

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – Work Programme 2025-26

Chair: Councillor Brian Steele
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The following principles were endorsed by OSMB at its meeting of 5 July 2023 as criteria to long/short list each of the commission's respective priorities:

Establish as a starting point:

- What are the key issues?
- What is the outcome that we want?

Agree principles for longlisting:

- Can scrutiny add value or influence?
- Is it being looked at elsewhere?
- Is it a priority – council or community?

Developing a consistent shortlisting criteria e.g.

- T: Time: is it the right time, enough resources?
- O: Others: is this duplicating the work of another body?
- P: Performance: can scrutiny make a difference
- I: Interest – what is the interest to the public?
- C: Contribution to the corporate plan

| Meeting Date | Agenda Item |
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| Wednesday 7 May 2025 | Council Plan 2025 - 2028 & New Year Ahead Delivery Plan - Pre-decision Review of the Non-Residential Charging Policy - Pre-decision Work Programme Work in progress from Select Commissions Forward Plan of Key Decisions |
| Wednesday 4 June 2025 | Finance Update - June 2025 - Pre-decision Social Value Annual Report - Pre-decision Employment Solutions 2025-26 - Pre-decision Work Programme Work in progress from Select Commissions Forward Plan of Key Decisions |
| Wednesday 2 July 2025 | Council Plan 2022-2025 and Year Ahead Delivery Plan Progress Update 2024-25 - Pre-decision Ethical Procurement Policy - Pre-decision Financial Outturn 2024- 25 - Pre-decision Treasury Management Outturn 2024-25 - Pre-decision May 2025-26 Financial Monitoring Report - Pre-decision Work Programme Work in progress from Select Commissions Forward Plan of Key Decisions |
| Tuesday 9 September | Progress update on the implementation Economic Inactivity Trailblazer programme Scrutiny Annual Report 2024-2025 |

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| 2025 | Work Programme Work in progress from Select Commissions Forward Plan of Key Decisions |
| Wednesday 8 October 2025 | Work Programme Work in progress from Select Commissions Forward Plan of Key Decisions |
| Wednesday 12 November 2025 | Leader Q&A - to be scheduled after Council plan on the agenda. Complaints Annual Report Safer Rotherham Partnership Annual Report Work Programme Work in progress from Select Commissions Forward Plan of Key Decisions |
| Wednesday 10 December 2025 | Work Programme Work in progress from Select Commissions Forward Plan of Key Decisions |
| Tuesday 13 January 2026 | Council Plan 2025 - 2028 & New Year Ahead Delivery Plan - Pre-decision Work Programme Work in progress from Select Commissions Forward Plan of Key Decisions |
| Wednesday 4 February 2026 | Question and answer session, Mayor Coppard, South Yorkshire Combined Mayoral Authority. Work Programme Work in progress from Select Commissions Forward Plan of Key Decisions |
| Wednesday 11 March 2026 | Modern Slavery Transparency Statement - Annual Refresh Work Programme Work in progress from Select Commissions Forward Plan of Key Decisions |
| Wednesday 8 April 2026 | Progress update on the Economic Inactivity Trailblazer programme Work Programme Work in progress from Select Commissions Forward Plan of Key Decisions |

Substantive Items for Scheduling

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| January 2026 & July 2026 | Leader Q&A - to be scheduled after Council plan on the agenda. |
| Feb-26 | Question and answer session, Mayor Coppard, South Yorkshire Combined Mayoral Authority. |
| Jul-26 | Council Plan 2025 - 2028 & New Year Ahead Delivery Plan - Pre-decision |
| Apr-26 | An update on progress following the implementation of Waste Service Route Optimisation programme be brought back to OSMB within twelve months. |
| Apr-26 | An update on the progress following the implementation of the Street Safe Team programme be brought back to OSMB within twelve months. |
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Reviews for Scheduling

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| In progress | A spotlight review into life-saving equipment and related byelaws - as agreed by OSMB at it's meeting on 10 May 2023 (https://modgov-p-db1.rotherham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=894&MID=15772#AI96184) linked to the Byelaws/Life Saving Equipment motion (Council 30/11/22 https://modgov-p-db1.rotherham.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=95268) |
| Initial discussions taking place | Spotlight Review - Agency Staff |
| Completed | Spotlight Review - Grass Cutting / Ground Maintenance |
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Items to be Considered by Other Means (e.g. off-agenda briefing, workshop etc)

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| June / July 2025 | A report be provided to OSMB within three months detailing the performance information for the Employment Solutions Team. |
| Sep-25 | A briefing to be provided to OSMB detailing information on the number of vacancies where recruitment to those vacancies was held for a period of time, listed by directorate and the potential impacts of delaying that recruitment process. |
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Items for Future Consideration

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| Apr-26 | Future Rothercare Model |
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