

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

**Chair: Councillor Monk**  
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**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 (pre-decision scrutiny)
16-Sep-25	CAMHS Update 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 Update</b>- service update, Choice and the Peer Support Service.</li> </ul>
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October (TBC)	RSCP Annual Report- for information only
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4-Nov-25	<p>CPPB Annual Report 2024-2025</p> <p>Looked After Children and Care Leavers Sufficiency Strategy 2023-2028 Update.</p>
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28-Nov-25	Unpaid Carers Strategy Revision Workshop (HSC Leading)
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2-Dec-25	<p>Revised SEND Sufficiency Strategy- pre-decision scrutiny (Cabinet in February 2026)- will also include a progress update on the SEND Inspection areas for improvement</p> <p>Community Cohesion Projects Update- Building Bridges Together Project and the Together for Tomorrow Project Update</p>
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10-Feb-26	<p>SACRE Annual Report (for information)</p> <p>Children Not in School update (including EHE, CME, Exclusions, Attendance and Part time provision).</p>
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17-Mar-26	
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28-Apr-26	Domestic Abuse Strategy Progress Update (date TBC)
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### **Substantive Items for Scheduling**

Date TBC	Fostering Action Plan (agreed at Council)- Date TBC due to awaiting the prevention of future deaths report.
Date TBC	Revised Neglect Strategy- For Information only (2026 onwards)

### **Reviews for Scheduling/ on-going**

on-going	Reviewing the impact of secondary school policies on school attendance levels and ensuring an education for vulnerable children and/or trauma experienced children
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### **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.
Workshop in 2026- Date TBC	Childrens Capital of Culture Workshop- Impact and Legacy for Children and Young People

### **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)