

Improving Places Select Commission – Work Programme 2025-26

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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 John Holman, Sarah Watts Governance Advisor Governance Advisor | Independent Review of the Muslim Burial Provision in Rotherham Rotherham Employment and Skills Strategy Housing Strategy 2022-25: Action Plan Update/ Final Report Nominate representative to the Health, Welfare and Safety Panel Work Programme 2025-2026 |
| Tuesday 8 July 2025 | John Holman, Luke Chamoun, Levi Karigambe Governance Advisor | Tenant Scrutiny Review on Tenancy Health Checks Work Programme 2025-2026 |
| Tuesday 2 September 2025 | John Holman, Sarah Watts, Garry Newton Andrew Bramidge, Emma Ellis Simon Moss, Megan Hinchliff Governance Advisor | Housing Strategy 2025-2030 Review of Selective Licensing 2020-2025 Plan for Neighbourhoods 2025-2035 Work Programme 2025-2026 |
| Wednesday 15 October 2025 | Andrew Bramidge, Emma Ellis | Selective Licensing - Joint with OSMB |
| Friday 17 October 2025 | Governance Advisor | School Road Safety Review - initial meeting |
| Tuesday 21 October 2025 | John Holman, Sarah Watts, Garry Newton Simon Moss, Lorna Vertigan Governance Advisor | Housing Strategy 2025-2030 - Draft Action Plan Pride in Place Programme for Rotherham Central (previously Plan for Neighbourhoods) 2025-2035 Work Programme 2025-2026 |
| Thursday 4 December | Paul Walsh/Cllr Beresford | ASB Workshop (Housing/Tenancies) @ Town Hall |
| Tuesday 16 December 2025 | Phil Horsfield / Bal Nahal / Ashleigh Wilford Governance Advisor | Bereavement Services Annual Report Work Programme 2025-2026 |
| Tuesday 27 January 2026 | Kyle Heydon, Richard Jackson Martin Hughes | Flooding Alleviation Update Thriving Neighbourhoods Annual Report |

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| 2020 | Governance Advisor | Work Programme 2025-2026 |
| Tuesday 10 March 2026 | Andrew Bramidge / Louise Preston Governance Advisor | Climate Emergency Annual Report Work Programme 2025-2026 |
| Tuesday 21 April 2026 | Polly Hamilton Governance Advisor | Allotments Annual Update Work Programme 2025-2026 |
| Substantive Items for Scheduling | | |
| TBC Early 2026 | Sarah Clyde | Update on Housing Stock Survey & Awaab's Law |
| TBC Early 2026 | Simon Moss | Town Centre Strategy |
| Mar/Apr 2026 | Simon Moss | Update on Maltby Pride in Place Programme |
| TBC Early 2026 | Simon Moss | Our Places Fund Update |
| TBC Early 2026 | Polly Hamilton | Children's Capital of Culture - Review of Town Centre Events |
| TBC | TBC | Nature Recovery Strategy - South Yorkshire Mayor Combined Authority |
| every July | Sarah Clyde | Housing Strategy Action Plan Annual Report |
| TBC | Andrew Bramidge | Rotherham Gateway - Mainline & Tram/Train station |
| Reviews in Progress | | |
| In Progress | Governance Advisor & Kevin Fisher/Nat Porter | Scrutiny Review - School Road Safety |
| Potential Off-Agenda Briefings | | |
| Early 2026 | Andrew Bramidge | Street Safe Team - Off-Agenda Briefing (joint with OSMB) providing an update on progress following the implementation of the Street Safe Team. |
| Early 2026 | Andrew Bramidge | Waste Service Route Optimisation - Off-Agenda Briefing (joint with OSMB) providing an update on progress following implementation of the programme |
| 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 |
| Potential Site Visits | | |
| TBC Jan/Feb 2026 | Simon Moss, Lorna Vertigan | Market/library redevelopment - see below, joint with OSMB item/visit |
| TBC | Andrew Bramidge | Hellaby Depot - planning for winter |
| Items for Future Consideration | | |
| TBC | Andrew Bramidge / Sam Barstow | Outcome of waste policy pilot. |
| Jun-26 | | Nominate representative to the Health, Welfare and Safety Panel |
| Cross Commission scrutiny opportunities | | |
| TBC Jan/Feb 2026 | Andrew Bramidge | <p>Joint with OSMB - Town Centre Developments (Forge Island, Markets & 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 / Sarah Clyde | <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> |