

## **IMPROVING LIVES SELECT COMMISSION**

**Date and Time:-** Tuesday 4 November 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

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

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

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 3 - 19)**

To consider and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 September 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. The Looked After Children's Sufficiency Strategy 2023- 2027 Update (Pages 20 - 41)**

The Looked After Children's Sufficiency Strategy 2023-2027 focuses on what is known about looked after children and young people, including their voices, and the information about local homes for children. The strategy also provides the latest data trends, what the priorities are and the delivery plan to achieve those.

This item will provide an update on the delivery of the strategy over the past twelve months.

**7. Draft Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Sufficiency Strategy 2026-2029 Update (Pages 42 - 58)**

This item will provide a high-level overview of the draft SEND Sufficiency Strategy 2026-2029 via a PowerPoint presentation. The update will include aspects which are likely to be included within the draft strategy and the key headlines, ahead of the presentation to Cabinet in November 2025.

**8. Work Programme (Pages 59 - 61)**

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 2 December 2025  
commencing at 10.00 a.m.  
in Rotherham Town Hall.**



John Edwards,  
**Chief Executive.**