

# **Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council**

## **Improving Places Select Commission**

### **Report for Meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

The initial suggestions for the work programme for Improving Places Select Commission were submitted to the February 2016 meeting. During that meeting, Members contributed other suggestions to be added to the potential work programme for next year and the Chair has agreed to encompass these within the broader areas for consideration post local elections.

The topics are not listed in any order of importance and how and to what depth the topics are scrutinised also needs to be defined, taking into account the staff resources available.

#### **Suggested Topics – Revised.**

From the list presented at the February 2016 meeting Asset Management and Financial Planning have been removed from the work plan due to them being considered too broad and unspecific.

- Emergency Planning
- Dignity
- Business Rates
- Combined Authority - Devolution and the prospect of combined service provision/economies of scale.
- Update report on T&F Group's work on Waste services and Litter and Fly tipping
- District Heating (spotlight review – update on previous recommendations)
- Commercialisation of services/income generation
- Review of RIDO (Rotherham Investment and Development Office)

#### **Additional items to be included from February 2016 meeting.**

- Air Quality in the Rotherham area
- The possible re-establishment of the Recycling Group. (A working group of Elected Members considering the wider benefits of and encouraging increase in the recycling of waste materials.)

**Suggested options include :-**

- Consideration should be given to the how the IPSC receives performance and financial monitoring information regarding services under its remit.
- Provision of a training session for Members on the Performance Management Framework
- Involvement/ promoting a closer working relationship with the IPSC and Cabinet Members, Strategic Directors and Service Directors in the scrutiny process but with the IPSC being mindful first and foremost of its scrutiny role

The start of the new work programme also provides the opportunity for the Members of IPSC to examine different ways of carrying out its scrutiny role. Elected Members at the February 2016 meeting acknowledged that the use of Task and Finish Groups by this Commission during 2015/16 year had been successful and ought to continue in future. It is anticipated that the work programme will be formalised at the first meeting of the Commission after the local elections.

This draft Work Programme for 2016/17 will be submitted to Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

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4<sup>th</sup> April 2016