

### Appendix 3: Improving Lives Select Commission –Summary Work Programme 2025/26

**Chair: Councillor Monk**

**Governance Advisor: Natasha Aucott**

**Vice-Chair: Councillor Brent**

**Link Officer: Kelly White**

The following principles were endorsed by OSMB at its meeting of 5 July 2023 as criteria to long/short list each of the commission's respective priorities:

#### **Establish as a starting point:**

- What are the key issues?
- What is the outcome that we want?

#### **Agree principles for longlisting:**

- Can scrutiny add value or influence?
- Is it being looked at elsewhere?
- Is it a priority – council or community?

#### **Developing a consistent shortlisting criteria e.g.**

- T: Time: is it the right time, enough resources?
- O: Others: is this duplicating the work of another body?
- P: Performance: can scrutiny make a difference?
- I: Interest – what is the interest to the public?
- C: Contribution to the corporate plan

Meeting Date	Agenda Item
17-Jun-25	Draft Kinship Local Offer - pre-decision scrutiny  Closed session following meeting to discuss and draft 2025-2026 work programme
22-Jul-25	CYPS Performance Report 2024-2025  EHE Revised Policy
16-Sep-25	CAMHS Update (Joint with C& V-C of HSC)  Rotherham Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report-Cabinet in October (date TBC, may move to another meeting)

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Date TBC	Family Help Update- Refreshed Action Plan and New Government Guidance (pre-decision scrutiny via off-agenda briefing or workshop).
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04-Nov-25	CPPB Annual Report 2024-2025 (date TBC, may move to another meeting)
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Date TBC	Unpaid Carers Revision of the Strategy- Workshop (Joint with HSC)
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02-Dec-25	
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10-Feb-26	
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17-Mar-26	
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28-Apr-26	Domestic Abuse Strategy Progress Update (date TBC, may move to another meeting)
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### Substantive Items for Scheduling

Date TBC (end of 2025)	Revision of the SEND Sufficiency Strategy- Cabinet in February 2026.
Date TBC	Counter Extremism in Schools- updates on the Building Bridges Together Project and the Together for Tomorrow Project

### Reviews for Scheduling

On-going	Identifying and addressing the impact of trauma on children finding it difficult to access education (awaiting first meeting)

### Items to be Considered by Other Means (e.g. off-agenda briefing, workshop etc)

Visit/ workshop	RPCF Update- RPCF vision and plans, voice of the community and the impact of the work completed with partners.
Workshop	Family First Partnership Programme- pre-decision scrutiny- Workshop
Potential workshop	Support available for women who have had one or more child removed, following cessation of PAUSE Project.
6 monthly update-	IGA update via Cabinet Member

### Items for Future Consideration

Date TBC (awaiting inspection)	Ofsted Inspection Outcome (including any action plans/ improvements)
Date TBC (awaiting inspection)	Youth Justice Service update/ HMIP Inspection Outcome (including any action plans/ improvements)
Date TBC- end of 2025/ early 2026	The Revision of the Neglect Strategy (SCP)
Date TBC- 2026	Education Attainment - Children Missing Education Update (EHE, exclusions, part-time timetables, children missing education etc)