

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1. Meeting:	Self-Regulation Select Commission
2. Date:	20 September, 2012
3. Title:	Work Programme Update: 2012/13
4. Directorate:	Resources All wards

5. Summary

The paper updates the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2012/13.

6. Recommendations

That Members:

- a. Discuss the work programme as attached and give consideration to priority areas for future scrutiny.**

7. Proposals and details

7.1 As outlined in the Council's Constitution, the remit of the Self-Regulation Select Commission is to carry out overview and scrutiny of issues as directed by the OSMB. These issues shall relate to

- scrutinise the Council's self assessment processes as part of the self-regulation framework
- scrutinise issues and actions emerging from external assessments (peer review, inspection etc)
- monitor and hold to account the performance of service delivery within RMBC and its partners etc with particular reference to the Corporate Plan and Sustainable Community Strategy
- scrutinise and monitor whether efficiency savings are achieved or exceeded
- co-ordinate the carrying out of value for money reviews
- scrutinise the annual budget setting process
- monitor the Council budget and MTFs

7.2 At its June meeting, the Select Commission agreed its priorities over the municipal year. A work programme has been drawn up on the basis of these priorities (attached as Appendix A). These have been informed by comments from Commission Members and discussion with Cabinet Members and the Senior Leadership Team.

Members should note that the work programme is flexible and issues may be referred to the Commission which are not known about at this stage.

7.3 Members will recall that the issue of parking charges was raised at the meeting of May 31st. The Chair and Vice-chair met with the Director of Street Pride and the Parking Services Manager to explore concerns. As a result of the discussions, changes have been made to information provided to customers. The Chair and Vice-Chair agreed that no further action is required at present.

8. Finance

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. However, recommendations arising from the panel may have financial implications should they be implemented.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The work programme must be realistic in terms of the Commission's capacity to properly examine issues that come before it. If additional items are added, the panel may have to re-prioritise which issues it wishes to scrutinise.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The proposed work programme takes on board key policy agendas the Council is currently considering and performance information as and where necessary. The

areas identified for future scrutiny should complement the priorities identified in the Corporate Plan.

It is also important to note the changes that have occurred during the last year and the reduction in staffing resources. Any work programme needs to take account of this and look realistically at what can be achieved and where it is best to focus resources and efforts.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

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Work programme:

Appendix A

	Issue	Comment
May 31, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Heating • Work programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review group established. Reporting in autumn 2012.
July 11, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Sector Equality Duty • Capital Programme Outturn 2011/12 and updated estimates 2012/13 to 2014/15 • Revenue Account Outturn 2011/12 • CYPS Budget 2012/13 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That an annual report on completed Equality Analysis be presented to the Commission in June 2013 • That further information be provided on the Highways LTP IT funding underspend and on the Council's contribution to the A57 Scheme • That the budget process continue to be monitored by this Select Commission
September 20, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Plan Outcomes - September 2012 • Work Programme Update 	
October 11, 2012 (draft)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2012/13 Revenue Monitoring • Annual Complaints Report - April 2011-March 2012 	
November 22, 2012 (draft)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Heating Review – final report • further items to be added 	

Reviews:	Comment
District Heating Scrutiny of Budget Setting Process	Underway in conjunction with Health select Commission to be scheduled
Items to schedule	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Plan Outcomes • 2012/13 Revenue Monitoring • Strategic partnerships update; • Private Finance Initiative - update; • Role of commissioning and whether efficiencies are being made • 12 months implementation of the revised laundry charges with a view to ascertaining whether they provide value for money (May 2013) 	