



Notice of a public meeting of

Corporate Scrutiny Committee

- To:** Councillors Fenton (Chair), Merrett (Vice-Chair), Ayre, Baxter, Coles, Perrett, K Taylor, Watson and Widdowson
- Date:** Monday, 11 May 2026
- Time:** 5.30 pm
- Venue:** West Offices - Station Rise, York YO1 6GA

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
To receive and note apologies for absence.
- 2. Declarations of Interest** (Pages 5 - 6)
At this point in the meeting, Members and co-opted members are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest, or other registerable interest, they might have in respect of business on this agenda, if they have not already done so in advance on the Register of Interests. The disclosure must include the nature of the interest.

An interest must also be disclosed in the meeting when it becomes apparent to the member during the meeting.

[Please see the attached sheet for further guidance for Members.]
- 3. Minutes** (Pages 7 - 10)
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2026.

4. Public Participation

At this point in the meeting members of the public who have registered to speak can do so. Members of the public may speak on agenda items or on matters within the remit of the committee.

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5. Monitoring and Tracking of Approved Council Motions (Pages 11 - 50)

This report provides information on progress to resolutions and actions approved by Council motions since 10 November 2025.

6. Schedule of Petitions (Pages 51 - 60)

Members are to consider the updated schedule of petitions and consider any next steps as may be appropriate. [Annex B to follow]

7. Work Plan (Pages 61 - 78)

To consider the Committee's work plan of the Scrutiny Overview work plan.

8. Urgent Business

Any other business which the Chair considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972.

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Declarations of Interest – guidance for Members

- (1) Members must consider their interests, and act according to the following:

Type of Interest	You must
Disclosable Pecuniary Interests	Disclose the interest, not participate in the discussion or vote, and leave the meeting <u>unless</u> you have a dispensation.
Other Registrable Interests (Directly Related) OR Non-Registrable Interests (Directly Related)	Disclose the interest; speak on the item <u>only if</u> the public are also allowed to speak, but otherwise not participate in the discussion or vote, and leave the meeting <u>unless</u> you have a dispensation.
Other Registrable Interests (Affects) OR Non-Registrable Interests (Affects)	Disclose the interest; remain in the meeting, participate and vote <u>unless</u> the matter affects the financial interest or well-being: (a) to a greater extent than it affects the financial interest or well-being of a majority of inhabitants of the affected ward; and (b) a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest. In which case, speak on the item <u>only if</u> the public are also allowed to speak, but otherwise do not participate in the discussion or vote, and leave the meeting <u>unless</u> you have a dispensation.

- (2) Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to the Member concerned or their spouse/partner.
- (3) Members in arrears of Council Tax by more than two months must not vote in decisions on, or which might affect, budget calculations,

and must disclose at the meeting that this restriction applies to them. A failure to comply with these requirements is a criminal offence under section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

City of York Council

Committee Minutes

Meeting	Corporate Scrutiny Committee
Date	2 March 2026
Present	Councillors Fenton (Chair), Merrett (Vice-Chair), Ayre, Baxter, Coles, Perrett, K Taylor, Watson and Widdowson
Officers Present	Shaun Gibbons, Head of Carbon Reduction James Parker, Scrutiny Officer

46. Apologies for Absence (5:31 pm)

None were received.

47. Declarations of Interest (5:31 pm)

Members were asked to declare at this point in the meeting any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registrable interests that they might have in the business on the agenda, if they had not already done so in advance on the Register of Interests.

None were declared.

48. Minutes (5:31 pm)

Resolved: That the minutes be approved as a correct record for the meeting held on 19 January 2026.

49. Public Participation (5:32 pm)

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

50. Business Sustainability Programme (5:32 pm)

The Head of Carbon Reduction introduced his report on the York and North Yorkshire Business Sustainability Programme, which provides grants to businesses towards reducing carbon emissions and improving operational

efficiency to deliver savings. He highlighted that 59 applications had been approved leading to a carbon emissions reduction of 390 tonnes annually.

Members asked a range of questions covering the types of successful businesses and projects, how the funding could be used most effectively, the scale of the impact of carbon reduction, how to ensure a range of businesses apply for funding, follow up with businesses who received funding, the reasons for being unsuccessful with a grant application and future plans should the scheme, or similar, be repeated.

It was reported that there was an intention to produce some case studies, and a critical analysis of the project, at the end of the programme in March.

To receive the grant, businesses needed to show that they could not do the work without funding being made available to them.

The scale of the impact was assessed through pre-screening with the independent panel focussed on the financial risks associated with each project and maintaining fairness.

The marketing of the scheme may have been responsible for the bias towards farming businesses in North Yorkshire.

Support to businesses through the application process was provided, organisations did not have to undertake an environmental audit but did need to demonstrate some kind of audit evidence. The main reasons for not being successful in receiving grant funding was mostly down to the level of risk involved or the inability to demonstrate a sufficient level of impact. Businesses that were unsuccessful were able to work with an advisor to reapply.

Should a similar project be run in the future, it will have a different funding source which was likely to impact the structure and terms of the fund.

Resolved: Members noted the report and recommended that case study information be made available as part of any future applicant pack.

Reason: To improve service provision.

51. Scrutiny Recommendation Tracking (6:00 pm)

The Scrutiny Officer presented his report in relation to tracking scrutiny recommendations, noting that the recommendations from the Budget and

Medium-Term Financial Strategy task and finish group would be presented to the Executive the following evening. He asked members to discuss and agree the process of tracking their recommendations, noting that this was one of the recommendations from the Scrutiny Review undertaken by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (CfGS).

During the discussion, members agreed that the tracking should start from the commencement of the current administration in 2023. Categorising levels of progress and the presentation of the document was also discussed.

Resolved: That the proposal for monitoring and tracking scrutiny recommendations be approved.

Reason: To contribute to a structured and consistent approach to monitoring scrutiny recommendations.

52. Work Plan (6:24 pm)

Members considered the draft work plan for the committee and the overview scrutiny work plan for the scrutiny committees.

It was agreed that the scrutiny officer would investigate the options for members to receive finance and performance information.

Resolved: That the work plan be noted.

Reason: To ensure an overview of the scrutiny work plan.

Cllr S Fenton, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 6.32 pm].

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Corporate Scrutiny Committee**11 May 2026**

Report of the Chief Strategy Officer

Monitoring and Tracking of Approved Council Motions

1. This report provides information on progress to resolutions and actions approved by Council motions since 10 November 2025, when the Corporate Scrutiny Committee last received an update.

Background

2. At its meeting in November 2025, the Committee confirmed that responses to motions agreed by Full Council were to be coordinated by the Council's Strategy function, working with Democratic Services, Council Management Team, and relevant service areas.
3. This was to ensure motion resolutions are actioned in a timely manner, and to ensure that City of York Council is proactive in articulating a clear position to UK Government on the issues that are most pertinent to York's residents.
4. As set out in **Annex A**, there are currently 27 'live' motions, each with several resolutions. These motions range from July 2023 to present.

Consultation

5. Relevant officers from across the Council, have been engaged in reviewing and responding to Council motions. This input has informed the progress against motions in Annex A of this report.

Options

6. Scrutiny committee is invited to note the progress made on Full Council Motions.

7. It is further invited to consider the closure of 13 motions recommended for closure in Annex A (motions: 1, 5, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23 and 27). The resolutions and actions in these motions have been completed.
8. Members are invited to:
 - a. Note and review progress against motions activity and recognise the closure of motions as recommended for closure in Annex A.
 - b. Note and review progress against motions activity, recommending further clarity of work against all or part of the motions recommended for closure in Annex A

Analysis

9. Motions are raised by all elected groups at Full Council meetings. Closure of a motion would confirm the Council has responded to the elected representative's intention to reflect the interests of residents. This does not preclude further motions about the same topic, with different resolutions in the future.
10. If the Committee identifies motions are not yet ready for closure with further clarity required, officers will review suggested activity and bring a further report back to the Committee at a later date.

Council Plan

11. Whilst this report does not in itself materially affect how the work of scrutiny can support and develop the Council's overall priorities set out in the new Council Plan 2023-27, the effective implementation of approved Council motions can contribute to those priorities, dependent upon the area of concern being addressed in those motions.

Implications

12. There are no financial, HR, equalities, legal, information technology, crime & disorder, property or other implications associated with the recommendations in this report. However, there may, of course, be implications associated with the implementation of any of the motions listed in Annex A, which will be considered by responsible officers.

Risk Management

13. **Reputational** – a risk of not responding to, or providing uncoordinated responses to, motions approved by Full Council, is that the Council's reputation is damaged. The proposed process will support the mitigation of this risk by creating a convening function to progress responses.
14. **Political** – failing to respond to Full Council motions is a political risk as they often relate to national/international issues that Councillors and residents want to respond to. Through identifying these motions and utilising Council processes to reach out to government, the proposed process helps to mitigate this risk.

Recommendations

15. Corporate Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the contents of Annex A to this report.

Reason: To ensure that processes for monitoring and implementing approved Council motion resolutions remain sufficiently effective.

16. Corporate Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the motions recommended for closure.

Reason: To ensure that the monitor is up to date and further focused progress can be made against outstanding motions.

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Roshaan Awan **Report** **Date** 30/04/26
Strategic Officer **Approved**

Specialist Implications Officer(s)

Bryn Roberts, Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

Wards Affected: List wards or tick box to indicate all **All**

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

Corporate Scrutiny Committee, Monitoring and Tracking of Approved Council Motions, Item 36. [Agenda for Corporate Scrutiny Committee on Monday, 10 November 2025, 5.30 pm](#)

Corporate Scrutiny Committee, Process to respond to Council motions, Item 37. [Agenda for Corporate Scrutiny Committee on Monday, 10 November 2025, 5.30 pm](#)

Annexes

Annex A: Council motion tracker

Abbreviations

All abbreviations used throughout the report should be listed here in full e.g. CSMC = Corporate & Scrutiny Management Committee.

Council Motions: review 11 May 2026

Red and bolded content denotes updates since last reviewed by Scrutiny

Council Meeting- 20/10/2022				
Motion	Resolutions	Lead Officer / Executive Member	Actions taken	Status
1. Equality for Disabled People	This Council resolves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to adopt the Social Model of Disability and embed it into every area of its working, operation, policy and practice, including in how it communicates; 	Pauline Stuchfield / Laura Williams	Work to commence on actions when Access Officer is in post working on an integrated action plan. Integrated Action Plan is in development. Work has started with comms on updating accessible information guidelines in line with commitments in response to Health Watch Report. Social Model of Disability Adopted. A report titled 'Implementing the Social Model of Disability' was approved at a Decision Session of the Executive Member for Finance, Performance, Major Projects, Human Rights and Equalities on 24 January 2024. The recommendations were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> approve the policy statement on implementing the Social Model of Disability at City of York Council, commit to the council providing elected Members and officers with appropriate Disability Equality Training; and note the York Access Forum update, Terms of Reference, and the next steps in appointing a new forum Chair 	Completed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to review the extent to which disability awareness training, inclusive and universal design training and disability equality is embedded across the organisation in how the council delivers services, making recommendations as appropriate; 	Pauline Stuchfield / Laura Williams	As above, the paper approved on 24 January included a recommendation to provide training. It stated that 'To further embed the Social Model of Disability it is essential that Disability Equality Training is made a mandatory part of the council's training and induction package, for both officers and elected Members.' It also stated 'There are already resources within the	Completed

			<p>Customer and Communities Directorate working on Access. However, work is ongoing to address meeting the council's statutory equalities and human rights responsibilities, and it is recognised there is the need for additional training resources to support the delivery of these responsibilities, including training on disability.'</p> <p>The lack of funding for this work as a result of the council's ongoing challenges has meant implementation of this training has been delayed. In the proposed Financial Strategy 2025/26 there is £50k budget growth for disability equality training. We also have a new role of Head of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion who will take up post on 5 March 2025.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to prepare and adopt a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on building design, post Local Plan adoption, in order to deliver accessible and inclusive new developments in the future; 	<p>Pauline Stuchfield / Laura Williams</p>	<p>As above. To follow formulation of Independent Advisory Group (IAG below) and local plan adoption.</p> <p>An Executive Report in January 2023 resolved that accessibility should be included as a cross-cutting theme in all SPDs. A further report in September 2024 focussing on Prioritising Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) further confirmed that the Social Model of Disability is to be acknowledged in every SPD. Whilst no specific accessibility SPD was agreed to be prioritised, it was confirmed that the provision of and design of accessible housing in the Housing SPD is "<i>particularly important in this context. Embedding these considerations into an SPD that holistically covers housing matters will support the Council's commitment to the Social Model of Disability and the Public Sector Equality Duty</i>". This paper also</p>	<p>Completed</p>

			confirmed that further guidance regarding 'Accessibility in design', was underway working with the York Access Forum to develop a design checklist for design considerations. This guidance will complement the accessibility content in the Housing SPD, with a greater focus on the design of public realm and non-residential developments.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to commit to genuine co-production on all council developments, where disabled people's views are incorporated alongside those of appropriate professionals when considering inclusion and accessibility; 	Pauline Stuchfield / Laura Williams	City of York Council committed to employ an Access Officer as part of the motion and they have been in post since November 2022. One of the Access Officer's first acts was to convene a disability advisory group in March 2023. This became known as 'York Access Forum'. As above the Terms of Reference for this group were approved in January 2024 (Annex A York Access Forum Terms of Reference Final Draft.pdf) and it was also agreed CYC would appoint an Independent Chair, who is now in place. The group are working with council officers on various consultations and council developments, however both the forum and CMT recognise that there is still significant work to be done to ensure there is genuine co-production on appropriate projects, and the roll out of Disability Equalities Training will help with both this, and a wider understanding of the barriers facing disabled people in the city.	Completed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> upon the appointment of an Access Officer, to convene a quarterly Access Forum, resourced so that it will work in an entirely inclusive and accessible way, supporting a genuine commitment to co-production. 	Pauline Stuchfield / Laura Williams	As above.	Complete

Council Meeting- 20/07/23

Motion	Resolutions	Lead Officer / Executive Member	Actions taken	Status
<p>2. A city response to Food Insecurity</p>	<p>This council resolves to ask the Executive to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> write a letter to the Prime Minister and relevant ministers about the importance of introducing auto-enrolment for those entitled to free school meals; 	<p>Executive Members / Martin Kelly / Maxine Squire / Pauline Stuchfield</p>	<p>See below – auto-enrolment introduced.</p>	<p>Completed</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> promote enrolment for free school meals to support children, young people and their families to help combat food insecurity and shortage in York; 	<p>Martin Kelly / Maxine Squire / Pauline Stuchfield</p>	<p>The CYC admissions team promote FSM support for children as do schools. The scale up of auto enrolment is designed to ensure all those eligible receive the entitlement.</p>	<p>Completed</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> encourage larger food providers in and around York to sign up to York’s Good Business Charter, including paying the Real Living Wage; 	<p>Ben Murphy / Garry Taylor</p>	<p>Working with the Mayoral Combined Authority and Good Business Charter, a workstream is underway to explore and facilitate uptake of the charter across key sector including food providers.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> work more closely with Parish Councils and groups like Edible York and YACIO (York Allotments Charitable Incorporated Organisation) to develop ideas for increasing the number of public green spaces available for food production by communities across York; 	<p>Pauline Stuchfield / Dave Atkinson</p>	<p>See below but can also tie into the York Neighbourhood model</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> request that the council’s scrutiny function undertakes a review of community food growing opportunities and makes recommendations to Executive to expand these 		<p>Food Scrutiny review in progress, task and finish group set up in CCC. now reporting to People Scrutiny Committee – draft report in preparation (TBC).</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

	opportunities, including considering the prospects for expanding an Edible York project in Tang Hall to other parts of the city to bring more underused gardens into use for food growing.			
3. Supporting people living with epilepsy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request that the Executive Members in whose portfolios Economy and Inclusion sit to use all available opportunities to engage with groups such as the Federation of Small Businesses, Chambers of Commerce, York BID, Hospitality Association York and the York High Street Forum to raise awareness with employers about what more they can do to support people living with epilepsy in work 	Nick Wharton Cllr Kilbane		Ongoing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request that the Executive Member for Finance, Performance, Major Projects, Human Rights, Equality and Inclusion ensures that City of York Council is doing all that it can to be an employer that supports current and potential future staff who live with epilepsy. 	Helen Whiting Cllr Lomas	<p>HR Support any employee as part of reasonable adjustments to work, this is identified both at the start of employment and during, which will include epilepsy.</p> <p>The nature and impact of epilepsy on every individual is very different therefore, support is unique, and so is awareness. Officers with epilepsy would be strongly encouraged to discuss type of epilepsy and how this impacts them with manager and colleagues to ensure that support can be provided as needed as part of their work activities. This may include a Personal Evaluation Plan in a building should there be an emergency situation and the individual is triggered by stress, uncertainty or changing physical environments.</p>	Completed

Council Meeting – 21/03/24

Motion	Resolutions	Lead Officer / Executive Member	Actions taken	Status
<p>4. Making York a Trauma Informed City</p>	<p>Council resolves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To take steps to become a Trauma-Informed City and commits to working in partnership to embed Trauma-Informed frameworks across services and partner agencies, working in co-production with trauma survivors; 	<p>Martin Kelly Cllr Steels-Walshaw</p>	<p>Trauma informed training has been provided through the Integrated Care Board (ICB) to a range of practitioners in the council. We are completing a skills audit to understand the extent of this. Further training has been arranged to upskill Executive and CMT in February 2025. Following this training we will discuss the opportunities to upskill different aspects of the workforce and develop a wider city strategy. Such an ambitious strategy is likely to take several years and funding would need to be considered. Furthermore, a trauma informed subgroup has been developed to help inform a future strategy.</p>	<p>Completed</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ask the Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care and Executive colleagues to explore the introduction of a Trauma-Informed framework across Council services; 		<p>In progress as per above.</p>	<p>Completed</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To request the Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care explore the introduction of training for staff and councillors, including e-learning modules, that enables City of York Council to become a Trauma-Informed organisation; 		<p>Pilot of in house training being held in June 2024 with cohort of customer and housing officers and CMT</p>	<p>Completed</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To work with partner organisations to implement a city-wide approach to raising awareness of the impact of trauma and how becoming Trauma-Informed can help to support trauma survivors; 		<p>The Council is adopting the Poverty Truth Commission’s Charter and Organisational Standards – see March 2025 Executive – across all council services.</p>	<p>Completed</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider the implications of making it a requirement in commissioned contracts and services that partner organisations can demonstrate they have, or are implementing, a Trauma-Informed framework; 	Chloe Wilcox / Zoe Metcalfe		Ongoing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To recommend the Health, Housing and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee request a report from TEWV NHS Trust on its prior application and progress in moving beyond the use of the BPD+ protocol, an assessment of current staff understanding and the outlining of any trauma-informed approaches it is implementing. 	Peter Roderick	Trauma Informed City Report from TEWV NHS Trust considered by HHASC Scrutiny Committee on 21 May 2025. TEWV to be invited to People Scrutiny Committee for a further update during 2026/27.	Completed
5. Safeguarding future library provision	<p>Council resolves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ask the relevant Executive Member and council officers to continue engaging proactively in the next three months with York Explore, service users and, through Scrutiny, elected members of all parties in order to ensure that future library provision in York continues to meet residents' needs and expectations, including reforming the mobile library service and retaining the number of staffed libraries and library services, including to outlying areas not covered by Gateway or Explore libraries across the city; 	Pauline Stuchfield	<p>Any changes to library services need to emanate from an updated library needs assessment which includes the current early engagement process. This will inform confidential commercial negotiations ahead of proposals for further consultation prior going back to Executive for approval.</p> <p>Scrutiny will be part of the ongoing engagement process including on the assessment of need and any resulting proposals around changes in service delivery. Scrutiny briefing on Assessment of Need scheduled in October 2025</p>	Complete - 05/01/2026
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To request the Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care and the Leader of the Council write to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, and the Arts Council, to clarify the council's financial position and to reassure them of the council's commitment to York's libraries and archives. 		Letters issued 30 May 2024	Completed

Motion	Resolutions	Lead Officer / Executive Member	Actions taken	Status
<p>6. Affordable Housing Motion</p>	<p>Council resolves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That following adoption of York's Local Plan, the relevant officers, scrutiny and executive should examine examples elsewhere in the country that seek to make housing more affordable for their residents, including through any powers available at Mayoral Combined Authority level; 	<p>Pauline Stuchfield / Garry Taylor</p> <p>Cllr Pavlovic</p>	<p>The Local Plan was adopted by full council 27/02/25.</p> <p>A meeting will be scheduled between the Place Scrutiny Chair, the Executive Member and relevant officers to agree how to deliver this resolution.</p> <p>Democratic Services to facilitate a meeting once the new Chair of Place Scrutiny Committee has been appointed.</p> <p>meeting recording below</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j_6-3KtnwG0&t=170s</p> <p>Membership of the task and finish group can be discussed and agreed prior to the next Place Scrutiny Committee meeting.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This should include consideration of broadening the affordable housing criteria to include residents paying no more than a set percentage of their incomes in mortgages. It should also compare such an approach with existing council policy of homes for sale valued at a more traditional reduced level of market value, arising from s106 developer contributions; 		<p>Carrying out feasibility assessment on the purchase of section 106 homes by the Council. Officers will provide further information once an options appraisal progresses.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further, to request Executive reviews the council's policy on developer social housing contributions, with an assessment of whether adding new council homes through this mechanism would improve the supply and quality 		<p>Housing needs assessment underway to inform development of Housing Strategy to help address issues identified</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

of nationally-defined affordable homes to York residents.

Council Meeting- 19/09/24

Motion	Resolutions	Lead Officer / Executive Member	Actions taken	Status
<p>7. Reforming Residents' Priority Parking in York</p>	<p>Council resolved to request Executive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simplifies the process for implementing and modifying ResPark schemes by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Developing a set of standardised criteria for ResPark eligibility; ▫ Developing a streamlined consultation and implementation process for ResPark schemes, in accordance with current legislation; ▫ Conducting a city-wide review of the Respark process; ▫ Working to reform the turnout guideline in Residents' Parking consultations to reflect area-specific issues for some streets, including consistently unoccupied properties, short-term and part time occupancy properties, and HMOs; ▫ Reviewing the pricing structure for ResPark permits to ensure fair pricing for residents. 	<p>Garry Taylor/Cllr Ravilious</p>	<p>Discussions are ongoing with the Executive Member of how best to approach this.</p> <p>This was taken to Exec Member and approved on 21 October 2025 - see item 6 here: https://democracy.york.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1061&MId=1498 <u>1</u> The pricing wasn't considered as it is a budget item</p>	<p>Completed – 16/12/2025</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asks the Executive Member for Transport to work with council officers to present a detailed plan and timeline for expanding and reforming ResPark, in accordance with existing legislation, to the Executive, when capacity exists; 	<p>Garry Taylor/Cllr Ravilious</p>	<p>Discussions are ongoing with the Executive Member of how best to approach this.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commits to implementing a reformed ResPark system, having considered the measures proposed in this motion and in accordance with existing legislation. 	Garry Taylor/Cllr Ravilious	<p>Discussions are ongoing with the Executive Member of how best to approach this.</p> <p>This was taken to Exec Member and approved on 21 October 2025 - see item 6 here: https://democracy.york.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1061&MId=14981</p>	Completed – 16/12/2025
8. Dignity in retirement	<p>Council resolved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ask the Leader of the Council, Leader of the Council’s opposition groups and York’s two MPs to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to ask them to review the Winter Fuel Allowance eligibility threshold. 	<p>Cllrs Douglas/Ayre Steward</p> <p>Nick Wharton</p>	Superseded	Correspondence no longer relevant due to government policy change.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To request that the Executive Members for Finance, Major Projects and Equalities work with officers to create a plan for consideration by the relevant Scrutiny Committee(s) which sets out a range of measures that could be taken to mitigate the impact of the above decisions on York’s pensioners, including maintaining financial support for warm spaces in York through allocation of Household Support Fund grants. 	<p>Debbie Mitchell/David Walker</p> <p>Councillor Katie Lomas</p>	<p>A range of support provided in 2024/25 through Household Support Fund for e.g. warm spaces.</p> <p>Added to draft People Scrutiny Work Plan.</p> <p>Further support is being provided during 2025/26 through HSF7 this includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food and Fuel Vouchers York Energy Advice Grants Warm Places Talk Money Signposting 	Ongoing

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To request that officers continue writing to all 470 pensioners who are currently entitled to Pension Credit and do not claim it, informing them of the Winter Fuel Payment changes and encouraging them to claim for the benefits they are entitled to. 	<p>Pauline Stuchfield Councillor Katie Lomas</p>	<p>Extensive work completed and ongoing in this field. 168 pensioners have now claimed Pension Credit, putting over £1,338,597.84 into the pockets of residents in first year of claiming. Work is ongoing to support people in claiming.</p> <p>Current position is £1,790,736. There is an ongoing campaign in partnership with Citizen's Advice York, Older Citizens Advocacy York (OCA Y), Age UK York and the Carers' Centre.</p>	<p>Completed</p>
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Council Meeting – 21/11/24

Motions	Resolutions	Lead Officer / Executive Member	Actions taken	Status
<p>9. Protecting more of York's Community Assets</p>	<p>Council resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To support individuals and community groups interested in protecting or acquiring an asset by sharing information with them on local and national funders. This includes making links with and working with organisations such as Plunkett UK, Music Venue Trust and Power to Change. 	<p>Debbie Mitchell Cllr Lomas</p>		<p>Ongoing</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To commit to supporting further work to ensure processes for protecting and acquiring community assets are as accessible as possible. 			<p>Ongoing</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To request its scrutiny function considers how best the council can: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Promote adding to the local register of Assets of Community Value; Make it easier for residents and community groups to nominate an ACV; Celebrate the success stories of ACVs in our community to encourage new nominations; Prepare for law changes on the Community Right to Buy in securing a wider range of ACVs." 		<p>Added to draft Place Scrutiny Work Plan</p>	<p>Complete – 05/01/2026</p>

Motion	Resolutions	Lead Officer / Executive Member	Actions taken	Status
<p>10. Protecting York's Primary and Social Care providers</p>	<p>Council resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ask the Group Leaders to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to request that charitable social care providers, hospices and primary care providers including GPs, Dental practices and pharmacies are carefully considered for exclusion from her increase to Employers National Insurance contributions. 	<p>Political assistants</p> <p>Cllr Steels-Walshaw</p>		<p>Superseded - The House of Lords voted (305 to 175) to amend the National Insurance Contributions Bill, aiming to exempt charitable social care providers, hospices, and non-NHS-run primary care - such as GP surgeries, dental practices, and pharmacies - from the employer National Insurance increase.</p>
<p>11. Renewing York's commitment to Fairtrade</p>	<p>Council resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To renew its commitment to Fairtrade and to York's status as a Fairtrade City, continuing to raise awareness and supporting actions that make global trade fairer. 	<p>Claire Foale / Debbie Mitchell</p> <p>Cllr Lomas</p>		<p>Ongoing</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To continue to appoint a named councillor to York Fair Trade Forum, to provide a strong link with the council and to support its work. 		Cllr Tony Clarke appointed	Completed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To work with York Fair Trade Forum to ensure York continues to meet and exceed the requirements necessary to maintain its status as a Fairtrade City. 			Ongoing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider offering Fairtrade goods wherever possible and available, for example in any catering and in-house café provision. 		West Cafe have marked Fair Trade goods	Ongoing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure Fairtrade remains a feature following the current update of the council's Social Value Strategy, so it is considered through its procurement processes, and those of its suppliers, where applicable. 		Fairtrade goods and services is a key aspect of the social value outcome framework	Completed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote Fairtrade issues and practices among local businesses, commercial and other organisations. 		Comms team actioning	Ongoing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To share best practice about Fairtrade and sustainable development with other public bodies, stakeholders and partners. 		Comms team actioning	Ongoing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To request the Executive Leader writes to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade to request their support for the Fairtrade Foundation's 'three asks' of the new Government: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop trade policy that works for people and planet. Policies that must improve resilience for the smallholder farmers and workers producing food overseas, and support innovative business approaches to enhance environmental and social sustainability; 2. Legislate to ensure responsible business. The legislation must ensure that businesses address human rights and environmental violations in supply chains, including 		Letter was sent to Jonathan Reynolds, Secretary of State for Business and Trade on 23/01/2025 – asking to consider endorsing the calls for action as laid out in the motion.	Completed

	<p>deforestation, while taking full account of the needs of farmers and workers;</p> <p>3. Strengthen UK aid by responding to the needs and priorities of farmers and workers who make a crucial contribution to the global food system.</p>			
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Council Meeting – 27/03/25

Motion	Resolutions	Lead Officer / Executive Member	Actions taken	Status
<p>12. Introduction of a Visitor Levy</p>	<p>Executive to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • explore the feasibility and practical mechanisms for introducing a visitor levy for overnight stays, including for short-term holidays lets, in consultation with local businesses, residents, and hospitality industry stakeholders; • research visitor levy models from other cities to determine the best approach for York, including an Accommodation Business Improvement District (ABID) option; • lobby central government to grant local authorities the necessary legal powers to implement a compulsory visitor levy; 	<p>Claire Foale / Nick Wharton / Cllr Lomas / Cllr Kilbane</p>	<p>Policy development will only begin after discussion with hospitality sector</p> <p>Research of national and international cities collated.</p> <p>MCA working with YSJ’s Policy Lab, to conduct independent research with hospitality sector, corporate visitors, and visitors to inform recommendations about a potential model that could be implemented in York.</p> <p>Research carried out, briefing shared with Garry Taylor and Cllr Kilbane. The briefing provided a comparative analysis of UK-based schemes (Manchester, Liverpool etc) and international models, especially European destinations (Barcelona, Balearic Islands) with similar tourism challenges and heritage-focused economies.</p> <p>The briefing also identified best practice and pitfalls, offering insights into how York could develop a successful levy framework. Content used in discussion with hospitality businesses on 01/07/25.</p> <p>Letter sent to Chancellor Rachel Reeves requesting support in</p>	<p>It is recommended this motion is closed.</p> <p>Since the motion was passed, the Government has closed its consultation on granting Mayoral Combined Authorities the power to introduce a visitor levy. This places the decision-making responsibility at a national and regional level rather than with individual local authorities.</p> <p>The Council has already submitted a formal response to the consultation, which has been published on York Open Data. As the introduction of a visitor levy now sits outside the direct remit of City of York Council, no further action can be taken locally.</p> <p>Strategy will continue to work closely with the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority and the Mayor and respond to consultation in the summer to ensure York’s interests are represented and that any future decisions by Government reflect the needs and priorities of York’s residents and businesses.</p>

			<p>advocating for the necessary legislative changes that would allow York, to introduce a compulsory visitor levy. Letter sent 06/05/2025</p> <p>Government announced proposals for visitor levies to be introduced by Mayors. Consultation underway due to close in February 2026.</p> <p>Letter has been sent to Mayor of CA outlining support for recent Govt announcements regarding proposals for local visitor levies. Letter outlined how we hope to collaborate to maximise beneficial impact for residents and the regional economy.</p> <p>Policy brief drafted setting out proposals for the Executive and Labour Group to consider.</p> <p>The briefing covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resident support• Proposed model• Likely funding of that model• Constraints• Proposed governance• Engagement• Administering the levy• Themes for funding• Recommendations <p>Update 25/02/2026:</p>	
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Motion	Resolutions	Lead Officer / Executive Member	Actions taken	Status
<p>13. Changes to disability and long-term sickness benefits</p>	<p>To ask the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Prime Minister to express;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ this Council's strong belief that welfare reform must not be predicated on financial savings and in particular, cuts to PIP; ○ that as a Council we recognise the difficult financial situation the country faces and believe the correct way to address this is by tackling the enormous wealth inequalities that exist in our society, not by removing desperately needed support from those least able to bear the cost; 	<p>Nick Wharton / Cllr Douglas</p>	<p>The Council has submitted a formal response to the consultation, which has been published on York Open Data.</p> <p>Policies being reviewed and impacts being analysed for York through available data.</p> <p>3 x letters prepared, approved and sent mid April.</p> <p>Task and Finish Group established (to report to People Scrutiny Committee); draft report for early 2026 (TBC)</p> <p>Letter sent.</p>	<p><u>Completed</u></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the severe impact of austerity on support services and the soaring levels of need; ○ that following the social model of disability necessitates that National and Local Government work tirelessly to remove barriers – whether physical or financial – to ensure disabled people are able to live socially, emotionally and financially secure and fulfilling lives which puts them on an equal footing with non-disabled people; ● To request the relevant Scrutiny Committee to undertake a review via a Task and Finish Group, when detailed Government proposals on disability and long-term sickness benefits are known in order to identify likely impacts on the demand for support from 	<p>Sara Storey / Pauline Stuchfield / Scrutiny Officer / Cllr Steels-Walshaw</p>		
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Motion	Resolutions	Lead Officer / Executive Member	Actions taken	Status
<p>14. Working to tackle the growing epidemic of violence against women and girls (VAWG)</p>	<p>the council and its local partners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that City of York Council's (CYC) Domestic Abuse Awareness Day, which took place last December during 16 days of action to tackle VAWG, be repeated each year, with learning shared with CYC Human Resources and partner organisations encouraged to run similar events; to ask the Council Leader to write to other council leaders in our region to encourage them adopt a similar approach around awareness raising across services and about VAWG being everyone's responsibility; to work closely with survivors and local specialist and 'by and for' services to understand the impact of VAWG in York; building on existing good work at Vale of York Academy, to work through both the council and local Multi Academy 	<p>Helen Whiting/Peter Roderick/Nick Wharton/Maxine Squire Cllr Steels-Walshaw / Cllr Douglas/Cllr Pavlovic</p>	<p>Public Health to take the lead and will be promoted across CYC workforce accordingly. Implemented as business as usual.</p> <p>Letters to regional leaders drafted, approved and will be issued before committee meets.</p> <p>York is well engaged with both the VAWG Partnership led by OPFCC and the Serious Violence Duty Working Group to ensure that cross cutting themes are picked up within the remit of these groups. There are action plans aligned to both groups and reports on progress in delivery are provided to Safer York Partnership.</p> <p>Two domestic abuse awareness days took place within CYC in September focusing on the link between domestic abuse and suicide.</p> <p>A domestic abuse guide for businesses is under development and work is being piloted with Portakabin.</p> <p>The domestic abuse team has been working with partners supporting LGBTQ+ communities to raise awareness of domestic abuse support services.</p>	<p>Completed – 05/01/2026</p>

	<p>Trust chains to ensure comprehensive education on healthy relationships and respect for women and girls is available in all schools across York;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• that the Executive Member for Housing, Planning and Safer Communities uses the new council reporting format to frequently update the public on steps being taken to reduce VAWG, and to hold the council and partners to account on these commitments.		<p>Work is underway within the Public Health Directorate to understand how secondary schools can be better supported around PSHE.</p> <p>Letters sent to council leaders in the Yorkshire and Humber region on 06/05/25. Letters outlined York’s role in raising awareness (as part of the international 16 Days of Action, the council hosted a Domestic Abuse Awareness Day. The campaign focused on raising public awareness and on how to identify signs of abuse whether as employers, colleagues, friends/family members, or members of the wider community. This was followed by a Valentine’s Day campaign, which included a poem written by a local survivor and raised awareness of behaviours such as love bombing, underlining the importance of recognising emotional abuse and unhealthy relationship dynamics). Letters were well received, and we received a response from the Leader of Leeds City Council as well as from the Deputy Mayor for Police and Crime for West Yorkshire – expressing their support and outlining similar initiatives.</p>	
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Council Meeting – 17/07/25

Motion	Resolutions	Lead Officer / Executive Member	Actions taken	Status
<p>15. Improving equality of access to elections</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to request the Council Leader writes to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, the Deputy Prime Minister, making the case that local election franchising be applied equally to all residents in England, in line with Scotland and Wales; to request the Council Leader writes to letting agencies and landlords with significant numbers of properties in York, the University of York and York St John University, seeking greater support in registering more residents to vote, including consideration of automatic registration; to request the Council, through the appropriate committee, considers those recommendations of the IPPR in which there is local discretion, and any other viable opportunities to increase voter participation, before making recommendations to the Returning Officer for their consideration, prior to the Local Elections in 2027. 	<p>Bryn Roberts / Nick Wharton Cllr Douglas / Cllr Fenton</p>	<p>Letter to SoS Steve Reed MP, sent (22/01/26). Letter states: ‘York is proud to be both a City of Sanctuary and the UK’s first Human Rights City. These designations reflect our long-standing commitment to fairness, dignity, and participation for everyone who calls York home. Local democracy is strongest when all who live, work, and contribute to our communities can have their voices heard in local decision making. As such, we believe all residents should have equal rights and access to voting. However, complex voting eligibility and voter ID requirements have disenfranchised many residents. Census data from 2021 highlights a direct impact on York as a city with significant numbers belonging to more highly disenfranchised groups. These groups include the most vulnerable in society; those with physical mobility issues, mental health challenges, neurodivergent and younger people, refugees, ethnic minorities and those from poorer backgrounds.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

			<p>The 2025 IPPR report, 'Modernising elections: How to get voters back', recommended several changes including automatic voter registration, removal of photo ID requirements, non-working day elections and voting rights for permanent residents. While not endorsing every single one of these proposals, City of York Council believes the government and local authorities should fully engage with the IPPR recommendations and consider which of them may help to maximise support and encouragement for engaging with democratic processes. Electoral reform would strengthen local government's legitimacy and help ensure that councils truly reflect the communities they serve. I urge you to bring forward proposals to extend the local election franchise to all residents in the UK, ensuring that every citizen who lives in our country may participate and share in its democratic rights.'</p> <p>Letter to landlords have been drafted and are being sent (waiting on list of landlords from housing team).</p>	
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			<p>Work on the third bullet point will commence with the involvement of the new Chief Executive/Returning Officer, to ensure their direction on the running the election is followed.</p>	
<p>16. Supporting York's small businesses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To request the Executive to instruct officers to estimate the cost of restoring a lower cost 30-minute stay option at on-street parking sites where this had been available prior to April 2025, and to assess whether this supports the objectives of the council's approved Local Transport and Climate Strategies; • To request that Executive considers setting out options for the reinstatement of a lower cost 30-minute stay at these locations, following the conclusion and findings from its trader-instigated Review of Parking Charges (under Traffic Management Act 2004 powers); • to ask that the Executive works with local business groups and representative organisations, such as the York Business Improvement District and the Federation of Small Businesses, to understand the impact of recent National Insurance changes in order to be able to lobby Government for mitigation measures. 	<p>Michael Howard/ Garry Taylor Cllr Ravilious Cllr Kilbane</p>	<p>The council has worked with the three Right to Challenge areas, business representatives and traders to set out a consultation and engagement plan to gather feedback about the cost of car-parking and the impact this is having on small businesses.</p> <p>At their request, the council has commissioned an independent transport consultant to run the consultation, and will invite Scrutiny to review feedback.</p> <p>The collates and publishes economic and footfall data quarterly, (with unfunded plans to collate transport data) to understand the impact on revenues and footfall and the impact on transport and climate change strategic objectives. This qualitative feedback and quantitative data will be used by the independent transport consultants to develop recommendations for Executive to review the charges, following Scrutiny review.</p> <p>The council is reaching out to partners and collating business intelligence on this matter, including through its monthly meetings with business</p>	<p>Completed – 05/01/2026</p>

			representatives at the York and North Yorkshire Business Intelligence meeting. It will use this to inform a proposal to lobby government to consider mitigation measures as a result of the NI changes.	
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<p>17. Non-proliferation of Fossil Fuels</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to request that the Council Leader gives York’s written support to the Non-Proliferation Treaty on Fossil Fuels campaign, confirming York’s position to the Secretary of State for Energy and Net Zero; and writes to the Mayor of York and North Yorkshire and the city’s two MPs confirming the council’s position on non-proliferation of fossil fuels, and seeking their support in achieving this goal, through both regional decision-making, national energy policy and support for the MP for York Central’s Early Day Motion 111 in support of the above Treaty. 	<p>Shaun Gibbons / Nick Wharton Cllr Douglas</p>	<p>City of York Council are now signatories of the Non-Proliferation Treaty on Fossil Fuels</p> <p>Letters to Secretary of State, Mayor and two York MPs have been sent (22/01/26).</p> <p>Head of Climate Change sent written support to the Non-Proliferation Treaty on Fossil Fuels Campaign: “City of York Council has committed to tackling the climate emergency, supporting a rapid and just transition away from fossil fuels. Locally, we are showing leadership with ambitious plans to increase renewable energy generation, improving the livelihoods, environment and health of York’s residents. We are calling for immediate, sustained and collective action to transition to safe, renewable and affordable energy for all.”</p> <p>“By signing the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, York makes a</p>	<p>Complete</p>
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commitment to move away from fossil fuel extraction and towards a just transition. Endorsing the treaty sends a strong message that our city is serious about climate action. The cost of inaction, to our economy, environment and health is far greater than the cost of transitioning to net zero. Now is the time to act.” - Sent 29/07/25

Council Meeting – 18/09//25

Motion	Resolutions	Lead Officer / Executive Member	Actions taken	Status
<p>18. Planning Process Improvements</p>	<p>Council calls for a cross-party group to be set up to look at improvements to the planning and specifically the S106 process including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share details and discuss the existing review of outstanding S106 money and the plans to spend it (and absolutely ensure any risk of it needing to return it to developers is minimised) Improving the process of ensuring all consultees respond to S106 enquiries (noting for example a notable number of large applications which have received no NHS response) Creating a system for ward members to identify their ward priorities in the different categories of s106 contributions (in which there is discretion i.e. not education, early years places etc) to inform officers when drafting s106 agreements; Ensuring the monitoring of S106 agreements is rigorous and breaches are swiftly acted upon. Ensuring that the monies received are spent as promptly as possible to deliver the mitigations / 	<p>Becky Eades / Cllr Pavlovic</p>	<p>To do.</p> <p>All consultees have been contacted to remind them of the timescales for responding to enquiries.</p> <p>Ward members have been asked to identify priorities in their Ward.</p> <p>Monitoring system in place with specific officers tasked with the responsibility.</p>	<p>Open</p>

	benefits they are for, and that there is a clear monitoring system for this.			
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<p>19. Fair Funding for York</p>	<p>Council resolves to call on the Council Leader to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · outline any formal representation she or other political leaders have made to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government and the Chancellor of the Exchequer demanding that York is not left with a £15m shortfall under the new model · rule out seeking powers to impose a Council Tax rise above the current 4.99% ceiling in any event · engage with other local authorities with large student populations to make the case for funding allocations to fully take into account the impact of the Class N exemption · re-engage with the F20 group of the least well-funded Councils to lobby the Government to introduce a truly fair funding system. 	<p>Debbie Mitchell / Cllr Lomas</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Council responded to the FFR consultation, and the full response is published on the open data platform here https://data.yorkopendata.org/dataset/fair-funding-review-consultation-2025 2. There is no intention to propose a council tax rise above the current 4.99% ceiling 3. As part of the Society of Unitary Treasurers and other regional groups, officers have engaged with other councils in a similar position. 4. As above. 	<p>Completed</p>
<p>20. Tackling Pavement Parking to Promote safe, Accessible Streets for All</p>	<p>Council resolves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to request the Executive Member for Transport writes to the Government, seeking publication of the long-overdue response to the 2020 pavement-parking consultation, undertaken by the previous Government, without delay and rapid subsequent action and/or legislation to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o national prohibition on pavement parking with sensible local exemptions only where genuinely necessary; and o streamlining Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) procedures, making it easier, quicker, and less 	<p>Garry Taylor / Cllr Ravilious</p>	<p>Work is underway in preparing a written submission to government in this respect</p> <p>Work will be undertaken as part of the movement and place strategy to work collaboratively with local organisations such as Living Streets, Walk York, York Civic Trust and other walking and disability advocacy groups to co-produce accessible guidance and communications on pavement parking rights and responsibilities.</p>	<p>Completed – 05/01/2026</p>

	<p>costly for local authorities to impose pavement parking restrictions where necessary; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">o sufficient funding and resources for local authorities to implement and enforce the changes, given the significant initial resource burden;• to empower council officers to explore the use of TROs on key streets suffering from excessive pavement parking, while noting the TRO process is currently lengthy and expensive;• to support Living Streets' recommendation to accompany any new pavement parking law with a targeted national awareness campaign explaining the dangers and legal changes to the public;• to work collaboratively with local organisations such as Living Streets, Walk York, York Civic Trust and other walking and disability advocacy groups to co-produce accessible guidance and communications on pavement parking rights and responsibilities, to raise greater awareness of the challenges pavement parking can cause;			
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Council Meeting – 06/11/25

Motion	Resolutions	Lead Officer / Executive Member	Actions taken	Status
<p>21. Access to Transport for All</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support Tom Gordon MP’s campaign to lift national time restrictions on the use of disabled bus passes. 2. Ask the Group Leaders to write to the Secretary of State for Transport urging the Government to amend the English National Concessionary Travel Scheme to make disabled bus passes valid 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and for the additional cost of this to be reflected in council settlements so other financial support for bus services is not impacted; 3. Ask for officers to work with the Access Forum prior to bringing a report to the appropriate Scrutiny Committee within 6 months, outlining cost implications, benefits and risks and potential partnerships with local bus operators of amending the start time for use of disabled bus passes, prior to making recommendations to the Mayoral Combined Authority, which now holds this specific responsibility; 4. Following an update due to be provided at Place Scrutiny this month, to ask the Executive Member for Transport to meet with the Dial & Ride Task & Finish Group members as soon as possible to discuss the progress made with identifying options for a replacement service. 	<p>Garry Taylor Cllr Ravillous</p>	<p>Letters drafted, awaiting approval.</p>	

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<p>22. Tackling pollution in York's Rivers</p>	<p>Request the Leader writes to the Mayor of York and North Yorkshire and York's MPs to ask them to join the Leader and Executive Member for the Environment in calling on the Government to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adopt legislation mirroring the EU's revised Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive, to prevent chronic pollution threatening public and environmental health; - ban the use of recognised dangerous 'forever' chemicals as quickly as possible; - Urge a national investment programme to modernise sewage and highway drainage infrastructure - including storage, treatment, and overflow controls - with priority given to areas serving York and the Rivers Ouse and Foss; - Request implementation of local pollution reduction measures, such as installing upstream buffer zones, "first-flush" stormwater capture, and retrofitting sewage systems to reduce raw discharge events, while monitoring improvements through better reporting; - Support and require the Environment Agency to more effectively monitor, understand and prevent water pollution and respond to incidents quickly; - Develop a fit-for purpose chemical assessment and management system. <p>Council further resolves to support AQuA and Ecomix in publicising their local efforts to increase public awareness of the water pollution challenge, and to share guidance on how residents can take small decisions to positively contribute to reducing pollution of our waterways.</p>	<p>Shaun Gibbons Cllr Kent</p>	<p>Letter sent on 10 April 2026 - asking for support in calling on the Government to strengthen wastewater and pollution laws, ban harmful chemicals, invest in modern sewage infrastructure (especially in York), enhance local pollution controls and transparency, boost the Environment Agency's response capacity, and establish a robust chemical management regime.</p>	<p>Letters sent – recommended for closure</p>

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<p>23. Enhancing the Benefits of Devolution for York</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give its endorsement to greater devolution for York and North Yorkshire in the form of Strategic Authorities; • Request the Council Leader joins Mayor Skaith and the Leader of North Yorkshire Council in writing to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, backing the Government's plans for greater devolution in England and making the case for expanded powers and investment for our Combined Authority area under future arrangements, such as the ability to raise a tourist levy and to introduce a registration and management scheme for short term holiday lets in constituent parts of the Combined Authority's area; • Support the Mayor's and Council Leaders' shared ambition to progress to Established Mayoral Strategic Authority status at pace, to unlock further devolved decision making and funding to benefit York; and • Request an all councillor briefing on Strategic Authorities so Members are fully informed on the opportunities the new authorities will bring. 	<p>Claire Foale Cllr Kilbane</p>	<p>CYC officers are supporting the YNYCA explore options to become an Established Combined Authority, including potential additional duties and powers.</p>	<p>Recommended for closure.</p> <p>Since the motion was passed, the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority has formally voted to progress to Established Strategic Authority status, and the application process is underway. The Council's position is now embedded within CA governance arrangements.</p>

Council Meeting – 26/03/26				
Motion	Resolutions	Lead Officer / Executive Member	Actions taken	Status

<p>24. Protecting York's Independent Patient Voice – Healthwatch</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to express its strong support and appreciation for Healthwatch York for representing the views of service users locally for over a decade, and for the work of York's Health and Care Partnership Executive Committee in continuing to promote the importance of Healthwatch's work, including keeping this independent function within the York health system. • Request the Council Leader writes to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care requesting a review of the proposed legislative changes, to ensure that any future model continues to Page 10 • provide a robust, truly independent and trusted mechanism for representing patient and public voices; and • 2. Request the Executive Member for Health and Adult Social Care, including as Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board, works constructively with local partners, including the Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board, local MPs and voluntary and community sector organisations, as well as York's Health and Care Partnership, to promote and protect independent advocacy for York residents. • 3. Commit that any future arrangements to replace or replicate the functions of Healthwatch must be delivered by an independent body, separate from the Council, NHS providers, and commissioners. 	<p>Peter Roderick / Cllr Steels Walshaw</p>		
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Motion	Resolutions	Lead Officer / Executive Member	Actions taken	Status
<p>25. Fair votes for all</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask Group Leaders to individually write to the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government and the Minister for Building Safety, Fire and Democracy attaching a full copy of this motion and specifically calling for the Government to urgently establish a National Commission on Electoral Reform with clear terms of reference, as proposed by the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Fair Elections, which should report in time for any recommendations to be implemented before the next General Election, and to provide copies of these letters to the MPs for York Outer and York Central and the Mayor of York and North Yorkshire. • Publicly affirm this Council's support for PR as an essential element of a modern and democratic United Kingdom. 	<p>Bryn Roberts Cllr Douglas</p>		
<p>26. Impact of Business Rates Revaluation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ask the Leader of the Council to write to the Government to request that it reconsider the implementation of the 2026 business rates revaluation where it results in sudden and significant increases in liabilities for SME businesses. • To request that officers consider what advice and support the council, working with partners in the business community, can offer to York businesses losing Small Business Rates Relief or facing sudden and significant increases, should there be cases where those businesses won't be in receipt of the replacement Supporting Small Business Relief, or transitional relief to cushion this change. • To ask the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive Officer to write to the Chancellor of the 	<p>Debbie Mitchell Cllr Lomas</p>		

	<p>Exchequer expressing York's concerns about the impact of sudden and significant business rate increases on SME local businesses and high streets, and to include local examples in its forthcoming High Streets Strategy to highlight York's success.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ask the Executive to work with the Combined Authority Mayor to make Government aware of the problem faced by many small businesses who would like to expand but face challenges doing so due to the VAT threshold acting as a disincentive. • To call on the Government, through the requested Council Leader letter above, to review the entire business rates system to level the playing field between large multinational Page 16 corporations and small businesses, and between online and bricks and mortar businesses. 			
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Extraordinary Council Meeting – 26/03/26				
Motion	Resolutions	Lead Officer / Executive Member	Actions taken	Status
27. Removal of Sarah Ferguson's Honorary Freedom of the City status	The Council resolves that, pursuant to Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the City of York Council withdraws the Honorary Freeman of the City status from Sarah Ferguson, which was conferred upon her in 1987.	Bryn Roberts Cllr Douglas	https://democracy.york.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=331&MId=15525	Complete – recommended closure



Corporate Scrutiny Committee

11 May 2026

Report of the Director of Governance

Schedule of Petitions

Summary

1. Members of this Committee are aware of their role in the consideration of petitions received by the Council. The Committee last received an updated schedule of petitions in November 2025. In accordance with the Council's Petitions Scheme and Council Standing Orders, the Committee is invited to scrutinise any actions taken in relation to petitions received and to consider any next steps such as may be appropriate.

Background

2. The Council formally adopted its Petitions Scheme at its meeting in March 2022, covering both paper and e petitions. For information purposes, that Scheme is attached at Annex A. The Scheme provides that petitions will be referred to this Committee for consideration, and historically the most opportune time for this is when actions by the relevant Directorate are finalised (e.g., to refer to an Executive Member for decision on any actions). In that way, the Committee can reasonably review whether the proposed action represented a satisfactory way in which to deal with each petition received.

Current Petitions Update

3. Annex B provides a list of all petitions recorded as received by the Council since the last report to this Committee in November 2025, with details of progress and actions since then. The schedule also lists those petitions that were presented to Council prior to November 2025 and that are still open, along with those that were open at the time of the last update report, but have since been closed.

Process

4. Members are reminded that the role of this Committee is not to determine any specific actions to be taken in relation to petitions but rather to monitor the progress of their consideration and the appropriateness of any actions planned or taken by the decision maker.
5. The Council's Petition Scheme (Annex A attached) is set out at Appendix 2 of the Constitution. Paragraph 5.2 states:

"Paper petitions handed in to a Ward Councillor are normally presented at Full Council and then passed to a senior officer within the relevant Directorate and referred to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee. Those that come directly into the Council Offices are also referred to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee."
6. Members may wish to note that following Council on 21 November 2024, petitions are not automatically referred to this Committee following receipt, but are referred to the appropriate decision-maker (new rule B6 1).

Options

7. The Scheme sets out the options available to this Committee in reviewing petitions at paragraph 8.2 as follows:
 - a) Requesting a detailed report on the issues;
 - b) Noting receipt of the petition and proposed action;
 - c) Requiring the Executive Member or person taking any decisions on the matter to attend a meeting and answer questions;
 - d) Undertaking a detailed scrutiny review, gathering evidence, hearing from witnesses and making recommendations to the appropriate person or Member making the decisions; or
 - e) Referring the matter to Full Council for debate according to the significance of the issues.
8. Under paragraph 8.3, the Committee may call for reports and undertake reviews in relation to petitions where it is concerned that they have not been dealt with properly.

Consultation

9. All Councillors were involved in the decision making around the existing Petitions Scheme, given that it was subject to Full Council approval for inclusion in its Constitution. Relevant Directorates are involved in the

preparation of the schedule of petitions and actions compiled at Annex B.

Implications

10. There are no known legal, financial, human resources or other implications directly associated with the recommendations in this report. However, depending upon what, if any, further actions Members agree to in respect of individual petitions there may, of course, be specific implications for resources which would need to be addressed.

Risk Management

11. There are no known risk implications associated with the recommendations in this report. Members should, however, be aware of the reputational risk to the Council if it fails to ensure appropriate consideration is given to petitions from the public.

Recommendations

12. Members are asked to:
 - (i) Note the schedule of petitions;
 - (ii) Review the petitions and actions planned or taken and identify any further actions they consider necessary or appropriate in line with the options available under the Council's Petitions Scheme, as set out at paragraphs 6 and 7 above.

Reason: To ensure the Committee carries out its constitutional role in relation to petitions.

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Wards Affected:

All

Background Papers: None

Annexes:

Annex A – Appendix 2 of Council Constitution – Petitions Scheme

Annex B – Schedule of Petitions [To follow]

Appendix 2 - Petitions Scheme

- 1 City of York Council is committed to involving local people in its decision making. For some years, it has been operating a public participation scheme enabling members of the public to attend meetings and speak on an issue. It has also responded to petitions from the public, received in an number of ways e.g. through a Ward Councillor submitting a petition on behalf of a constituent or by a resident submitting one direct to a council office by post/hand. As part of its approach to petitions, the Council has also introduced an ePetitions facility, providing another way in which a particular issue can be brought to the attention of Councillors.

- 2 Through this Petitions Scheme, the Council is making a commitment to:
 - Enable anyone who lives, work or studies in the local authority area to organise and submit a petition either on paper or electronically
 - Respond to the concerns raised within a petition
 - Review its handling of a petition where a lead petitioner believes it has not been dealt with in accordance with this scheme.

- 3 To support the scheme, the Council has:
 - Set a low threshold of ten signatures on the number of petitioners to enable as many valid local opinions to be heard as possible
 - Provided an ePetitions facility to enable those who want to, to create their petition on line and allow others to sign it electronically

4 Petitions Not Covered By This Scheme

4.1 This scheme does not cover petitions which:

- a) Relate to a planning or licensing application – in this case a petition will be referred to the relevant decision maker
- b) Relate to matters where there is a legal right to seek a review or appeal
- c) Respond to a public consultation organised by the Council – in this case a petition will be referred to the decision maker
- d) Relate to matters which are of a defamatory or discriminatory nature, personal attacks on identifiable individuals or disclosure of confidential or personal information, particularly where appropriate the lead petitioner will be directed to the most appropriate route for raising such concerns with the Council.
- e) The Council's Monitoring Officer, acting in consultation with the Chief Operating Officer, considers to be vexatious i.e. a petition with insufficient substance to merit action and the use effective use of public resource, abusive or otherwise inappropriate

4.2 In addition to these rules where a petition has resulted in a debate at a meeting of Full Council, the Council will not hold a further debate in response to a petition which the Lord Mayor considers to be substantially similar within a period of two years.

4.3 During the period leading up to a local or national election the Council may temporarily suspend the hosting of e-petitions or delay holding debates.

5 Submitting a Petition

Paper Petitions

- 5.1 Paper petitions can be submitted via a number of routes e.g. via a Ward Councillor, by post or hand delivered to the Council Offices.
- 5.2 Paper petitions handed in to a Ward Councillor are normally presented at Full Council and then passed to a senior officer within the relevant Directorate and referred to the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee. Those that come directly into the Council Offices are also referred to the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee.
- 5.3 Paper petitions should contain the details of the petition on the front of each sheet so that it is clear that each signatory has responded to identical wording.

6 ePetitions

- 6.1 All ePetitions submitted to the Council must:
- a) Include a clear and concise statement covering the subject of the Petition.
 - b) State what action the petitioners wish the Council to take.
- 6.2 The ePetition organiser will need to provide us with their name, postal address including postcode, email address and contact telephone number. The name of the petition organiser (but no other contact details) will be published alongside details of the petition.
- 6.3 The ePetition organiser will also need to decide how long their petition will be open for signatures. Most ePetitions run for six months, but it can be a shorter or longer timeframe, up to a

maximum of 12 months.

- 6.4 When an ePetition is created, it may take up to five working days before it is published online. This is because we have to check that the content of the ePetition meets the guidelines before it is made available for signature.
- 6.5 The relevant Executive Member will be advised of the publication of any e-petition relating to their service area.
- 6.6 If a petition does not follow the guidelines set out above, or if we need clarification on any issues raised within an ePetition, we will contact the ePetition organiser within 5 working days of receipt to explain.
- 6.7 We will also contact the ePetition organiser if we feel we cannot publish an ePetition for any reason, and where possible, we will offer assistance to change and resubmit it.
- 6.8 If the required clarification is not provided, or if an ePetition that we cannot publish is not re-submitted within 14 days, a summary of the ePetition and the reason why it has not been accepted will be published under the 'rejected petitions' section of the Council's ePetitions facility.

7 How to 'sign' an ePetition

- 7.1 An individual wanting to sign an ePetition, will be asked to provide their name, address and postcode, plus a valid email address. They will then receive an email containing a link which they must click on in order to confirm their email address is valid. Once this step is completed their 'signature' will be added to the ePetition.

NB: Anyone viewing an e-petition will only be able to see the names of those who have signed - no contact details will be visible.

- 7.2 All ePetitions currently available for signature on the Council's website can be viewed at:
<http://democracy.york.gov.uk/mgePetitionListDisplay.aspx?bcr=1>

8 How will the Council respond?

- 8.1 Within 5 days of a petition being received or of an ePetition being closed to signatories, we will send acknowledgement to the petition organiser, providing information on when they can expect to hear from us again and what process needs to be followed.
- 8.2 Our response will depend on what the petition/ePetition asks for and how many people have signed it but details of the petition will be referred to our Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee (CCSMC) who may decide a range of potential actions, including:
- a) Requesting a detailed report on the issues;
 - b) Noting receipt of the petition and proposed action;
 - c) Requiring the Executive Member or person taking any decisions on the matter to attend a meeting and answer questions;
 - d) Undertaking a detailed scrutiny review, gathering evidence, hearing from witnesses and making recommendations to the appropriate person or Member making the decisions;
 - e) Referring the matter to Full Council for debate according to the significance of the issues
- 8.3 CCSMC will have the right to call for reports and undertake reviews in relation to petitions where it is concerned that they have not been dealt with properly.

- 8.4 The relevant Executive Member may also be required to consider the petition to agree appropriate actions, depending upon the issues raised.
- 8.5 If the petition relates to an operational Highways matter, for example a traffic regulation order or Respark, it will be referred directly to the relevant Executive Member and will not be considered by CCSMC.
- 8.6 If the petition/ePetition is about something over which the council has no direct control e.g. the local railway or hospital, we may refer it to the Council's relevant partner organisation, and where appropriate, may work with them to respond to the petition.

9 Getting Involved When Your Petition Is Considered

- 9.1 A petitioner may choose to attend any meeting where their petition/ePetition is to be considered to listen to the debate, or register to speak at the meeting via the Council's Public Participation Scheme. This scheme enables participants to address Councillors before they debate the issues raised.

10 What happens next?

- 10.1 The petition/ePetition organiser will receive notification of the outcome of their petition. Where a petition/ePetition has been considered at a public meeting, information on the related decisions will be made available electronically via the meeting minutes published online. It will also be possible to track the implementation of any actions arising from them, via the online committee management system.



Corporate Scrutiny Committee**11 May 2026**

Report of the Head of Democratic Services

Corporate Scrutiny Committee Work Plan**Summary**

1. This report presents the Committee's work plan for 2025/26 at Annex A, and draft work programme for 2026/27 at Annex B for Members' consideration. The Scrutiny Overview Work Plan is also presented for information at Annex C.
2. The Adult Social Care Finance Task and Finish Group is due to meet for a scoping discussion before the Committee meets; if available before the Committee's meeting, its agreed remit will be included as a supplementary Annex to this report.

Background and Approach

3. The Committee sets its own programme of work, with input from Executive Members, officers and residents. A draft work plan is set at the start of the municipal year and, as a live document, is a standing item for consideration at each meeting.
4. The Committee's work plan should not be considered a fixed, rigid schedule, but instead can be adapted to reflect any new and emerging issues throughout the municipal year, and any timetabling issues that might occur from time to time.
5. In agreeing its work plan, the Committee should consider the resources, remit and powers available to it whilst also prioritising those areas of scrutiny which would be of most value. The role and remit of the Committee is set out fully in Article 8 of the Council's Constitution.
6. In considering any developments and/or modifications to the work plan, effort should be made to:

- Avoid unnecessary duplication, including any existing groups already monitoring a particular issue.
- Ensure any review work has clarity and focus of purpose, will add value, and can be delivered within an agreed timeframe.
- Consider available resources and relevant timeframes, bearing in mind the Committee’s workload and the type of scrutiny activity.
- Build in sufficient flexibility to enable consideration of any urgent matters that may arise during the municipal year, noting that items can be carried over to the following municipal year if required.

Implications and Risk Management

7. There are no direct implications or risks arising from this report; any relevant implications and risks will be identified in the cover report for each agenda item.

Recommendations

8. Members are asked:
- i. To consider and agree the Committee’s draft work plan for the 2026/27 municipal year.

Reason: To ensure that the Committee maintains an appropriate programme of work.

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Wards Affected: All

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Background Papers

City of York Council Constitution, Article 8: Scrutiny,
<https://democracy.york.gov.uk/documents/s185896/08%20-%20Article%208%20-%20Scrutiny.pdf>

Annexes:

Annex A – Corporate Scrutiny Committee Work Plan, May 2026

Annex B – Corporate Scrutiny Committee Draft Work Programme, 2026-27

Annex C – Scrutiny Overview Work Plan, March 2026

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Annex A Corporate Scrutiny Committee Work Plan 2025/26

Reviewed May 2026

Theme	Item	Lead Officer / Exec Member	Notes
9 June 2025			
	Outer Ring Road and Station Gateway	Garry Taylor Cllr Lomas	Pre-decision Scrutiny
	2026/27 outline budget process	Debbie Mitchell	
7 July 2025			
	Harewood Whin Green Energy Park Business Case	Shaun Gibbons Cllr Kent	Pre-decision scrutiny
	Budget Task and Finish Proposal	Debbie Mitchell Cllr Lomas	
8 September 2025			
	10-year anti-poverty strategy	Pauline Stuchfield, Sam Blyth	Pre-decision scrutiny
	Next steps in securing investment for York	Sam Blyth, Claire Foale, Garry Taylor Cllr Douglas	
	2024/25 F&P Outturn	Debbie Mitchell, Ian Cunningham, Cllr Lomas	Planned to come in July but deferred as the date of Executive was changed
	Scrutiny Shared Vision	James Parker / Guy Close Cllr Douglas	
01 October 2025 (additional meeting)			
	Castle Gateway	Garry Taylor Cllr Lomas	Pre-decision scrutiny

Theme	Item	Lead Officer / Exec Member	Notes
	Report of the Task & Finish Group on the Boundary Commission review	Bryn Roberts Cllr Douglas	To agree a recommendation to go to Executive
	Draft Comms Strategy	Claire Foale / Michael James Cllr Douglas	Pre-decision scrutiny
10 November 2025			
	Complaints/Compliments annual report	Lorraine Lunt / Cllrs Lomas / Douglas	Annual update
	Petitions Schedule	Bryn Roberts	Six-monthly update
	Council Motions	Bryn Roberts	Six-monthly update
	Audit recommendations – Emission reporting process and Climate Action Plan	Shaun Gibbons / Cllr Kent	
19 January 2026			
	Budget and MTFs Scrutiny, final report	James Parker Cllr Baxter Debbie Mitchell Cllr Lomas	
2 March 2026			
	Evaluation of the business decarbonisation support programme	Shaun Gibbons / Cllr Kent	
	Scrutiny Recommendation Tracking	James Parker	
11 May 2026			

Theme	Item	Lead Officer / Exec Member	Notes
	Petitions Schedule	Bryn Roberts	Six-monthly update
	Council Motions	Sam Blyth	Six-monthly update

Potential topics for all-member briefing sessions or public meetings

Item	Origin	Lead Officer and Exec Member	Notes
Major projects – York Central update		Garry Taylor / Cllr Lomas	Public meeting – July 2026 tbc
City LEAP		Shaun Gibbons / Cllr Kent	Had been scheduled May 2026
Community Woodland update from Forestry England	Cllr Kent	Shaun Gibbons Cllr Kent	Briefing, 16/04/26
Digital Switchover		Roy Grant	Briefing, 26/02/26
Customer Services developments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital information provision • AI • User journey (website) 		Pauline Stuchfield, Eilidh Carricker	
F&P Quarterly Reports	Regular Report	Debbie Mitchell, Ian Cunningham Cllr Lomas	Information to be shared with members via e-mail

Item	Origin	Lead Officer and Exec Member	Notes
Local Nature Recovery Strategy	Moved from November's meeting	Shaun Gibbons / Guy Hanson / Alison Cooke Cllr Kent	Briefing. Consultation over the summer, due for approval 04/11/25
Community Infrastructure Levy		Alison Cooke	Better understand the approach to implementation of the CIL in parished and unparished areas, and in particular, what advantages parished areas might have.
S106	Govt announcement	Alison Cooke	Government plans

Scrutiny Member Briefing Sessions

- Thursday 21 October 2025 (Library Needs Assessment)
- Thursday 4 December 2025 (Healthy Weight/Capital Project Management)
- Thursday 26 February 2026 (Digital Switchover)
- Thursday 16 April 2026 (School Attendance and Attainment Gap/Community Woodland Update)

Agreed Task and Finish Groups (TFGs)

Topic and timescale	Aims and objectives	Membership
Boundary Commission Review on Council Size Report and recommendations agreed by Corporate Scrutiny Committee on 1 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather views and seek cross-party agreement for a recommendation on council size. 	Cllr Coles Cllr Hollyer Cllr Merrett Cllr Steward Cllr Wann

<p>2025 and agreed by Council on 16 October 2025.</p>		
<p>Budget and Medium-Term Financial Strategy Scrutiny</p> <p>Report and recommendations agreed by Corporate Scrutiny Committee on 19 January 2026 and endorsed by Executive on 3 March 2026.</p> <p>TFG re-established for 2026/27 budget process.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the council’s MTFS • Review the process through which the council will engage with residents, businesses and other stakeholders as it develops and engages on its 2026/27 budget proposals • Review the process through which the MTFS informs the approach to budget-setting • Consider whether and how the budget proposals align with the Council Plan and the ten-year strategies • Review responses to the public consultation on budget proposals and consider any recommendations to Executive • Consider any improvements to the budget-setting process which could be adopted for future years 	<p>Cllr Ayre Cllr Hook Cllr Baxter Cllr Moroney</p>
<p>Joint Task and Finish Group with People Scrutiny Committee to look at financial challenges within Adult Social Care</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remit and timescale TBC pending initial scoping meeting. • CSC is parent committee. 	<p>Cllr Ayre Cllr Burton Cllr Moroney Cllr Nicholls Cllr Runciman</p>

Possible Task and Finish Groups

Topic	Aims and objectives	Membership
TBC	TBC	TBC

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Annex B
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Committee Meetings

Item	Lead Officer / Executive Member	Notes
22 June 2026 (additional meeting)		
Management of Fulford Cemetery	Pauline Stuchfield, Eilidh Carricker /	Pre-decision scrutiny
Safer York Partnership Community Safety Strategy 2026-29	Pauline Stuchfield, Tanya Lyon / Cllr Pavlovic	Pre-decision scrutiny
Gypsy and Traveller Action Plan	Pauline Stuchfield, Laura Swiszcowski / Cllr Pavlovic	Pre-decision scrutiny
6 July 2026		
TBC Major projects – York Central update	Garry Taylor / Cllr Lomas	Update
Scrutiny Annual Report	James Parker	Annual report
7 September 2026		
TBC		
9 November 2026		
Annual Complaints/Compliments	Eilidh Carricker	Annual report
Petitions Schedule	Bryn Roberts	Six-monthly update
Council Motions	Sam Blyth	Six-monthly update
Scrutiny Recommendations	James Parker	Six-monthly update

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Item	Lead Officer / Executive Member	Notes
18 January 2027		
TBC Budget and MTFS TFG Report	Cllr Baxter (Chair of TFG)	Task and Finish Report
TBC Adult Social Care Finance TFG Report	Cllr Nicholls (Chair of TFG)	Task and Finish Report
1 March 2027		
TBC		

Potential or unallocated topics

Item	Lead Officer / Executive Member	Notes
City LEAP	Shaun Gibbons / Cllr Kent	Committee item. Had been scheduled for May 2026.
Digital Switchover	Roy Grant	Committee item or briefing – TBC. Follows Scrutiny Member Briefing in February 2026; further update suggested for autumn 2026.
Customer Services developments	Pauline Stuchfield, Eilidh Carricker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital information provision • AI • User journey (website)
Finance and Performance Quarterly Reports	Debbie Mitchell, Ian Cunningham / Cllr Lomas	Regular quarterly briefing to be shared with members via e-mail.

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Item	Lead Officer / Executive Member	Notes
Community Infrastructure Levy	Alison Cooke	Better understand the approach to implementation of the CIL in parished and unparished areas, and in particular, what advantages parished areas might have.
SI06	Alison Cooke	Government plans

Agreed Task and Finish Groups (TFGs)

Topic	Membership	Notes
<p>Budget and Medium-Term Financial Strategy TFG</p> <p>Date for consideration of draft report: January 2027.</p>	<p>Cllrs Baxter (Chair), Ayre, Hook (Vice-Chair), Moroney</p>	<p>Report and recommendations agreed by Corporate Scrutiny Committee on 19 January 2026 and endorsed by Executive on 3 March 2026: full details at https://democracy.york.gov.uk/documents/s187596/Item%207%20-%20Report%20of%20the%20Budget%20and%20Medium%20Term%20Financial%20Strategy%20Task%20and%20Finish%20Group%20-%20Annex%20A.pdf</p> <p>Re-established for new budget cycle March 2026.</p>
<p>Adult Social Care Financial Challenges Joint TFG</p> <p>Date for consideration of draft report TBC.</p>	<p>Cllrs Ayre, Burton (Vice-Chair), Moroney, Nicholls (Chair), Runciman</p>	<p>Joint TFG with Corporate Scrutiny Committee, which is 'parent' committee. Established following recommendation from Budget and Medium-Term Financial Strategy TFG; full details at https://democracy.york.gov.uk/documents/s187596/Item%207%20-%20Report%20of%20the%20Budget%20and%20Medium%20Term</p>

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		%20Financial%20Strategy%20Task%20and%20Finish%20Group%20-%20Annex%20A.pdf Scoping meeting held April 2026.
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Possible Task and Finish Groups (TFGs)

Topic	Origin	Notes
TBC	n/a	n/a

Scrutiny Member Briefings

Topic	Committee	Lead Officer / Executive Member	Notes
30 June 2026			
Integrated Care Board (ICB) Changes	People Scrutiny Committee	Peter Roderick / Cllr Steels-Walshaw	Initial briefing on structural changes; to be followed by briefing on implementation phase and an appropriate point.
TBC			
29 September 2026			
TBC			
22 October 2026			
TBC			

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3 December 2026			
TBC			
3 February 2027			
TBC			

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Annex C – Scrutiny Overview Work Plan

Meeting Date	Committee	Agenda Item
11/05/26	Corporate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petitions Schedule • Council Motions
19/05/26	Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood Caretakers • Car Parking Charges Review
16/06/26 Additional meeting	Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste Recycling Review
22/06/26 Additional meeting	Corporate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of Fulford Cemetery • Safer York Partnership Community Safety Strategy 2026-29 • Gypsy and Traveller Action Plan
24/06/26 Additional meeting	People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Landlords Annual Report / Allocations Policy • Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy

The Forward Plan can be found [here](#).

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