

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – Work Programme 2025-26

Chair: Councillor Brian Steele

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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	Responsible Officer	Agenda Item
Wednesday 7 May 2025	Sharon Kemp / Jo Brown	Council Plan 2025 - 2028 & New Year Ahead Delivery Plan - Pre-decision
	Ian Spicer	Review of the Non-Residential Charging Policy - Pre-decision
	Barbel Gale	Work Programme
	Each Governance Advisor	Work in progress from Select Commissions
	Barbel Gale	Forward Plan of Key Decisions
Wednesday 4 June 2025	Judith Badger / Rob Mahon	Finance Update - June 2025 - Pre-decision
	Sharon Kemp / Jo Brown	Social Value Annual Report - Pre-decision
	Ian Spicer / John Holman	Employment Solutions 2025-26 - Pre-decision
	Barbel Gale	Work Programme
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Wednesday 2 July 2025	John Edwards / Jo Brown	Council Plan 2022-2025 and Year Ahead Delivery Plan Progress Update 2024-25 - Pre-decision
	Judith Badger	Ethical Procurement Policy - Pre-decision
	Judith Badger / Rob Mahon	Financial Outturn 2024- 25 - Pre-decision
	Judith Badger / Rob Mahon	Treasury Management Outturn 2024-25 - Pre-decision
	Judith Badger / Rob Mahon	May 2025-26 Financial Monitoring Report - Pre-decision
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Tuesday 9 September 2025	Andrew Bramidge / Simon Moss / Fiona Fletcher	Progress update on the implementation Economic Inactivity Trailblazer programme
	Barbel Gale	Scrutiny Annual Report 2024-2025
	Judith Badger / Rob Mahon	July 2025-26 Financial Monitoring Report - Pre-decision scrutiny
	Andrew Bramidge / Emma Ellis	Community Safety Strategy 2025-2028 - Pre-decision scrutiny
	Judith Badger / Kevin Fisher	Investing in our Community Facilities - Pre-decision scrutiny
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Wednesday 8 October 2025	Andrew Bramidge	Rotherham Employment & Skills Strategy - Pre-decision scrutiny
	Andrew Bramidge	Selective Licensing Policy - Pre-decision scrutiny - joint with IPSC
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Wednesday 12 November 2025	Judith Badger & Rob Mahon	Medium Term Financial Strategy Update - Pre-decision scrutiny.
	Craig Cornwall, Lewis Coates & Andrew Bramidge	General Enforcement Policy - Pre-decision scrutiny
	Andrew Bramidge/Sam Barstow	Call-In - Selective Licensing
	Fiona Boden	Complaints Annual Report
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	Lindsay Wynn & Rob Mahon	2026/27 HRA Business Plan & Rent Setting - Pre-decision scrutiny

Wednesday 10 December 2025	Judith Badger	Inclusion Strategy and Annual Report – Pre-decision scrutiny
	Andrew Bramidge	Library Strategy – Pre-decision scrutiny
	Simeon Leach & Andrew Bramidge	Rotherham Employment & Skills Strategy - Pre-decision scrutiny
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Tuesday 13 January 2026	John Edwards	Council Plan and Year Ahead Delivery Plan Progress Update - Pre-decision Leader Q&A - to be scheduled after Council plan on the agenda.
	Judith Badger & Rob Mahon	November 2025-26 Financial Monitoring Report – Pre-decision scrutiny
	Andrew Bramidge & Andy Duncan	Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Update – Pre-decision scrutiny
	Judith Badger & Rob Mahon	MTFS Presentation
	Barbel Gale	Work Programme
	Barbel Gale	Forward Plan of Key Decisions
	Tuesday 3 February 2026	Judith Badger & Fiona Boden
Ian Spicer		Rotherham Baby Packs – Outcomes and Future Commissioning - Pre-decision Scrutiny
Kerry Grinsill-Clinton		HSC - Access to Contraception Review Report
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Wednesday 4 February 2026		Question and answer session, Mayor Coppard, South Yorkshire Combined Mayoral Authority.
	Judith Badger & Rob Mahon	Budget and Council Tax Report 2026-27 - Pre-decision Scrutiny
Wednesday 11 March 2026	Andrew Bramidge / Nat Porter	Transport Capital Programme 2026/27 – Pre-decision Scrutiny
	Nicola Curley / Helen Sweaton / Niall Devlin / Alex Hawley	Best Start Plan 2026- 2029 – Pre-decision Scrutiny
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Wednesday 8 April 2026	Andrew Bramidge	Climate Emergency Annual Report - Pre-decision Scrutiny
	Mike Thomas	Community Governance Review – Pre-decision Scrutiny
	Jayne Metcalfe	Progress Update on Future Rothercare Model
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Substantive Items for Scheduling		
July 2026		Leader Q&A - to be scheduled after Council plan on the agenda.
Jul-26	John Edwards	Council Plan 2025 - 2028 & New Year Ahead Delivery Plan - Pre-decision
Sep-26	Kevin Fisher & Judith Badger	Investing in our Community Facilities - An update report be provided in 12 months to include the updated condition survey results, where available.
Expected April / May 2026	Joanne Hacking & Mat Dyson	Children's Commissioners Takeover Challenge
Nov-26	Andrew Bramidge / Simon Moss / Fiona Fletcher	Progress update on the implementation of the Pathways to Work Economic Inactivity Trailblazer programme - The programme will be a good way through year 2, therefore members will receive an update on both year 1 outcomes, year 2 developments and target forecasts.
Reviews for Scheduling		
In progress	Sam Barstow	A spotlight review - Life-saving equipment and related byelaws
Items to be Considered by Other Means (e.g. off-agenda briefing, workshop etc)		
Autumn 2026	Andrew Bramidge	An update on progress following the implementation of Waste Service Route Optimisation programme be brought back to OSMB within twelve months via an off-agenda briefing.
Autumn 2026	Andrew Bramidge	An update on the progress following the implementation of the Street Safe Team programme be brought back to OSMB within twelve months via an off-agenda briefing.
Sep-26	Andrew Bramidge	Replacement of refuse vehicles: Off-agenda briefings to be provided to give an update on the procurement of the new refuse vehicles and progress against the target for renewal of the fleet. These briefings should be split to represent the different phases of the programme.

June / July 2026	Andrew Bramidge / Sam Barstow	Public on street bin collections: Off-agenda briefing to be provided regarding the emptying of public bins. This information should include details of how overflowing bins can be reported, how often collections are scheduled for and how those are monitored, what join arrangements are in place with Parish Council's, if any, and a list of the locations of bins under RMBC management, if available.
TBC	Luke Sayers	IT Systems: Workshop to be arranged for members of OSMB to understand what IT systems the Council is using, what the purpose of those systems is, are those systems as up to date as possible, how updates to those systems are managed, how the Council is using artificial intelligence (AI), is the Council using outdated technology, and was the Council spending too much or too little in this area.
TBC	Fiona Fletcher	Pathways to Work Economic Inactivity Trailblazer programme: Agreed that a briefing be provided to share the details of the commissioned VCSE organisations and their geographic reach with members of OSMB.
Items for Future Consideration		
Cross Commission scrutiny opportunities		
Ongoing	Andrew Bramidge	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	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.