

## **IMPROVING LIVES SELECT COMMISSION**

**Date and Time:-** Tuesday 22 July 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

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

**Membership:-** Councillors Monk (Chair), Brent (Vice-Chair), Adair, Blackham, Bower, T. Collingham, Elliott, Fisher, Garnett, Harper, Hughes, Pitchley, Reynolds, Ryalls, Sutton, Ismail, Hickey, Hemmingway and Newman.

This meeting will be webcast live and will be available to view [via the Council's website](#). The items which will be discussed are described on the agenda below and there are reports attached which give more details.

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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 (Pages 4 - 10)**

To consider and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 June 2025, as a true and correct record of the proceedings and to be signed by the Chair.

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

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

#### **4. 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.

**5. 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.

**6. Children's and Young People's Service Annual Outturn Performance Report 2024-2025 (Pages 11 - 43)**

This item will include the performance outturn for the reporting year April 2024 to March 2025 for Children and Young People's Services. It will also include areas of performance that are working well, alongside other areas where a continued focus is required.

**7. Draft Elective Home Education Policy (Pages 44 - 80)**

The Department for Education recommends that every Local Authority has 'A written policy statement on elective home education, which is clear, transparent and easily accessible by using different formats as necessary, is consistent with the current legal framework and preferably drawn up in consultation with local families who educate children at home so that it can reflect both the challenges and rewards of educating children in this way'.

Rotherham's Elective Home Education Policy was last agreed in 2021, and a review has been initiated to ensure that it would be easy to navigate and understand, and would accurately reflect the current way in which the Elective Home Education Team works with home educators in the borough. Home educators and partners were key to this process with a period of public consultation taking place following informal stakeholder events.

This revised Draft Rotherham Elective Home Education Policy will be presented to the Commission for pre-decision scrutiny, prior to the presentation to Cabinet for consideration and approval.

**8. Work Programme (Pages 81 - 83)**

To consider and approve the Commission's Work Programme.

**9. Improving Lives Select Commission - Sub and Project Group Updates**

For the Chair/Project Group Leads to provide an update on the activity regarding sub and project groups of the Improving Lives Select Commission.

## **10. Urgent Business**

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

**The next meeting of the Improving Lives Select Commission  
will be held on Tuesday 16 September 2025  
commencing at 10.00 a.m.  
in Rotherham Town Hall.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Edwards', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Edwards,  
**Chief Executive.**