

## ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Improving Lives Select Commission</b>
2.	<b>Date:</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> April 2014</b>
3.	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Work Programme 2013/14 – Update and Forward Planning</b>
4.	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>Resources</b>

### 5. Summary

This report provides the Self-Regulation Select Commission with an update on progress on the delivery of its work programme, summarising achievements and changes that have taken place. It also reports on future agenda items and potential themes going forward into 2014/15.

### 6. Recommendation

**That Members:**

- **Note achievements so far;**
- **Consider the approach it would like to adopt for 2014/15 work programme**

## 7. Proposals and Details

7.1 The work programme for 2013/14 was agreed at the OSMB meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2014, attached as Appendix A. This report provides members with an update on the progress made to date.

In summary:

- With the exception of an item of equality impact of budget reductions, all items identified in the work programme have been completed or scheduled for completion by the end of the municipal year;
- The scrutiny review on 'Maximising support to the local economy through Council procurement/commissioning practice' will be reported early in the new municipal year
- A working group met to contribute to the new corporate plans outcomes following the refresh of the Corporate Plan. These will be reported from September onwards;
- Self-Regulation was also the principal scrutiny body which examined budget setting proposals. Several meetings were designated solely to these matters with Cabinet Members and Senior Officers attending meeting to answer questions on the proposals.

7.2 Because of its monitoring role, many of the issues considered by the Commission will continue to be scheduled at regular points through the municipal year. These include:

- Revenue and capital budget monitoring
- Corporate risk register
- Complaints and compliments
- Corporate Plan outcomes

There may be other issues arising from the monitoring of the performance of the Corporate Plan that may be scheduled into the work programme.

Other suggested areas of work include:

- Consideration of the 2015/16 budget setting process.
- Equality impact of budget savings
- Workforce planning issues in light of workforce reductions and service pressures. It is suggested that an initial report is scheduled that will inform members' decision about the scope of this work.

Members are asked to consider whether the above items should be scheduled as part of the work programme and if there are additional items that they wish to prioritise as part of the work programme for 2014/15.

7.3 The other Select Commissions are also looking at their forward planning for 2014/15. The Health Select Commission are focusing predominantly on one theme for the year – Mental Health and Wellbeing, Improving Places Select Commission programme is to be focused around the theme of supporting the local

economy and it is likely that Improving Lives Select Commission has safeguarding as its central theme. It has also been suggested that the theme of DWP work and other programmes will be the focus for OSMB. .

## **8. Finance**

No direct financial implications.

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

The development of a clear work programme maximises the potential for Scrutiny to have an impact and mitigates against the risk of using resources with little impact or outcome. It does, however, need to maintain flexibility to allow for uncertainties to be accommodated within the planning process.

## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

The Scrutiny work programme aims to add value to corporate priorities by addressing key policy and performance priorities. These are taken into consideration when defining the work programme on an annual basis.

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

Minutes of Self-Regulation Select Committee (June 2013-March 2014)

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