

The Improving Places Select Commission Terms of Reference - Revised 2025

All Scrutiny Commissions Functions-

1. To carry out the annual overview and scrutiny work programme as agreed for each select commission with OSMB.
2. To submit reports to OSMB with recommendations on matters that affect the borough or the inhabitants of the borough.
3. Within their terms of reference, each scrutiny commission may
 - a. scrutinise and review the performance of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and/or particular service areas;
 - b. question Cabinet Members and Chief Officers about their decisions and performance, in relation to particular decisions, initiatives or projects;
 - c. make recommendations to the Cabinet and appropriate Committee and/or Council arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process;
 - d. review and scrutinise the performance of other partners and public bodies in the area and invite reports from them by requesting them to address the Committee and local people about their activities;
 - e. conduct research, community and other consultation in the analysis of policy issues and possible options;
 - f. question and gather evidence from any person (with their consent); and in liaison with OSMB, appoint non-voting co-optees to the Scrutiny Commissions and/or Task and Finish Groups.

Improving Places Scrutiny Commission Specific Functions-

1. The Improving Places Scrutiny Commission is tasked with carrying out in-depth overview and scrutiny as directed by the OSMB, including scrutinising-
 - a. Economic development and regeneration (Towns & Villages & major town centre projects and development);
 - b. Libraries, arts, culture, leisure services and green spaces;;
 - c. Borough wide housing management and strategy;
 - d. Neighbourhood working and the Thriving Neighbourhoods Strategy.;
 - e. Flood management;
 - f. Cemeteries, crematorium and mortuary services, including the Dignity contract;

- g. All matters relating to Waste Management, Street Scene, Street Cleansing, Litter & Fly Tipping;
- h. Emergency Planning issues;
- i. Highways schemes, safety and active travel;
- j. Enforcement policy and performance (including Community Protection, Environmental Health and food hygiene); and
- k. Partnership strategies for Lifelong Learning, Skills and Employment