

## Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – Work Programme 2026-27

**Chair: Councillor Brian Steele**  
**Governance Manager: Barbel Gale**

**Vice-Chair: Cllr Joshua Bacon**  
**Link Officer: Phillip Horsfield**

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 6 May 2026	Jayne Metcalfe	Progress Update on Future Rothercare Model
	Ian Spicer	Homelessness Prevention and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2026 2031 - Pre-decision scrutiny
	Andrew Bramidge	Rotherham Markets and Libraries - Pre-decision scrutiny
	Andrew Bramidge	Selective Licensing Community Impact - Pre-decision scrutiny
	Barbel Gale	Work Programme
	Each Governance Advisor	Work in progress from Select Commissions
	Barbel Gale	Forward Plan of Key Decisions
Wednesday 3 June 2026	Judith Badger & Rob Mahon	Finance Update June 2026 - Pre-decision scrutiny
	Andrew Bramidge	Renters Rights Act Policy Consultation - Pre-decision scrutiny
	Kerry Grinsill-Clinton	Menopause Scrutiny Review by Health Select Commission
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Wednesday 1 July 2026	John Edwards	Council Plan 2025 - 2028 & New Year Ahead Delivery Plan - Pre-decision Leader Q&A - to be scheduled after Council plan on the agenda.
	Judith Badger & Rob Mahon	Financial Outturn 2025-26 - Pre-decision scrutiny
	Judith Badger & Rob Mahon	Treasury Management Outturn 2025-26 - Pre-decision scrutiny
	Judith Badger & Rob Mahon	Financial Monitoring for May - Pre-decision scrutiny
	Andrew Bramidge	Draft Street Trading Policy - Pre-decision scrutiny
	Kerry Grinsill-Clinton	Scrutiny Annual Report 2025-2026
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Tuesday 8 September 2026	Kevin Fisher & Judith Badger	Investing in our Community Facilities - Update report to include the the updated condition survey results
	Chris Paddock	Social Value Annual Report - Pre-decision
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Extraordinary Meeting in September 2026	Mat Dyson	OSMB Children's Takeover Challenge - Topic yet to be chosen by the Rotherham Youth Cabinet
Wednesday 7 October 2026	Barbel Gale	Work Programme
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	Barbel Gale	Forward Plan of Key Decisions
Wednesday 11 November 2026	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.
	Fiona Boden	Complaints Annual Report
	Barbel Gale	Work Programme
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Wednesday 9 December 2026	Barbel Gale	Work Programme
	Each Governance Advisor	Work in progress from Select Commissions
	Barbel Gale	Forward Plan of Key Decisions
Tuesday 12 January 2027		Council Plan and Year Ahead Delivery Plan Progress Update - Pre-decision
	Barbel Gale	Work Programme
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Wednesday 3 February 2027		Budget and Council Tax Report 2027-28 - Pre-decision
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Wednesday 10 March 2027	Barbel Gale	Work Programme
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Wednesday 7 April 2027	Barbel Gale	Work Programme
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<b>Substantive Items for Scheduling</b>		
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.
Jul-29	Andrew Bramidge / Polly Hamilton	At it's meeting on 10 December 2025 during its consideration of the Library Strategy as part of it's pre-decision work OSMB agreed to receive a mid-point progress update on the implementation of the Library Strategy 2027-2032.
December 2026 / April 2027	Mike Thomas	It was agreed that the final Community Governance Review report would be presented to OSMB as part of its pre-decision scrutiny work ahead of its consideration by Cabinet
<b>Reviews for Scheduling</b>		
In Progress	Sam Barstow	Lighting Columns - Cut unnecessary red tape

<b>Items to be Considered by Other Means (e.g. workshop etc)</b>		
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: Information 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: Information 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	Lynsey Linton	Recruitment: Initially information has been requested to understand how recruitment is carried out across the Council, indicating if the same processes were used across all directorates, detailing if recruitment was centralised, was there a reliance on agency staff to cover staff vacancies. After consideration of the off-agenda briefing Members of OSMB will then consider if a workshop needs to be held to discuss this in more detail.
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.
<b>Items for Future Consideration</b>		