

## Improving Places Select Commission (IPSC) Chair's Briefing: for OSMB meeting on 1 July 2026

### Items covered since the last update meeting:

The first meeting of the 2026-27 municipal year took place on Tuesday 23 June 2026. The following items were covered at this meeting:

- **Health, Welfare and Safety Panel - Representative from the Improving Places Select Commission** – Councillor Thorp was appointed to this Panel.
- **Housing Strategy 2025-30 Progress Report Year 1 (2025-26)** – Members were provided with an update on progress during the first year of the Strategy and discussions covered the following areas: - progress on EPC C-rating targets and energy efficiency; new casework system to deal with anti-social behaviour; problems with under-occupancy in council housing; the workload of Housing Management Teams; and, managing the use of temporary accommodation.
- **Neighbourhood Leadership Strategy** – Members were provided with a presentation on the development of the Strategy, following co-production work with Members (via a workshop and questionnaire), officers and partners. Members were supportive of the aspirations of the Strategy, which builds on the already strong neighbourhood model in Rotherham. Questions were asked around how the impact and success of the Strategy would be measured, what resource would be allocated to assist with implementation of its aims and what increased training and support would be available to Members.

### Work Programme Updates

- **School Road Safety Review Group**  
Following a very useful meeting with SYMCA to round off the investigative part of the review, draft recommendations are now being drawn up and a meeting arranged with Members to discuss them. A formal report will then be presented to IPSC with the suggested recommendations, prior to the report going to OSMB and eventually, Cabinet.

### Items to be discussed at the next meeting:

At the next meeting of IPSC on 1 September 2026 Members are due to scrutinise the following items:

- **Update on Housing Involvement and Governance**
- **Review of Business Centres – RIDO**