

Improving Lives Select Commission Chair's Briefing for the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board meeting on 11th March, 2026

Items covered since the last update meeting:-

- At the Improving Lives meeting on 10th February, 2026 the following items were considered:-
 1. **Corporate Parenting Partnership Board Update** – Members received a verbal update following the Corporate Parenting Partnership Board meetings held on 9th December, 2025 and 3rd February, 2026.
 2. **OFSTED Inspection Outcome** – Members received the outcome of the Inspection of Children's Services (ILACS) by Ofsted in November 2025. This was a judgement Short Inspection and the Local Authority received an Overall Effectiveness grade of Outstanding. All sub-categories also received a grade of Outstanding with the exception of 'the experiences and progress of Care Leavers', which received a Good. There were two improvement actions, both related to Care Leavers.
 3. **Educational Attainment Update** – Members received a report which provided a comprehensive overview of Education and Inclusion performance in Rotherham for the 2024/25 academic year. It built on the detailed Education Performance Outcomes briefing to present the information in a format tailored and highlighted where outcomes were improving and where concerted action was required. It framed performance through the lens of improving life chances, tackling inequalities (disadvantage, SEND and ethnicity) and strengthened inclusion across the system.

Work Programme 2025-26 Updates:-

- **Support available for vulnerable women in pregnancy following cessation of the PAUSE Project**
An off agenda briefing note to be provided giving full details for information.
- **Children's Capital of Culture Workshop - Impact and Legacy for Children and Young People**
A workshop has been arranged for Tuesday, 21st April, 2026 looking at Impact and Legacy for Children and Young People.

Items to be discussed at the next and future meetings:-

17 March, 2026

- Community Cohesion Projects Update - Building Bridges Together Project and the Together for Tomorrow Project Update.
- Children Not in School Update (including EHE, CME, exclusions, attendance and part-time

provision).

- SACRE Annual Report 2024/25 - for information only.

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- Corporate Parenting Partnership Board Annual Report 2024-2025
- Safeguarding Children From Radicalisation (Prevent Programme Update and Keeping Children Safe in Education) Update
- Child Exploitation Strategy Update