

Economy, Place, Access, and Transport Scrutiny Committee

Work Plan - April 2025 onwards

Item	Lead Officer / Exec Member	Scope
29 April 2025		
Review of bags to bins	James Gilchrist, Cllr Jenny Kent	
Emergency Planning	James Gilchrist, Steve Wragg, Cllr Jenny Kent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Less common / rare: Food insecurity / novel disease outbreaks / major heatwaves, droughts, wildfires. - More common: Floods - reviewing city's flood resilience, public information and guidance, impact of major schemes?
20 May 2025		
Trees	Harvey Lowson, Cllr Jenny Kent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Performance / challenges relating to CYC's management - Changes in legislation? - How many are we planting vs losing - Engagement with third party owners of trees
Assets of Community Value	Tim Bradley?, Cllr Pete Kilbane / Katie Lomas?	<p>How can CYC:</p> <ul 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.
Section 106	Becky Eades?, Cllr Michael Pavlovic	<p>CYC's approach to creating S106 documents before they are signed off (including scope for Member input)</p> <p>Implementation of new tracking system</p> <p>Cooperation between Finance and Planning</p>

List for items for new Scrutiny Committee(s) to pick up

Dial & Ride

- Update on administration's work on this, since Task & Finish Group recommendations passed in June 2024. A "one year on" meaningful update would be

appreciated by all concerned here, as that's plenty of time.

Review of CYC's Property Asset Portfolio

- Covering how each of CYC's property assets are performing in terms of income generation/returns on investment, their long-term security / financial prospects, possible disposals, use-class mix, vacancy rates, any scope for meanwhile use for communities, opportunity to feed into next Asset Management Strategy (as now expired), and anything else of value.

Input into formulation of next Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy

- Including an eye to progressing the on-street parking question which has not been prioritised to date.

Car Parking provision across the city

The report we did not get in March 2025 - Covering public, private and Park & Ride provision, Blue Badge parking, income received, usage, impact on closing Castle Car Park on the wider estate, wider aims e.g. shifting to less polluting vehicles, approach taken for busy shopping areas outside of the city-centre (e.g. Haxby, Acomb Front St), future of Res Park.

Parking Enforcement

- Costs of service / Income generated - scope to improve? Can we offer services to private land owners?
 - Activity across entire local authority area - How many enforcement officers do we have, how many fines issued, which areas of their city are they issued in, how often are Res Park zones visited. *A view of this over the last 5 - 10 years would be helpful for identifying trends.*
 - Position on pavement parking
 - Consistency of enforcement (seen officers apply different limits to Double Yellow Lines)
 - Hotline performance - how many reports logged, how many of these received visits in a timely manner (or at all)
- Out-of-hours drop in provision due to over-stretched Police unable to prioritise parking

Review of York's economy / economic development strategy

Stock-take of performance against current strategy and its relevance next to the Combined Authority's economic development role, as well as key personell changes within CYC

Pros and cons of combining economic development services with the Combined Authority

Planning and Development Services - enforcement

Operational challenges / opportunities, performance over the last 5-10 years relative to staffing numbers, numbers of (known) breaches by developers

Tourism Levy

What's being done elsewhere, what work is happening in York to explore this, updates following motion passed at Full Council in March 2025 on this

A-Boards

How effective has the A-Board "ban" been?

Make It York

General update on their work, successes, challenges, relationship with all of the market traders, plans for Christmas Market (with reference to Committee's previous recommendation to look at ways to "spread" it out to reduce crowding and make it more accessible).

Park & Ride

Opportunity to feed into full tender, following likely short-term tender discussed at March 2025 Scrutiny

Age Friendly York

What is being done to help make the city a better place for older people to live in?

Review of Council's pedestrian crossing policy

Reviewing city's Economic Strategy

Review of the original Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP)

Review of how the first BSIP has gone, achievements, next steps, future asks of the Mayoral Combined Authority

Other Bus-related matters

- Enhanced Bus Partnership; how effective is it, is this the best model for delivering service improvements for residents?
- Bus stop improvements

Council-run businesses

How are CYC generating income commercially? Are we using everything we can to the best of our ability to generate new or more income streams?

York's Pay Gap

For 2026 as already had an initial report on the Gender Pay Gap – what is the city's pay gap like in relation to ethnicity and disability? What is the Council doing to support local businesses – especially smaller ones – to improve on their gender pay gap performance?