Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – Work Programme 2026-27

Chair: Councillor Brian Steele | **Vice-Chair: Cllr Joshua Bacon**
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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	Responsible Officer	Agenda Item
Wednesday 6 May 2026	Jayne Metcalfe	Progress Update on Future Rothercare Model
	Ian Spicer	Homelessness Prevention and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2026 2031 - Pre-decision scrutiny
	Andrew Bramidge	Rotherham Markets and Libraries - Pre-decision scrutiny
	Andrew Bramidge	Selective Licensing Community Impact - Pre-decision scrutiny
	Barbel Gale	Work Programme
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	Barbel Gale	Forward Plan of Key Decisions
Wednesday 3 June 2026	Judith Badger & Rob Mahon	Finance Update June 2026 - Pre-decision scrutiny
	Andrew Bramidge	Renters Rights Act Policy Consultation - Pre-decision scrutiny
	Kerry Grinsill-Clinton	Menopause Scrutiny Review by Health Select Commission
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Wednesday 1 July 2026	John Edwards	Council Plan 2025 - 2028 & New Year Ahead Delivery Plan - Pre-decision
		Leader Q&A - to be scheduled after Council plan on the agenda.
	Judith Badger & Rob Mahon	Financial Outturn 2025-26 - Pre-decision scrutiny
	Judith Badger & Rob Mahon	Treasury Management Outturn 2025-26 - Pre-decision scrutiny
	Judith Badger & Rob Mahon	Financial Monitoring for May - Pre-decision scrutiny
	Andrew Bramidge	Draft Street Trading Policy - Pre-decision scrutiny
	Kerry Grinsill-Clinton	Scrutiny Annual Report 2025-2026
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Tuesday 8 September 2026	Jane Maxwell	Social Value Annual Report - Pre-decision
	Judith Badger / Rob Mahon	July 2026-27 Financial Monitoring Report - Pre-decision
	Barbel Gale	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board Scrutiny Review – Street Lighting Columns
	Phil Horsfield	Health Select Commission - Proposal to Appoint the Rotherham Women's Health Network as a Non-Voting Co-optee
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Wednesday 7 October 2026	Andrew Bramidge	Replacement of refuse vehicles: Information to be provided to give an update on the procurement of the new refuse vehicles and progress against the target for renewal of the fleet. These briefings should be split to represent the different phases of the programme.
	Andrew Bramidge / Sue Procter / Barry Connolly	Public on street bin collections: Information to be provided regarding the emptying of public bins. This information should include details of how overflowing bins can be reported, how often collections are scheduled for and how those are monitored, what join arrangements are in place with Parish Council's, if any, and a list of the locations of bins under RMBC management, if available.
	Andrew Bramidge	Draft Street Trading Policy 2026 - Pre-decision
	Andrew Bramidge	Local Plan - Possible Pre-decision
	Kristianne Thorogood	School Road Safety Scrutiny Review
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Tuesday 10 November 2026	Andrew Bramidge / Simon Moss / Fiona Fletcher	Progress update on the implementation of the Pathways to Work Economic Inactivity Trailblazer programme - The programme will be a good way through year 2, therefore members will receive an update on both year 1 outcomes, year 2 developments and target forecasts.
	Kevin Fisher & Judith Badger	Investing in our Community Facilities - Update report to include the the updated condition survey results
	Judith Badger / Rob Mahon	September 2026-27 Financial Monitoring Report - Pre-decision scrutiny
	Judith Badger / Rob Mahon	Medium Term Financial Strategy Update - Pre-decision scrutiny
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Wednesday 9 December 2026	Judith Badger	Complaints Annual Report
	Judith Badger	HRA Business Plan, Rent Setting and Service Charges 2027-28 - Possible Pre-decision scrutiny
	Jane Maxwell / Fiona Boden	Crisis and Resilience Fund - Possible Pre-decision scrutiny
	Andrew Bramidge	Library Strategy - Possible Pre-decision scrutiny
	Andrew Bramidge	Licensing Act 2003 - Cumulative Impact Policy - Possible Pre-decision scrutiny
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Tuesday 12 January 2027	John Edwards	Council Plan and Year Ahead Delivery Plan Progress Update - Pre-decision
	Judith Badger & Rob Mahon	MTFS Presentation
	Judith Badger & Rob Mahon	November 2026-27 Financial Monitoring Report - Possible Pre-decision scrutiny
	Andrew Bramidge	Gambling Act 2005 - Statement of Licensing Policy - Possible Pre-decision scrutiny
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Extraordinary Meeting proposed for January 2027	Mat Dyson	OSMB Children's Takeover Challenge - The RYC has selected Mental Health as the theme for this year's Takeover Challenge.
Tuesday 2 February 2027	Judith Badger & Rob Mahon	December 2026/27 Financial Monitoring Report - Possible Pre-decision scrutiny
	Andrew Bramidge	Overt CCTV Policy - Possible Pre-decision scrutiny
	Andrew Bramidge	Draft Street Trading Policy 2026
	Barbel Gale	Work Programme - Possible Pre-decision scrutiny

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Wednesday 3 February 2027	Judith Badger & Rob Mahon	Budget and Council Tax Report 2027-28 - Pre-decision
Wednesday 10 March 2027	Judith Badger / Mike Thomas	Community Governance Review Final Recommendations - Possible Pre-decision scrutiny
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Wednesday 7 April 2027		
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Substantive Items for Scheduling		
Mar-27	Mike Thomas	It was agreed that the final Community Governance Review report would be presented to OSMB as part of its pre-decision scrutiny work ahead of its consideration by Cabinet
End November / December 2026		Notice of Motion relating to Stop Polluting Our Rivers and Hiking Our Bills - Considered and agreed by Council on 15 July 2026. 2.Invite the Chief Executives of Yorkshire Water and Severn Trent to a special meeting of [delete] Full Council [insert] Scrutiny with all Members to answer questions from councillors and members of the public and to establish urgent commitments and timescales to improve their infrastructure and reduce sewage discharges in Rotherham.
Spring 2027	SD of Community Safety & Street Scene	12 Month Review of Street Safe Team (joint with IPSC)
Reviews for Scheduling		
Completed	Sam Barstow	Lighting Columns - Cut unnecessary red tape
November / December 2026	Jane Maxwell / Fiona Boden	Consultation Process - Following consideration using the scrutiny prioritisation tool this review was prioritised as a topic for review. This has been added to the work programme report for further discussion at the meeting on 8 September 2026
November / December 2026		Notice of Motion: relating to Protecting Children, Supporting Honest Businesses and Cracking Down on Illicit Vapes, Tobacco and Underage Sales - Considered and agreed by Council on 15 July 2026. 4.Request that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) considers this issue within six months and, where appropriate, refers elements to the relevant Select Commission(s). OSMB should receive a further progress report within 12 months.
Items to be Considered by Other Means (e.g. off-agenda briefing, workshop etc)		
Nov-26	Andrew Bramidge	An update on progress following the implementation of Waste Service Route Optimisation programme be brought back to OSMB within twelve months via an off-agenda briefing.
TBC	Luke Sayers	IT Systems: Workshop to be arranged for members of OSMB to understand what IT systems the Council is using, what the purpose of those systems is, are those systems as up to date as possible, how updates to those systems are managed, how the Council is using artificial intelligence (AI), is the Council using outdated technology, and was the Council spending too much or too little in this area.
TBC	Lynsey Linton	Recruitment: Initially information has been requested to understand how recruitment is carried out across the Council, indicating if the same processes were used across all directorates, detailing if recruitment was centralised, was there a reliance on agency staff to cover staff vacancies. After consideration of the off-agenda briefing Members of OSMB will then consider if a workshop needs to be held to discuss this in more detail.
End November 2026	Andrew Bramidge	Smaller Road Schemes - Briefing note - Briefing Note to be shared with Members re. Highway and Transportation Schemes Remit/Funding

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		Items for Future Consideration
Sep-28	Jane Maxwell / Fiona Boden	Social Value Annual Report, Pre-decision scrutiny - It was agreed by OSMB at it's meeting on 8 September 2026 that this item would be considered every two years going forward.
Jul-29	Andrew Bramidge / Polly Hamilton	At it's meeting on 10 December 2025 during its consideration of the Library Strategy as part of it's pre-decision work OSMB agreed to receive a mid-point progress update on the implementation of the Library Strategy 2027–2032.