYP to ensure alignment of data to ward boundaries.</li> <li>5. That the support of Members for the continued devolution of budgets to channel funds based on</li> </ol>

			indices of multiple deprivation be noted; and that support for the service to continue looking for ways to address deprivation wherever possible be noted.
	Draft Tenant Engagement Framework	To consider and feed into a draft tenant engagement framework.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the draft framework be noted.</li> <li>2. That the feedback provided by Members on the draft framework be noted.</li> <li>3. That an update on the implementation of the framework be received at an appropriate time.</li> </ol>
	Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy Update	To consider in retrospect progress made regarding Homelessness prevention and delivery of the Rough Sleeper Strategy, with a view to carrying applicable learning forward in the next iteration of the strategy.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. As the next iteration of the strategy is in development, that early intervention activity to prevent homelessness be prioritised to receive feedback from Members, either in a seminar or scrutiny format.</li> <li>2. That consideration be given to an earlier strategy revision date.</li> <li>3. That an update be received on the revised strategy at an appropriate time.</li> </ol>
	Work Programme	To consider and endorse an outline schedule of scrutiny work for 2022/23.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the report and proposed schedule of work be noted.</li> <li>2. That authority be delegated to the Governance Advisor in consultation with the Chair and Vice-chair to make changes to the schedule of work as appropriate between meetings, reporting any changes back to the next meeting for endorsement.</li> </ol>
25 Oct 2022	Bereavement Services Annual Report	To consider an annual report in respect of delivery of the Bereavement Services Contract, including a response to recommendations.	

	Flood Alleviation Update	To consider an update report on progress in respect of flood defence works ongoing in the Borough.	
	Work Programme	To consider and endorse an outline schedule of scrutiny work for 2022/23.	
Autumn 2022 Review	Selective Licensing and Landlords	With a view to raising living standards within selective licensing areas, to review the Council's use of available powers, which include selective licensing, as well as enforcement activity and impact supported by data evidence and consultation with stakeholders.	
13 Dec 2022 (Reports 2 December)	Town Centre Update	To receive an update report on delivery of regeneration interventions in Rotherham Town Centre	
	Allotments Update	To receive an update report on the progress of the allotments self-management.	
	Scrutiny Review Recommendations: Selective Licensing - Landlords	To consider and endorse the findings and recommendations of Members in the outcome of the scrutiny review of Selective Licensing and Landlords.	
	Work Programme	To consider and endorse an outline schedule of scrutiny work for 2022/23.	

Spring 2023 Review	Nature Emergency	Referred by OSMB, to consider the implications of climate change, pollution, and habitat loss on wildlife and biodiversity in the Borough.	
07 Feb 2023	Environment Bill 2021 - Update	To consider an update report on the evolving requirements associated with the Environment Bill 2021.	
	Tenant Scrutiny Review - Communications	To consider the findings and recommendations of the Tenant Scrutiny Review Panel's examination of tenant communications.	
	Fly Tipping Update	To receive an annual update in respect of the Council's efforts against fly tipping and response to recommendations.	
	Work Programme	To consider and endorse an outline schedule of scrutiny work for 2022/23.	
21 March 2023	Housing Strategy and Development Update	To consider an update in respect of the Housing Strategy and plans to deliver housing developments in the Borough.	
	Work Programme	To consider and endorse an outline schedule of scrutiny work for 2022/23.	
09 May 2023	Tree Programme Update	To receive a 12-month update in respect of the tree	

		programme and response to recommendations	
	Work Programme	To consider and endorse an outline schedule of scrutiny work for 2022/23 and a provisional schedule of work for summer 2023.	

	Item for Scrutiny	Scope	Status
Forward Plan Items to be scheduled or deferred	Rent Arrears - Spotlight	To consider sensitively whether the current approach is considered best practice for Rotherham.	Not scheduled.
	Planning White Paper	To consider the implications of forthcoming legislation on the planning and development activities of the Council.	To be scheduled pending developments at National Government level.
	CCTV - Update	To consider the response to recommendations	Not scheduled.
	Housing Repairs and Maintenance Update	To consider progress made by the Housing Repairs and Maintenance Service in response to recommendations	To be scheduled.
	Active Travel Update	To consider a progress report on the implementation of the strategy and response to recommendations	Not scheduled.
	Antisocial Behaviour - Spotlight	Members to feed into enforcement strategies in consultation format	To be scheduled.
	Markets - Update	Update following Cabinet response	To be scheduled in forward work programme 2023/24 in consultation with RiDo service and Asset Management.



	Update – Improved Road Safety and Cumwell Lane Update	Follow up referral from OSMB	To be scheduled.
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