

IPSC Chair's Briefing: for OSMB meeting on 11 March 2026

Items covered since the last update meeting:

At its last meeting on Tuesday 27 January 2026, IPSC had opportunity to consider the following items:-

- **Flooding Alleviation Update** – Members of IPSC were provided with an update on the Council's ongoing Flood Risk Management works across the borough, along with detail on the six priority Flood Alleviation Scheme Projects. This included the Whiston Brook scheme, which received Cabinet approval in January 2026 for the allocation of £3 million from Strategic CIL funding.
- **Thriving Neighbourhoods Annual Report 2024-2025** – Members of IPSC received an update from the Head of Neighbourhoods on progress on the delivery of the Thriving Neighbourhoods Strategy and the Neighbourhood Working model over the course of the year 2024-2025.

Work programme 2025-26 updates:

- **Market/Library Redevelopment Site Visit**
The site visit to the Market/Library redevelopment took place on the afternoon of Tuesday 10 February 2026 with the following Members of IPSC and OSMB - Cllrs Steele, McKiernan, Tinsley, Jones and Thorp (in place of Cllr Bacon). Cabinet Members Cllrs Williams and Marshall also attended, along with officers from Regeneration & Environment. The visit provided a very useful insight for Members into current progress on the development and how the site will look and flow once finished. It is intended that formal feedback will take place via OSMB, once a further update is due to Cabinet.

Items to be discussed at the next meeting:

The next meeting of IPSC on 10 March 2026 will have taken place by the time of the next OSMB meeting. At this meeting, Members are due to scrutinise the following items:-

- **Review of Events 2025-26;** and
- **Draft Playing Pitch Strategy** (for pre-decision scrutiny prior to presentation to Cabinet in April).