

Improving Places Select Commission – Work Programme 2025-26

Chair: Cllr Cameron McKiernan

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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 |
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| 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 / Bai Nahal / Ashleigh Wilford Governance Advisor | Bereavement Services Annual Report Work Programme 2025-2026 |
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| Tuesday 27 January 2026 | Kyle Heydon, Richard Jackson Martin Hughes Governance Advisor | Flooding Alleviation Update Thriving Neighbourhoods Annual Report Work Programme 2025-2026 |
| Tuesday 10 March 2026 | Chris Siddall/Rachel Stothard Polly Hamilton/Leanne Buchan Governance Advisor | Draft Playing Pitch Strategy Review of Events 2025-26 Work Programme 2025-2026 |
| Tuesday 21 April 2026 | Polly Hamilton Simon Moss/Lorna Vertigan Governance Advisor | Allotments Annual Update Update on Pride in Place Programme Work Programme 2025-2026 |
| Substantive Items for Scheduling | | |
| Jun-26 | Sarah Clyde | Update on Housing Stock Survey |
| TBC | Simon Moss | Town Centre Strategy |
| TBC | TBC | Nature Recovery Strategy - South Yorkshire Mayor Combined Authority |
| every July | Sarah Clyde | Housing Strategy Action Plan Annual Report |
| Late 2026/early 2027 | 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 | | |
| Autumn 2026 | Andrew Bramidge | Street Safe Team - Off-Agenda Briefing (joint with OSMB) providing sn update on progress following the implementation of the Street Safe Team. |
| Autumn 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 |
| Potential Site Visits | | |
| Completed | Simon Moss, Lorna Vertigan | Market/library redevelopment - see below, joint with OSMB item/visit |
| Spring 2026 | Andrew Bramidge | Rother Valley Country Park - new café/centre development |
| Items for Future Consideration | | |
| Late 2026/early 2027 | Andrew Bramidge / Sam Barstow | Outcome of waste policy pilot. |
| Jun-26 | | Nominate representative to the Health, Welfare and Safety Panel |
| Cross Commission scrutiny opportunities | | |
| Ongoing | Andrew Bramidge | Joint with OSMB - Town Centre Developments (Markets & Library Redevelopments) - visit completed February 2026. Opportunity for pre-decision scrutiny via OSMB when update submitted to Cabinet. |
| TBC | Ian Spicer / Sarah Clyde | Joint with OSMB - Energy Efficiency: 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. |