Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Improving Lives Select Commission Chair's Briefing for the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board meeting on Tuesday 10th November 2026

Items covered since the last update meeting:-

- There has been no meeting of the Improving Lives Select Commission since the last update provided to Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

Training Session

- Members of the Commission were invited to attend a training session on school finance, led by the Finance Team. The session was well attended, and insightful discussions took place relating to the following:
    - Decreasing pupil roll numbers, attributed to falling birth rates, and the potential impact this may have on the future levels of school funding.
    - The changes to the Government School Food Standards and how this would impact schools financially.
- Further written information was circulated to members of the Commission following the session which related to the SEND Budget and the specific funding factors used in the calculation of each individual schools notional SEN budget.

Items to be discussed at the next meeting:-

The Improving Lives Select Commission will next meet on the 3 November 2026, during which the following is scheduled to be scrutinised:

- The Maintained Schools Long Term Maintenance Plan (LTMP)

- The Intrafamilial Child Sexual Abuse Strategy.