

**Improving Places Select Commission – Work Programme 2025-26****Chair: Cllr Cameron McKiernan****Vice-Chair: Cllr Adam Tinsley****Governance Advisor: Kristianne Thorogood****Link Officer: Andrew Bramidge**

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 desired outcome?

**Agree principles for longlisting:**

- Can scrutiny add value or influence?
- Is this being looked at elsewhere?
- Is this a priority for the council or community?

**Developing a consistent shortlisting criteria, e.g.**

- T: Time: is it the tight 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	Responsible Officer	Agenda Item
Tuesday 10 June 2025	Chris Willis	Independent Review of the Muslim Burial Provision in Rotherham
	Rotherham Employment and Skills Strategy	
	John Holman, Sarah Watts	Housing Strategy 2022-25: Action Plan Update/ Final Report
	Governance Advisor	Nominate representative to the Health, Welfare and Safety Panel
	Governance Advisor	Work Programme 2025-2026
Tuesday 8 July 2025	John Holman, Luke Chamoun, Levi Karigambe	Tenant Scrutiny Review on Tenancy Health Checks
	Governance Advisor	Work Programme 2025-2026
Tuesday 2 September 2025	John Holman, Sarah Watts, Garry Newton	Housing Strategy 2025-2030
	Andrew Bramidge, Emma Ellis	Review of Selective Licensing 2020-2025
	Simon Moss, Megan Hinchliff	Plan for Neighbourhoods 2025-2035
	Governance Advisor	Work Programme 2025-2026
Wednesday 15 October 2025	Andrew Bramidge, Emma Ellis	<b>Selective Licensing - Joint with OSMB</b>
Friday 17 October 2025	Governance Advisor	School Road Safety Review - initial meeting
Tuesday 21 October 2025	John Holman, Sarah Watts, Garry Newton	Housing Strategy 2025-2030 - Draft Action Plan
	Simon Moss, Megan Hinchliff	Pride in Place Programme for Rotherham Central (previously Plan for Neighbourhoods) 2025-2035
	Governance Advisor	Work Programme 2025-2026
Tuesday 16 December 2025	Phil Horsfield / Bal Nahal / Ashleigh Wilford	Bereavement Services Annual Report
	Martin Hughes	Thriving Neighbourhoods Annual Report
	Governance Advisor	Work Programme 2025-2026
Tuesday 27 January 2026	Kyle Heydon, Richard Jackson	Flooding Alleviation Update
	Governance Advisor	Work Programme 2025-2026

Tuesday 10 March 2026	Andrew Bramidge / Louise Preston Governance Advisor	Climate Emergency Annual Report  Work Programme 2025-2026
<b>Substantive Items for Scheduling</b>		
TBC Early 2026	Simon Moss	Our Places Fund - progress report
TBC Early 2026	Simon Moss	Town Centre Strategy
TBC Spring 2026	Polly Hamilton	Allotments Annual Update (moved to spring to align with AGM)
TBC	John Holman	Awaab's Law - impact
TBC	Polly Hamilton	Children's Capital of Culture - Review of Town Centre Events
TBC	TBC	Nature Recovery Strategy - South Yorkshire Mayor Combined Authority
TBC	Andrew Bramidge	New Local Plan
Sep-27	Andrew Bramidge	Rotherham Gateway (Mainline & Tram Train) Station
<b>Reviews for Scheduling</b>		
In Progress	Governance Advisor & Kevin Fisher/Nat Porter	Scrutiny Review - School Road Safety
<b>Items to be Considered by Other Means (e.g. off-agenda briefing, workshop etc)</b>		
Autumn 2025	John Holman	Anti-Social Behaviour (Housing/Tenancies) - "deep dive"
Early 2026	Andrew Bramidge	Street Safe Team - Off-Agenda Briefing (joint with OSMB)
Early 2026	Andrew Bramidge	Street Cleansing and Fly Tipping Improvements - Off-Agenda Briefing (joint with OSMB)
TBC	Andrew Bramidge	Briefing/workshop on Bassingthorpe Farm development/lessons from Waverley
TBC	Andrew Bramidge	Briefing Note followed by Spotlight Review if required - Rural Strategy
<b>Potential Site Visits</b>		
TBC	TBC	Hellaby Depot - smaller bin lorries, grass cutting equipment, gritting
TBC	TBC	Market redevelopment - see below, joint with OSMB item/visit
<b>Items for Future Consideration</b>		
TBC	Andrew Bramidge / Sam Barstow	Outcome of waste policy pilot.
TBC	Governance Advisor	Reviewing emailed topics for scrutiny in conjunction with OSMB
<b>Cross Commission scrutiny opportunities</b>		
TBC	Andrew Bramidge	<p>Joint with OSMB - Town Centre Developments (Forge Island, Markets &amp; Library Redevelopments):</p> <p>An initial site visit to be arranged to consider a midterm evaluation of the Market's redevelopment including a briefing detailing information on construction costs, the retention of market traders along with information on the plan for encouraging new businesses. The site visit is to involve Councillor Williams, Councillor Steele, Councillor Bacon, Councillor McKiernan, Councillor Tinsley, Councillor Jones, Councillor Sheppard, and Andrew Bramidge.</p> <p>Then to be followed by an off-agenda briefing providing a progress update for these projects, indicating if slippages had occurred, if there was underspend or overspend on any of the schemes and the proposed mitigates, if any.</p>
TBC	Ian Spicer / John Holman	<p>Joint with OSMB - Energy Efficiency:</p> <p>An off-agenda briefing to be provided to members of OSMB and IPSC to provide information on the energy efficiency retrofits in social housing. This should cover aspects such as the feasibility and prioritisation of upgrades to heating systems and insulation across the borough. It would include details on how these retrofits align with the Council's net-zero goals, what potential funding was available to support this and timescales for implementation.</p>