

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1. Meeting:	Improving Lives Select Commission
2. Date:	18 December, 2013
3. Title:	Work programme Update: 2013/14
4. Directorate:	Resources All wards

5. Summary

The paper updates the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2013/14.

6. Recommendations

That Members:

- a. Discuss the work programme as attached.**
- b. Determine if there are any additional items for consideration and/or reprioritisation.**

7. Proposals and details

7.1 As outlined in the Council's Constitution, the remit of the Improving Lives Overview and Scrutiny Select Commission is to carry out overview and scrutiny of issues as directed by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board. These issues shall relate to: -

- the Every Child Matters agenda
- the early intervention/ prevention agendas
- other cross-cutting services provided specifically for children and young people
- employment and skills development.
- non-health related adult social care

7.2 At its June meeting, the Select Commission agreed its priorities over the municipal year. A work programme based on these priorities is attached as Appendix A. The table details work undertaken to date (from June 2013) and items planned for future meetings. The work programme has 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. If additional items are added, the Commission will have to re-prioritise which issues it wishes to scrutinise.

8. Finance

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

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.

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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Subject	Work category	Comments	Suggested Timing
Children Missing from Education	Report		12 th June 2013
Poverty in Rotherham	Presentation		12 th June
Response to scrutiny review; The role of school governors	Progress report		10 th July
Home Affairs Select Committee - Child Sexual Exploitation and the response to Localised Grooming	Report		10 th July
LSCB Annual Safeguarding Report and Business Plan	Report		September 18 th
Working Together 2013 guidance (working with NAS)	Report		September 18 th
Update on Families for Change	Progress report		November 6 th
Pupil Referral Unit – restructure	Report		November 6 th
School places update	Progress report	(Progress on issues raised in report to Improving Lives (Oct 2012) also links to Section 106 reports to Improving Places and Local Plan Steering Group work.)	December 18 th
Safeguarding Adults	Annual report		December 18 th
Child Sexual Exploitation	Progress report		January 22 nd 2014
Annual Lifestyle Survey	Report		March 12 th 2014

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Outcomes for Looked After Children (based on the 10 questions to ask...)	Report		March 12 th 2014
Narrowing the Gap – impact of Pupil Premium	Report	Improving outcomes for children and young people on free school meals, LAC etc	April 9 th 2014
Are our measures to support school improvement effective	Report	Include examination of impact of Learner's First & Improving Outcomes at KS2	April 9 th 2014
Poverty – children and older people	Full Review	to be determined (linked to Welfare Reform)	to be scheduled