

Improving Places Select Commission – Work Programme 2025-26

Chair: Cllr Cameron McKiernan

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Governance Advisor: Kristianne Thorogood

Link Officer: Andrew Bramidge

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 desired outcome?

Agree principles for longlisting:

- Can scrutiny add value or influence?
- Is this being looked at elsewhere?
- Is this a priority for the council or community?

Developing a consistent shortlisting criteria, e.g.

- T: Time: is it the tight 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	Responsible Officer	Agenda Item
Tuesday 10 June 2025	Chris Willis	Independent Review of the Muslim Burial Provision in Rotherham
	John Holman, Sarah Watts	Rotherham Employment and Skills Strategy
	Governance Advisor	Housing Strategy 2022-25: Action Plan Update/ Final Report
	Governance Advisor	Nominate representative to the Health, Welfare and Safety Panel
Tuesday 8 July 2025	John Holman, Luke Chamoun, Levi Karigambe	Work Programme 2025-2026
	Governance Advisor	Tenant Scrutiny Review on Tenancy Health Checks
Tuesday 2 September 2025	John Holman, Sarah Watts, Garry Newton	Work Programme 2025-2026
	Andrew Bramidge, Emma Ellis	Housing Strategy 2025-2030
	Simon Moss, Megan Hinchliff	Review of Selective Licensing 2020-2025
	Governance Advisor	Plan for Neighbourhoods 2025-2035
Wednesday 15 October 2025	Andrew Bramidge, Emma Ellis	Work Programme 2025-2026
Friday 17 October 2025	Governance Advisor	Selective Licensing - Joint with OSMB
Tuesday 21 October 2025	John Holman, Sarah Watts, Garry Newton	School Road Safety Review - initial meeting
	Simon Moss, Lorna Vertigan	Housing Strategy 2025-2030 - Draft Action Plan
	Governance Advisor	Pride in Place Programme for Rotherham Central (previously Plan for Neighbourhoods) 2025-2035
Thursday 4 December	Paul Walsh/Cllr Beresford	Work Programme 2025-2026
Tuesday 16 December 2025	Phil Horsfield / Bal Nahal / Ashleigh Wilford	ASB Workshop (Housing/Tenancies) @ Town Hall
	Governance Advisor	Bereavement Services Annual Report
Tuesday 27 January 2026	Kyle Heydon, Richard Jackson, Martin Hughes	Work Programme 2025-2026
	Governance Advisor	Flooding Alleviation Update
	Governance Advisor	Thriving Neighbourhoods Annual Report

Tuesday 10 March 2026	Chris Siddall/Rachel Stothard Polly Hamilton/Leanne Buchan Governance Advisor	Draft Playing Pitch Strategy Review of Events 2025-26 Work Programme 2025-2026
Tuesday 21 April 2026	Polly Hamilton Andrew Bramidge / Kevin Burke Simon Moss / Lorna Vertigan Governance Advisor	Allotments Annual Update Local Nature Recovery Strategy - SYMCA Update on Rotherham Pride in Place Programme Work Programme 2025-2026
Substantive Items for Scheduling		
Summer 2026	Sarah Clyde	Update on Housing Stock Survey
Autumn 2026	Simon Moss	Town Centre Strategy
Jul-26	Sarah Clyde	Housing Strategy Action Plan Annual Report
Late 2026/early 2027	Andrew Bramidge	Rotherham Gateway - Mainline & Tram/Train station
Reviews in Progress		
In Progress	Governance Advisor & Kevin Fisher/Lucy Hudson	Scrutiny Review - School Road Safety
Potential Off-Agenda Briefings		
Apr-26	Chris Paddock/Martin Hughes	Draft Neighbourhood Leadership Strategy - pre-decision workshop
Autumn 2026	Andrew Bramidge	Street Safe Team - Off-Agenda Briefing (joint with OSMB) providing an update on progress following the implementation of the Street Safe Team.
Autumn 2026	Andrew Bramidge	Waste Service Route Optimisation - Off-Agenda Briefing (joint with OSMB) providing an update on progress following implementation of the programme
Potential Site Visits		
Completed	Simon Moss, Lorna Vertigan	Market/library redevelopment - see below, joint with OSMB item/visit
Completed	Andrew Bramidge	Rother Valley Country Park - new Waterfront café/centre development
Items for Future Consideration		
Late 2026/early 2027	Andrew Bramidge / Sam Barstow	Outcome of waste policy pilot.
Jun-26		Nominate representative to the Health, Welfare and Safety Panel
Cross Commission scrutiny opportunities		
Ongoing	Andrew Bramidge	Joint with OSMB - Town Centre Developments (Markets & Library Redevelopments) - visit completed February 2026. Opportunity for pre-decision scrutiny via OSMB when update submitted to Cabinet.
TBC	Ian Spicer / Sarah Clyde	Joint with OSMB - Energy Efficiency: An off-agenda briefing to be provided to members of OSMB and IPSC to provide information on the energy efficiency retrofits in social housing. This should cover aspects such as the feasibility and prioritisation of upgrades to heating systems and insulation across the borough. It would include details on how these retrofits align with the Council's net-zero goals, what potential funding was available to support this and timescales for implementation.