



## **Notice of a public meeting of**

### **Corporate Services, Climate Change and Scrutiny Management Committee**

**To:** Councillors Fenton (Chair), Merrett (Vice-Chair), Ayre, B Burton, Coles, Crawshaw, Healey, Melly, Rose, Rowley, Waller, Widdowson and Whitcroft

**Date:** Monday, 9 December 2024

**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 1 - 2)

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 3 - 8)  
To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2024.

- 4. Public Participation**  
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- 5. York Central Update** (Pages 9 - 24)  
The report provides an update on the York Central development since the previous update to scrutiny in March 2024. A further verbal update from the developer partners will be provided at the meeting.

- 6. Finance and Performance Monitor 2 2024/24** (Pages 25 - 36)  
This report sets out the projected 2024/24 financial position and the performance position for the period covering 1 April 2024 to 30 September 2024.

**7. York Climate Commission Update** (Pages 37 - 40)

The report provides an update on the York Climate Commission following the previous report to scrutiny in 2022.

**8. Work Plan** (Pages 41 - 48)

To consider the work plans for the committee and for scrutiny overview.

**9. Urgent Business**

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

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## City of York Council

## Committee Minutes

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Meeting	Corporate Services, Climate Change and Scrutiny Management Committee
Date	11 November 2024
Present	Councillors Fenton (Chair), Merrett (Vice-Chair), Ayre, B Burton, Coles (until 8.33 pm), Crawshaw, Healey, Melly, Rose, Rowley (until 7 pm), Waller, Widdowson (until 7.58 pm) and Whitcroft
In Attendance	Cllr K Lomas, Executive Member, Finance and Major Projects
Officers Present	Lorraine Lunt, Information and Governance Team Manager Cath Murray, Corporate Governance Operational Manager Helen Whiting, Chief Officer – HR and Support Services Debbie Mitchell, Director of Finance, Section 156 Officer Lindsay Tomlinson, Head of Democratic Governance and Deputy Monitoring Officer

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**26. Apologies for Absence (5.32 pm)**

None were received.

**27. Declarations of Interest (5.32 pm)**

Members were asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest, or other registerable interest, they might have in respect of business on the agenda, if they have not already done so in advance on the Register of Interests.

None were declared.

**28. Minutes (5.33 pm)**

Resolved: That the minutes of the last meeting held on 7 October 2024 and the Joint Meeting with Audit and Governance held on 24 February 2024, were approved as a correct record.

**29. Public Participation (5.34 pm)**

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

**30. City of York Council Annual Complaints Performance and Service Improvements Report April 2023 - March 2024 (5.34 pm)**

The Information and Governance Team Manager presented the report and summarised the key findings, noting that a fall in the number of complaints would trigger an investigation to ensure that the complaints process remained accessible to residents.

The officer, together with the Corporate Governance Operational Manager, responded to questions from members covering a range of topic including the availability of comparative data, trends in the data, quality assurance, team resources, use of social media and compliments.

It was reported that data could be benchmarked against other LAs through the ombudsman network, as well as through previous reporting. Adult Social Care complaints relate to errors rather than care levels, service areas use the complaints data, and the corporate director must sign off on corporate findings. The team was holding a 0.5 vacancy which would not be recruited to deliver cost savings. Whilst there would be impact on the number of complaints received, this may impact the number of out of time responses. Compliments go to individuals and teams as soon as possible and are reported to CMT.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

Reason: To ensure a robust review of the complaints/compliments process.

### **31. Progress on the Workforce Strategy and Workforce: Performance Update Report for Information Only (6.21 pm)**

The Chief officer – HR and Support Services presented her report on the Workforce Strategy, noting that it was designed to deliver the council plan and monitored by the Corporate Management Team (CMT).

Members asked questions covering performance development reviews, employee survey and feedback, measures of success, the LGA peer challenge, trauma-informed approach, recruitment and retention and the inclusion of background papers.

The officer reported that managers should implement employee suggestions where possible; the themes covered in the peer challenge had been identified and were already captured in the strategy; the employee survey included a space for free text to encourage more detailed answers; retention had improved and there was an ambition to ensure that vacancies were filled on the first time of advertising. It was agreed to report back on the trauma-informed approach that was being taken.

Resolved: That the Workforce Development Strategy and the monitoring of performance and measures of success be noted.

Reason: To ensure the effective delivery of a resilient, skilled and capable workforce to deliver the Council Plan.

[6.25 – 6.29 pm, the meeting was adjourned.]

### **32. Budget Scrutiny (6.56 pm)**

The Chief Finance Officer (CFO) presented her report on the proposed approach to balancing the 2025/26 budget, noting that the report contained a number of assumptions and proposals. The process was at an early stage and yet to be agreed. Also, there were a number of variables not yet determined, including the council settlement figure.

Members reviewed the draft Budget Consultation no. 2 document, at Annex 1 of the report, suggesting amendments to the wording of some questions and to the questions themselves.

The CFO explained the difficulties of developing a sufficiently detailed consultation while being constrained by the need to ensure that it could be accessed by those with a reading age of ten and above. The aim of the consultation was to provide Executive with additional information which would be used to assist in the decision-making process.

The Executive Member for Finance and Major Projects noted that whilst residents' views were being gathered, they were not being presented with choices. It was further noted that workshops would be held, subsequent to the survey, to gather more detailed information.

[7.58 pm, Cllr Widdowson left the meeting.]

The CFO reported that a temporary post had been created to lead a team across the service directorships. The aim was to bring in some capacity to resource the programme for change.

Both the CFO and the Executive Manager thanked Members for their input.

Resolved: That the information report be noted.

Reason: To keep the Committee informed of financial issues and provide an opportunity to comment on the proposals.

### **33. Monitoring and Tracking of Approved Council Motions (8.19 pm)**

Members considered a report on the approved Council motions since May 2024. A number of Members raised concerns around the procedures in place for tracking of Council motions.

Resolved: That the Chair and Vice-Chair meet with the Head of Democratic Governance to agree a process for future tracking of motions.

Reason: To ensure a robust process for the tracking of Council motions.

### **34. Schedule of Petitions (8.30 pm)**

Members considered the Schedule of Petitions, noting several areas for improvement, including whether to record a petition with fewer than 10

signatures, general improvements to consistency and the need for more information on some of responses.

The Head of Democratic Governance advised that petitions 222 and 213 had been closed.

Resolved:

- i. That the report be noted.
- ii. That the Chair and Vice-Chair meet with Democratic Services to review changes to the reporting mechanisms.

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

### **35. Work Plan (8.38 pm)**

Members considered the Scrutiny work plan for the four scrutiny committees.

Resolved: That the work plan be noted.

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

Cllr S Fenton, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.32 pm and finished at 8.38 pm].

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**Corporate Services, Climate Change and  
Scrutiny Management Committee****9 December 2024**

Report of the interim Director of City Development

**York Central Update****Summary**

1. The Corporate Services, Climate Change and Scrutiny Management Committee have requested an update about the York Central development, following the scrutiny meeting on 18 March 2024.
2. This is a short covering report to introduce the item; the developer partners will attend the meeting to give a presentation and verbal update about progress to date, supported by the project partners.

**Background**

3. The background to York Central was summarised in the March 2024 scrutiny report. Since then, the following has taken place:
  - In July 2024, Planning approval was granted for the six-storey government hub, with the intention this will be home for up to 2,600 civil servants.
  - The York Central partners have attended meetings with officers / members including:
    - York Central Lead Members Group held on 4 September 2024 and 18 November 2024
    - Public meetings held on 3 October 2024 (Holgate Road) and 8 October 2024 (Jubilee Terrace)
4. The council continues to have a legal role in delivery of York Central as both the Planning Authority and Highways. As a result, there remains a significant influencing role for the local authority as it supports partners deliver this critical scheme for the city.

## Consultation

5. The previous Scrutiny reports detail the significant community engagement which took place over 2017/2018. More recently, the Riverside Path consultation, led by the Council, ran November – December 2024 and included on and offline survey together with drop-in events for residents.
6. Progress updates are via [www.yorkcentral.info/](http://www.yorkcentral.info/) were highlighted at the last meeting. Since March 2024 the following activity has taken place:
  - Sponsored York College and University Centre's Construction Award - "Full time Electrical Student of the Year"
  - Sponsored a Snook as part of the Snook trail
  - Donated £150k to the York Community Fund
  - Presented to the York BID Annual General Meeting in July 2024
  - Presented at the FinTech North event in October 2024

## Options

7. This is an update report. There are no options presented to Scrutiny.

## Analysis

8. This is an update report. There are no options presented to Scrutiny.

## Current Position

9. The current position is summarised below and Arlington/McLaren, the development partners, will cover this in more detail in their presentation to Scrutiny Committee.
10. Outline Planning Approval in 2019 confirmed the location for office space (up to 88,000m<sup>2</sup>) and a site allocation of up to 2,500 new homes of which a minimum of 20% must be affordable. **Annex A** provides the approved masterplan for ease of reference.
11. To help progress the site and ensure continuity over the next few years as different officers support the development, a new internal officer group, chaired by the Chief Operating Officer, has been established. This group aims to resolve issues within the council's remit by working together across directorates, sharing updates and ensuring all parts of the council understand the part they play.

12. The project has now become a reality with major infrastructure works underway on site. Drone shots are provided to Homes England weekly to show the works underway, the most recent shots are presented to Scrutiny (**Annex B**). The area is visible from different locations, including Leeman Road, Water End and the station. The developers, Arlington/McLaren, will present an update giving a sense of the scale and ambition of the project, with Homes England, the landowner and programme director providing a brief verbal update about the current infrastructure works.
13. Arlington/McLaren are committed to the ambitions of the scheme and cementing it within the fabric of the city. They are identifying options to accelerate affordable housing, exploring improved health and care facilities that will serve the new residents and wider city, together with working closely with the Combined Authority and city leaders to consider economic opportunities that could be realised on the site.
14. The council remains committed to supporting the delivery of the York Central access infrastructure works with an agreed £35m contribution to the costs. This was originally approved by Executive in April 2022. This will be funded from drawing down Enterprise Zone funding in advance and is expected to be required in September 2025.
15. The Devolution Deal confirmed the benefits of the York Central Enterprise Zone status (local retention of Business Rates) would be continued for a further 10-year period to 2052.
16. With works gathering pace, inward investment marketing, funded by UKSPF, is being developed in collaboration with York's Economic Partnership inward investment task and finish group to attract additional businesses and potential occupiers to the city.
17. Key future milestones are expected to include:  
  
(NB dates are current estimates and are subject to change):
  - First key sections of new access infrastructure open – spring 2025
  - Submission of further reserved matters planning applications for phase 1 development – summer 2025
  - Completion of all infrastructure works including two bridges over the East Coast Main Line – Winter 2026

## Council Plan / Local Plan

18. The delivery of York Central is key for the future of the city and region, providing a key economic growth component of York's emerging Local Plan and contributing to the wider regional economic growth ambitions.
19. The "One City, for all" 2023-27 Council Plan sets four core commitments, with York Central contributing significantly to these:

**Equalities and Human Rights** – the site will provide residents with a warm, safe, affordable place to live, built around strong connected communities, with the opportunity to work in new jobs at every level.

**Affordable.** The provision of affordable homes will help York be a more affordable place to live. In addition, there is a requirement for 5% of homes to be community / custom built and the small parcel of council land will provide 100% affordable homes, spread across the site to create balance and mixed tenure.

York Central has the capacity to provide over 1 million square feet of Grade A office space which will help local businesses grow within the city as well as attract inward investment from other locations, providing the economic growth needs of the city for the next 10 years. This will help create 6,500 jobs, boosting the local economy in the city and region, offering more employment opportunities within the city, rather than people needing to relocate to find work.

**Climate** The project will deliver extensive new public spaces including a new public park for the city, supporting bio-diversity net gain and climate change adaptation. The site is currently exploring options for a heat network across the site. It will also prioritise pedestrians and cyclists with excellent public transport, creating convenient and safe pedestrian and cycle access through the site to the city centre, railway station and surrounding communities and linking into citywide footpaths and cycle ways, to enjoy the wider York environment.

**Health** The council and developers are working with health partners to explore different health facilities, including primary care, that could be developed on the site to serve both the new residents, and, given the connectivity of the site, the wider population.

## Implications

20. There are no implications. This is a project update for Scrutiny.

## Risk Management

21. This is an update report to Scrutiny, with no decisions required.
22. This is a complex partnership project. A risk register is maintained by the delivery partners, which is actively managed through the project governance processes. The Delivery Coordination Board is chaired by the Homes England Programme Director and comprised of the delivery partners. It meets regularly to confirm actions and next steps to mitigate future risks.

## Recommendations

23. Corporate Services, Climate Change and Scrutiny Management Committee are recommended to receive the York Central update and York Central developer partners presentation.

Reason: To keep the committee updated on this key project for the city.

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Report  
Approved



Date 13/11/2024

**Specialist Implications Officer(s)** Not *applicable*

**Wards Affected:**

All ☒

**For further information please contact the author of the report**  
**Background Papers:**

## Executive Reports

- Preferred Access Route and Preparation for Planning [Agenda for Executive on Wednesday, 15 November 2017, 5.30 pm](#) item 11
- York Central Access Construction [Agenda for Executive on Thursday, 15 March 2018, 5.30 pm](#) item 145
- York Central Master Plan and Partnership Agreement [Agenda for Executive on Thursday, 21 June 2018, 5.30 pm](#) item 5
- York Central Western Access [Agenda for Executive on Thursday, 30 August 2018, 5.30 pm](#) item 30
- York Central Enterprise Zone Investment Case [Agenda for Executive on Thursday, 29 November 2018, 5.30 pm](#) item 66
- York Central Partnership Legal Agreement [Agenda for Executive on Thursday, 17 January 2019, 5.30 pm](#) item 92
- York Central Partnership Update [Agenda for Executive on Thursday, 18 July 2019, 5.30 pm](#) item 15
- York Central Update [Agenda for Executive on Thursday, 24 October 2019, 5.30 pm](#) item 55
- York Central Update [Agenda for Executive on Thursday, 23 July 2020, 5.30 pm](#) item 11
- York Central and York Station Gateway Update [Agenda for Executive on Thursday, 22 April 2021, 5.30 pm](#) item 124
- York Central Enterprise Zone Funding Agreement [Agenda for Executive on Thursday, 21 April 2022, 5.30 pm](#) item 117

## Scrutiny reports:

[Agenda for Corporate Services, Climate Change and Scrutiny Management Committee on Monday, 18 March 2024, 5.30 pm](#) item 39

[Agenda for Corporate Services, Climate Change and Scrutiny Management Committee on Monday, 27 November 2023, 5.30 pm](#) item 17

## Recent council media releases:

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**Annex A** York Central Masterplan

**Annex B** Drone shots of the infrastructure works





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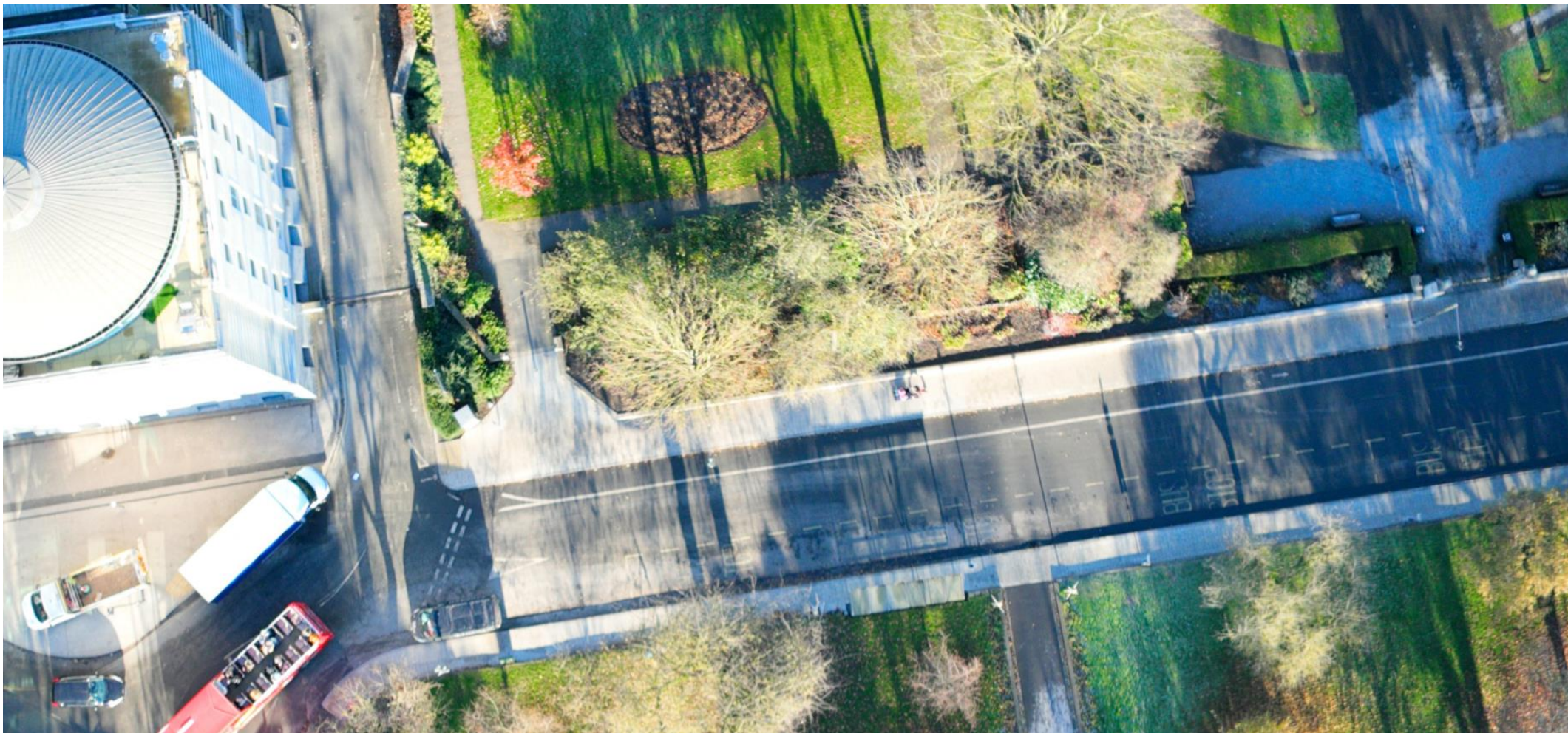


# York Central Update

**Annex B** Drone shots of the infrastructure works

9 December 2024

**New pavement outside the War Memorial Gardens and Westgate Apartments:**





**Hudson Boulevard (walking and cycling public realm) adjacent the NRM's Station Hall:**





**Hudson Boulevard, different angle:**





New link road showing connection into Leeman Road:





**Part of the new link road showing blacktop, pavements and tree pits**



**The new link road connecting into the top end of existing Leeman Road**





New link road showing blacktop and pavement installation





Part of the new link road to be blacktopped and installed the kerb lines:







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**Corporate Services, Climate Change and  
Scrutiny Management Scrutiny Committee****9 December 2024**

Report of the Chief Operating Officer and Chief Finance Officer

**2024/25 Finance and Performance Monitor 2****Summary**

1. This report sets out the projected 2024/25 financial position and the performance position for the period covering 1 April 2024 to 30 September 2024. This is the second report of the financial year and assesses performance against budgets, including progress in delivering the Council's savings programme.
2. This report outlines the Council's continued challenging financial position with a forecast overspend for 2024/25 of £2.7m which is a huge improvement on the c£11m forecast overspend we have previously seen at this stage in the financial year. There has also been an increase in the forecast for Adult Social Care, and the forecast also assumes we can release some earmarked reserves to offset the overall position.
3. However, this is still a forecast overspend and therefore, whilst it is incredibly positive that the position is much improved, there remains a great deal of work still to do. It remains clear that the Council cannot afford to keep spending at this level. The general reserve is £6.9m and, whilst we have other earmarked reserves that we could call on if required, continued overspending will quickly see the Council exhaust its reserves.
4. As outlined in previous reports, the existing cost control measures remain in place, and further action is needed to bring spending down to an affordable level, both within the current financial year and over the next 3 years, to safeguard the Council's financial resilience and stability. The impact that this work is having can be clearly seen in this latest forecast and the Council's track record of delivering savings, along with robust financial management, provides a sound platform to continue to be able to deal with future challenges.

5. If we continue to take action and make any difficult decisions now, this will ensure the future financial stability of the Council and that we can continue to provide services for our residents. It is vital that mitigations are delivered, and the forecast overspend is reduced.
6. Local government continues to be in challenging times, with worsening performance in a number of sectors nationally. The majority of performance indicators chosen to support and monitor the Council Plan in York, continue to show a generally positive and stable trend against this difficult financial picture and shows the hard work from staff, partners and the city to tackle these challenges.
7. This set of indicators are the high-level measurable element of our performance framework, and in newly available data up to Q2 there has been positive performance in areas such as; **Health inequalities in wards** where we have seen further improvements in the expected level of development in children at 2-2.5 years, the number of **children in temporary accommodation** continues to be lower than previous years, our **building services indicators** continue to show a positive direction of travel with a high percentage of repairs completed on first visit alongside the low number of void properties and an increasing percentage of dwellings with an energy rating in the A-C band in the EPC register, and the **number of FOIs, EIRs, and Complaints** responded to in-time show positive performance at responding to customers in timely manner.
8. Alongside the Council plan indicators there are a number of areas of positive performance from across the Council. We are listening to residents within **Our Big Budget Conversation**, a consultation on budget priorities taking place over 4 stages during 2024-25 with stage 2 concluding at the end of Q2 with over 1000 responses. The annual **Tenant Satisfaction survey** was sent to all council tenants in September 2024, where over 7000 households have been asked about their views on services. York remains committed to improving stock condition and tenant experiences, and results from the 2023-24 Regulator for Social Housing return are due for publication on the York Open Data platform in the new year. Nearly 39,000 eligible households in York have now subscribed to the new **Garden Waste Subscription scheme**, which is 55% of eligible households and above the initial target of 33,000 households. The **Corporate Improvement Framework** which builds on existing strengths with a view to continuous improvement being central to how the council operates has shown recent positive trends in the continued reduced spend on agency staff, a high percentage of FOIs, EIRs, and Complaints responded to in-time, and a wide variety of ideas received in response to

the new staff ideas system. **Population predictions** and data from POPPI/PANSI show that there is going to be a higher % of older people and individuals with learning needs in York in forthcoming years.

## **Background**

### **Financial Summary and Mitigation Strategy**

9. The current forecast is that there will be an overspend of £2.7m. This is despite the additional budget allocated through the 2024/25 budget process and ongoing action being taken by managers across the Council to try and reduce expenditure. Of particular concern, is the increase in forecast overspend across Adult Social Care, where the predicted outturn has increased by £2.4m.
10. If the Council continues to spend at the current level, and no action is taken, then we will continue to overspend and will exhaust our reserves and any other available funding. The current level of expenditure is unaffordable and therefore we must continue the work started in the previous financial year to identify and take the necessary actions to reduce expenditure.
11. As outlined in previous reports to Executive, we have continued to see recurring overspends across both Adult and Children's Social Care. However, the underspends and mitigations that have allowed us to balance the budget at year end have generally been one off. Whilst the use of reserves to fund an overspend is appropriate as a one-off measure, it does not remove the need to identify ongoing savings to ensure the overall position is balanced. The budget report considered by Executive in February 2024 also included an assessment of risks associated with the budget, which included the need to secure further savings and effectively manage cost pressures.
12. Members will be aware that the financial position of local government is a national challenge and that the pressures being seen across both Adult and Children's Social Care are not something that is unique to York. Many Councils are experiencing significant financial pressures and struggling to balance their budgets now, so it is vital that we continue the work started last year to reduce our expenditure down to a sustainable level both within the current financial year and over the medium term.
13. On 30 October, the Chancellor announced the first budget of the new Government. Whilst we will need to await the draft local government

settlement in December for detailed allocations of any funding to York, there was a confirmation that there are plans to reform local authority funding (especially distribution) in 2026/27 “to ensure it reflects an up to date assessment of need and local revenues”. This is both an opportunity and a risk to our medium term finances, given our position as one of the lowest funded councils in the country.

14. Given the scale of the financial challenge, and the expected impact on budgets in future years, it is vital that every effort is made to balance the overall position. It is recognised that this will require difficult decisions to be made to protect services for vulnerable residents.
15. Corporate control measures are in place, but it is possible that they will not deliver the scale of reduction needed within the year. Other savings proposals, including service reductions, may also be needed. Officers will continue to carefully monitor spend, identify further mitigation, and review reserves and other funding to make every effort to reduce this forecast position. However, it is possible that it will not be reduced to the point that the outturn will be within the approved budget. The Council has £6.9m of general reserves that would need to be called on if this were the case. As outlined in previous reports, any use of the general reserve would require additional savings to be made in the following year to replenish the reserve and ensure it remains at the recommended minimum level.
16. The delivery of savings plans continues to be a clear priority for all officers during the year. Corporate Directors and Directors will keep Executive Members informed of progress on a regular basis.

### Financial Analysis

17. The Council’s net budget is £149m. Following on from previous years, the challenge of delivering savings continues with c£14m to be achieved to reach a balanced budget. The latest forecasts indicate the Council is facing net financial pressures of £2.7m and an overview of this forecast, on a directorate by directorate basis, is outlined in Table 1 below.

Service area	Net budget £'000	2024/25 Forecast Variation £'000
Children & Education	28,659	1,111
Adult Social Care & Integration	45,307	3,286
Transport, Environment & Planning	23,464	-610

Housing & Communities	6,614	790
Corporate & Central Services	44,648	-132
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>148,692</b>	<b>4,445</b>
Contingency	576	-576
Use of earmarked reserves		-1,089
<b>Total including contingency</b>	<b>149,268</b>	<b>2,780</b>

Table 1: Finance overview

## Directorate Analysis

### Corporate & Central Services

18. The forecast outturn position for the remaining areas of the Council is a net underspend of £132k and the table below summarises the latest forecasts by service area.


	2024/25 Budget £'000	Forecast Outturn Variance £'000	Forecast Outturn Variance %
Director of Finance	3,878	0	0
CO HR & Support Services	11,047	-89	-0.8
Director of Governance	3,795	-43	-0.1
City Development	710	0	0
Public Health	13	0	0
Other Corporate & Treasury Mgt	25,204	0	0
Contingency	576	-576	-100
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,223</b>	<b>-708</b>	<b>-1.45</b>

19. Within the corporate services directorates it is forecast at that expenditure can be broadly contained within budgets.
20. There remains £576k set aside as a contingency and this is assumed to be used to offset other financial pressures across the council.

### Performance – Service Delivery

21. This performance report is based upon the city outcome and council delivery indicators included in the Performance Framework for the Council Plan (2023-2027) which was launched in September 2023. This report only includes indicators where new data has become available, with a number of indicators that support the Council plan being developed. Wider or historic strategic and operational performance information is published quarterly on the Council's open data platform; [www.yorkopendata.org.uk](http://www.yorkopendata.org.uk)

22. The Executive for the Council Plan (2023-2027) agreed a core set of indicators to help monitor the Council priorities and these provide the structure for performance updates in this report. Some indicators are not measured on a quarterly basis and the DoT (Direction of Travel) is calculated on the latest three results whether they are annual or quarterly.
23. A summary of the city outcome and council delivery indicators by council plan theme are shown in the paragraphs below along with the latest data for the core indicator set.

Housing: Increasing the supply of affordable housing (City)						
	Previous Data	Latest Data	DoT	Frequency	Benchmarks	Data Next Available
% of dwellings with energy rating in A-C band in the EPC Register - Snapshot	45.1% (Q1 2024/25)	45.3% (August 2024)	 Good	Monthly	National Data 2023/24 59.7% Regional Data 55.3%	Q2 2024/25 data available in November 2024
The DoT (Direction of Travel) is calculated on the latest three data points whether they are annual or quarterly. All historic data is available via the Open Data Platform						

24. **% of dwellings with energy rating in A-C band in the EPC register –**  
An Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) gives a property an energy efficiency rating from A (most efficient) to G (least efficient) and is valid for 10 years. Apart from a few exemptions, a building must have an EPC assessment when constructed, sold or let. Whilst the EPC register does not hold data for every property, it can be viewed as an indication of the general efficiency of homes. The rating is based on how a property uses and loses energy for example through heating, lighting, insulation, windows, water and energy sources. Each area is given a score which is then used to determine the A-G rating and a rating of A-C is generally considered to be good energy performance.
25. The % of properties on the register for York with an EPC rating of A-C at the end of August was 45.3%. This measure has increased incrementally month on month since CYC began reporting on the information 18 months ago when 42% of properties were rated A-C. The largest changes in York continue to be in the middle categories with around 3% less properties rated D-E and around 2.5% more rated C. Data is based on the last recorded certificate for 61,666 properties on the register for York, some of which will have been last assessed more than ten years ago. When looking at certificates added or renewed in the past year only for 2023-24, 58.5% of certificates were rated A-C for York compared to 59.7% Nationally and 55.3% Regionally.

Sustainability: Cutting carbon, enhancing the environment for our future (City)						
	Previous Data	Latest Data	DoT	Frequency	Benchmarks	Data Next Available
The average of maximum annual mean Nitrogen Dioxide concentration recorded across three areas of technical breach (at points of relevant public exposure) - Calendar year	44.1 (2022/23)	38.8 (2023/24)	➡	Annual	Not available	2024/25 data available in April 2025
Carbon emissions across the city (tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent) - (Calendar Year)	912 (2019)	816 (2020)	⬇ Good	Annual	Not available	2021 data available in November 2024
The DoT (Direction of Travel) is calculated on the latest three data points whether they are annual or quarterly. All historic data is available via the Open Data Platform						

26. **Level of CO2 emissions across the city and from council buildings and operations** – The City continues its journey to net zero by 2030 with Carbon emissions across the city reducing over recent years, from 936 kilotonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent in 2018, to 816 in 2020. Emissions from councils buildings and operations have also been reducing, from 3,658 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent in 2020-21 to 3,462 in 2022-23.

How the Council will operate (Council)						
	Previous Data	Latest Data	DoT	Frequency	Benchmarks	Data Next Available
FOI & EIR - % Requests responded to in time - (YTD)	97.64% (Q1 2024/25)	98.06% (Q2 2024/25)	⬆ Good	Monthly	Not available	Q3 2024/25 data available in January 2025
% of 4Cs Complaints responded to 'In Time'	51.79% (Q1 2024/25)	73.66% (Q2 2024/25)	⬆ Good	Monthly	Not available	Q3 2024/25 data available in January 2025
The % of the Talkabout panel reporting an 'excellent' experience when they last contacted the council about a service	10.92% (Q3 2023/24)	11.07% (Q1 2024/25)	➡	Quarterly	Not available	Q3 2024/25 data available in January 2025
The % of the Talkabout panel reporting a 'good' experience when they last contacted the council about a service	34.86% (Q3 2023/24)	29.07% (Q1 2024/25)	➡	Quarterly	Not available	Q3 2024/25 data available in January 2025
The % of the Talkabout panel reporting a 'satisfactory' experience when they last contacted the council about a service	34.51% (Q3 2023/24)	37.02% (Q1 2024/25)	➡	Quarterly	Not available	Q3 2024/25 data available in January 2025
The % of the Talkabout panel reporting a 'poor' experience when they last contacted the council about a service	19.72% (Q3 2023/24)	22.84% (Q1 2024/25)	➡	Quarterly	Not available	Q3 2024/25 data available in January 2025
Average Sickness Days per FTE - CYC (Excluding Schools) - (Rolling 12 Month)	11.11 (August 2023)	11.64 (August 2024)	➡	Monthly	CIPD (Public Sector) 2022/23 10.6	Q2 2024/25 data available in November 2024
York Customer Centre average speed of answer	00:00:42 (Phone) (Q1 2024/25)	00:01:05 (Phone) (Q2 2024/25)	➡	Monthly	Not available	Q3 2024/25 data available in January 2025
The DoT (Direction of Travel) is calculated on the latest three data points whether they are annual or quarterly. All historic data is available via the Open Data Platform						

27. **FOI and EIR – % of requests responded to in-time (YTD)** – 98% of requests were responded to in-time during the year up to the end of September 2024 which is the highest figure seen for a number of years.

28. **% of 4Cs complaints responded to in-time** – In 2023-24, there had been a large decrease in the number of corporate complaints received compared to 2022-23 (1,310 in 2023-24 compared to 1,866 in 2022-23). This decrease has continued into 2024-25 with 554 corporate complaints received in the first half on 2024-25 (compared to 848 in the first half of 2023-24). The percentage of corporate complaints responded to in time during Q2 2024-25 was 73.7% which is a large increase from 51.8% in Q1 2024-25.
29. **% of the Talkabout panel reporting an excellent, good, satisfactory or poor experience when they last contacted the council about a service** – The results for this indicator for Q1 2024-25 show that the majority of the panel report having a ‘good’ (29%) or ‘satisfactory’ (37%) experience when they last contacted the Council, with 11% reporting an ‘excellent’ experience and 23% reporting a ‘poor’ experience. Data for Q3 2024-25 will be available in January 2025.
30. **Average sickness days per full time equivalent (FTE) employee** – At the end of August 2024, the average number of sickness days per FTE (rolling 12 months) had increased slightly to 11.6 days from 11.1 in August 2023. Recently released benchmarks show that the CIPD public sector benchmark is 10.6 days per FTE, putting us in line with national trends.
31. **York Customer Centre average speed of answer** – Phones were answered, on average, in 1 minute and 5 seconds during Q2 2024-25 by the York Customer Centre. This is slightly higher than previous quarters but the September figure was 31 seconds showing that the speed of answer is going in the right direction.

### **Consultation**

32. Not applicable.

### **Options**

33. Not applicable.

### **Analysis**

34. Not applicable.

### **Council Plan**



35. Not applicable.

### Implications

36. The recommendations in the report potentially have implications across several areas. However, at this stage

- **Financial implications** are contained throughout the main body of the report. The actions and recommendations contained in this report should ensure the continued financial stability and resilience of the Council both in the current year and in future years.
- **Human Resources (HR)**, there are no direct implications related to the recommendations.
- **Legal** The Council is under a statutory obligation to set a balanced budget on an annual basis. Under the Local Government Act 2003 it is required to monitor its budget during the financial year and take remedial action to address overspending and/or shortfalls of income.
- **Procurement**, there are no specific procurement implications to this report.
- **Health and Wellbeing**, there are no direct implications related to the recommendations.
- **Environment and Climate action**, there are no direct implications related to the recommendations.
- **Affordability**, there are no direct implications related to the recommendations.
- **Equalities and Human Rights**, there are no direct implications related to the recommendations.
- **Data Protection and Privacy**, there are no implications related to the recommendations.
- **Communications**, there are no direct implications related to the recommendations.
- **Economy**, there are no direct implications related to the recommendations.

### Risk Management

37. An assessment of risks is completed as part of the annual budget setting exercise. These risks are managed effectively through regular reporting and corrective action being taken where necessary and appropriate.

38. The current financial position represents a significant risk to the Council's financial viability and therefore to ongoing service delivery. It is important to ensure that the mitigations and decisions outlined in this paper are delivered and that the overspend is reduced.

### Recommendations

39. The Committee is asked to:
- Note the finance and performance information.
  - Note that work will continue on identifying savings needed to fully mitigate the forecast overspend.

Reason: to ensure expenditure is kept within the approved budget.

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**All**

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**Background Papers:** None.

**Annex 1:** CSCCSM Q2 24-25 Scrutiny Committee Scorecard

			Previous Years			2024/2025					Polarity	DOT
		Collection Frequency	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Target		
01. Business	BPI110	Forecast Budget Outturn (£000s Overspent / -Underspent) - CYC Subtotal (excluding contingency)	Quarterly	£2,638	£4,887	£3,661	£3,896	£4,445	-	-	-	Up is Bad Neutral
	BUR01	Business Rates - Rateable Value	Monthly	£255,734,051	£252,801,976	£242,602,745	£242,054,821	£242,673,321	-	-	-	Neutral Neutral
02. Customer Service	CFS01	Overall Customer Centre Satisfaction (%) - CYC	Monthly	93.48%	72.10%	84.40%	83.60%	84.00%	-	-	-	Up is Good Neutral
	OCC06B	Number of days taken to process Housing Benefit new claims and change events (DWP measure)	Monthly	3.19	3.72	4.16	6.27	6.01	-	-	-	Up is Bad Red
		Benchmark - National Data	Quarterly	6.05	6.32	4.69	8.62	-	-	-	-	
	YCC030a	Footfall in Customer Centre - Average wait time (Minutes)	Monthly	12	9	9	2	1	-	-	-	Up is Bad Green
	YCC057	YCC Average Speed of answer - Operators	Weekly	00:01:28	00:01:42	00:00:13	00:00:42	00:01:05	-	-	-	Neutral Neutral
03. Human Resources	STF01	Staff Headcount - CYC Total (Excluding Schools) - (Snapshot)	Monthly	2,500	2,546	2,597	2,586	2,637	-	-	-	Neutral Neutral
		Staff Headcount - CYC Total (Including Schools) - (Snapshot)	Monthly	3,359	3,405	3,368	3,357	3,372	-	-	-	Neutral Neutral
	STF08	Staff FTE - CYC Total (Excluding Schools) - (Snapshot)	Monthly	2,096.10	2,148.92	2,212.08	2,206.09	2,248.79	-	-	-	Neutral Neutral
	OCC09	CYC stand-alone apprenticeships (excluding schools) - (Snapshot)	Quarterly	24	24	21	18	20	-	-	-	Up is Good Red
	STF100	Average Sickness Days per FTE - CYC (Excluding Schools) - (Rolling 12 Month)	Monthly	11.73	11.96	11.2	11.51	11.62	-	-	-	Up is Bad Neutral
		Benchmark - CIPD (Public Sector)	Annual	NA	10.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	
04. Risk Management	STF107	Voluntary Turnover (%) - CYC Total (Including Schools) - (Rolling 12 Month)	Monthly	10.45%	11.38%	8.33%	8.70%	8.52%	-	-	-	Neutral Neutral
	CORP02L a	Red rated Large Projects - CYC - (Snapshot)	Quarterly	0	0	2	2	3	-	-	-	Neutral Neutral
	CORP02L b	Amber rated Large Projects - CYC - (Snapshot)	Quarterly	11	11	8	7	9	-	-	-	Neutral Neutral
	CORP10L	Large Project - Carbon Reduction	Quarterly	-	-	-	Green	Green	-	-	-	Neutral Neutral
		Large Project - HR System Transfer to Cloud	Quarterly	-	-	-	Green	Green	-	-	-	Neutral Neutral
		Large Project - Green Waste	Quarterly	-	-	-	Green	Complete	-	-	-	Neutral Neutral
		Large Project - Mansion House	Quarterly	-	-	-	Green	Green	-	-	-	Neutral Neutral
		Large Project - Retrofit One Stop Shop York (ROSSY)	Quarterly	-	-	-	Green	Green	-	-	-	Neutral Neutral
		Large Project - CRM Replacement	Quarterly	-	-	-	-	Amber	-	-	-	Neutral Neutral

			Previous Years			2024/2025								
			Collection Frequency	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Target	Polarity	DOT	
Finance	05.	BPI110	Forecast Budget Outturn (£000s Overspent / -Underspent) - CYC Subtotal (excluding contingency)	Quarterly	£2,638	£4,887	£3,661	£3,896	£4,445	-	-	-	Up is Bad	◀▶ Neutral
		TAP02	% of panel satisfied with the way the council runs things	Quarterly	50.58%	47.30%	43.84%	41.47%	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	▼ Red
			Benchmark - LG Inform	Quarterly	63.00%	62.00%	-	-	-	-	-			
06. Resident Surveys		TAP37	% of the panel reporting an 'excellent' experience when they last contacted the council about a service	Quarterly	-	-	10.92%	11.07%	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	◀▶ Neutral
			% of the panel reporting a 'good' experience when they last contacted the council about a service	Quarterly	-	-	34.86%	29.07%	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	◀▶ Neutral
			% of the panel reporting a 'satisfactory' experience when they last contacted the council about a service	Quarterly	-	-	34.51%	37.02%	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	◀▶ Neutral
			% of the panel reporting a 'poor' experience when they last contacted the council about a service	Quarterly	-	-	19.72%	22.84%	-	-	-	-	Up is Bad	◀▶ Neutral
07. Sustainability		CAN038	The average of maximum annual mean Nitrogen Dioxide concentration recorded across three areas of technical breach (at points of relevant public exposure) (ug/m3) (Calendar Year)	Annual	43.8	44.1	38.8	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Bad	◀▶ Neutral
		EPC01ac	% of dwellings with energy rating A-C band on the EPC Register (where A is the most energy efficient) - (Snapshot) - All dwellings on the register	Monthly	NC	42.00%	44.60%	45.10%	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	▲ Green
		EPC01aci	% of dwellings with energy rating A-C band on the EPC Register (where A is the most energy efficient) - Dwellings added/renewed in the past year only	Annual	51.26%	49.39%	58.47%	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	▲ Green
			Benchmark - National Data	Annual	52.69%	56.77%	59.71%	-	-	-	-	-		
			Benchmark - Regional Data	Annual	46.96%	50.33%	55.26%	-	-	-	-	-		
		GCC02	Carbon emissions across the city (kilotonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent) (Calendar Year)	Annual	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Bad	▼ Green
08. Information Governance		FOI01	FOI & EIR - Total Requests Received	Monthly	1,685	1,291	1,640	427	409	-	-	-	Neutral	◀▶ Neutral
		FOI02	FOI & EIR - % Requests responded to In time - (YTD)	Quarterly	81.20%	85.50%	88.99%	97.64%	98.06%	-	-	-	Up is Good	▲ Green
			FOI & EIR - % Requests responded to In time	Monthly	81.05%	85.48%	88.99%	97.03%	95.95%	-	-	-	Up is Good	▲ Green
		FOI05	DP (Data Protection Act) / SAR (Subject Access Request) - Total Received - (YTD)	Monthly	117	132	175	48	94	-	-	-	Neutral	◀▶ Neutral
			DP (Data Protection Act) / SAR (Subject Access Request) - % In time - (YTD)	Quarterly	72.10%	64.39%	72.00%	45.83%	40.43%	-	-	-	Up is Good	◀▶ Neutral
		IG14da	% of 4Cs Complaints responded to 'In Time'	Monthly	84.15%	94.56%	85.54%	51.79%	73.66%	-	-	-	Up is Good	▲ Green
		IG22a	% of Grade 1 4Cs Complaints responded to 'In Time'	Monthly	80.71%	86.15%	66.32%	48.25%	73.19%	-	-	-	Up is Good	◀▶ Neutral
		IG35h	Number of EIR Requests which are incomplete ("no response sent" or "ongoing")	Monthly	-	-	20	21	20	-	-	-	Up is Bad	◀▶ Neutral
		IG35k	Number of FOI Requests which are incomplete ("no response sent" or "ongoing")	Monthly	-	-	54	29	55	-	-	-	Up is Bad	◀▶ Neutral
		IG36h	Number of EIR Requests which are incomplete ("no response sent" or "ongoing") - > 30 days	Monthly	-	-	3	1	1	-	-	-	Up is Bad	▼ Green
IG36k	Number of FOI Requests which are incomplete ("no response sent" or "ongoing") > 30 days	Monthly	-	-	10	5	8	-	-	-	Up is Bad	◀▶ Neutral		



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**Corporate Services, Climate Change and  
Scrutiny Management Committee****9 December 2024**

Report of the interim Director of City Development

**Update on York Climate Commission****Summary**

1. This report provides an update on the York Climate Commission since the previous report to Scrutiny in 2022.

**Background**

2. York Climate Commission ('the Commission') was established in December 2022, by the Executive Member for Environment and Climate Change, in response to City of York Council's climate emergency declaration.
3. The Commission was established following a recommendation in the 'Zero Carbon Roadmap for York (Leeds University, August 2020), that an independent York Climate Commission could help draw actors together and build capacity to take and track action towards our climate change ambition.
4. York Climate Commission is part of the Place based Climate Action Network (PCAN); an Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) supported team of researchers with a remit to create impact, engagement and knowledge sharing that delivers local climate action.
5. Recognising that no single organisation has the power, authority, resources or ability to achieve the city-level change needed to deliver our climate ambition, it is necessary to bring together key partners across the city to create shared ownership and accountability, and also to benefit from the collective experience and expertise that exists within York.
6. For two years, membership of the Commission was open to individuals representing key organisations from the public, private and civic sectors across the city who can contribute to the development and delivery of a low carbon and/or climate resilient society in York. The Commission

comprised of the following members reflecting the desired representation of key organisations across the city:

- i. University of York – Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research (Chair)
- ii. City of York Council – Executive Member for the Environment and Climate Change & Head of Carbon Reduction
- iii. Nestle – Head of Value Chain Sustainability
- iv. York & North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce – Vice President
- v. First Group – Managing Director & Strategy Director
- vi. Joseph Rowntree Foundation – Group Chief Executive
- vii. York NHS Foundation Trust – Head of Sustainability
- viii. York Minster - Director of Works and Precinct

7. During this time, the role of the Commission focussed on:

- Promoting leadership in the city on climate change, encouraging stakeholders to take effective action now, while maintaining a long-term perspective.
- Providing authoritative independent advice on the most effective steps required to meet the city's carbon reduction target so as to inform policies and actions of local stakeholders and decision makers.
- Monitoring and reporting on progress towards meeting the city's carbon targets and recommend actions to keep on track.
- Making the economic case for project development, implementation and investment in low carbon and climate resilient projects in the city; and promote best practice in public engagement on climate change and its impacts in order to support robust decision-making.
- Bringing together major organisations and key groups in York to collaborate on projects that result in measurable contributions towards meeting the city's climate reduction target.
- Acting as a forum where organisations can exchange ideas, research findings, information and best practice on carbon reduction and climate resilience.

8. Following council elections in 2023, a York Climate Commission refresh event was hosted on 11 January 2024 at Merchant Adventurers Hall. Over 100 individuals attended the event, representing public, private and voluntary sectors.

9. The agenda for the event covered case studies, an exploration of what a climate commission is, reflections on the previous 12 months from the current Chair of the Commission and a series of workshops to identify future priorities and ways of working.
10. From the refresh event, 8 working groups were formed covering:
  - i. Future Economy
  - ii. Health and Climate
  - iii. Educators
  - iv. Transport
  - v. Connecting with Green Spaces
  - vi. Buildings and Retrofit
  - vii. Energy
  - viii. Waste and Circular Economy

Each working group has a nominated working group lead, who sits on the Commission Steering Group. The Steering Group has met quarterly and updates on activity of each working group and other initiatives relevant to the activity of the Commission.

11. In March 2024, the Chair of the Commission made clear their intention to step down from this role. The Commission continued to operate without a Chair. In November 2024, the Commission began recruitment for a new Chair.
12. The York Climate Commission provides updates on activity through the council's climate change e-newsletter and also provides updates, events and latest news via the website: [www.yorkclimate.org.uk](http://www.yorkclimate.org.uk). The Commission can be contacted using the email address [carbon.reduction@york.gov.uk](mailto:carbon.reduction@york.gov.uk).

### **Consultation**

13. As an update report, no consultation is required.

### **Options**

14. As an update report, no options are required.

### **Council Plan**

15. The Council Plan 'One City, for all', directly references working with the Commission in the section, 'Cutting carbon, enhancing the environment for our future'. The Council commits to: "Working with York's Climate

Commission and partners deliver the Climate Change Strategy 2022-2032”; with an action to “Expand the Climate Commission membership to enable businesses to support each other and work together to meet York’s net zero commitment.”

16. The work with the Commission since May 2023, directly supports this commitment.

### **Implications**

17. As an update report, no implications are listed.

### **Risk Management**

18. As an update report, no risks are noted.

### **Recommendations**

19. Members are asked to consider the content of this report on York Climate Commission

Reason:

York Climate Commission is an independent organisation promoting leadership in the city on climate change.

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#### **Wards Affected:**

**All** ☒

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**Corporate Services, Climate Change and Scrutiny Management Committee  
Work Plan 2024/25**

Theme	Item	Lead Officer / Exec Member	Scope
<b>13 May 2024</b>			
	Ten Year Strategies	Claire Foale Cllrs Kilbane, Kent, Ravilious, Coles, Douglas	Stocktake on the status of these strategies
Regular Report	Petitions Schedule Council Motions	Bryn Roberts / Dawn Steel	Review of petitions schedule and progress with implementation of Full Council motions
<b>10 June 2024</b>			
	York pipeline of proposals for the Y&NY Combined Authority	Sam Blyth	
<b>08 July 2024</b>			
	Corporate Improvement Framework	Claire Foale Cllr Douglas	Pre-decision scrutiny
	HR policy and terms and conditions approval journey	Helen Whiting Cllr Douglas	
	York pipeline of proposals for the Y&NY Combined Authority	Sam Blyth Claire Foale Cllr Douglas	

<b>09 September 2024</b>			
	Acomb Front Street	Kathryn Daly/ Cllr Kilbane	Pre-decision scrutiny
	Scrutiny process – Issue arising from the LGA peer review	Lindsay Tomlinson Cllr Douglas	For information
<b>07 October 2024</b>			
	F&P 2023-24 Outturn	Debbie Mitchell / Ian Cunningham	
	Finance & Performance Monitor Q1	Debbie Mitchell / Ian Cunningham	
	Budget setting process	Debbie Mitchell / Ian Cunningham	Briefing paper
	Scrutiny Review	Lindsay Tomlinson	
<b>11 November 2024</b>			
	Annual Report Complaints/Compliments	Lorraine Lunt	
	Workforce Strategy	Helen Whiting Cllr Douglas	
	Budget proposals	Debbie Mitchell	
Regular reports	Council Motions and Schedule of Petitions	Bryn Roberts / Lindsay Tomlinson	Review of petitions schedule and progress with implementation of Full Council motions
<b>09 December 2024</b>			
	Finance & Performance Monitor Q2	Debbie Mitchell / Ian Cunningham	

	York Climate Commission	Shaun Gibbons Cllr Kent	At the May 2024 meeting it was agreed that the committee would receive a report on the refreshed Climate Commission to better understand its role
	Major Projects - York Central	Claire Foale/James Gilchrist Cllr Lomas	Update report last received in March 2024
<b>20 January 2025</b>			
	Carbon Offsetting/Insetting strategy	Shaun Gibbons Cllr Kent	At the April 2024 meeting it was resolved that the strategy be brought to the committee for comment prior to approval
	Major Projects - Castle Gateway	Katie Peeke-Vout Cllr Lomas	Update report last received in September 2023
	Procurement, Social Value Policy	Chloe Wilcox, Debbie Mitchell Cllr Lomas	
	Update re: Scrutiny Review	Lindsay Tomlinson / Bryn Roberts  Cllr Douglas	
<b>10 March 2025</b>			
	Finance & Performance Monitor Q3	Debbie Mitchell / Ian Cunningham	
	Intermediate Carbon Reduction Targets	Shaun Gibbons Cllr Kent	Brought back to scrutiny for comment

<b>14 April 2025</b>	Y&NY Combined Authority Net Zero Projects	Shaun Gibbons Cllr Kent	Last discussed at the December 2023 meeting at which it was resolved that the committee would monitor the progress of these and other Net Zero projects
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### Unallocated items

Item	Origin	Lead Officer and Exec Member	Notes
Telecoms digital switchover	Discussed at January 2024 meeting at which it was resolved that the committee receive further updates as the switchover progresses	Roy Grant / Pauline Stuchfield	2025?
Improving Customer Experience	Last discussed at the September 2023 meeting when it was resolved that a report be brought to the committee prior to approval by Executive	Pauline Stuchfield Cllr Douglas	On hold due to internal restructure.
Emissions Reporting Climate Change Action Plan	Exec Member	Shaun Gibbons Cllr Kent	October 2025

## Possible Task & Finish Groups

Topic	Aims and objectives	Membership
Procurement		
Community Infrastructure Levy	Better understand the approach to implementation of the CIL in parished and unparished areas, and in particular, what advantages parished areas might have.	
Council Communications with Residents		

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## Scrutiny Work Plan

Meeting Date	Committee	Agenda Item
09/12/24	CSMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finance &amp; Performance Monitor Q2</li> <li>• York Climate Commission</li> <li>• Major Projects - York Central</li> </ul>
10/12/24	EPAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Q2) Finance and Performance Monitoring Report</li> <li>• Economic Strategy progress update?</li> <li>• Economic Development - CYC / MIY / MCA / York Economic Partnership?</li> </ul>
13/01/25	CCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SACRE Annual Report</li> <li>• Attainment Gap</li> <li>• Digital Inclusion Update</li> </ul>
15/01/25	HHASC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult Social Care Strategy Update</li> <li>• Establishing a Joint Committee between CYC and Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board</li> </ul>
20/01/25	CSMC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carbon Offsetting/Insetting strategy</li> <li>• Major Projects - Castle Gateway</li> <li>• Update re: Scrutiny Review</li> <li>• Procurement Social Value Policy</li> </ul>

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

### Committees

CSMC	Corporate Services, Climate Change and Scrutiny Management Committee
EPAT	Economy, Place, Access and Transport Scrutiny Committee
HHASC	Health, Housing and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee
CCC	Children, Culture and Communities Scrutiny Committee

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