

**Corporate Scrutiny Committee
Work Plan 2025/26**

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	Pre-decision scrutiny
	Next steps in securing investment for York	Sam Blyth, Claire Foale 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
	A shared vision for Scrutiny in York	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 / Cllr Lomas	Annual update
	Petitions Schedule	Bryn Roberts	Six-monthly update
	Council Motions	Bryn Roberts, Sam Blyth	Six-monthly update
	Local Nature Recovery Strategy	Shaun Gibbons / Guy Hanson / Alison Cooke Cllr Kent	Consultation over the summer, due for approval late 2025
	City LEAP / Local Net Zero Accelerator Programme	Shaun Gibbons / Cllr Kent	Need to identify most appropriate time for this item
19 January 2026			
	Budget and MTFS Scrutiny, final report	Debbie Mitchell Cllr Lomas	
2 March 2026			
	Evaluation of the business decarbonisation support programme	Shaun Gibbons / Cllr Kent	

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11 May 2026			
	Petitions Schedule	Bryn Roberts	Six-monthly update
	Council Motions	Bryn Roberts	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
Community Woodland update from Forestry England	Cllr Kent	Shaun Gibbons Cllr Kent	Briefing
Digital Switchover		Roy Grant	Briefing
Customer Services developments		Pauline Stuchfield, Eilidh Carricker	
Emissions Reporting		Shaun Gibbons Cllr Kent	
Climate Change Action Plan		Shaun Gibbons Cllr Kent	
Project Management	Corporate scrutiny 07/07	Claire Foale	Briefing
F&P Q1	Regular Report	Debbie Mitchell, Ian Cunningham Cllr Lomas	Information to be shared with members via e-mail
F&P Q2	Regular Report	Debbie Mitchell, Ian Cunningham Cllr Lomas	Information to be shared with members via e-mail

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F&P Q3	Regular Report	Debbie Mitchell, Ian Cunningham Cllr Lomas	Information to be shared with members via e-mail

Briefing session dates

- Thursday 2 October
- Thursday 4 December
- Thursday 26 February
- Thursday 16 April

Agreed Task & Finish Groups

Topic and timescale	Aims and objectives	Membership
<p>Preparing for proposed changes to long-term sickness and disability benefits.</p> <p>No timescale set for final report to People Scrutiny Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquire a detailed understanding of the scope of the proposed changes and the likely direct and indirect impacts • Establish the number of York residents likely to be affected by the changes if they are implemented as currently proposed • Identify what additional financial or other support affected residents may seek to access from the council and partners 	<p>Cllr Fenton Cllr Runciman Cllr Steward Cllr Coles Cllr J Burton</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify how affected residents can best be supported to access help, such as applying for other benefits for which they may be eligible • Establish whether capacity exists to meet a potential increase in demand for services or support • Make recommendations as to how the council and partners can most effectively allocate resources to support affected residents 	
<p>Boundary Commission Electoral Review – Council Size.</p> <p>Final report to be considered at Corporate Scrutiny Committee meeting on 01 October 2025</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To gather residents' views and seek cross-party agreement for a proposal on council size. 	<p>Cllr Merrett Cllr Coles Cllr Hollyer Cllr Wann Cllr Steward</p>
<p>Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy Scrutiny</p> <p>Final report to be considered at Corporate Scrutiny Committee</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 	<p>Cllr Ayre Cllr Hook Cllr Baxter Cllr Moroney</p>

meeting on 19 January 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	
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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		