

## ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

<b>1. Meeting:</b>	<b>Self-Regulation Select Commission</b>
<b>2. Date:</b>	<b>22 November, 2012</b>
<b>3. Title:</b>	<b>Work Programme Update 2012/13</b>
<b>4. Directorate:</b>	<b>Resources All wards</b>

### **5. Summary**

The paper updates the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2012/13. Members requested that a report be submitted to each meeting to reflect the current work programme and outline issues yet to be scheduled. This is attached as Appendix A

### **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. Additional items have been raised during the year, which have been added to the work programme.

## **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**

This paper has been brought at the request of Members

## **12. Contact**

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**Work programme:**

**Appendix A**

	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Comment</b>
May 31, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Heating</li> <li>• Work programme</li> </ul>	
July 11, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Sector Equality Duty</li> <li>• Capital Programme Outturn 2011/12 and updated estimates 2012/13 to 2014/15</li> <li>• Revenue Account Outturn 2011/12</li> <li>• CYPS Budget 2012/13</li> </ul>	
September 20, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corporate Plan Outcomes - September 2012</li> <li>• Work Programme Update</li> </ul>	
October 11, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Complaints Report - April 2011-March 2012</li> <li>• Localisation of Council Tax</li> <li>• Update Digital Region</li> </ul>	
November 22, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Heating Review – final report</li> <li>• 2012/13 Revenue Monitoring</li> <li>• 2012/13 Capital Programme Monitoring</li> <li>• Central Support Charges</li> <li>• Performance Updates – focusing on Child Poverty and Obesity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• final report (re-scheduled from September)</li> <li>• Request made at meeting of September 20</li> </ul>

January 10, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scrutiny of Budget Setting Process</li> <li>• Housing Rents (2013/14)</li> </ul>	
February 21, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corporate Plan Outcomes</li> <li>• Role of commissioning and whether efficiencies are being made (provisional)</li> <li>• Performance update - outcomes relating to worklessness and job creation (provisional)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requested at meeting of September 20, 2012.</li> <li>• Requested at meeting of September 20, 2012.</li> </ul>
March 28, 2013	agenda to be determined	

<b>requested items</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Equality Duty</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May/June 2013</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 months implementation of the revised laundry charges with a view to ascertaining whether they provide value for money</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requested at January 2012, scheduled for May 2013</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private Finance Initiative - update;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to be scheduled</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on Use of Consultants scrutiny review (provisional)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to be scheduled</li> </ul>