

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

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	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			

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	Petitions Schedule	Bryn Roberts	Six-monthly update
	Council Motions	Sam Blyth	Six-monthly update

Potential topics for all-member briefing sessions or public meetings

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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

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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

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TBC	TBC	TBC