



Notice of a public meeting of

Economy, Place, Access and Transport Scrutiny Committee

- To:** Councillors K Taylor (Chair), B Burton, J Burton, Fenton, Healey (Vice-Chair), Hook, Whitcroft, Steward, Vassie and Merrett
- Date:** Tuesday, 10 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.
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- 4. 2024/25 Finance and Performance Monitor 2** (Pages 3 - 30)
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.
- 5. Economy Strategy update** (Pages 31 - 72)
This report provides a summary of activity supporting delivery of the Economic Strategy 2022-2032, together with the Council Plan priority action "A fair and thriving economy for all".
- 6. Work Plan** (Pages 73 - 78)
Members are asked to consider the Committee's work plan for the 2024/25 municipal year.

7. Urgent Business

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

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

Type of Interest	You must
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**Economy, Place, Access and Transport
Scrutiny Committee****10th December 2024**

Report of Patrick Looker (Head of Service Finance)

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. The Council implemented a garden waste subscription scheme in August 2024 (this was charged on a pro-rata basis). In 2025, the garden waste subscription service will run for the full 40 week season for 40 weeks (operating from Monday 3rd March to Friday 5th December). The Council will contact subscribers early in the New Year to advise of the 2025 subscription fee and with instructions on how to purchase their licences. As this is before budget council it is necessary to agree the fee in advance. For the 2025/26 financial year, it is proposed that the charge for 2024/25 will be £49. This is expected to produce an additional £100k compared to the current fee which will support overall savings. The service also hope to expand the subscription scheme in 2025 to some new build housing estates that were never previously served by a kerbside garden waste collection service (e.g. Langley Gate development etc).
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Alongside the Council plan indicators there are a number of areas of positive performance from across the Council. 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 cities **Purple Flag Status** was renewed in Summer 2024, recognising the high standards in safety, diversity, cleanliness and vibrancy and recent **Tourism data** is very positive and shows that hotel room occupancy was 85% in July and footfall in the city centre was over 750,000 visits in August. 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.

10. To support our most vulnerable residents we have been **Preparing for statutory inspections** such as any future CQC inspection of the Adult Social Care system in York. New performance management information has been made available to the service on waiting lists and timescales for assessments to help the service on its improvement journey, and there has been positive feedback from customers shown by the **low numbers of complaints** received in this area and improved **Joint working**, where there has been an increase this financial year in the number of people in receipt of adult social care packages that are jointly funded under Continuing Health Care or Vulnerable Person Unit provision by the NHS and CYC, to around 250 people.
11. **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. In response to this and other challenges, City of York Council has agreed **Specialist housing for disabled adults or adults with learning disabilities** where 14 new homes in Acomb to meet the need for specialist housing for disabled adults or adults with learning disabilities in the community have been agreed, and a new **SEND Hub** for children and young people with special educational needs at Clifton Children's Centre was approved in September. The hub will bring together professionals from education, health and social care to provide families with advice and support, reducing unnecessary assessments and waiting times, and help to tackle the rising requests for EHCP assessments in York (188 in the first 5 months of 2024-25) and the number of children and young people with an EHCP (1,436 at the end of June 2024).
12. Over £2.4m has been secured to help fund a new 24/7 adults **Mental health hub** in York over the next two years, run by a team of NHS and volunteer staff, offering support with no referral required. This will help to tackle a number of areas; recent data shows a reduction in the number of

suicides in York in the most recent three-year period, compared to the previous period, and the overall number of households in temporary accommodation in York has reduced during 2023-24 with York continuing to perform positively compared to benchmarked authorities. **Childcare reforms** have been announced and a report was presented to Executive in September 2024 on the commissioning of new and expanded places for childcare reforms to help parents with early years childcare and provide more children with access to high quality early years education. In 2023, **KS4 data** showed strong performance for York pupils compared with national averages and a high proportion of 5 year olds achieved a good level of development compared to national and regional averages. However, challenges remain as the **gap between disadvantaged pupils** and their peers at KS4 widened in York and nationally, and a legacy of Covid-19 is that school attendance of disadvantaged groups continues to be slower to recover.

13. 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 November 2024.

Background

Financial Summary and Mitigation Strategy

14. 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.
15. 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.

16. 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.
17. 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.
18. On 30th 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.
19. 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.
20. 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.

21. 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

22. 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
Sub Total	148,692	4,445
Contingency	576	-576
Use of earmarked reserves		-1,089
Total including contingency	149,268	2,780

Table 1: Finance overview

Directorate Analysis

Transport, Environment and Planning

23. The directorate is forecasting an underspend at quarter 2 of £610k and the table below summarises the latest forecasts by service area.

	2024/25 Budget £'000	Forecast Outturn Variance £'000	Forecast Outturn Variance %
Transport	7,078	-381	-5
Fleet	-127	0	0
Highways	5,008	-100	-2
Parking Services	-8,348	-70	-1
Waste	14,536	-139	-1
Public Realm	3,422	-23	-1
Emergency Planning	145	0	0
Planning Services	89	97	109
Public Protection	809	12	1
Community Safety	715	-6	-1
Management	137	0	0
TOTAL	23,464	-610	-3

24. Within Transport there was an underspend of £381k across the service. There is a forecast underspend against the Concessionary Fares budget of £325k as numbers of concessionary passengers have not fully returned to pre pandemic levels although the saving is lower than 2023/24.
25. Car park income at the end of August remains within 1% of budget as transactions have reduced by 7% but income per transaction increased by 12%. This has meant total income is c4% higher than 2023/24 in line with budget. Respark and season ticket income is ahead of budget and therefore the current forecast is that total income will be on budget. This will continue to be monitored closely as the budget is c £2m higher than last year.
26. There is a forecast underspend of £139k across waste disposal and collection. Income from selling spare capacity at Allerton Waste Recovery Plan is forecast to be £200k higher than forecast as overall council waste tonnages remain relatively static.
27. Across Waste Collection operational costs are forecast to be £50k below budget as vehicle repairs and the cost of hire was below budget as the fleet is relatively new.
28. The garden waste subscription service was introduced in August 2024. There have been over 36,600 subscribers to the new scheme which has

given revenue of £736k which is £164k below budget but given the part year impact, the performance is very strong.

29. Within the Highways area there is an anticipated underspend of £100k as electricity prices have reduced for unmetered supply to a lower level than assumed in the budget.
30. Across planning services there is a shortfall in income from building control as the service has at this time very limited staffing resources and primarily only able to provide the statutory service.

City Development

31. Across City Development Directorate which covers Local Plan, Regeneration and Economy Teams it is assumed that the revenue budget of £710k will be on target. There are no reported variances at Monitor 2.

Performance – Service Delivery

32. 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. Wider or historic strategic and operational performance information is published quarterly on the Council's open data platform; www.yorkopendata.org.uk
33. 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.
34. 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 all of the core indicator set.

Economy: A fair, thriving, green economy for all (City)						
	Previous Data	Latest Data	DoT	Frequency	Benchmarks	Data Next Available
Universal Credit: Claimants	13,248 (Q1 2024/25)	13,714 (Q2 2024/25)	↑ Bad	Quarterly	Not available	Q3 2024/25 data available in January 2025
Earnings gap between the 25 percentile and the median (£) (York)	£164.20 (2022/23)	£152.20 (2023/24)	↓ Good	Annual	Not available	2024/25 data available in December 2024
Housing affordability (median house prices to earnings ratio)	8.85 (2021/22)	9.3 (2022/23)	↑ Bad	Annual	National Data 2022/23 8.14	2023/24 data available in March 2025
% of vacant city centre shops	8.40% (Q1 2024/25)	7.94% (Q2 2024/25)	→	Monthly	National Data 2023/24 14%	Q3 2024/25 data available in January 2025
Business Startups - (YTD)	796 (February 2023)	767 (February 2024)	→	Quarterly	Not available	TBC
GVA per head (£)	33,571 (2021/22)	37,313 (2022/23)	↑ Good	Annual	Regional Rank 2022/23: 2	2023/24 data available in May 2025
% of working age population in employment (16-64)	78.0% (2023/24)	77.8% (Q1 2024/25)	→	Quarterly	National Data Q1 2024/25 75.50%	Q2 2024/25 data available in January 2025
% of Total Employees working for an Accredited Good Business Charter employer	12.10% (2021/22)	13.40% (2022/23)	→	Annual	Not available	2023/24 data available in November 2024
% of Total Employees working for an Accredited Living Wage employer	14.5% (2021/22)	16% (2022/23)	→	Annual	Not available	2023/24 data available in November 2024
Survival of Newly Born Businesses post 1 year	94.00% (2020/21)	94.40% (2021/22)	→	Annual	Not available	2022/23 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

35. **Universal Credit Claimants** – At the end of September 2024 there were 13,714 people, in York, on Universal Credit. Although this is the highest figure to date, surpassing the previous high of 13,236 in February 2021, it is low compared to the region or nationally, and represents 10% of the working population in York, compared to 19% regionally and 17% nationally. The figures dropped to a low of 11,054 in May 2022 but they have steadily increased since then. This is a mixture of increased claimants and people who have been converting over from other schemes, with this picture becoming clearer in 2024-25 as DWP predicts/plans for all people to have moved over to Universal Credit.
36. There are two types of claimant: those in employment and those not. Both types have been gradually increasing in the last 12 months with the number of those not in employment increasing as claimants of health-related legacy benefits (e.g. Employment and Support Allowance) are migrated across to Universal Credit. The increase in the number of those in employment may be attributed to a higher percentage of part time workers (29.8% in York, 25% regionally and 23.6% nationally). Our partners within DWP have praised the Council for its positive housing

benefit performance over the last 12 months with processing times indicative of a positive customer experience.

37. **Earnings gap between the 25 percentile and the median (£)** – In York, the latest figures show that earnings continue to be low, although this gap has reduced by 7.3%, in 2023, to £152.20. This is the lowest gap since 2018-19. Nationally, there has been an increase of 1.4% to £163.20 and regionally an increase of 4.7% to £139.50. Data for 2024-25 will be available in December 2024.
38. **Housing affordability (median house prices to earnings ratio)** – Owning a home in York remains largely unaffordable. In 2023, full-time employees, in York, could expect to spend around 9.3 times their annual earnings buying a home, compared to 8.3 times annual earnings in England and 6.1 times annual earnings in the region. In York this has increased by 3.8% on last year whilst at the national and regional level, these ratios are similar to 2022, and represent a return to the pre-coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic trend. Data for 2023-24 will be available in March 2025.
39. **% of vacant city centre shops** – At the end of September 2024, there were 50 vacant shops in the city centre which equates to 7.9% of all city centre shops. This is much lower than the latest national benchmark in 2023-24 of 14% and the York figures have remained stable for a number of years.
40. **Business start ups** – Figures for 2022-23 showed 870 new business start-ups for York, which is higher than in the previous year (746 in 2021-22). The York figure is at only a slightly lower level to that seen before the pandemic (932 in 2019-20). The year to date figure up to the end of February 2024 of 767 new start ups is at a similar level to last year. The monthly figures for business start ups in York came from a regionally paid for dataset but this has now come to an end. Alternative sources of this information are being sought.
41. **GVA per head (£)** – In 2022-23, the GVA per head in York was £37,313 which was the second highest figure regionally. This latest figure is an increase from last year (£33,571). Annually since 2009-10, the GVA per head has generally been increasing (from £25,976 per head). Data for 2023-24 will be available in May 2025.
42. **% of working age population in employment (16-64)** – In Q1 2024-25, 77.8% of the working age population were in employment, which is higher

than the national and regional figures (75.5% and 73.1% respectively) and the York performance gives the city a ranking of second regionally. The figure for Q1 2024-25 in York remains fairly high overall but is lower than the figures seen for the previous two years.

- 43. **% of Total Employees working for an Accredited Living Wage/Good Business Charter employer** – 16% of employees worked for an Accredited Living Wage employer and 13% worked for an Accredited Good Business Charter employer in 2022-23, which are both higher than in the previous year (14% and 12% respectively).
- 44. **Survival of Newly Born Businesses post 1 year** – In York, 175 businesses were created in Q3 2023-24, up 6% on a year ago. There were 160 business closures in the same quarter, down 8% on the year before. The survival rate post 1 year has been consistently above 94% in York for the last 4 years, with the latest figure of 94.4%. The York figures have been consistently higher than the National and Regional rates.

Transport: Sustainable accessible transport for all (City)						
	Previous Data	Latest Data	DoT	Frequency	Benchmarks	Data Next Available
P&R Passenger Journeys	2m (YTD Dec 21)	2.4m (Prov) (YTD Dec 22)	↑ Good	Quarterly	Not available	TBC
Local bus passenger journeys originating in the authority area (excluding P&R)	5.54m (YTD Dec 22)	7.26m (Prov) (YTD Dec 22)	↑ Good	Quarterly	Not available	TBC
Area Wide Traffic Levels (07:00 - 19:00) (Excluding A64) from 2009/10 baseline (2.09m)	2.08m (2022/23)	2.02m (2023/24)	→	Annual	Not available	2024/25 data available in September 2025
Index of cycling activity (12 hour) from 2009 Baseline (31,587)	115.00% (2022)	113.00% (2023)	→	Annual	Not available	2024 data available in June 2025
Index of pedestrians walking to and from the City Centre (12 hour in and out combined) from 2009/10 Baseline (37,278)	124.00% (2022)	125.00% (2023)	→	Annual	Not available	2024 data available in September 2025
% of customers arriving at York Station by sustainable modes of transport (cycling, walking, taxi or bus - excluding cars, Lift, Motorcycle)	60% (2022)	78% (2023)	→	Annual	Not available	2024 data available June 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						

- 45. **Area Wide Traffic Levels** – Between 2011-12 and 2016-17, the number of vehicles on the city’s roads increased year on year to a high of 2.2 million. Following this, the numbers decreased to a low of 1.75m in 2020-21. However, the covid pandemic brought with it numerous national lockdowns and local restrictions so the decrease in traffic levels was to be expected. Since then, figures had increased to 2.08m in 2022-23 although the latest figures show a slight reduction to 2.02m vehicles in 2023-24.

46. **Index of Cycling activity** – Prior to the pandemic, cycling levels in the city were around 41% (2019) above the baseline taken in 2009. The latest data shows that cycling levels in 2023 were 13% above the baseline. The pandemic had a huge effect on how people travel around, and how much they travel. Other cities with high levels of cycling have also seen falls in activity. In York, cycling levels appear to have fallen because of a decline in commuting (as a result of more working from home), although travel patterns are still settling down. York has a strong walking and cycling heritage, but if we are to achieve our climate and traffic reduction targets and see a long-term, sustainable increase in rates of cycling, we need to enable more people to choose the bicycle as the primary way of getting around. There is much more to be done to encourage even more people towards riding, wheeling and walking in the future, and we have recently carried out an extensive consultation to better understand what changes we can make to help support residents to make the change to cycling, and how we can support our cycling communities. Data for 2024 will be available in 2025.
47. **Index of pedestrians walking to and from the City Centre** – From a baseline in 2009-10 (36,919), there has been a 25% increase in the number of pedestrians walking to and from the city centre in 2023-24. This is 1%pt higher than in 2022-23 and remains high compared to previous years. Data is gathered on an annual basis over the course of one day; it is a count of pedestrians crossing an inner cordon set just beyond the inner ring road and includes off-road routes such as riverside paths.
48. **% of customers arriving at York station by sustainable modes of transport** – In 2023, 78% of customers arrived at York station by sustainable modes of transport which is an increase from 60% in 2022 (the survey was delayed in 2022 so didn't take place until January 2023 which may have affected the result, and in addition, two of the usual counting locations were missed which may explain the lower than usual percentage). The data is usually gathered by an annual survey which takes place for a five-hour period in seven locations around the station. Members of the public are asked how they arrive at the station and the results are flow weighted to take into account the split of people arriving at each entrance. Data for 2024 will be available in mid 2025.

Transport: Sustainable accessible transport for all (Council)						
	Previous Data	Latest Data	DoT	Frequency	Benchmarks	Data Next Available
The number of CYC electric vehicle recharging points in York	103 (Q1 2024/25)	103 (Q2 2024/25)	→	Quarterly	Not available	Q3 2024/25 data available in January 2025
% of Principal roads where maintenance should be considered (Local Recording)	11% (2021/22)	11% (2023/24)	→	Annual	Not available	2024/25 data available in June 2025
% of Principal roads where maintenance should be considered (Scanner - NI - 130-01)	NC	2% (2023/24)	→	Annual	National Data (Scanner DfT Comparison) 2022/23 4%	2024/25 data available in June 2025
% of Non-principal classified roads where maintenance should be considered (Local Recording)	23% (2021/22)	25% (2023/24)	→	Annual	Not available	2024/25 data available in June 2025
% of Non-principal classified roads where maintenance should be considered (Scanner - NI 130-02)	NC	4% (2023/24)	→	Annual	National Data (Scanner DfT Comparison) 2022/23 6%	2024/25 data available in June 2025
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49. **The number of CYC electric vehicle recharging points** - There were 103 CYC electric recharging points at the end of Q2 2024-25, which is the same as at the same point in the previous year.
50. When looking at all providers of EV charging, the latest data collated by ZapMap, a charging locator app, shows that for York the total number of publicly available charging devices (all speeds) was 146 at the end of Q1 2024-25 which is a reduction from 221 at Q1 2023-24. The number of those which were rapid chargers was 36 at the end of Q1 2024-25 which is a reduction from 42 at Q1 2023-24. A charging device may have more than one connector and be able to charge more than one vehicle at a time so the figures do not show total charging capacity but are an indication of and can be used to compare York to national and regional rates. The rate of devices available (all speeds) per 100,000 population was 71.4 for York compared to 55.9 Regionally and 97.4 Nationally.
51. **% of Principal/Non-principal roads where maintenance should be considered** – In 2023-24, the percentage of principal roads in York, from local figures, where maintenance should be considered was 11% (the same as in 2021-22). There are two processes for collecting this indicator, a local one for providing the figures above, and a one-off SCANNER survey which is used by the DfT for benchmarking. The latest York figure for SCANNER is 2% for principal roads and this is slightly lower than the latest available benchmarks in 2022-23 (National average 4% and Regional average 3%).
52. The percentage of non-principal roads in York, from local figures, where maintenance should be considered was 25% in 2023-24 (slightly higher than 23% in 2021-22). Like the above indicator, there are two processes

for collecting this indicator, a local one for providing the figures above, and a one-off SCANNER survey which is used by the DfT for benchmarking. The latest York figure for SCANNER is 4% for non-principal roads which is lower than the latest benchmarks in 2022-23 (National average 6% and Regional average 3%). Data for 2024-25 will be available in June 2025. Please note SCANNER surveys were not carried out in York in 2021-22 and 2022-23.

Housing: Increasing the supply of affordable housing (City)						
	Previous Data	Latest Data	DoT	Frequency	Benchmarks	Data Next Available
Net Additional Homes Provided - (YTD)	459 (2022/23)	528 (2023/24)	↑ Good	Bi-annual	Not available	2024/25 mid-year data available in December 2024
Net Housing Consents - (YTD)	1,559 (2022/23)	658 (2023/24)	↓ Bad	Bi-annual	Not available	2024/25 mid-year data available in December 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						

53. **Net Additional Homes** – Between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024, a total of **462 net additional homes** were completed. This total comprises two elements:

- There has been a total of 529 net housing completions. This represents 69 more completed homes compared to the previous twelve-month monitoring period. The main features of the housing completions that were carried out are:
 - 480 homes (90.9%) were completed on housing sites (Use Class 3). Of this, 390 were new build homes (81%).
 - 8 homes were demolished during the monitoring period.
 - Individual sites that saw the construction of five or less dwellings during the monitoring period contributed just 56 (10.6%) homes.
 - Significant sites providing housing completions (Use Class C3) over the monitoring period have been Germany Beck (117), The Cocoa Works, Haxby Road (Phase 1 Blocks B and C) (107), Former Civil Service Club, Boroughbridge Road (79) and the Former Vacant Site, Eboracum Way (62).
 - A net total of 29 (5.5%) off campus, privately managed student 'cluster flats' were completed at Aubrey House Foss Islands Road.
 - 143 (27.1%) net additional homes were a result of changes from other uses to residential homes.

- A loss of 66 net equivalent homes resulted from the closure of three care homes within the authority area during the twelve-month monitoring period.

54. **Net Housing Consents** – Planning applications determined during the full monitoring period of 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 resulted in the approval of **658 net additional homes**. This compares to 1,559 net approvals granted the previous year. However, a further 513 homes were approved at Planning Committee during the monitoring period and are still awaiting legal agreement sign off.

55. The main features of the housing approvals are:

- 577 of all net homes consented (87.7%) were granted on housing sites (Use Class C3).
- Significant sites granted approval for housing (Use Class C3) includes Land at New Lane, Huntington (300), Os Field South of & Adjacent to 1 Tadcaster Road, Copmanthorpe (158), Land East of Middlewood Close, Rufforth (21) and Clifton Without County Junior School, Rawcliffe Drive (15).
- 59 homes were approved on sites of 5 or less homes.
- A net total of 33 new homes across three sites were granted 'prior approval', the most significant of which was at Gateway 2, Holgate Park Drive (31).
- 44 net new retirement homes were allowed on appeal at 11 The Village, Wigginton.
- A further 513 homes have been approved through a resolution to grant consent at Planning Committee over the last twelve months and are currently subject to the execution of a section 106 legal agreement. These sites include:
 - Land to the East of Millfield Industrial Estate, Main Street, Wheldrake (139).
 - Enterprise Rent-a-car, 15 Foss Islands Road (133).
 - Paddock lying between Park Lodge and Willow Bank, Haxby Road (117).
 - Land to the South-East of 51 Moor Lane, Copmanthorpe (75).
 - Tramways Club, 1 Mill Street (35).

Sustainability: Cutting carbon, enhancing the environment for our future (City)						
	Previous Data	Latest Data	DoT	Frequency	Benchmarks	Data Next Available
Percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting	46.45% (Prov) (Q1 2023/24)	44.77% (Prov) (Q1 2024/25)	➡	Quarterly	National Data 2022/23 41.70%	Q2 2024/25 data available in January 2025
% of Talkabout panel satisfied with their local area as a place to live	79.68% (Q3 2023/24)	81.00% (Q1 2024/25)	➡	Bi-annual	Community Life Survey 2021/22 76%	Q3 2024/25 data available in January 2025
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56. **Percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting** – The latest provisional data for the amount of household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting was 44.8% within Q1 2024-25, which is a decrease from 46.4% during Q1 2023-24. The figures are broadly similar for total household waste collected (246.2kg per household from the same time last year (246.7kg)), reuse, recycling or composting waste per household (110kg from 111kg in 2023-24) and residual (approx. non-recycling) household waste has remained at 136kg per household. The increase in the number of households accounts for the decrease in the overall recycling figures.
57. **% of Talkabout panel satisfied with their local area as a place to live** - The first biannual resident satisfaction survey taken by the Talkabout panel took place during Q1 2024-25. Results from the Q1 2024-25 Talkabout survey showed that 85% of the panel were satisfied with York as a place to live, up 5% from the previous survey. 81% were satisfied with their local area, consistent with results from Q3 2023-24. A slight decline in satisfaction with the local area can be seen over recent years but York continues to perform well against the latest national figure of 76% (Community Life Survey 2021-22). Data for Q3 2024-25 will be available in January 2025.

Sustainability: Cutting carbon, enhancing the environment for our future (Council)						
	Previous Data	Latest Data	DoT	Frequency	Benchmarks	Data Next Available
Level of CO2 emissions from council buildings and operations (tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent)	3,633.3 (2021/22)	3,462.4 (2022/23)	➡	Annual	Not available	2023/24 data available in November 2024
Number of trees planted (CYC)	1,099 (2022/23)	1,240 (2023/24)	↑ Good	Annual	Not available	2024/25 data available in May 2025
% of Talkabout panel who think that the council are doing well at improving green spaces	36.84% (Q3 2023/24)	36.70% (Q1 2024/25)	➡	Bi-annual	Not available	Q3 2024/25 data available in January 2025
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58. **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.

- 59. **Number of trees planted (CYC)** – During 2023-24, CYC planted 40 standard trees in the city’s parks and on highways. In addition, 1,200 trees (whips) were planted by the council’s ‘York Green Streets’ project, fully funded by a grant from White Rose Forest (secured in February 2024) including three years aftercare to support successful establishment. This forms part of the Council Plan 2023-2028 commitment to support biodiversity and nature by planting 4,000 new trees. The YGS project team is itself 100% externally funded by a £150,000 Forestry Commission grant to 31 March 2025. A further £40,000 has been secured from DEFRA to plant two new micro-woods in York’s urban area in the 2024-25 planting season in Holgate and Clifton Without wards.
- 60. Full year data for 2024-25 will not be available until May 2025, but numbers are likely to be comparable to last year as York Green Streets planted c1,800 trees (whips and standards) in April 2024.
- 61. **% of Talkabout panel who think that the council are doing well at improving green spaces** - The results for Q1 2024-25 showed that 37% of respondents agreed the Council and its partners are doing well at improving green spaces, consistent with results from Q3 2023-24. Data for Q3 2024-25 will be available in January 2025.

How the Council will operate (Council)						
	Previous Data	Latest Data	DoT	Frequency	Benchmarks	Data Next Available
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
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62. **% 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.

Consultation

63. Not applicable.

Options

64. Not applicable.

Analysis

65. Not applicable.

Council Plan

66. Not applicable.

Implications

67. 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

68. 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.
69. 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

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

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

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Background Papers: None.

Annexes: EPAT Q2 24-25 Scrutiny Committee Scorecard



Scrutiny - Economy, Place, Access and Transport 2024/2025

No of Indicators = 81 | Direction of Travel (DoT) shows the trend of how an indicator is performing against its Polarity over time.
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			Previous Years			2024/2025							
		Collection Frequency	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Target	Polarity	DOT	
01. Benefits	CJGE06	JSA Claimants: % of Working Age Population (16-64)	Monthly	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	-	-	-	Up is Bad	◀▶ Neutral
		Benchmark - National Data	Monthly	0.30%	0.20%	0.20%	0.20%	0.20%	-	-	-		
		Benchmark - Regional Data	Monthly	0.30%	0.30%	0.30%	0.20%	0.20%	-	-	-		
		Regional Rank (Rank out of 15)	Monthly	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-		
	CJGE130	Universal Credit: Claimants	Monthly	11,103	11,524	13,258	13,248	13,714	-	-	-	Up is Bad	▲ Red
	CJGE151	JSA and UC (Out of Work) % of working age population (16 - 64)	Monthly	2.00%	1.70%	1.80%	1.70%	2.00%	-	-	-	Up is Bad	▲ Red
		Benchmark - National Data	Monthly	4.20%	3.80%	3.90%	3.90%	4.30%	-	-	-		
Benchmark - Regional Data		Monthly	4.50%	4.20%	4.30%	4.40%	4.80%	-	-	-			
	Regional Rank (Rank out of 15)	Monthly	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-			
02. Employment and Skills	CJGE03	York's unemployment rate below the national (%pt) - (Snapshot)	Quarterly	1.50%	1.60%	1.40%	1.50%	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	◀▶ Neutr.
	CJGE05	% of Part time employees	Quarterly	23.00%	29.30%	29.80%	27.90%	-	-	-	-	Up is Bad	◀▶ Neutr.
		Benchmark - National Data	Quarterly	23.20%	23.60%	23.60%	23.40%	-	-	-	-		
		Benchmark - Regional Data	Quarterly	24.50%	25.90%	25.00%	23.60%	-	-	-	-		
		Regional Rank (Rank out of 15)	Quarterly	4	12	13	13	-	-	-	-		
	CJGE17	% of working age population qualified - No qualifications (New methodology from 2022/23)	Annual	3.70%	3.00%	4.90%	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Bad	▲ Red
		Benchmark - National Data	Annual	6.60%	6.80%	6.50%	-	-	-	-	-		
		Benchmark - Regional Data	Annual	7.80%	8.00%	7.60%	-	-	-	-	-		
		Regional Rank (Rank out of 15)	Annual	1	1	(AVAIL OCT 2024)	-	-	-	-	-		
	CJGE18	% of working age population qualified - to at least L2 and above (New methodology from 2022/23)	Annual	87.90%	94.20%	90.00%	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	◀▶ Neutral
		Benchmark - National Data	Annual	78.20%	85.80%	86.50%	-	-	-	-	-		
		Benchmark - Regional Data	Annual	76.40%	84.50%	85.10%	-	-	-	-	-		
		Regional Rank (Rank out of 15)	Annual	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-		
	CJGE20	% of working age population qualified - to at least L4 and above (New methodology from 2022/23)	Annual	59.30%	60.30%	53.80%	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	◀▶ Neutral
		Benchmark - National Data	Annual	43.50%	45.70%	47.30%	-	-	-	-	-		
		Benchmark - Regional Data	Annual	38.00%	38.90%	41.20%	-	-	-	-	-		
Regional Rank (Rank out of 15)		Annual	1	3	4	-	-	-	-	-			
CJGE71	Employment Rate (%) (Male)	Quarterly	85.90%	85.10%	79.10%	79.50%	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	◀▶ Neutral	
	Regional Rank (Rank out of 15)	Quarterly	1	2	5	5	-	-	-	-			
CJGE72	Employment Rate (%) (Female)	Quarterly	77.80%	82.10%	76.80%	76.00%	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	◀▶ Neutral	
	Regional Rank (Rank out of 15)	Quarterly	1	1	2	2	-	-	-	-			

			Previous Years			2024/2025								
		Collection Frequency	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Target	Polarity	DOT		
	emp1	% of working age population in employment (16-64)	Quarterly	81.80%	83.60%	78.00%	77.80%	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	◄► Neutral	
		Regional Rank (Rank out of 15)	Quarterly	1	1	2	2	-	-	-	-			
03. Business	BLW01	% of Total Employees working for an Accredited Living Wage employer	Annual	14.50%	16.00%	(Avail Nov 2024)	-	-	-	-	-	Neutral	◄► Neutral	
	CJGE23	% of vacant shops - City Centre	Monthly	8.49%	8.50%	8.87%	8.40%	7.94%	-	-	-	Up is Bad	◄► Neutral	
		Benchmark - National Data (Local Data Company)	Annual	14.40%	13.80%	14.00%	-	-	-	-	-			
	CJGE29	Business Deaths	Annual	725	Due 2024	Due 2025	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Bad	◄► Neutral	
		Regional Rank (Rank out of 15)	Annual	12	Due 2024	Due 2025	-	-	-	-	-			
	CJGE32	Business Startups - (YTD)	Discontinued	746	870	NA	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	◄► Neutral	
	CJGE33	GVA per head (balanced calculations) (£)	Annual	33,571	37,313	(Avail Apr 2025)	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	▲ Green	
		Regional Rank (Rank out of 12)	Annual	2	2	(Avail Apr 2025)	-	-	-	-	-			
	CJGE34	Total GVA (balanced calculations) (£ billion)	Annual	6.78	7.63	(Avail Apr 2025)	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	◄► Neutral	
		Regional Rank (Rank out of 11)	Annual	10	10	(Avail Apr 2025)	-	-	-	-	-			
	GWC01	% of Total Employees working for an Accredited Good Business Charter employer	Annual	12.10%	13.40%	(Avail Nov 2024)	-	-	-	-	-	Neutral	◄► Neutr.	
	NBB01	Survival of Newly Born Businesses post 1 year	Annual	94.40%	Due 2024	Due 2025	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	◄► Neutr.	
		Benchmark: Post 2 years	Annual	Due 2024	Due 2025	Due 2026	-	-	-	-	-	Neutral	◄► Neutr.	
		Benchmark: Post 3 years	Annual	Due 2025	Due 2026	Due 2027	-	-	-	-	-	Neutral	◄► Neutr.	
	04. Earnings	CJGE14	Median earnings of residents - Gross Weekly Pay (£)	Annual	£597.90	£611	£646.80	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	▲ Green
			Benchmark - National Data	Annual	£613.10	£644.70	£682.60	-	-	-	-	-		
Benchmark - Regional Data			Annual	£568.50	£594.50	£631.50	-	-	-	-	-			
Regional Rank (Rank out of 15)			Annual	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-			
CJGE16		Earnings gap between the 25 percentile and the median (£) (York)	Annual	£193.60	£164.20	£152.20	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Bad	▼ Green	
CJGE68		Median earnings of residents - Gross Weekly Pay (£) - Gender Pay Gap	Annual	£146.60	£44.70	£82.40	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Bad	▲ Red	
		Benchmark - National Data	Annual	£96.20	£99.70	£99.50	-	-	-	-	-			
		Benchmark - Regional Data	Annual	£103	£113.20	£112.40	-	-	-	-	-			
	Regional Rank (Rank out of 15)	Annual	11	1	2	-	-	-	-	-				
TAP01	% of Talkabout panel satisfied with their local area as a place to live	Quarterly	84.38%	82.18%	79.68%	81.00%	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	◄► Neutral		
	Benchmark - Community Life Survey	Annual	76.00%	N/C	74.00%	-	-	-	-	-				
	Benchmark - LG Inform	Quarterly	80.00%	79.00%	-	-	-	-	-	-				
	% of Talkabout panel dissatisfied with their local area as a place to live	Quarterly	9.74%	10.64%	13.10%	13.18%	-	-	-	-	Up is Bad	◄► Neutral		
TAP30	% of Talkabout panel who think that the council are doing well at improving green spaces	Quarterly	43.26%	38.30%	36.84%	36.70%	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	◄► Neutral		
	% of Talkabout panel who think that the council are not doing well at improving green spaces	Quarterly	41.25%	45.74%	45.43%	42.02%	-	-	-	-	Up is Bad	◄► Neutral		

			Previous Years			2024/2025							
		Collection Frequency	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Target	Polarity	DOT	
5- Resident Surveys	TAP32	% of panel who think that the council and partners are doing well at improving the quality of streets/public spaces	Quarterly	36.53%	31.56%	28.41%	26.74%	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	▼ Red
		% of panel who think that the council and partners are not doing well at improving the quality of streets/public spaces	Quarterly	56.29%	59.42%	64.62%	64.44%	-	-	-	-	Up is Bad	◀▶ Neutral
	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
06- Housing and Planning	CES13	New Homes Built on Previously Developed Land (%)	Quarterly	60.14%	76.72%	60.98%	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	◀▶ Neutral
		Homes Provided on Greenfield Land (Gross)	Quarterly	167	115	222	-	-	-	-	-	Neutral	◀▶ Neutral
		Homes Provided on Brownfield Land (Gross)	Quarterly	252	379	347	-	-	-	-	-	Neutral	◀▶ Neutral
	CES905	% of major planning applications determined within 13 Weeks (NPI157a National Measure)	Quarterly	96.00%	93.00%	92.00%	100.00%	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	◀▶ Neutral
		Benchmark - National Data	Quarterly	87.00%	87.00%	91.00%	90.00%	-	-	-	-		
		Benchmark - Regional Data	Quarterly	87.00%	90.00%	91.00%	92.00%	-	-	-	-		
	CES910	% of non-major planning applications determined within 8 Weeks (NPI157b National Measure)	Quarterly	92.00%	86.00%	78.00%	88.00%	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	◀▶ Neutral
		Benchmark - National Data	Quarterly	85.00%	87.00%	89.00%	91.00%	-	-	-	-		
		Benchmark - Regional Data	Quarterly	86.00%	89.00%	95.00%	83.00%	-	-	-	-		
	CJGE121a	Average House Price	Monthly	£306,919	£327,184	£314,438	£316,045	-	-	-	-	Neutral	◀▶ Neutral
		Benchmark - National Data	Monthly	£292,523	£299,313	£294,696	£300,479	-	-	-	-		
		Benchmark - Regional Data	Monthly	£199,607	£203,635	£209,868	£215,347	-	-	-	-		
		Regional Rank (Rank out of 15)	Monthly	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-		
	CJGE171	Housing affordability (median house prices to earnings ratio)	Annual	8.85	9.3	(Avail Mar 2025)	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Bad	▲ Red
		Benchmark - National Data	Annual	8.92	8.14	(Avail Mar 2025)	-	-	-	-	-		
		Regional Rank (Rank out of 15)	Annual	14	15	(Avail Mar 2025)	-	-	-	-	-		
CJGE173	Rent Affordability: Average monthly private rent as a percentage of median monthly salary - (2 bedroom properties)	Annual	29.69%	32.78%	-	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Bad	◀▶ Neutral	
	Benchmark - National Data	Annual	31.47%	30.82%	-	-	-	-	-	-			
	Benchmark - Regional Data	Annual	24.68%	25.21%	-	-	-	-	-	-			
HM01	Gross Additional Homes Provided	Quarterly	419	494	569	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	▲ Green	
HM03	Net Additional Homes Provided	Quarterly	402	459	528	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	▲ Green	

			Previous Years			2024/2025						
		Collection Frequency	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Target	Polarity	DOT
07: Public Protection	HM07	Net Housing Consents	Quarterly	327	1,559	658	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Good Red
	PP04	% of customers who were satisfied with the overall level of service provided	Annual	NC	49.10%	82.80%	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Good Green
	PP06	% of food premises that are classified as broadly compliant - (YTD)	Quarterly	86.00%	89.50%	93.00%	90.00%	91.00%	-	-	-	Up is Good Neutral
08: Transport	CAN029	% of ultra-low emission vehicles in CYC Fleet, operating in York (Electric and Hybrid)	Quarterly	1.66%	27.73%	34.00%	38.00%	41.00%	-	-	-	Up is Good Green
	CAN029i	% of ultra-low emission Licensed Taxis operating in York (Electric and Hybrid)	Quarterly	30.60%	34.40%	38.00%	38.10%	39.10%	-	-	-	Up is Good Green
	CAN029ii	% of ultra-low emission Buses (ULEB) operating in York (Electric and Hybrid) - (low emission Buses before 2022/23)	Quarterly	90.00%	40.00%	65.00% (Est)	65.00% (Est)	-	-	-	-	Up is Good Neutral
	CAN37	% of low emission vehicles in CYC Fleet, operating in York (Electric, Hybrid and Euro 6)	Quarterly	30.00%	47.05%	56.00%	60.00%	65.00%	-	-	-	Up is Good Green
	CAN026	The number of CYC electric vehicle recharging points in York (updated definition Q4 21/22 to CYC points only)	Quarterly	62	110	103	103	103	-	-	-	Up is Good Neutral
	EV03	Number of publicly available EV charging DEVICES (may have more than one charging connector) recorded on ZapMap - All speeds	Quarterly	101	154	147	146	-	-	-	-	Up is Good Neutral
	EV03a	Rate of publicly available EV charging DEVICES (may have more than one charging connector) recorded on ZapMap per 100,000 population - All speeds	Quarterly	47.86	76.36	72.89	71.4	-	-	-	-	Up is Good Red
			Quarterly	45.77	60.5	91.1	97.4	-	-	-	-	
			Quarterly	27.4	36.61	53.33	55.9	-	-	-	-	
	EV04	Number of publicly available EV charging DEVICES (may have more than one charging connector) recorded on ZapMap – Rapid chargers	Quarterly	14	29	35	36	-	-	-	-	Up is Good Green
	EV04a	Rate of publicly available EV charging DEVICES (may have more than one charging connector) recorded on ZapMapper 100,000 population – Rapid chargers	Quarterly	6.63	14.38	17.35	17.6	-	-	-	-	Up is Good Neutral
			Quarterly	8.03	11.06	16.94	18.1	-	-	-	-	
			Quarterly	7.94	10.62	15.14	15.8	-	-	-	-	
	CAN031	P&R Passenger Journeys - (LI 3 b) - (2009 baseline: 3,941,852)	Monthly	2.59m	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Good Green
CAN032	Local bus passenger journeys originating in the authority area (excluding P&R) (LI 3 a) - (2009 baseline: 10,832,614)	Monthly	7.82m	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Good Green	
CAN032-A	Passenger journeys on local bus services (Not comparable with CAN031/CAN032 - DfT measure - BUS01e)	Annual	10.8m	13.2m	-	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Good Green	
CAN032-B	Passenger journeys on local bus services per head of population - (DfT measure BUS01f)	Annual	53.4	65.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Good Green	
		Annual	50.2	59.8	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Annual	35.1	40.5	-	-	-	-	-	-		
CES14	Reported number of PEOPLE killed in road traffic accidents (Calendar Year) (LI 13a)	Monthly	5 (2021)	4 (2022)	4 (2023 Prov)	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Bad Green	

			Previous Years			2024/2025							
		Collection Frequency	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Target	Polarity	DOT	
09. Waste	CES14i	Reported number of PEOPLE killed or seriously injured (KSI) in road traffic accidents (Calendar Year) (LI 13a (i))	Monthly	44 (2021)	42 (2022)	64 (2023 Prov)	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Bad	▼ Green
	CES16	Reported number of PEOPLE slightly injured in road traffic accidents (Calendar Year) (LI 13c)	Monthly	315 (2021)	347 (2022)	303 (2023 Prov)	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Bad	▼ Green
	CES17	Reported number of CHILDREN (0-15) killed in road traffic accidents (Calendar Year) (LI 13b)	Monthly	0 (2021)	0 (2022)	0 (2023)	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Bad	▼ Green
	CES28	Index of cycling activity (%) (12 hour) from 2009 Baseline (31,587) (Calendar Year) (LI 2c(ii))	Annual	107.00% (2021)	115.00% (2022)	113.00% (2023)	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	◄► Neutral
	CES33	Index of pedestrians walking to and from the City Centre (%) (12 hour in and out combined) from 2009/10 Baseline (37,278) (LI 1 (vii.i))	Annual	105.00% (2021)	124.00% (2022)	125.00% (2023)	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	◄► Neutral
	CES34	% of customers arriving at York Station by sustainable modes of transport (cycling, walking, taxi or bus - excluding cars, Lift, Motorcycle, Train) (Calendar Year) (LI 4a)	Annual	76.70% (2021)	60.00% (2022)	78.00% (2023)	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	◄► Neutral
	TSS08B	% of tenants who say car parking is not a problem in their neighbourhood	Annual	38.97%	40.10%	32.91%	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	◄► Neutral
	YCC036	Customer Centre Tickets issued - Parking	Monthly	427	508	262	62	41	-	-	-	Neutral	◄► Neutral
	YCC107	YCC Number of calls offered - Parking	Weekly	27,338	20,911	16,033	3,516	4,137	-	-	-	Neutral	◄► Neutral
09. Waste	CES36	Household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting (%) (DEFRA)	Quarterly	43.17%	41.59%	41.71% (Prov)	44.77% (Prov)	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	◄► Neutr.
		Household waste recycled / composted: Benchmark - National Data	Annual	42.50%	41.70%	(Avail Nov 2024)	-	-	-	-	-		
		Household waste recycled / composted: Benchmark - Regional Data	Annual	42.30%	41.50%	(Avail Nov 2024)	-	-	-	-	-		
		Household waste recycled / composted: Regional Rank (Rank out of 15)	Annual	10	10	(Avail Nov 2024)	-	-	-	-	-		
	CES36a	Household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting per household (kg/household) (DEFRA)	Quarterly	389.22kg	353.62kg (Prov)	365.82kg (Prov)	110.22kg (Prov)	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	▲ Green
		Benchmark - National Data	Quarterly	465.53kg	364.3kg	(Avail Nov 2024)	-	-	-	-	-		
	CES37	Municipal waste sent to landfill (%) (DEFRA)	Quarterly	4.97%	2.87%	1.82% (Prov)	8.73% (Prov)	-	-	-	-	Up is Bad	▲ Red
		Benchmark - Regional Data	Annual	2.90%	2.50%	(Avail Nov 2024)	-	-	-	-	-		
		Regional Rank (Rank out of 15)	Annual	13	12	(Avail Nov 2024)	-	-	-	-	-		
	CES46	Missed waste collections - Number of issues reported	Monthly	2,455	1,868	2,308	862	867	-	-	-	Up is Bad	▲ Red
CES48	Missed waste collections - Number of issues meeting criteria for recollection per 100,000 collections - (YTD)	Monthly	52	39.6	49.1	73.4	73	-	-	-	Up is Bad	▲ Red	
CES49	Missed waste collections - Number of issues meeting criteria for recollection dealt with	Monthly	2,433	1,865	2,305	662	724	-	-	-	Neutral	◄► Neutral	
CES76	Total tonnes of waste used for energy recovery	Quarterly	43,717.96	43,546.73	45,261.70	3,947.80	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	▼ Red	
CSPEC6	GRAFFITI - Number of issues reported	Monthly	452	856	550	95	73	-	-	-	Neutral	◄► Neutral	

			Previous Years			2024/2025					Polarity	DOT	
		Collection Frequency	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Target			
10. Public Realm	CSPEC4	VEGETATION - Number of issues reported (includes weeds and overgrown hedges)	Monthly	1,993	2,112	2,711	956	1,033	-	-	-	Neutral	◀▶ Neutral
		VEGETATION - Number of issues reported (includes weeds and overgrown hedges) - (Rolling 12 months)	Monthly	1,997	2,116	2,713	2,667	2,793	-	-	-	Up is Bad	▲ Red
	CSPEC7	LITTER BINS - Number of issues reported - (Customer Raised)	Monthly	165	151	194	49	68	-	-	-	Neutral	◀▶ Neutral
	CSPEC8	DOG BINS - Number of issues reported - (Customer Raised)	Monthly	52	36	62	29	60	-	-	-	Neutral	◀▶ Neutral
	YCC227	STREET CLEANING - Number of issues reported	Monthly	2,150	2,307	2,214	549	530	-	-	-	Neutral	◀▶ Neutral
	SLA04	STREET CLEANING - % of standard cleansing cases resolved within SLA (3 days) - (YTD)	Monthly	67.70%	65.20%	52.60%	50.80%	48.60%	-	-	-	Up is Good	▼ Red
11. Highways	CES05	% of Principal roads where maintenance should be considered (Local Recording)	Annual	11.00%	NC	10.58%	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Bad	◀▶ Neutral
		% of Principal roads where maintenance should be considered (Scanner - NI 130-01)	Annual	NC	NC	2.00%	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Bad	◀▶ Neutral
		Benchmark - National Data (Scanner DfT Comparison)	Annual	4.00%	4.00%	(Avail Dec 2024)	-	-	-	-	-		
		Benchmark - Regional Data (Scanner DfT Comparison)	Annual	3.00%	3.00%	(Avail Dec 2024)	-	-	-	-	-		
		Regional Rank (Rank out of 15)	Annual	N/C	N/A	(Avail Dec 2024)	-	-	-	-	-		
	CES06	% of Non-principal classified roads where maintenance should be considered (Local Recording)	Annual	23.00%	NC	25.38%	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Bad	◀▶ Neutral
		% of Non-principal classified roads where maintenance should be considered (Scanner - NI 130-02)	Annual	NC	NC	4.00%	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Bad	◀▶ Neutral
		Benchmark - National Data (Scanner DfT Comparison)	Annual	6.00%	6.00%	(Avail Dec 2024)	-	-	-	-	-		
		Benchmark - Regional Data (Scanner DfT Comparison)	Annual	3.00%	3.00%	(Avail Dec 2024)	-	-	-	-	-		
		Regional Rank (Rank out of 15)	Annual	N/C	N/A	(Avail Dec 2024)	-	-	-	-	-		
	CES07	% of Unclassified roads where maintenance should be considered (Local Recording)	Annual	24.00%	NC	41.84%	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Bad	▲ Red
		% of Unclassified roads where maintenance should be considered (BV224b)	Annual	NC	NC	46.50%	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Bad	◀▶ Neutral
		Benchmark - National Data (Scanner DfT Comparison)	Annual	15.00%	17.00%	(Avail Dec 2024)	-	-	-	-	-		
		Benchmark - Regional Data (Scanner DfT Comparison)	Annual	17.00%	15.00%	(Avail Dec 2024)	-	-	-	-	-		
		Regional Rank (Rank out of 15)	Annual	N/C	N/A	(Avail Dec 2024)	-	-	-	-	-		
CES100	Area Wide Traffic Levels (07:00 -19:00) (Excluding A64) from 2009/10 baseline (2.09m) (LI 10diii)	Annual	2.07m	2.08m	2.02m	-	-	-	-	-	Neutral	◀▶ Neutral	

			Previous Years			2024/2025							
		Collection Frequency	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Target	Polarity	DOT	
12. Large Projects	CORP10L	Large Project - Local Plan	Quarterly	Amber	Amber	Green	Green	Green	-	-	-	Neutral	◀▶ Neutral
		Large Project - York Central	Quarterly	Amber	Amber	Amber	Amber	Amber	-	-	-	Neutral	◀▶ Neutral
		Large Project - Castle Gateway	Quarterly	Amber	Amber	Amber	Amber	Amber	-	-	-	Neutral	◀▶ Neutral
		Large Project - Outer Ring Road (A1237)	Quarterly	Amber	Amber	Amber	Amber	Amber	-	-	-	Neutral	◀▶ Neutral
		Large Project - Housing Delivery Programme	Quarterly	Amber	Amber	Amber	Amber	Amber	-	-	-	Neutral	◀▶ Neutral
		Large Project - Provision of School Places	Discontinued	Amber	Amber	Complete	-	-	-	-	-	Neutral	◀▶ Neutral
		Large Project - Smart Travel Evolution Programme (STEP)	Quarterly	Green	Green	Green	Green	Amber	-	-	-	Neutral	◀▶ Neutral
		Large Project - Flood Risk	Quarterly	Green	Green	Green	Closed	-	-	-	-	Neutral	◀▶ Neutral
		Large Project - City Centre Access	Quarterly	Amber	Green	Red	Amber	Amber	-	-	-	Neutral	◀▶ Neutral
		Large Project - Haxby Station	Quarterly	Amber	Amber	Green	Green	Red	-	-	-	Neutral	◀▶ Neutral
		Large Project - Haxby Station	Quarterly	Amber	Amber	Green	Green	Red	-	-	-	Neutral	◀▶ Neutr.
		Large Project - York Station Gateway	Quarterly	NA	Amber	Red	Red	Red	-	-	-	Neutral	◀▶ Neutr.
		Large Project - York Station Gateway	Quarterly	NA	Amber	Red	Red	Red	-	-	-	Neutral	◀▶ Neutr.
		Large Project - Ousewerm (York and North Yorkshire Catchment Flood Management Project)	Quarterly	NA	Green	Green	Green	Green	-	-	-	Neutral	◀▶ Neutral
Large Project - Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP)	Quarterly	-	-	-	-	Green	-	-	-	Neutral	◀▶ Neutral		
13. Sustainability	GCC03	Level of CO2 emissions from council buildings and operations (tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent)	Annual	3,633.30	3,462.42	-	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Bad	◀▶ Neutral
	GCC05	Number of trees planted (CYC)	Annual	73	1,099	1,240	-	-	-	-	-	Up is Good	▲ Green
14. Finance	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

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Economy, Place, Access and Transport Scrutiny Committee

10 December 2024

Report of the interim Director of City Development

Economy Strategy update

Summary

1. This reports provides a summary of activity supporting delivery of the Economic Strategy 2022-2032, together with the Council Plan priority action “A fair and thriving economy for all”. It shares updates about economic development funded by UKSPF, inward investment activity, the council’s proposed response to the regional Local Growth Plan, together with an overview of the key partnerships that support York’s economic growth.
2. An overview of the ‘State of the Economy’ will be available in late Spring when more data is available.

Recommendations

3. The Committee is asked to review the attached update and provide comment on the council’s proposed response to the regional Local Growth Plan in **Annex A**.

Background

Policy environment

4. The 10-Year City Plan reflects the vision set by York’s Economic Strategy 2022-2032 – that York will be “vibrant and inclusive with businesses supported to grow and prosper and talent nurtured, retained and supported. Our economy will be developed to be well balanced with a mix of different sectors providing opportunities for all”.

5. York's Economic Strategy 2022-2032 has five strategic objectives which inform delivery going forward:
 - York as a global city
 - A greener economy
 - A thriving workforce
 - Thriving businesses
 - Driven by good business

6. Over the last few months, York's economic growth plans has been supported by several key regional and national policies:
 - The newly established Combined Authority worked with the council to develop its Regional Economic Framework, approved at the Joint Committee in March 2024.
 - This was then refreshed following election of the Mayor in May 2024 to better align to the mayoral priorities.
 - The newly elected government then invited Mayors to develop Local Growth Plans to accelerate economic growth on a national scale, informing the National Industrial Strategy. In York and North Yorkshire, the refreshed Regional Economic Framework informed regional local growth priorities which informed the national Industrial Strategy.

7. The Local Growth Priorities were developed in collaboration with York and North Yorkshire and based on robust evidence and a demonstration of the region's unique strengths. They were approved at York and North Yorkshire's Combined Authority meeting in October 2024 and broadly reflected in the Industrial Strategy Green Paper. The Industrial Strategy Green Paper was consulted on throughout the autumn, with the council submitting a response to the consultation.

8. York and North Yorkshire Local Growth Priorities are:
 - Increase productivity and innovation within the Food and Farming Sector;
 - Maximise our science, knowledge, innovation and research strengths to drive growth in an Engineering Biology northern cluster;
 - Create economic opportunities through the need to transition to Clean Energy;
 - Enable technological and digital transformation through investment in Digital Infrastructure and Skills;
 - Accelerate Place-based Sustainable Development.

9. Officers have co-developed ambitious proposals that align to these priorities based on the Mayoral Pipeline of Proposals, discussed by scrutiny committees during June and then approved by the Leader in July 2024. The proposals are designed to attract significant government funding to accelerate growth over the next decade.
10. **Annex A** shares these proposals, City of York Council's response to the regional Local Growth Plan for Scrutiny oversight and review. These proposals are mapped to York's Council Plan and key strategies, together with the regional Local Growth Plan priorities.

UK Shared Prosperity Funding

11. The UK Shared Prosperity Fund was established in 2022 as part of the Levelling UP White Paper. York was awarded an allocation of £5.1m, with funding over three years 2022-2025, and a combination of revenue and capital funded projects. A further allocation of £400k capital through the Rural Prosperity Fund was allocated for the period 2023-2025.
12. As part of the process, councils were required to establish a Partnership Board with representatives from private, public and community organisations to develop an Investment Plan. The Investment Plan was approved by Executive Member Decision Session in October 2022, with approval to award funding delegated to the then Director of Housing, Economy and Regeneration. A summary of the Investment Plan is included as a background paper.
13. The Autumn budget included a commitment to provide a further year of UKSPF funding, worth £900m in total. This is 60% of the total for 2024-25. At time of writing, we are awaiting further detail from government on any allocation for York. It is not clear whether this will come through CYC or the MCA, and there is no information yet on the priorities for funding.
14. Our current programme was designed to support implementation of the Economic Strategy (see overview **Annex B**), with the current position most recently summarised for the UKSPF Partnership Board in November 2024 (**Annex C**). The shared prosperity interventions have been mapped to the Economic Strategy objectives, demonstrating the critical role UKSPF has provided in supporting economic growth in York.

15. The focus of the funding has been a combination of community projects and VCS investment, regeneration projects that will fuel economic growth by increasing footfall, business growth projects that target small to medium businesses and skills development, such as encouraging York's hidden talent to become closer to work.
16. An evaluation of the interventions delivered by York is underway and will report back late Spring 2024, informing future MCA decisions.

Skills

17. The York Skills Plan 2020-2030 was developed by York's Employment and Skills Board and has informed the regional Skills Framework, together with the Local Skills Improvement Plan for York and North Yorkshire.
18. There is growing collaboration with employers and across public sector bodies, exemplified in the Construction Skills Partnership which has launched the [Construction York](#) initiative, with work ongoing with employers and business representatives.
19. This collaborative approach is steering work on apprenticeships, including the use of the Apprenticeship Levy in the region.
20. Proposals are being developed by government to broaden the use of the Levy and to establish a new body, ¹Skills England, to oversee the development of adult skills support.
21. Skills funding such as the Adult Education Budget is beginning to be devolved to the Mayoral Combined Authority, together with employability funding. Again, the successful roll-out of funds will be supported by existing partnership working and business engagement.
22. Targeted work to ensure that employment and skills opportunities are fully open to care leavers and young people with SEND is being funded through York's UKSPF programme.

Regeneration

23. UKSPF has funded improvements to Acomb Front Street. Improvements followed significant consultation with residents, community groups and

¹ [Skills England - GOV.UK](#)

partners and are designed to encourage increased visitors/footfall to this crucial shopping area, together with enhancing community pride. In addition, the front street improvements will enable activation of the site with temporary markets or events, also designed to encourage footfall.

24. The MCA has awarded CYC £430k Mayoral Investment Funding to deliver a spatial plan for the city centre. The plan sets out to recognise the different competing demands and constraints on the spaces across the city centre and aims to provide clarity about which space should be used for what. At this stage, it is too early to pre-empt the outcome, with the brief currently under development. Progress will be steered by the Economic Partnership City Centre task and finish group and will be informed by significant public consultation and engagement.

Business Support Activity

25. The Inward Investment and Business Growth team continue to support businesses across the City, primarily drawn from the key priority sectors identified in the York Economic Strategy. The team to date have supported over 400 businesses and over the past year have hosted a variety of well received events in the York Business Community including with Google Digital Garage, HSBC, Natwest Women in Business and Enterprise Nation as well as hosting international delegations from Dijon, Japan and Poland linking in with the Department of Business and Trade and YNY MCA.
26. The team continues to work with City stakeholders to boost inward investment and profile-raising opportunities with the goal of creating jobs for local people and Yorks graduates. Recent investments include the expansion of US company Adva into Clifton Moor and creative and tech workspace provider Patch, who are due to open their new site in the Bonding Warehouse in January 2025.
27. The support of the Media arts sector remains a key priority. The team continue to support Aesthetica (UKSPF and with in kind support) to raise the profile of York as destination for Tech and Media Arts through the reignite series of events, Aesthetica Film Festival, the UNESCO City of Media Arts Expo and Film in schools initiative.
28. As a result of engagement with the York Economic Partnership Global City and Thriving Business Task and Finish groups, assets are in development to market the City's unique proposition as a business destination and the support that is available from both CYC and its

partners. These refreshed assets, funded by UKSPF, will raise the business profile of York, attracting businesses to the City with the goal of providing job opportunities for our residents and graduates. Delivery is expected in early Q2 2025. This activity will include the creation of a new web presence and collaterals to market the City as a destination to base and operate a business.

29. Internationally the team supported partners and the former Lord Mayors attendance to New York as part of the YNY Chamber / Minster led delegation. In addition they led a CYC delegation (that was fully funded by partners) to our sister city of Munster at the Sustainable Development Conference, promoting York's leading achievements in this area and exploring greater collaboration opportunities.

Partnerships

30. There are several different partnerships supporting economic growth for the city, operating at a local and regional level. Each has an important, complementary role to play:

Mayoral Combined Authority

31. The key relationship to accelerate business growth across York and across the region is with the Combined Authority. Increasingly, Government is setting a clear ambition that growth leads to economic prosperity and that this is delivered through regional and metro mayors. By remaining sighted on the MCA's agenda and demonstrating our support, the council is best placed to access significant funding to benefit the residents of York.
32. York's response to the Local Growth Plan as in **Annex A**, with Scrutiny invited to provide comment.
33. The MCA has recently announced its new Business Board. The Business Board is comprised of representatives from different sectors and provides the role of critical friend, business intelligence, and is designed to steer the MCA deliver economic growth across the region.

City Leaders Group

34. The City Leaders Group is comprised of representatives from across York's public, private, community and higher education sectors and is designed to support the council resolve strategic challenges. The City

Leaders group advocate for York and are critical in encouraging business growth and inward investment opportunities.

Economic Partnership

35. York's Economic Partnership was initially established to help steer the development and delivery of the Economic Strategy. Comprised of different sector representatives from across York (operating locally, regionally and nationally), the partnership has corralled into different task and finish groups to deliver action in key areas:
- a. The Good Business task and finish group helps to coordinate public, private and education sector initiatives to support social mobility, social enterprise and the Real Living Wage.
 - b. The Global City and Thriving Businesses Task and Finish group provided recommendations to address challenges in promoting York as destination for Business and accessing business support. The advocacy of the Economic Partnership will be instrumental in promoting York in the future
 - c. The City Centre task and finish group meet to support the council develop plans to respond to the city centre vision and steer delivery of the City Centre Spatial Plan, with £430k funding recently approved by the MCA.
36. The Economic Partnership meet quarterly, with a new programme of meetings starting in 2025.

Business Intelligence group

37. The Business intelligence group was initially convened during Covid to help the council understand how best support businesses at risk as a result of lockdown. It is comprised of local business representative groups, including in the tourism, retail and hospitality sectors. The Business Intelligence group continues to meet monthly and provide the council with information about challenges and opportunities across the economic landscape in York.

Make It York

38. The October Make It York shareholder report is included in **Annex D**. Although Make It York no longer has an active role in inward investment

or business growth, they still have a critical role in promoting the city and championing York's interests. This includes promoting the UNESCO Media Arts designation and its importance to the city.

Consultation

39. York's response to the Local Growth Plan (**Annex A**) has been co-designed with officers across the council. It was initially informed by the mayoral pipeline of proposals which Scrutiny were consulted on earlier in the year, together with discussion with key partners.
40. It has been discussed with several partners, with further discussion planned following Scrutiny's review. The proposals will be presented to the Mayoral Combined Authority for their consideration for inclusion in the Local Growth Plan as it develops.

Council Plan

41. The report relates to the Council's key priorities, as set out in the Council's Plan 2023-27 (*One City, for all*) "A fair, thriving, green economy for all".

Implications

This report is for information only. Scrutiny recommendations to inform the pipeline of ambitious proposals have no impact on council officers at this time.

Risk Management

42. The risk of not providing a clear set of ambitious proposals that align to the Local Growth Plan priorities risks York's interests not being sufficiently represented, with the consequence of funding not being allocated to future local economic growth activities.

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Wards Affected:

All

Yes

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Background Papers:

10-Year City Plan: [York 2032: The 10-Year Plan – City of York Council](#)

York's Economic Strategy 2022-2032: [York Economic Strategy 2022-2032](#)

Council Plan 2023-2027: [Council Plan – City of York Council](#)

Mayoral Pipeline of Proposals

[A York pipeline of projects for the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority](#)

Regional Economic Framework

[Economic Framework: Guiding Prosperity in York & North Yorkshire](#)

Local Growth Priorities

[241002-YNCA-Item-5-York-and-North-Yorkshire-Combined-Authority-Strategic-Growth-Priorities.pdf](#)

York's UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan

[UKSPF 10th October EMDS FINAL.pdf](#)

Acomb Front Street

[Decision - Acomb Front Street Phase 2 - open public engagement on costed designs and ideas for the scheme \(10:32am\)](#)

[Decision - Acomb Front Street – Phase 2 Update](#)

[Decision - Decision Report: Acomb Front Street - Phase 2 Design and Costings](#)

Mayoral Investment Fund – City Centre regeneration

[Agenda for York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority on Wednesday, 2nd October, 2024, 4.00 pm - York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority > Mayoral Combined Authority item 51](#)

Annexes

Annex A: City of York Council's response to the Local Growth Plan priorities

Annex B: UKSPF overview

Annex C: UKSPF Partnership Board Report October 2024

Annex C: MIY Shareholder report

List of Abbreviations Used in this Report

UKSPF – UK Shared Prosperity Fund

MCA – Mayoral Combined Authority

Annex A: Annex A CYC’s response to the Local Growth Plan Priorities

1. Infrastructural enablers of success

Creating the right conditions for an exceptional quality of life, with good jobs at all levels and safe, affordable homes for everyone, attracting investment into the city

Proposal	About All areas to include supportive, inclusive, employment pathways	Government growth pillar	Local Growth Plan Priority	Link to York pipeline approved July 2024	Council Plan action
Unlocking the Local Plan	<p>Identification of strategic sites that require additional funding to unlock, either because land locked and need ORR improvements, such as junctions or sites are banked / blocked for development.</p> <p>Ensure a quality development so leisure, green space, community facilities and education is recognised as critical.</p> <p>With a focus on lifelong accommodation and housing based on need</p>	Investment, Infrastructure and Planning Place	Accelerate Place-Based Sustainable Development	Affordable homes growth Safe, green affordable housing	E1.1 E2.1 E2.2 F1.1 F4.2

<p>Accelerating Brownfield and Greyfield Site development</p>	<p>Identification of the next tranche of brownfield / greyfield (linked to emerging NPPF policy) development sites with a focus on sustainable, affordable housing (including for key workers and linking to the work of the adult skills centre described below) that embeds accessible, affordable, sustainable transportation options to places of work and learning</p>	<p>Investment, Infrastructure and Planning Place</p>	<p>Accelerate Place-based Sustainable Development.</p>	<p>Affordable homes growth Affordable keyworker housing Safe, green affordable housing</p>	<p>E1.1 E2.1 E2.2 F1.1 F4.2</p>
<p>Optimising One Public Estate</p>	<p>Develop a business case for optimising One Public Estate in York to maximise its potential to benefit the city (affordable housing, health services, economic development and active sustainable transport options).</p>	<p>Investment, Infrastructure and Planning Place</p>	<p>Accelerate Place-based Sustainable Development</p>	<p>Healthy places infrastructure Housing Strategy Y/NY Affordable Homes Growth Affordable keyworker housing Safe green affordable housing</p>	<p>E2.1 E2.2 F1.1</p>

<p>Enhancing the Digital technology landscape</p>	<p>Digital Connectivity connecting businesses and communities to digital opportunity across York, enhancing the offer still further.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a strategy to attract private sector and Whitehall funding • Remove barriers to complete city connectivity including in unusual street arrangements • Support early intervention and prevention across services • Prepare high streets for their evolving profiles • Act as a digital enabler through help and support to help business realize the potential • Future proof and provide affordable digital connectivity across the city and region to address coverage and choice gaps • Implement data hot spots for high density, high deprivation areas to support those on low-incomes who may otherwise run out of data (i.e for work). 	<p>Investment, Infrastructure and Planning</p> <p>Place</p>	<p>Enable technological and digital transformation through investment in Digital Infrastructure and Skills</p> <p>Accelerate Place-based Sustainable Development</p>	<p>Digital connectivity</p>	<p>A5.3 A5.5 63.a 6.5.a 6.5.b</p>
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<p>Become the first UK 100% self-generating/self-consuming energy city</p>	<p>Invest in the infrastructure and renewable energy sources that would lead to York being a 100% self generating/self-consuming renewable energy city. York will become a world-leading exemplar of a self-sustaining, net zero historic city that utilises technology and regional natural assets to overcome historical and infrastructural barriers to achieving climate change goals. Aligned projects may include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green energy parks – Harewood Whin, Elvington Solar, Monks Cross Solar, exploring wind, hydrogen and other renewables • Retrofit / ROSY advice and guidance • Home energy retrofit grants for householders • LEAP Accelerator inc, heat networks • Attracting new models for investment for retrofit • Setting a strategy for community (re)generation across the city 	<p>Investment, infrastructure and planning</p> <p>Place</p> <p>Innovation</p> <p>Net Zero</p>	<p>Create economic opportunities through the need to transition to Clean Energy</p> <p>Maximise our science, knowledge, innovation and research strengths to drive growth in an Engineering Biology northern cluster</p>	<p>Decarbonising and adapting new and existing infrastructure (b, c, d, e, f)</p> <p>Renewable energy (a, b, c)</p> <p>Food redistribution</p>	<p>E1.1 E2.2 E3.1 E3.2 F1.1 F1.2 F2.4 F3.4 F4.2 F5.1 F5.2 F5.3 F5.5 6.4a</p>
<p>Outer Ring Road</p>	<p>Improve the Outer ring road with active travel schemes and dualling where funded as an enabler of economic growth, reducing congestion and providing enhanced access to the city.</p>	<p>Investment, Infrastructure and Planning</p>	<p>Accelerate Place-based Sustainable Development</p>	<p>Strategic road capital upgrades</p>	<p>D1.1 D1.2 E1.1 6.4a</p>

<p>Local Transport Strategy – Our journey to be healthier, more sustainable and better connected.</p>	<p>Deliver the transport schemes that would lead to a 20% reduction of cars/fossil-fuelled transport on York’s roads as part of the wider transport settlement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movement and Place plan schemes/corridors • Infrastructure improvements • Aligned to the emerging Local Plan 	<p>Investment, Infrastructure and Planning</p>	<p>Accelerate Place-based Sustainable Development</p>	<p>Strategic road capital upgrades</p>	<p>D1.1 D1.2 E1.1 6.4a</p>
<p>A regional circular food distribution network</p>	<p>Build community capacity to create a circular food redistribution network in York and the wider region, aiming to eliminate food waste and support those in most need whilst reducing the city’s carbon footprint.</p>	<p>Innovation</p>	<p>Increase productivity and innovation within the Food and Farming Sector</p>	<p>Food redistribution</p>	<p>F3.3 F.3.4</p>

2. Skills Pathways to success

Supporting people to achieve their ambitions and creating the right skills environment for future and existing businesses to thrive

Proposal	About All areas to include supportive, inclusive employment pathways	Government growth pillar	Local Growth Plan Priority	Link to York pipeline approved July 2024	Council Plan action
National centre for heritage retrofit skills	a combination of aligning pathways, school and adult skills outreach, sector support, business growth, web and marketing	People / Trailblazers	Enable technological and digital transformation through investment in Digital Infrastructure and Skills	Regional adult learning centre Business support	B2.2 B2.4 B4.1 B4.4 C3.1 C4.2
Centre of excellence for digital heritage and Media Arts	a combination of aligning pathways, school and adult skills outreach, sector support, business growth, web and marketing	People / Trailblazers	Enable technological and digital transformation through investment in Digital Infrastructure and Skills	Regional adult learning centre Business support	B2.2 B2.4 B4.1 C4.2

STEM route to bioscience and bioengineering	a combination of aligning pathways, school and adult skills outreach, sector support, business growth, web and marketing	People / Trailblazers	Enable technological and digital transformation through investment in Digital Infrastructure and Skills	Regional adult learning centre Business support	B2.2 B2.4 B4.1 C4.2
Centre of excellence for rail innovation - STEM route to rail tech and network productivity	a combination of aligning pathways, school and adult skills outreach, sector support, business growth, web and marketing	People / Trailblazers	Enable technological and digital transformation through investment in Digital Infrastructure and Skills	Regional adult learning centre Business support	B2.2 B2.4 B4.1 C4.2
Celebrate Lifelong learning with an accessible regional Adult Skills Centre (part of the lifelong Innovation	Embed a world-leading skills centre in the heart of York that provides a focal point to inspire inclusive (and supported) lifelong adult learning for residents, targeting hidden talent from deprived communities. It will also host an array of services that support people into work and provide advice to help people stay in work (health clinic etc) and act as a one stop shop for business support.	People	Enable technological and digital transformation through investment in Digital Infrastructure and Skills	Regional adult learning centre Green Construction Skills Initiative	A2.3 B2.3 B2.4 B3.1 B3.2 B3.4 B4.4 C2.1 C2.3

campus – see below)	It will not replace skills provision in local neighbourhoods that will act as a gateway in, so the start of pathways through adult’s skills through to apprenticeships and potentially onwards into further education. To help build confidence and inspire future generations.			Business support Early years training VCSE and Social Care sector support	C3.1 C4.2 E3.3
Construction Skills Village Network	Establish the construction skills village, supporting the development of construction projects across the city, with on-site skills development training. Capital requirement for construction of modular training centres with revenue to continue maintenance of facility.	Place People	Accelerate Place-based Sustainable Development	Green Construction Skills Initiative	B2.2 B2.4 B4.1 B4.4 C3.1
BREC – Bioresources Engineering Centre	Contribute to the development of a new anaerobic digester incubator as part of a consortium bid to transform bioresources processing and renewable product manufacturer.	Investment, Infrastructure and Planning	Maximise our science, knowledge, innovation and research strengths to drive growth in an engineering Biology northern cluster	Green economy	B2.4 C2.1 C2.3

3. **A world class destination of choice enabling the city, region and country to thrive**

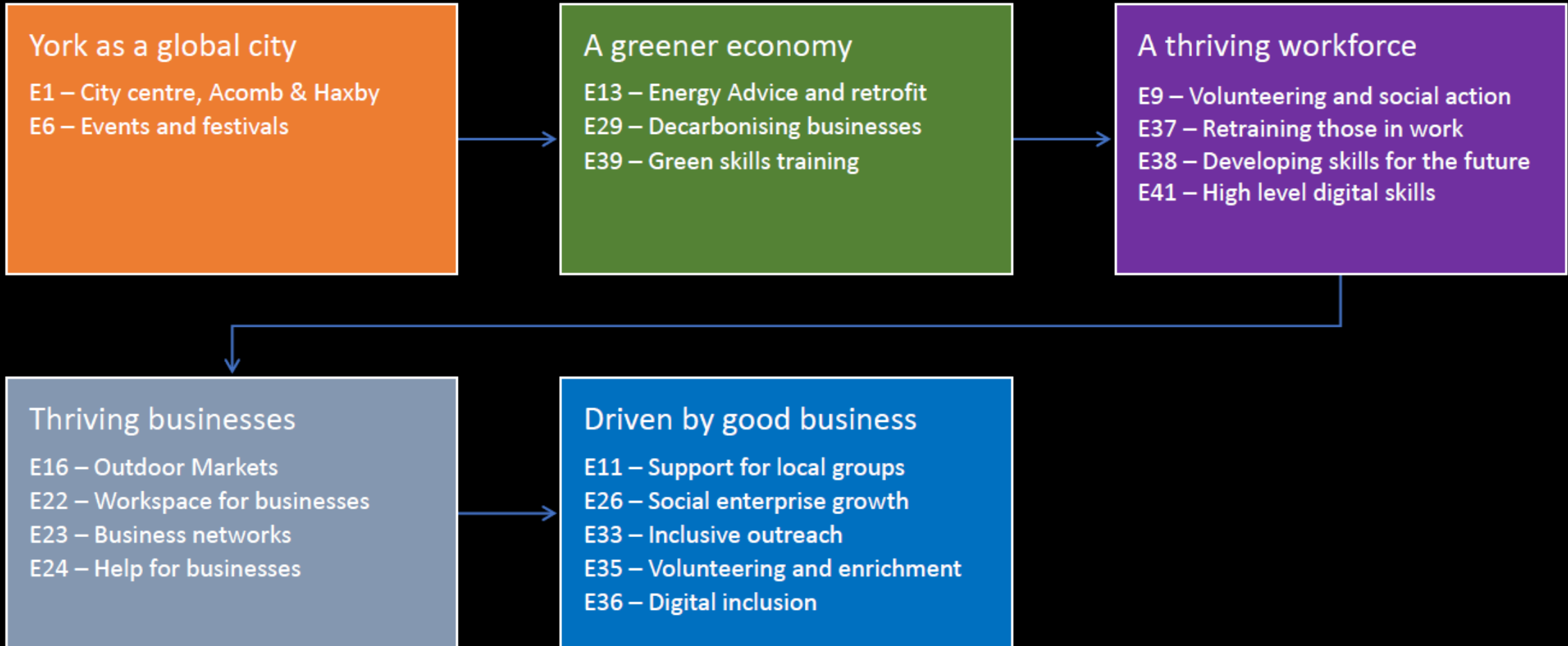
Proposal	About All areas to include supportive, inclusive, employment pathways	Government growth pillar	Local Growth Plan Priority	Link to York pipeline approved July 2024	Council Plan action
Developing York city centre as a world-class economic and cultural centre	<p>Invest in the opportunities set out in the City Centre Spatial Plan to ensure that York City Centre delivers our City Centre Vision, and fully maximises its economic, social, and cultural potential as the key urban centre in York and North Yorkshire.</p> <p>This includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the reconfiguration of Castle Gateway to create new public realm • maximising the opportunities contained within the Movement and Place Plan in the city centre • Delivery of the infrastructure regeneration plans set out in the City Centre Spatial Plan • Continuing to shape an accessible city centre, including exploring a mobility hub with adequate and accessible toilets and benches, etc. 	Place Innovation	<p>Accelerate Place-based Sustainable Development</p> <p>Enable technological and digital transformation through investment in Digital Infrastructure and Skills</p>	<p>Our City Centre</p> <p>Cultural funding</p> <p>Cultural heritage skills</p> <p>UNESCO City of Media Arts</p> <p>Green, cultural and sport prescribing</p> <p>Tourism and cultural offer</p>	A3.2 C5.2 D3.2

				Economic Space for high growth sectors	
Business Enterprise Zone	<p>Build a world-leading sustainable business enterprise and conference zone, comprised of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start-up space for 20-30 enterprises to incubate for 18 months prior to spin-out, • Conference space <p>Aim for the site to generate and consume its own energy, working closely with Harrogate to provide a complementary conference venue</p>	<p>Investment, Infrastructure and Planning</p> <p>Place</p> <p>Industrial Strategy and Trade</p> <p>Net Zero</p>	<p>Maximise our science, knowledge, innovation and research strengths to drive growth in an Engineering Biology northern cluster</p> <p>Enable technological and digital transformation through investment in Digital Infrastructure and Skills</p>	<p>Business support</p> <p>Inward Investment</p> <p>Suite of tech accelerators</p> <p>Economic space for High Growth Sectors</p>	<p>C2.1</p> <p>C2.3</p> <p>C4.2</p>

<p>Lifelong learning and Innovation campus @ York Central</p> <p>Aligned to the Trailblazers programme recently announced</p>	<p>Build an Innovation campus on York Central to celebrate and enhance York’s status as a world-leading centre of rail, bio, agri-tech, creative and medtech to design, test, engineer and build the future.</p> <p>Act as a foci for knowledge exchange, complemented by the Business Enterprise Zone conference facilities – as a pipeline of regional, national and international opportunities,</p> <p>Embed accessible and inclusive skills and business support available for the disabled community.</p> <p>Build on an evidence base of skills needs for the region with management information about labour market driving skills pathways through entry level and beyond, connecting routes into employment for everyone.</p> <p>The Innovation Centre will connect (physically and through shared learning experiences) directly with the Lifelong Learning Centre to inspire and create pathways for residents.</p>	<p>Innovation</p> <p>Industrial Strategy and Trade</p>	<p>Enable technological and digital transformation through investment in Digital Infrastructure and Skills</p> <p>Maximise our science, knowledge, innovation and research strengths to drive growth in an Engineering Biology northern cluster</p>	<p>Economic Space for High Growth Sectors</p> <p>Suite of tech accelerators</p> <p>International relationships</p>	<p>B2.4</p> <p>C2.1</p> <p>C2.3</p>
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<p>A station fit for the future</p>	<p>Support a vision and masterplan for the station that unites York Central, York Station Gateway and creates a station fit for the future. As well as supporting those schemes that contribute to the whole including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Station masterplan • Station gateway • Western station access • Central Hall funding • Bus interchange 	<p>Investment, Infrastructure and Planning</p>	<p>Accelerate Place-based Sustainable Development</p>		<p>D1.1 D1.2 E1.1 6.4a</p>
<p>A world leading centre for culture and heritage</p>	<p>Work closely with partners, to deliver a world leading cultural area action plan that transforms this area of the city’s cultural, heritage and conservation offer for residents and visitors and connects into strategic spatial and transport priorities such as Movement and Place</p>	<p>Investment, Infrastructure and Planning Place</p>	<p>Accelerate Place-based Sustainable Development</p>	<p>Tourism and cultural offer Cultural funding Transport connectivity</p>	<p>63.a D1.1</p>

Shared Prosperity & the Economic Strategy



Economy Strategy – UKSPF: Sept 2024

Project	Overall status this period	Impact	Funding deadline	Next steps	Key issues for escalating
UKSPF Communities Strand	Delivery underway and meeting outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 184 households given energy advice • 420 volunteers supported in 203 organisations • Stronger community involvement in Aesthetica and York Unlocked • Acomb Front Street & City Centre HVM/accessibility 	Funding ends 31 March 2025	Awaiting National Budget detail on 30 October	<p>£810k to community & voluntary sector in current year. Including £193k to CVS.</p> <p>Risk of projects stopping March without suitable transition or continuation arrangements</p>
UKSPF Businesses Strand	Delivery underway and meeting outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 700 businesses supported • 50 start-ups • 22 decarbonisation plans delivering annual 120t CO2e carbon reductions • Aesthetica/UNESCO work catalysing media arts sector 	Funding ends 31 March 2025	Awaiting National Budget detail on 30 October	<p>£813k of direct business support in current year.</p> <p>Risk of projects stopping March without suitable transition or continuation arrangements</p>

Project	Overall status this period	Impact	Funding deadline	Next steps	Key issues for escalating
UKSPF Skills Strand	Delivery underway and meeting outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction Skills Initiative – 100+ trained • Construction Skills Village – feasibility study • 60 community training opportunities in digital skills • 200 people brought closer to work 	Funding ends 31 March 2025	Awaiting National Budget detail on 30 October	<p>£645 inclusive skills and £430k specialist skills funding in current year.</p> <p>Risk of projects stopping March without suitable transition or continuation arrangements</p>
REPF Capital Funding	Starting delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 rural community building projects • 25 carbon reduction projects in businesses • £100k investment in Biorenewables sector 	Funding ends 31 March 2025	Awaiting National Budget detail on 30 October	Risk of under delivery as a result of delivery only just starting and potentially stopping March without suitable transition or continuation arrangements

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UK Shared Prosperity Fund

Update to Partnership Board

Report of: Simon Brereton, Head of Economy

Date: 29th October 2024

Summary

1. We are now 2½ years into our 3 year UKSPF programme. Projects are delivering under all Priority Themes and all of our £5.1m budget is allocated to commissioned projects.
2. Since the last Partnership Board, key areas of progress have been:
 - Agreement by CYC Executive of Phase 2 for Acomb Front Street Improvements
 - Commissioning of the Construction Skills and Retrofit projects, with an additional feasibility study for Skills Village on York Central
 - Allocation of REPF to 11 rural community buildings
 - Allocation of Local Business funding to the Traders Fund (decisions imminent), two BID projects and to support the social enterprise ecosystem
 - Commissioning of two additional skills projects to support management and leadership development in early years settings and to develop the capacity of employability projects to engage with employers
 - Initial work has commenced to commission a programme-wide evaluation
 - Government headline announcement of an additional year at 60% of Year 3, detail awaited.

Financial Performance (see Appendix 1)

3. We are on track to spend 100% of the available funding, with the final split between the themes being 35% on Communities and Place, 28% on Supporting Local Business and 25% on People and Skills. The fixed allocation for REPF is 7% of the total, and the remaining 4% represents CYC management costs.
4. Although the Autumn Budget announced an additional transition year for UKSPF with 60% of the Year 3 budget, no local allocations have yet been announced for 2025-26. A recent email from MHCLG was clear that no funding would be able to be carried forward from 2024-25 to next year, regardless of the Budget announcement. It is not yet clear whether next year's transitional funding will be for separate City of York Council and North Yorkshire Council programmes, or for a single Mayoral Combined Authority programme.
5. Three elements of the programme are still dependent on uptake. Both the Construction Skills and Retrofit projects have £100k training funds, and the REPF business decarbonisation project has a £130k allocation. These are all in the early stages of delivery, so demand is to some extent unknown. For REPF, there may be scope to transfer any underspend to the community buildings fund, or to increase the allocation to the Biorenewables Development Centre. For the training funds, if there is underspend it is proposed to transfer these to the E1 pot under Communities and Place and fund further work in Acomb and/or the City Centre as in Year 1.

Recommendation: To ensure 100% spend is achieved, the Partnership Board is recommended to support the strategy set out in paragraph 5.

Delivery of Outputs and Outcomes (see Appendices 1 & 2)

6. Output and Outcome information for Q2 2024-25 is incomplete, and the figures shown in Appendices 2 & 3 are thus also incomplete. That said, delivery is strong against the targets, with some of the key indicators already close to or above 100% on Output measures. The Programme as a whole is performing well in developing volunteering opportunities, adapting the public realm, and supporting businesses.

7. For Outcomes, there is an inevitable lag in results arising from support, and we are only now beginning to see outcomes from projects. This is particularly apparent in the Business elements of the programme, where support providers are only now going back to those they have helped to ascertain the impacts on employment, innovation and business growth. For the Communities and Skills strands, there are Outcomes which have been achieved in full, and it is particularly pleasing to see the impacts on employability which have arisen the Better Connect and Archaeology on Prescription projects.

Updates since April 2024 Partnership Board

8. In April 2024, the Partnership Board highlighted the following:
- Development of additional case studies
 - Extending funding for York Unlocked
 - Creative and Tech ecosystem support
 - Construction Skills Initiative
 - REPF Business and Community Grants
9. These recommendations are reflected in the revised budget as shown in Appendix A.

Specifically, for these recommendations:

- A series of video case studies is being developed by the CYC Comms Team, including the following:
 - https://youtu.be/oozYKY_sniM?si=lrv4FxoEaIL_xK
 - <https://youtu.be/DBXrfwpOdsg?si=r6InALCVWJtTXOE4>
 - <https://youtu.be/XnB6jAl1b08?si=7KFIVhDyt61rRtle>
 - <https://youtu.be/9WYw5LJqE4c?si=cSYdZx78ZPLZguXb>
 - <https://youtu.be/jygGNrkbz2s>
- York Unlocked received additional funding for this year's event

- Aesthetica have been appointed to run the Creative and Tech ecosystem support project as part of their UNESCO Reignite work
- CHY Consultants have been appointed to run the Construction Skills Initiative, and have launched the Construction York site as a front door to the training they are coordinating. See <https://constructionyork.co.uk/>.
- York College, with partners from the Scarborough Construction Village and the Retrofit Academy, are running the Retrofit skills project.
- The Growth Company are working with rural businesses to develop decarbonisation plans and implement the findings through bespoke grants.
- Community First Yorkshire have identified 11 potential projects to make investments in rural community buildings which will improve environmental sustainability and/or digital connectivity

Autumn Budget 2024

10. The Budget Statement includes a commitment to “Continuing the UK Shared Prosperity Fund at a reduced level for a further year, providing £900 million; this transitional arrangement will allow local authorities to invest in local growth, in advance of wider funding reforms.”
11. This represents 60% of the current year budget, although the detail has yet to be announced. We assume that this will mean a 2025-26 budget of approximately £1.9m for York, and that this will remain as a Council fund, rather than going to the Combined Authority.
12. In preparation for our recent reporting window to MHCLG, we also received an announcement that no money would be allowed to be carried forward from 2024-25 to 2025-26. What was said is that “Any UKSPF, Multiply or REPF underspends at the end of 2024/25 must be repaid to MHCLG. Regardless of the outcome of the Budget on 30 October, there will be no mechanism to carry forward any UKSPF underspends into future years.”

13. This may, of course, change as the detail for Year 4 emerges in the coming weeks. However we are expecting to need to reduce the scale of the programme by 40% for 2025-26.

Evaluation

14. To support decisions for how best to allocate funding in Year 4, and to help partners understand the impact of the projects we have run, we are commissioning an evaluation of the overall programme. This will run in parallel with the North Yorkshire evaluation which is already underway.

ENDS

Appendix A: Programme spend and budget as at September 30th 2024

York UKSPF Programme	Actual 2022-23		Actual 2023-24		Budget 2024-25		Total Budget		Overall Total
	Revenue	Capital	Revenue	Capital	Revenue	Capital	Revenue	Capital	
Communities & Place	317,992	64,464	394,039	161,160	352,891	660,000	1,064,922	885,624	1,950,546
E1 Town centres & High Streets	293,392	64,464	200,557	161,160	13,275	660,000	507,224	885,624	1,392,848
<i>Xmas 2022</i>	<i>10,000</i>						<i>10,000</i>		<i>10,000</i>
<i>Acomb Front Street</i>	<i>181,144</i>	<i>64,464</i>	<i>61,763</i>	<i>153,291</i>		<i>643,000</i>	<i>242,907</i>	<i>860,755</i>	<i>1,103,662</i>
<i>City Centre access and security</i>	<i>102,248</i>		<i>138,794</i>	<i>7,869</i>	<i>13,275</i>	<i>17,000</i>	<i>254,317</i>	<i>24,869</i>	<i>279,186</i>
E6 Arts, culture and events			42,316		89,948		132,264		132,264
<i>VIY</i>			<i>20,000</i>		<i>40,000</i>		<i>60,000</i>		<i>60,000</i>
<i>York Unlocked</i>			<i>9,500</i>		<i>19,314</i>		<i>28,814</i>		<i>28,814</i>
<i>Aesthetica</i>			<i>6,766</i>		<i>13,534</i>		<i>20,300</i>		<i>20,300</i>
<i>Next Door But One</i>			<i>6,050</i>		<i>12,100</i>		<i>18,150</i>		<i>18,150</i>
<i>YNY Culture Strategy</i>					<i>5,000</i>		<i>5,000</i>		<i>5,000</i>
E9 Volunteering support			48,000		96,000		144,000		144,000
<i>York Volunteer Centre</i>			<i>48,000</i>		<i>96,000</i>		<i>144,000</i>		<i>144,000</i>
E11 VCS infrastructure support			48,000		72,000		120,000		120,000
<i>York CVS support to VCS</i>			<i>48,000</i>		<i>72,000</i>		<i>120,000</i>		<i>120,000</i>
E13 Community energy advice	10,200		53,834		55,000		119,034		119,034
<i>York Community Energy</i>	<i>10,200</i>		<i>53,834</i>		<i>55,000</i>		<i>119,034</i>		<i>119,034</i>
E14 Feasibility studies	14,400		1,332		26,668		42,400		42,400
<i>York CVS support to VCS projects</i>	<i>14,400</i>		<i>1,332</i>		<i>26,668</i>		<i>42,400</i>		<i>42,400</i>
Local Business	104,667	-	442,057	-	1,006,064	-	1,552,788	-	1,552,788
E16 Open markets			31,607		220,181		251,788		251,788
<i>Open for Business: HVM project</i>			<i>1,500</i>				<i>1,500</i>		<i>1,500</i>

ECONOMIC GROWTH TEAM

York UKSPF Programme	Actual 2022-23		Actual 2023-24		Budget 2024-25		Total Budget		Overall
	Revenue	Capital	Revenue	Capital	Revenue	Capital	Revenue	Capital	Total
<i>Purple Flag</i>			16,000		16,000		32,000		32,000
<i>Blue Badge Consultation</i>			14,107		17,102		31,209		31,209
<i>BID City Centre Projects 2025</i>					53,333		53,333		53,333
<i>Our City Centre</i>					80,000		80,000		80,000
<i>Traders fund</i>					53,746		53,746		53,746
E23 Ecosystem support			5,000		61,326		66,326		66,326
<i>UNESCO REIGNITE</i>			5,000		43,000		48,000		48,000
<i>Social economy ecosystem</i>					18,326		18,326		18,326
E24 Business support offers	80,800		275,770		530,674		887,244		887,244
<i>Start-Up Saturday</i>	25,000						25,000		25,000
<i>Courageous females</i>			4,500				4,500		4,500
<i>York Sector Growth Programme</i>	55,800		151,395		297,566		504,761		504,761
<i>Innovate York</i>			10,814		43,256		54,070		54,070
<i>Start and Grow York</i>			109,061		164,852		273,913		273,913
<i>YNYMCA Skills & Workforce</i>					25,000		25,000		25,000
E26 Social enterprise support			41,145		54,855		96,000		96,000
<i>IGNITE Social Enterprise</i>			41,145		54,855		96,000		96,000
E29 Decarbonisation business support			76,685		115,028		191,713		191,713
<i>Growth Company</i>			76,685		115,028		191,713		191,713
E31 Feasibility studies	23,867		11,850		24,000		59,717		59,717
<i>Regen team technical support</i>	23,867		11,850		24,000		59,717		59,717
People & Skills	-	-	264,000	-	1,110,876	-	1,374,876	-	1,374,876
E33 Supported employment			264,000		433,000		697,000		697,000
<i>Better Connect RISE project</i>			264,000		264,000		528,000		528,000

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York UKSPF Programme	Actual 2022-23		Actual 2023-24		Budget 2024-25		Total Budget		Overall
	Revenue	Capital	Revenue	Capital	Revenue	Capital	Revenue	Capital	Total
<i>Fresh Start</i>					169,000		169,000		169,000
E35 Volunteering					85,000		85,000		85,000
<i>Archaeology on Prescription</i>					85,000		85,000		85,000
E36 Digital inclusion					88,096		88,096		88,096
<i>Inclusive Digital - York Learning</i>					88,096		88,096		88,096
E38 Local priorities					376,000		376,000		376,000
<i>CSI York - CHY</i>					299,740		299,740		299,740
<i>Skills Village Feasibility</i>					18,000		18,000		18,000
<i>Skills Team</i>					9,260		9,260		9,260
<i>Early Years t pre-bootcamp</i>					10,000		10,000		10,000
<i>Ambitious about employment</i>					39,000		39,000		39,000
E39 Green skills					128,780		128,780		128,780
<i>Housing retro housing skills</i>					128,780		128,780		128,780
Evaluation					25,000		25,000		25,000
Management and Administration	-		74,381		129,919		204,300		204,300
<i>Veritau assurance costs</i>			4,144		2,604		6,748		6,748
<i>York SPF Team</i>			70,237		127,315		197,552		197,552
Rural England Prosperity Fund				-		400,000		400,000	400,000
<i>BioYorkshire via BDC</i>				-		100,000		100,000	100,000
<i>Business Grants</i>						130,000		130,000	130,000
<i>Community Grants</i>						170,000		170,000	170,000
Total	422,659	64,464	1,174,477	161,160	2,624,750	1,060,000	4,221,886	1,285,624	5,507,510

Appendix B: Outputs Tracker

(Outputs as at 29th October 2024, prior to receipt of all project reporting)

Output	Delivered	Contracted	DHLUC Plan	Committed	Delivered
Public realm created or improved (M2)	1202	2500	2000	125%	60%
Low or zero carbon energy infrastructure installed	15	5	5	100%	300%
Land made wheelchair accessible/step free (M2)	2383	2600	2600	100%	92%
Organisations supported to receive grants	4	10	10	100%	40%
Organisations receiving non-financial support	223	249	249	100%	90%
Households receiving support	153	200	200	100%	77%
Households supported to take energy efficiency measures	64	100	100	100%	64%
Local events or activities supported	81	81	81	100%	100%
Potential entrepreneurs assisted to be enterprise ready	74	85	74	115%	100%
Volunteering opportunities supported	558	679	679	100%	82%
Projects successfully completed	25	18	18	100%	139%
Number of people reached	478	1000	1000	100%	48%
People attending training sessions	82	160	160	100%	51%
Feasibility studies developed as a result of support	11	15	15	100%	73%
Local markets created or supported	3	3	3	100%	100%
Enterprises receiving non-financial support	635	696	646	108%	98%
Potential entrepreneurs assisted to be enterprise ready	52	212	182	116%	28%
People attending training sessions	271	95	95	100%	285%
Decarbonisation plans developed as a result of support	22	75	75	100%	29%
People engaging with keyworker support services	182	230	200	115%	91%
People supported to engage with the benefits system	21	20	20	100%	105%

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Output	Delivered	Contracted	DHLUC Plan	Committed	Delivered
People accessing health support leading to employment	21	20	20	100%	105%
People supported to engage in job-searching	18	17	17	100%	106%
People receiving support to gain employment	40	119	76	157%	53%
People supported to engage in life skills	67	60	50	120%	134%
Number of volunteering opportunities supported	144	115	50	230%	288%
People taking part in work experience programmes	107	195	50	390%	214%
People retraining	-	12	12	100%	0%
People in employment engaging with the skills system	30	55	12	458%	250%
People receiving support to gain a vocational licence	-	50	50	100%	0%
People supported to gain a qualification	51	58	44	132%	116%

Appendix C: Outcomes Tracker

(Outputs as at 29th October 2024, prior to receipt of all project reporting)

Outcome	Delivered	Contracted	DHLUC Plan	Committed	Delivered
Increased footfall	31249	31299	31249	100%	100%
Increased visitor numbers	4294	5550	5550	100%	77%
People reporting improved facilities/amenities	856	1162	1162	100%	74%
Improved engagement numbers	223	223	223	100%	100%
New community-led programmes	29	41	41	100%	71%
Volunteering opportunities created	416	450	450	100%	92%
Households taking up energy efficiency measures	153	218	218	100%	70%
Projects arising from funded feasibility studies	1	5	5	100%	20%
Jobs created as a result of support	-	97	65	149%	0%
Jobs safeguarded as a result of support	4	80	80	100%	5%
New enterprises created as a result of support	3	74	40	185%	8%
Increased amount of investment (£)	129775	150000	150000	100%	87%
Enterprises adopting new technologies or processes	4	10	10	100%	40%
Estimated Tonnes of CO2e reduced emissions	120	450	375	120%	32%
Enterprises adopting new/improved products or services	-	49	49	100%	0%
Projects arising from funded feasibility studies	-	10	10	100%	0%
People engaging with benefits system	21	20	20	100%	105%
People in supported employment	11	10	10	100%	110%
People engaging with mainstream healthcare service	7	5	5	100%	140%
People engaged in job-searching	21	20	20	100%	105%

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Outcome	Delivered	Contracted	DHLUC Plan	Committed	Delivered
People in employment/self-employment	17	37	37	100%	46%
People sustaining employment for 6 months	-	15	15	100%	0%
People in education/training following support	5	23	23	100%	22%
People with basic skills following support	14	12	12	100%	117%
People experiencing reduced structural barriers	107	149	50	298%	214%
People familiarised with employers expectations	101	155	50	310%	202%
People gaining a qualification or completing a course	-	128	84	152%	0%
People gaining qualifications, licences and skills	33	34	12	283%	275%



Shareholder Committee

14 October 2024

Report of the Director (Housing and Communities)

Make It York Update

Purpose of Report

1. To consider reports from Make It York (**MIY**) on the company's financial performance since the last report in March 2024. Included within the MIY report is a copy of the audited annual accounts for 2023/24 and an update of financial and non-financial performance for the trading period April to September 2024.

Recommendations

2. The committee is asked to note the MIY Shareholder Report at **Annex A** and the supporting documents from **Appendix 1 to Appendix 3** supplied by MIY.

Reason: to ensure the Council is updated on the financial performance of Make It York.

Background and analysis

3. On 14th March 2024, the Council's Executive agreed to enter into a further two-year extension of the Service Contract with MIY¹. A new service specification (or **SLA** as it is often informally referred to) was negotiated between the Council and the MIY board laid out under the following headings:
 - **Destination Management Organisation:** promotion of York as a leisure and business visitor destination.
 - **Visitor Sector Development:** working with visitor sector businesses to improve York centre as a destination.
 - **Tourism Advisory Board:** convene and facilitate TAB for York and take a lead in the development, delivery, and monitoring of the new tourism strategy.

¹ <https://democracy.york.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?AllId=66936>

- **Markets:** Development of a new markets strategy whilst operating the Shambles Market and management of the Market Charter on behalf of the whole city.
 - **Commercial Events:** run safe, sustainable and accessible event programme to support economic growth and promote York, including specialist markets, local and community events in the city centre and other key event spaces.
 - **City Centre Vibrancy:** contribute to the Our City strategy by development of a Spaces and Places Policy that improves how the city centre works, collaborating with partners.
 - **Culture:** Help to deliver the culture strategy along with other partners to enable an ambitious and cohesive programme of cultural development for the city covering the arts, heritage and creative industries from the spaces managed by MIY.
 - **Events Framework:** A city-wide Events Framework consistent with the aims of the cultural strategy that enables the city proactively to identify the events that it wishes to host and attract and enables the Council to respond in an informed way when opportunities are brought forward.
 - **UNESCO Designation:** Ensure the people of York understand and appreciate the importance of York's UNESCO Creative City of Media Arts status and maximise its impact. Through promotion on the Visit York and Make It York Website.
4. The new SLA and the extension came into effect on 23rd September 2024. The Service Contract expires on 22nd September 2026.
 5. The SLA sets out key deliverables, outcomes by which performance will be measured, and detailed delivery tasks.
 6. Executive agreed that MIY should report to the Shareholder Committee twice a year as follows:

Approval of the annual
business plan (in light of
agreed SLA priorities):

March



Update on progress against the business plan and identification of issues to feed into the SLA refresh process:

October

Key Company Matters

Business plan update

7. MIY have produced the update report shown at Annex A and Appendix 3 that provides a line-by-line update against the approved business plan by Shareholder committee in March 24.

Financial update

8. The audited accounts for 2023/24 shown at Annex A, Appendix 1, confirms MIY as a going concern. MIY made a profit before tax of £297,618 in the year ending 31 March 2024. This strong financial performance has moved MIY back into solvency with total net assets at the year-end of £285,051.
9. In the current operational year 2024/25, the position at the end of August 2024 indicates MIY are ahead of the budgeted position with the current forecast position at the end of March 2025 is for another profitable year. The full details can be seen in confidential Appendix 2.
10. MIY have worked closely with officers to monitor the company's ongoing financial position and continue to provide bi-monthly updates, to ensure early warnings should this positive financial position change.
11. The Shareholder Committee can be reassured that officers will continue to work closely with MIY to monitor the financial position.

SLA Refresh

12. Under the Service Contract with MIY, it allows for an SLA refresh each year, to ensure the SLA remains up to date and can accommodate changes if required. As the current SLA was only approved in March 2024, there are no changes requested.

Risk Management

13. There are no specific risk issues arising from this report beyond those highlighted in the text.

Implications

14. There are no additional legal, HR, equalities, crime and disorder, information technology, property or other implications or decisions arising from this report.

Annexes

Annex A – Make It York Shareholder Report

Appendix 1 – MIY Audited Accounts 2023-24

Appendix 2 – Management Accounts report incorporating Profit & Loss statement, Balance Sheet and Cashflow forecast – August 2024 **(Confidential)**

Appendix 3 – SLA Strategic Linkages & Key Performance Date dashboard

Background Papers

Executive Decision 14th March 2024 -

<https://democracy.york.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?AllId=66936>

Author:	Chief Officer responsible for the report:			
Andrew Laslett Strategic Services Manager (Housing and Communities)	Pauline Stuchfield Director of Housing and Communities			
	Report Approved	✓	Date	01.10.24.
Wards Affected: All				
For further information please contact the author of the report				

Economy, Place, Access, and Transport Scrutiny Committee Work Plan

Quarterly finance and performance monitoring reports:

To include along with papers for the relevant committee date, but not to be treated as a substantive agenda item. We can still raise questions/comments about them though by exception if Members wish to; perhaps then following up with specific agenda item in future.

Possible Task and Finish Groups to run in parallel. *Detailed scope needs working out between interested Members prior to committee approval.*

- Grass verges, etc?

Interested Members: Cllrs Hook, Steward, and Taylor.

- Broadband installation issues?

Interested Members: Cllrs Hook and Nelson

Role of Executive Members:

- Expected to attend items relevant to their portfolio area

- Committee Members to maintain sight of Executive business and flag up specific issues/reports to bring to committee for scrutiny, pending space on the workplan.

Other notes for info:

To give sufficient notice we should aim to confirm these no later than 2 calendar months prior to each meeting. We should aim to keep to two substantive items per meeting to give the Committee sufficient time to properly consider an item.

Theme	Item	Lead Officer	Scope
21 May 2024			

	Local Transport Plan update / latest consultation / upcoming decisions?	James Gilchrist Michael Howard Julian Ridge	
25 June 2024			
	York pipeline of proposals for Combined Authority	Samuel Blyth	
	Yorkshire Water - sewage dumping / performance / improvement plans?		
	Take and Finish Group – Dial and Ride		
30 July 2024			
Re-scheduled to 25/02/25			
24 September 2024			
	(Out-turn) Finance and Performance Monitoring Report	Patrick Looker	
	Toilet provision across the city: improving the public offer.	James Gilchrist Ben Grabham	
	Local Transport Strategy (implementation plan)	James Gilchrist	
22 October 2024			
	(Q1) Finance and Performance Monitoring Report		

	City centre access: reviewing the implementation / restoration of access for blue badge holders; including data on the numbers/types of vehicles accessing during foot street hours. Plus looking at faults with HVB.		
	Broadband: management of installation process and its impact on communities, maximising connectivity in harder-to-reach / isolated areas.		
26 November 2024			
	Travel to School - plans for each school to make daily journeys safer, increase active travel, reduce congestion and air pollution around school sites.		
	Recycling: - How is the Council performing on household recycling? <i>Ideally with a view over time, e.g. previous 10 years, and comparison with other similar Local Authority</i>		

	<p><i>areas.</i></p> <p>- What are the challenges to performing better and, despite those, what more will / can be done to increase recycling rates and improve residents' awareness about other recycling opportunities across the city?</p>		
10 December 2024			
	(Q2) Finance and Performance Monitoring Report	Patrick Looker	
	Economic Strategy progress update?		
	Economic Development - CYC / MIY / MCA / York Economic Partnership?		
28 January 2025			
	Garden waste collections: review of implementation of charging arrangements.	James Gilchrist Ben Grabham	
	Review of bags to bins.		
	Neighbourhood Caretakers: can Scrutiny inform these plans?		

25 February			
25 March 2025			
	(Q3) Finance and Performance Monitoring Report	Patrick Looker	
29 April 2025			

Potential Scrutiny agenda items suggested by Committee Members:

Economy

- York’s Gender Pay Gap
- Tourism Levy: what’s being done elsewhere, what is possible here?
- Focus on Council-owned / part-owned companies?

Place

- Planning Enforcement / Member involvement in Planning
- Make It York - normally receive annual update but - *what would we specifically want from them? Possibly something on relationship with market traders and plans for the market.*
- York BID - normally receive annual update - as above, and is the scrutiny of their business membership sufficient given our limited meeting time?
- York Central: once the Master Developers start progressing their plans, could this committee have a role in giving early steer on them for relevant items?
- Budget savings: 2024/25 budget includes £900k savings in service delivery, transformation, and procurement across Place Directorate – can Scrutiny review any proposals lined up for services under EPAT’s remit? Covered by F&P Monitoring reports?

Access

- Age Friendly York: Can Scrutiny assist their Evolving Action Plan?

Transport

- Buses: network coverage and frequency, BSIP plan implementation and use of funding, improving the Enhanced Bus Partnership, Integration with Railway Station / Park & Ride, Bus Stop improvements, Passenger Information
- Car Parking: provision across the city covering public, private and Park & Ride, income received, use, impact on closing Castle Car Park on the wider estate, wider aims e.g. shifting to less polluting vehicles.
- Parking enforcement and residents parking: cost, usage, equality, conditions relating to the Environment, use of any surplus generated, providing services the third parties e.g. car tax and insurance enforcement.
- Bus lane enforcement on Coppergate - drop between July 2023 and October 2023 / ANPR enforcement across the city.
- Review of Council's pedestrian crossing policy