

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – Work Programme 2025-26

Chair: Councillor Brian Steele

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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
Wednesday 7 May 2025	Council Plan 2025 - 2028 & New Year Ahead Delivery Plan - Pre-decision Review of the Non-Residential Charging Policy - Pre-decision Work Programme Work in progress from Select Commissions Forward Plan of Key Decisions
Wednesday 4 June 2025	Finance Update - June 2025 - Pre-decision Social Value Annual Report - Pre-decision Employment Solutions 2025-26 - Pre-decision Work Programme Work in progress from Select Commissions Forward Plan of Key Decisions
Wednesday 2 July 2025	Council Plan 2022-2025 and Year Ahead Delivery Plan Progress Update 2024-25 - Pre-decision Ethical Procurement Policy - Pre-decision Financial Outturn 2024- 25 - Pre-decision Treasury Management Outturn 2024-25 - Pre-decision May 2025-26 Financial Monitoring Report - Pre-decision Work Programme Work in progress from Select Commissions Forward Plan of Key Decisions
Tuesday 9 September 2025	Progress update on the implementation Economic Inactivity Trailblazer programme Scrutiny Annual Report 2024-2025 July 2025-26 Financial Monitoring Report - Pre-decision scrutiny Community Safety Strategy 2025-2028 - Pre-decision scrutiny Investing in our Community Facilities - Pre-decision scrutiny

	Work Programme Work in progress from Select Commissions Forward Plan of Key Decisions
Wednesday 8 October 2025	Rotherham Employment & Skills Strategy - Pre-decision scrutiny Selective Licensing Policy - Pre-decision scrutiny Work Programme Work in progress from Select Commissions Forward Plan of Key Decisions
Wednesday 12 November 2025	Leader Q&A - to be scheduled after Council plan on the agenda. Complaints Annual Report Safer Rotherham Partnership Annual Report Work Programme Work in progress from Select Commissions Forward Plan of Key Decisions
Wednesday 10 December 2025	Work Programme Work in progress from Select Commissions Forward Plan of Key Decisions
Tuesday 13 January 2026	Council Plan 2025 - 2028 & New Year Ahead Delivery Plan - Pre-decision Work Programme Work in progress from Select Commissions Forward Plan of Key Decisions
Wednesday 4 February 2026	Question and answer session, Mayor Coppard, South Yorkshire Combined Mayoral Authority. Work Programme Work in progress from Select Commissions Forward Plan of Key Decisions
Wednesday 11 March 2026	Modern Slavery Transparency Statement - Annual Refresh Work Programme Work in progress from Select Commissions Forward Plan of Key Decisions
Wednesday 8 April 2026	Progress update on the Economic Inactivity Trailblazer programme Work Programme Work in progress from Select Commissions Forward Plan of Key Decisions
Substantive Items for Scheduling	
January 2026 & July 2026	Leader Q&A - to be scheduled after Council plan on the agenda.
Feb-26	Question and answer session, Mayor Coppard, South Yorkshire Combined Mayoral Authority.
Jul-26	Council Plan 2025 - 2028 & New Year Ahead Delivery Plan - Pre-decision

Apr-26	An update on progress following the implementation of Waste Service Route Optimisation programme be brought back to OSMB within twelve months.
Apr-26	An update on the progress following the implementation of the Street Safe Team programme be brought back to OSMB within twelve months.
TBC	Selective Licensing - Joint with IPSC
Reviews for Scheduling	
In progress	A spotlight review - Life-saving equipment and related byelaws
On going	Spotlight Review - Agency Staff
Completed	Spotlight Review - Grass Cutting / Ground Maintenance
Items to be Considered by Other Means (e.g. off-agenda briefing, workshop etc)	
Completed	A report be provided to OSMB within three months detailing the performance information for the Employment Solutions Team.
Sep-25	A briefing to be provided to OSMB detailing information on the number of vacancies where recruitment to those vacancies was held for a period of time, listed by directorate and the potential impacts of delaying that recruitment process.
Items for Future Consideration	
Apr-26	Future Rothercare Model