

### Appendix 3: Improving Lives Select Commission –Summary Work Programme 2025/26

**Chair: Councillor Monk**

**Governance Advisor: Natasha Aucott**

**Vice-Chair: Councillor Brent**

**Link Officer: Kelly White**

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
17-Jun-25	Draft Kinship Local Offer - pre-decision scrutiny  Closed session following meeting to discuss and draft 2025-2026 work programme
22-Jul-25	CYPS Performance Report 2024-2025  EHE Revised Policy
16-Sep-25	CAMHS Update (Joint with C& V-C of HSC) including:

1 substantive agenda item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Annual update</b> on children's social, emotional and mental health- updates on all provision for children with SEMH needs, CAMHS services including pathways, interventions and waiting lists, and support children are able to access from wider provisions such as the education and voluntary sector.</li> <li>• <b>Neurodiversity Report</b>- service update, Choice and the Peer Support Service.</li> </ul>
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Date TBC	Family Help Update and Family First Partnership - Refreshed Action Plan and New Government Guidance (pre-decision scrutiny via off-agenda briefing or workshop).
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4-Nov-25	<p>CPPB Annual Report 2024-2025 (date TBC, may move to another meeting)</p> <p>Care Leavers Sufficiency Strategy Update</p>
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Date TBC	Unpaid Carers Strategy Revision- Workshop (Joint with HSC)
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2-Dec-25	<p>Revised SEND Sufficiency Strategy (Date TBC- Cabinet in February)</p> <p>Community Cohesion Projects Update- (Building Bridges Together Project and the Together for Tomorrow Project- Date TBC)</p>
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10-Feb-26	
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17-Mar-26	
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28-Apr-26	Domestic Abuse Strategy Progress Update (date TBC, may move to another meeting)
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### **Substantive Items for Scheduling**

Date TBC	RSCP Annual Report- for information only- (on FP for Cabinet for October, but may be delayed)
Date TBC	Revised Neglect Strategy- For Information only (2026 onwards)

### **Reviews for Scheduling**

Date TBC	Identifying and addressing the impact of trauma on children finding it difficult to access education (awaiting bespoke trauma training session).

### **Items to be Considered by Other Means (e.g. off-agenda briefing, workshop etc)**

Visit/ workshop- Early 2026	RPCF Update- RPCF vision and plans, voice of the community and the impact of the work completed with partners.
Potential workshop- early 2026	Support available for women who have had one or more child removed, following cessation of PAUSE Project.

### **Items for Future Consideration**

Date TBC (awaiting inspection)	Ofsted Inspection Outcome (including any action plans/ improvements)
Date TBC (awaiting inspection)	Youth Justice Service update/ HMIP Inspection Outcome (including any action plans/ improvements)
Date TBC- 2026	Education Attainment - Children Missing Education Update (EHE, exclusions, part-time timetables, children missing education etc)