

## Notice of a public meeting of

### People Scrutiny Committee

- To:** Councillors J Burton (Chair), Waller (Vice-Chair), Cuthbertson, Mason, Moroney, D Myers, Nelson, Runciman and Steward
- Date:** Wednesday, 8 July 2026
- 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 7 - 8)  
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. **Minutes** (Pages 9 - 16)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2026.

### 5. **Community Safety Strategy 2026-2029** (Pages 17 - 42)

This report introduces the draft of the most recent three-year Community Safety Strategy for York and asks the Committee to review and comment on its content, noting the City of York Council's role as a key partner in its delivery.

### 6. **Task and Finish Group Review into Housing Repairs** (Pages 43 - 50)

This report seeks the Committee's agreement to the proposed remit of a Task and Finish Group review into housing repairs.

### 7. **Work Plan** (Pages 51 - 58)

To consider the Committee's work plan for the 2026/27 municipal year.

## **8. Urgent Business**

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

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City of York Council

Committee Minutes

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Meeting	People Scrutiny Committee
Date	17 March 2026
Present	Councillors Waller (Vice-Chair, in the Chair), Mason [from 6:22pm], Moroney, D Myers, Nicholls, Orrell (Substitute for Councillor Cuthbertson), Baxter (Substitute for Councillor Burton), Hollyer (Substitute for Councillor Runciman) and Perrett (Substitute for Councillor Nelson)
Officers in Attendance	Ian Cunningham, Head of Business Intelligence Zoe Delaney, Assistant Director of Integrated Commissioning and Community Integration, York Health and Care Partnership Michael Melvin, Director of Adults Safeguarding Harriet Smith, Integration and Commissioning Lead Sara Storey, Corporate Director of Adult Social Care Pauline Stuchfield, Director of Housing and Communities
In Attendance	Sharron Smith, Chief Executive Officer, York Carers Centre Graeme Betts, Improvement Advisor Councillor Steels-Walshaw, Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care Councillor Lomas, Executive Member for Finance, Performance, Major Projects and Equalities Councillor Pavlovic, Executive Member for Housing, Planning and Safer Communities
Apologies	Councillors Burton, Cuthbertson, Nelson, and Runciman

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### 17. Apologies for Absence (5:32pm)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Burton (Chair), Cuthbertson, and Runciman, who were substituted by Councillors Baxter, Hollyer, and Orrell respectively.

In Councillor Burton's absence, Councillor Waller would Chair the meeting.

Resolved: That Councillor Baxter be appointed Vice-Chair of the meeting.

**18. Declarations of Interest (5:33pm)**

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

Councillor Baxter declared an interest in relation to agenda item 6, York Carers Strategy 2026-2032, in that she was previously a carer for City of York Council (CYC).

**19. Minutes (5:33pm)**

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2025 be signed and approved as a correct record, subject to the following amendment:

- That a response to questions regarding the 0.5 full time equivalent School Poverty Officer from the Ebor Academy Trust to lead on the co-ordination of the work with schools on the implementation of the school poverty framework be included under Minute No. 13.

**20. Public Participation (5:35pm)**

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

**21. Care Quality Commission Local Authority Assessment (5:35pm)**

The Corporate Director of Adult Social Care presented the report outlining the Care Quality Commission (CQC) Local Authority Assessment, and the subsequent actions being taken.

The Informal Improvement Advisor reported that he had been appointed by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) to support CYC in its improvement journey, address challenges identified within the assessment, and report to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care on improvements made.

It was reported that the method used for the assessment was following a new assessment process and there was a need to work with departments such as housing to ensure further quality care. CYC had a 'requires improvement' score overall and a notification

had been sent to the Department of Health and Social Care highlighting that CYC had not met some requirements. Meeting had been held with staff to outline the recommendations made within the assessment outcome in order to ensure understanding.

The Director of Adults Safeguarding reported that in response to the assessment CYC had developed a consistent approach to deal with the risks people faced while waiting for Council services which was now consistent and overseen. He discussed the approach to transitional safeguarding to ensure people have support they need in transition to adulthood and noted work ongoing with the Safeguarding Adults Board to develop a new framework measuring the actions being taken.

The Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care expressed that safeguarding was the responsibility of all Council areas.

In response to questions from members, the Corporate Director of Adult Social Care, the Director of Adults Safeguarding, the Informal Improvement Advisor, and the Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care confirmed that:

- There was a need to ensure that there was appropriate housing and supported living options for people; the recruitment of Occupational Therapists would help with this as well as joint working with the Director of Communities.
- Local Area Coordinators worked with Social Care teams and now had powers to directly pick people up early in their journey into care.
- A joint frailty Hub facility with Nimbuscare had helped reduce admissions to hospital.
- In the short term, agency staff and secondments would be used to focus on specific areas, in the medium to long term however there would be a focus on engaging with the Occupational Therapy partner to increase the number of Occupational Therapists to help people access more adaptations and support.
- People on waiting lists were seen on a risk level and so people with greater needs tend to get seen first while others wait – as such, many people's needs then develop further as they wait; work was ongoing with staff at the first point of call to help get support early to prevent people's lower level needs developing without support, and reduce demand. There was a great amount of unmet demand within York and needs were expected to go up in the short term because of this, but plans presented within the report was expected to make us more resilient in the long term.

- A 12% reduction in waiting lists was a significant improvement that had been achieved.
- CYC co-produced a learning leadership board giving a valuable opportunity to see peoples' experiences.
- Some types of placements out of York were less expensive than in York. York care home costs were higher than elsewhere and there was a lot of demand. CYC funded 27% of care home costs in York with the other 73% being self-funders or other Local Authorities.
- Although CYC had run care homes in previous years, it wouldn't work to run care homes today as the strategic balance in York is different to larger Local Authorities.
- Examples of progress made included: Joint ongoing working and improved working relationships with York Hospital and with health colleagues, and the reduction in delays and an increase in people going home from hospital rather than care home first.
- CYC's ongoing priorities were to meet the statutory duties outlined in the Section 50 letter notification shared with the Secretary of State. The Corporate Director of Adult Social Care was accountable for achieving these and was advised by the Informal Improvement Advisor.
- Individual circumstances were considered when out of area accommodation was required.
- CYC's Market Position Statement had lapsed and was due for renewal; this could be shared with members to highlight and develop how CYC manages its market responsibilities.
- National standards for pay were being investigated by the Government, and the outcome would feed into how Local Governments support the external care market. The Market Position Statement would help shape CYC's position on this.
- Work on a development plan was ongoing and could be brought back to the Committee for further scrutiny; Learning from Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) would be shared with members.

Resolved: That the People Scrutiny Committee supported the action plan and approach outlined.

Reason: So that members were aware of the outcome of the CQC Local Authority Assessment and supported the subsequent actions being taken.

## 22. York Carers Strategy 2026-2032 (6:51pm)

The Corporate Director of Adult Social Care, Integration and Commissioning Lead, and Chief Executive Officer, York Health and Care Partnership presented the report.

Officers highlighted the contribution made by unpaid carers who supported family members and friends alongside other commitments. The strategy had been guided by carers lived experience through ongoing conversations including with the Carers Action Group and a citywide consultation. Officers outlined the four focus areas to improve outcomes for carers and objectives of the strategy and suggested that the strategy was designed to be a live document that would be revisited when data had been improved.

It was detailed how the strategy could support keeping people out of hospital and out of care homes, and ensure unpaid carers were valued and heard.

The Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care discussed how there were likely many more unpaid carers in York who CYC were not aware of as many unpaid carers did not identify as such; she stated how this strategy was the start of greater consistent joint working between partners.

In response to questions from members, the Corporate Director of Adult Social Care, Integration and Commissioning Lead, and Chief Executive Officer, York Health and Care Partnership confirmed that:

- Some GP surgeries were collecting data on unpaid carers and there was an opportunity to improve joint up working through partners to use this information.
- GP surgeries and care workers were trying to pinpoint the moment someone identified as a carer through subsequent meetings, as the need for care increased.
- Feedback was welcomed on how to involve partners, health colleagues, and communications to better develop the strategy.
- Many did not identify as carers as the definition of carer is different for each individual, and people's self-identification may change over time.
- Schools had a key role in supporting children who were unpaid carers and discussions were developing regarding better recognition of young carers.

- Once people identify as carers all sorts of advice and support can be offered to them through the strategy, however the difficulty was in getting some people past the first step of seeking help when they do not identify as carers, or believe the support offered is for them.

Feedback was received from the Committee for Officers to support York employers in joining Employers for Carers in order to receive better support and advice; and for better communication to be considered to support those who don't identify as carers and therefore do not receive the support available to them.

Resolved: That the People Scrutiny Committee considered and commented on the York Carers Strategy 2026–2032.

Reason: To provide Scrutiny assurance and input prior to consideration by Executive.

### **23. 2026/27 Ward Funding Allocations (7:21pm)**

The Director of Housing and Communities presented the report, noting that the 2026/27 individual Ward budget allocation was comprised of £250,000 to be allocated across the city, and outlined existing and potential models to inform making the split to wards, as detailed within the report.

Members considered the options available to them and discussed Models A-E as detailed within the report. Feedback on the models outlined was then provided, including:

- Earlier clarity regarding funding levels for the following year would be beneficial as these tended to be revealed quite late and restrict forward planning.
- Models A and B seemed to be designed to target deprivation more efficiently; however, under these models it was also suggested by members that smaller wards received an unproportionate amount of money than larger wards with similar deprivation scores.
- A reduction in the amount of ward funding granted would have impacts on deprivation in all wards.
- It could be beneficial for CYC to investigate how some payments could be recovered in some ways to ensure some communities don't lose out.

In response to questions from members, the Director of Housing and Communities, confirmed that:

- The majority of ward funding for 2025/26 had been spent and was due to be completed by the end of the financial year.
- Community Skips were not considered ward funding expenditure.
- Further written information on funding models and deprivation statistics would be shared with members.

The Executive Member for Housing, Planning and Safer Communities, and Executive Member for Finance, Performance, Major Projects, Human Rights, Equality and Inclusion commented that:

- Applications for City Wide Funding did not have to involve every ward but did need to have support of more than one ward.
- Some wards had markedly higher levels of deprivation and as such it made sense for funding to be allocated to those wards; this was the model that had been suggested.
- Funding Applications consisting of multiple wards were often more efficient and effected wider groups of people; it would be beneficial to receive bids and then decide on a case-by-case basis which funding pot the applications fall under. Citywide Funding also helped streamline funding applications, stopping often seen duplication of applications across various wards.

Resolved:

- That details of ward expenditure be published for each Councillor to showcase what funding had been spent on.
- That the People Scrutiny Committee considered the content of the report, the options presented and provided comments on the existing model (Model A) and models from the options outlined in the report.

Reason: In order to provide feedback before the Executive approves the method of allocation of ward funding.

**24. Work Plan (7:58pm)**

Members discussed the work plan for the upcoming municipal year. The Chair noted that the formation of a Task and Finish Group for Housing Repairs was ongoing; and the Scrutiny Officer reported that membership for a Joint Task and Finish Group with Corporate Scrutiny Committee on Adult Social Care Finance had been confirmed and work on this was ongoing. Members were informed that the next informal Scrutiny Member Briefing Session School Attendance and the Attainment Gap session would be held on 15 April.2026.

Resolved: That Members considered and agreed the Committee's work plan for the upcoming municipal year.

Reason: To ensure that the Committee maintains an appropriate programme of work.

Councillor Burton, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.32 pm and finished at 8.01 pm].



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**People Scrutiny Committee**

8 July 2026

Report of the Director of Communities

**Community Safety Strategy 2026-9****Summary**

1. This report introduces the draft of the most recent three-year Community Safety Strategy for York and asks the People Scrutiny Committee to review and comment on its content, noting the City of York Council's role as a key partner in its delivery.

**Background**

2. Community Safety Partnerships were introduced under Section 6 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 and bring together local partners to formulate and deliver strategies to tackle crime and disorder. Safer York Partnership is the Community Safety Partnership for York.
3. Community Safety Partnerships must produce three-year strategies, setting out how they intend to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour within their specific local authority area. Strategies must be reviewed and refreshed on an annual basis to remain responsive to changing crime patterns and emerging issues.
4. Development of the Community Safety Strategy is the responsibility of the Safer York Partnership Board, membership of which is drawn from statutory (local authority, police, fire, health and probation) and other partners. It is the responsibility of board members to ensure that they support delivery of the strategy through their respective services and activities. The Board meets on a quarterly basis.
5. There are also links through its membership to other strategic boards in the city, including: Health & Wellbeing Board, Safeguarding Adults Board, City of York Safeguarding Children Partnership, Youth Justice Management Board, York and North Yorkshire Local Criminal Justice Board and York Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board.

6. In addition, joint work is coordinated sub-regionally across York and North Yorkshire via a number of shared arrangements with North Yorkshire Council and the Police, Fire & Crime Directorate of the Combined Authority, including: North Yorkshire & York Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG) Strategy Group, North Yorkshire and York Serious Violence Duty Working Group, North Yorkshire & York Inclusive Communities Joint Commissioning Group, Young People Early Intervention and Prevention Group and the North Yorkshire & York Prevent Partnership Board.
7. Performance and delivery of Community Safety Strategy priorities is monitored by the Safer York Partnership Board via a multi-agency data pack of KPIs aligned to each of the strategic priorities, from performance measures aligned to the groups outlined in paragraphs 5 & 6 and from partner agencies own performance management systems.
8. Over the lifetime of the current 2023-6 Community Safety Strategy crime has reduced in York, the most notable change is from 2025-6 which saw a -6.32% (-943) decrease of total crimes from the previous year. There has been a slight increase in ASB incidents over the last 3 financial years, with a 7.5% increase between 2024/5 and 2025/6. This can be attributed to NYP proactivity through work to target ASB hotspots and the development of Problem-Solving Plans.

## **Consultation**

9. The content of the Community Safety Strategy has been drafted following consultation and involvement with members of the Safer York Partnership Board. As a statutory partner, City of York Council engages in that process via the Executive Member of Housing, Planning and Safer Communities and Director of Housing & Communities who are both members of the Board.
10. The draft Strategy has been circulated to members of the Human Rights and Equalities Board for comment and feedback.

## **Options**

11. Corporate Scrutiny Committee is asked to review and comment on the content of the draft Community Safety Strategy 2026-9 and make any recommendations for Executive consideration only.

## **Council Plan**

12. This strategy supports the Council Plan 2023-27 in its aim to be One City for All, by ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to live, work and thrive in a city acknowledged as one of the safest in the country.

## **Implications**

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**Financial** There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

**Human Resources** There are no HR implications contained within this report. Any additional resources or training required to support delivery of the strategy would be established and resourced in accordance with the Councils policies.

**Equalities** A HREA will be completed. The draft strategy has been circulated to the Human Rights and Equality Board for comments and feedback.

**Legal** The strategy is a statutory requirement under Crime & Disorder Act 1998 and forms part of the CYC 'Policy Framework'. It must have regard to the police and crime objectives as set out in the Police and Crime Plan and include analysis of the levels and patterns of crime and disorder and substance misuse in the area, changes in those levels and patterns and priorities in combatting them, the prevalent concerns of people living and working locally, progress made through previously established strategy and any potential improvements.

Preparation must include both a public consultation and involvement from Police, Fire Service, Probation and the Integrated Care Board (collectively the "Safer York Partnership Board".) A failure to comply with these requirements exposes CYC to Judicial Review.

**Crime and Disorder** Community Safety Partnerships must produce a three-year strategy setting out how they intend to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour within their specific local authority area. The strategy must be reviewed and refreshed on an annual basis to remain responsive to changing crime patterns and emerging issues.

**Information Technology (IT)** There are no IT implications.

**Property** There are no property implications.

## **Risk Management**

14. Failure to produce a Community Safety Strategy would place the council in breach of its statutory duty under the Crime & Disorder Act 1998.
15. The information contained within the Community Safety Strategy is based on that which was available at the time of writing. However, new risks or issues can emerge throughout the life-time of the strategy and will be considered within the annual refresh, when it will be updated to reflect the necessary changes.

## **Recommendations**

16. That People Scrutiny Committee review and comment on the content of the draft Community Safety Strategy 2026-9 and make any recommendations for Executive consideration.

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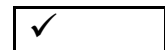
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**Background Papers:**

Safer York Partnership Community Safety Strategy 2023-26

<https://democracy.york.gov.uk/documents/s178228/Annex%20A%20Safer%20York%20Partnership%20Community%20Safety%20Strategy%202023-26.pdf>

**Annexes:**

Annex A: Safer York Partnership Draft Community Safety Strategy 2026-29

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# COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY 2026-9

## Introduction

This is the 10<sup>th</sup> Community Safety Strategy produced by Safer York Partnership since it was established under the Crime & Disorder Act 1998. The overarching aim of Safer York Partnership is to build safer, stronger, resilient communities and reduce crime and the fear of crime across our city.

York is recognised as one of the safest cities in the United Kingdom, yet it is also a dynamic and growing urban centre, welcoming over 8 million visitors each year and supporting a vibrant economy built on science and learning, tourism and hospitality, independent retail and cultural activity.

Like many places across the UK, York is experiencing significant social and economic change. Ongoing regeneration and development are reshaping how people live, work, and spend time here. York's reputation as a safe city has been key to this transformation.

However, the city also remains One City for All<sup>1</sup>, committed to ensuring that everyone who was born, lives or stays here can thrive and feel a sense of safety and belonging. York is proud of its status as both a City of Sanctuary and a Human Rights City.

Crime, fear of crime, anti-social behaviour, hate crime and extremism erode feelings of safety and social cohesion. Through the lifetime of this strategy, we will work with our communities to increase our understanding of the challenges they face. We will align our work with the York Neighbourhood Model to improve contact, communication and engagement with our communities and work with them to develop solutions through joint problem-solving plans.

York's Purple Flag status acknowledges its success in meeting the challenges of delivering a safe, vibrant, and thriving night-time economy, located within a compact city centre alongside homes and businesses. This accreditation reflects a strong culture of city centre partnership-working that extends to daytime working.

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<sup>1</sup> One City for All. City of York Council Plan 2023-27

However, we are keen to address the behaviour of a small cohort of persistent prolific offenders who have a disproportionate impact on levels of crime and anti-social behaviour in our city centre. This will be achieved through a renewed multi-agency focus, using best practice models that coordinate enforcement with support to address underlying causes and deliver sustained outcomes for both these individuals and crime reduction.

The impact on and of young people will be considered across our main strategic priorities, but we also acknowledge that this cohort faces its own specific community safety challenges. We will ensure that these are addressed through a dedicated cross-cutting priority with its own independent, multi-agency delivery group.

This strategy also reflects our local approach to the delivery of statutory duties and national community safety priorities, including the Safer Streets Mission, Serious Violence Duty, Tackling Violence Against Women & Girls Strategy, Tackling Domestic Abuse Plan, CONTEST (Counter-Terrorism) and the national Anti-Social Behaviour Action Plan.

Action to deliver our priorities will be coordinated through a multi-agency delivery structure. Where appropriate, work will be delivered through joint governance arrangements with North Yorkshire Council and the Police, Fire & Crime Directorate of the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority. This will ensure a coordinated, effective delivery of national community safety priorities aligned with those of the York & North Yorkshire Police & Crime Plan 2025-9 priorities, which are:

- Early Intervention & Prevention
- Protecting The Public
- Working With Partners
- Building Stronger Communities

Progress against our strategic aims will be monitored by the Safer York Partnership Board using a comprehensive performance framework, action tracker and feedback/consultation with local communities and stakeholders.

The strategy will be reviewed and refreshed on an annual basis to ensure that it remains responsive to local needs.

**Superintendent Ed Haywood Noble  
Chairperson, Safer York Partnership**

## **PRIORITIES**

- Keeping the City Centre Safe
- Counter-Terrorism
- Safe, Supported & Cohesive Communities
- Serious Violence

## **CROSS-CUTTING THEMES**

- Young People
- Communication and Engagement

## KEEPING THE CITY CENTRE SAFE

The city centre is the heart of York and brings together residents, businesses, visitors, tourists, students, young people, buskers and entertainers, street and market traders and the 'street' community.

Our work will reflect the Government's Safer Streets Mission commitment to deliver Safer Town Centres, tackling shop-theft, street theft, and assaults against retail workers.

It will also support the council's Our City Centre Vision<sup>2</sup> priority of 'A safe city centre which is welcoming and accessible to all.'

Ensuring that this compact, shared space remains safe and welcoming is essential, not only for those who live and work in York but to sustain York's reputation as a destination city that holds Purple Flag status.

This priority reflects a collective commitment to reducing crime and anti-social behaviour, supporting vulnerable individuals and generating a sense of safety for anyone who spends time in the city centre, whether during the day-time or at night.

Throughout the lifetime of this strategy there will be a renewed multi-agency focus on the small cohort of persistent and prolific offenders who contribute to a disproportionate amount of crime and anti-social behaviour in the city centre, acknowledging that the impact of crime such as shop and cycle theft extends beyond economic harms and affects the lives our retail workers, communities and visitors.

By combining targeted enforcement with early intervention, prevention and support services, we will address both the causes and consequences of city-centre anti-social behaviour, crime and disorder.

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<sup>2</sup> Our City Centre York Vision. City of York Council.

## AIMS

1. Contribute to the Board and working groups of Our City Centre Vision to achieve a safe city centre, alongside its wider aims to create a vibrant city centre that can adapt to change.
2. Launch a police-led, partner-enabled *Open to Recovery* programme, targeting persistent, prolific offenders, based on national best practice and coordinated with existing arrangements such as those within the York Homelessness Strategy, Operation Luscombe, Offender Management arrangements, commissioned drug and alcohol support services and Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM).
3. Take an intelligence-led approach, using police crime and ASB dashboards supplemented by partner data and information to identify target nominals and localities, to support the delivery of tailored multi-agency solutions.
4. Support York BID's 'Safe' programme which includes Street Rangers, Taxi and Riverside Marshalls, Night Safe Officers, Cycle Safe initiatives, snickleway and riverside lighting projects and Purple Flag accreditation.
5. Work with Make It York to ensure that the city centre remains an attractive and prosperous location for visitors.
6. Support delivery of the Government's Safer Streets Mission to reduce serious violence, halve Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) and knife crime within a decade and crack down on shop theft, street theft and assaults against retail workers.
7. Contribute to the delivery of the York Homelessness strategy by tackling community safety issues related to the 'street' community.
8. Support the work of the Safer York Business Partnership.
9. Coordinate partnership work to address city centre anti-social behaviour associated with the Night-Time Economy, street entertainment, street traders and bogus charity collectors, the 'street' community and tent encampments, giving consideration to the use of additional ASB tools and powers to plug any enforcement gaps.
10. Contribute to the work of the York Water Safety Forum to prevent serious incidents associated with York's rivers.

11. Through the work of the York Hate Crime Partnership, reduce incidents of racial Hate Crime committed against those who work within the Night-Time Economy.
12. Work with the Prevent, Protect & Prepare and Safety Advisory Groups to mitigate against terrorist risk.
13. Work with the York Drug & Alcohol Partnership to address the unwanted impact from the use of drugs and alcohol, and particularly its impact on offending.
14. Maximise use of powers, including Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs), to reduce incidents of crime, disorder and ASB associated with the Night-Time Economy.

## DELIVERY

- York BID Safe Partnership
- Safer York Business Partnership
- Our City Vision Board
- York Licensees Forum
- York Water Safety Group/Forum
- York Safety Advisory Group
- York Homeless and Rough Sleeper Task Group
- York Safeguarding Adults Board
- York Retail Crime Group
- York Protect & Prepare Local Delivery Group
- North Yorkshire & York VAWG Strategy Group
- North Yorkshire & York Serious Violence Working Group
- York Community Safety Hub
- York Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) Panel

## COUNTER TERRORISM

- **PREVENT**
- **CHANNEL**
- **PROTECT & PREPARE**

The Counter Terrorism & Security Act 2015 places a duty on local authorities to safeguard individuals and communities from the risk of radicalisation and extremism and places an obligation on local authorities and partner agencies to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.

Local authorities are required to lead on the Prevent, Protect and Prepare elements of the UK's counter-terrorism framework, CONTEST.

### PREVENT

Under the Prevent Duty, local authorities are required to:

- Produce a local Prevent Partnership Plan, the content of which is tailored to local circumstances using a Counter-Terrorism Local Profile and to situational and corporate risk assessments. The plan sets out the actions planned to mitigate against identified risks.
- Have a multi-agency partnership group in place to have oversight of all statutory Prevent delivery and the Partnership Plan.
- Have a clear referral pathway in place for those who are identified as susceptible to radicalisation or supporting terrorism, to ensure that Counter Terrorism Police are notified of all Prevent referrals for deconfliction purposes, including discussion at Channel panel.
- Have a comprehensive training plan in place that measures and accounts for a range of needs across council teams and commissioned services to ensure that they are able to recognise where a person might be susceptible to radicalisation.
- Ensure that there is a public sector venue hire policy in place that ensures measures are taken to prevent local authority venues being used by radicalisers or to spread/promote extremist ideologies.
- Deliver planned communications and engagement activity to improve awareness, trust and understanding of Prevent and to ensure that

information about the Prevent programme is available through the local authority's platforms such as websites and social media pages

- Have focus on community engagement, to raise awareness and discuss how Prevent is implemented relative to the local risk and threat.

## **CHANNEL**

Local authorities in England and Wales have an additional statutory duty under the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 to operate [Channel panels](#). This duty involves identifying vulnerable individuals at risk of radicalisation, assessing the threat, and creating tailored support plans (mentoring, counselling, etc.) in a multi-agency setting, aimed at preventing terrorism.

## **PROTECT & PREPARE**

Protect and Prepare sits alongside Prevent as a local authority statutory responsibility under the Counter-Terrorism & Security Act 2015.

Protect and Prepare duties are responsible for reducing the risk and impact of terrorism and other serious threats by strengthening protective security and ensuring effective preparedness across our city. In an evolving threat landscape, it is essential that local partners, businesses, and community organisations work together to deter and detect risks and to respond swiftly and recover effectively from incidents.

The Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025, also known as Martyn's Law, received Royal Assent on Thursday 3 April 2025. It reinforces the duty of those responsible for publicly accessible locations to consider the threat of terrorism and implement proportionate security measures and preparedness plans.

In addition to Martyn's Law, ACT for Local Authorities provides a specific duty for councils to assess and mitigate against terrorist risk across their own areas of responsibility, including Planning and development, Licensing, Transport & Highways, Emergency Planning and Community Safety (Prevent).

## AIMS

### Prevent

1. Ensure that there is senior leadership oversight of Prevent delivery by City of York Council.
2. Ensure that there is an up-to-date risk assessment in place and that this is reviewed and updated quarterly.
3. Produce a York Prevent Partnership Plan, ensuring alignment with North Yorkshire Council through shared Terms of Reference, with progress accountable to the York & North Yorkshire Prevent Partnership Board.
4. Through a York & North Yorkshire Training Task & Finish Group, develop a joint training programme, to include mandatory training for all City of York Council staff and Elected Members and ensure that this is refreshed every 2 years. To place particular emphasis on training for schools, including independent and faith schools.
5. To review the success of referral pathways and adapt training plans to address any emerging trends or gaps.
6. To seek and promote good practice venue hire with partners, community groups and sports and leisure facilities.
7. To ensure that there is a systematic process in place to respond to breaches in IT policy, where searches have indicated links to a possible link to radicalisation and that notification of such breaches is sent to Prevent staff.
8. Through a York & North Yorkshire Prevent Communications and Engagement Group Task & Finish Group, develop a joint engagement and communications plan.
9. Establish a dedicated City of York Council Prevent Group to ensure that knowledge of the Prevent duty extends across all council departments.

### Protect & Prepare

Via the York Protect and Prepare Group, ensure the following actions:

10. Review and raise awareness of existing safety and security measures that have a Counter-Terrorism outcomes.
11. Encourage City of York Council's adoption of preparedness measures and ensure awareness and understanding of these, particularly amongst community-based organisations.
12. Working with the York & North Yorkshire Prevent Training Task & Finish Group, deliver ACT and SCan training for staff and partners.
13. Work to ensure the implementation of Martyn's Law (Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025) to secure York's venues and events against the risk of terrorist attack.
14. Work to implement ACT for Local Authorities, working with Planning & Development, Transport & Highways, Emergency Planning, Licensing and Community Safety to consider security and preparedness across those services.
15. Work with voluntary and faith groups to provide protective security advice related to places of worship or religious gatherings.
16. Through the York Safety Advisory Group (SAG), ensure that Event Management Plans give due consideration to the above Counter-Terrorism mitigations.

## **DELIVERY**

York Prevent Local Delivery Group

York & North Yorkshire Prevent Partnership Board

York Protect & Prepare Group

York Safety Advisory Group

York Hate Crime Partnership

North Yorkshire & York Inclusive Communities Joint Commissioning Group

## **SAFE, SUPPORTED AND COHESIVE COMMUNITIES**

The creation of safe, supported and cohesive communities is fundamental to improving the quality of life for residents, businesses and visitors in York.

To achieve sustainable reductions in crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour and reduce community tensions, efforts must be made to support and build strong, resilient neighbourhoods where *everyone* feels connected, supported, valued and able to thrive, whether born and brought up here or having arrived more recently.

Cohesive communities are those where residents are more likely to look out for each other, spot and report suspicious activity, provide support systems to help the vulnerable (including young people) to stay away from crime, reduce the potential for hateful narratives to take hold, value where they live and take care and protect their surroundings and environment.

Central to their delivery in York is the work of the York Community Safety Hub, the development of the York Neighbourhood Model and the York & North Yorkshire Hate Crime & Community Cohesion Strategy, 2025-8.

### **The York Community Safety Hub**

Community Safety Hubs exist in localities across York and North Yorkshire and consist of co-located council and police teams. Their purpose is to work together and coordinate partner activity to address crime and anti-social behaviour in neighbourhoods, targeting hotspots and known persistent offenders.

Work is delivered using a multi-agency, early-intervention, problem-solving approach, facilitated by a range of Multi-Agency Problem-Solving (MAPS) meetings focussing on people and places, with the involvement of a wide range of partners including Neighbourhood Policing teams, Housing, Social Care, Safeguarding, Homelessness Services, Probation, Youth Justice and Local Area Coordination teams.

The York Community Safety Hub (CSH) consists of council Anti-Social Behaviour (tenancy enforcement) and Neighbourhood Enforcement (enviro-

crime and public-space ASB) teams and a dedicated North Yorkshire Police team.

The priorities of the CSH align with those contained within the community safety strategy, acknowledging that the work of the CSH extends across all its priorities. The CSH will work responsively, realigning to significant emerging trends or changes in focus following the annual community safety strategy review and refresh.

### **York Neighbourhood Model**

Delivering cohesive communities requires strong local infrastructure and neighbourhood-level engagement. The York Neighbourhood Model will align services to localities, bringing together communities and partners to identify and respond to local priorities. It will help support problem-solving at neighbourhood level, strengthening the community voice, and building local resilience. It will help ensure that community safety interventions are tailored, preventative and informed by the differing needs of York's communities.

### **York & North Yorkshire Hate Crime and Community Cohesion Strategy 2025-28.**

The York Hate Crime Partnership reports to the York & North Yorkshire Inclusive Communities Joint Commissioning Group to deliver the York & North Yorkshire Hate Crime and Community Cohesion Strategy. The strategy includes priorities to support victims, increase understanding and respond to underlying causes of Hate Crime and community tension.

### **AIMS**

1. Work with the York and North Yorkshire Community Safety Hub Joint Development Group to review the role and delivery of CSHs across York & North Yorkshire.
2. Align the work of the York Community Safety Hub to the York Neighbourhood Model localities.
3. Maximise the tools and powers available to CSHs.
4. Identify York CSH Key Performance Indicators to improve performance reporting.
5. Following feedback by the Housing Regulator, review and update working arrangements between the Community Safety Hub and CYC Housing

Services to ensure that there are streamlined, effective arrangements in place around tenancy enforcement.

6. Work with Registered Social Landlords to develop a shared, staged approach to tenancy enforcement, to achieve consistency of escalation levels, with an emphasis on early intervention and prevention.
7. Introduce regular Community MAPS meetings to align with Neighbourhood Model localities.
8. Delivery of the Hate Crime & Community Cohesion Plan, including a Hate Crime toolkit with wspecific actions related to Disability Hate Crime.
9. Continue to deliver Hate Crime Champions training in partnership with North Yorkshire Police.

## **DELIVERY**

York Community Safety Hub  
York Hate Crime Partnership  
York & North Yorkshire Inclusive Communities JCG  
York Gypsy & Traveller Group  
CYC Communities & Equalities Team  
North Yorkshire Police Hate Crime Team  
York Multi-Faith Group  
City of York Council Human Rights & Equalities Board  
York Registered Social Landlords Forum

## SERIOUS VIOLENCE

Serious Violence, including online Harm, has a profound impact on individuals, families and communities. It undermines feelings of safety and affects confidence in using public spaces.

The drivers of serious violence are complex and cannot be addressed by enforcement alone. They include mental health and substance abuse, previous exposure to violence, trauma, isolation and lack of support networks, exploitation and involvement in criminal activity.

The Serious Violence Duty (Police, Crime, Sentencing & Courts Act 2022) places a legal duty on statutory partners to work together to prevent and reduce serious violence, using a public health approach, focussed on prevention and early intervention.

Locally this work is coordinated by the North Yorkshire & York Serious Violence Duty Working Group convened by the Policing Fire & Crime directorate of the Combined Authority.

Its aims are to:

- Understand the extent of violence throughout North Yorkshire and York, through the analysis of characteristics, patterns of behaviour and the impact on the wider community.
- Establish the risk factors that increase the likelihood of violence, and how these factors can be reduced through prevention, diversion, and early intervention.
- Establish effective interventions in a variety of settings and monitor the impact on reducing serious violence these interventions produce.

The Serious Violence Duty does not contain a set definition, and each local area is encouraged to agree their own.

The definition of serious violence for North Yorkshire and York covers locally-identified issues, and their impact and prevalence.

The following crimes are included within the local definition of serious violence and were used as part of a Strategic Needs Assessment (SNA) to identify local needs:

- Homicide
- Violence with Injury (Attempted Murder, Endangering Life, Grievous Bodily Harm, Actual Bodily Harm, Administering Poison with Intent to Injure, Non-Fatal Strangulation and Suffocation)
- Domestic Abuse
- Rape and Sexual Offences
- Weapon Related Violence; including Weapon Possession
- Arson Endangering Life
- Stalking and Harassment; non-domestic

In addition, the following areas of thematic interest are considered within a wider profile:

- Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)
- Young People
- Alcohol and Substance Misuse
- Mental Health
- Deprivation and Employment
- Education

### **North Yorkshire & York Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG) Strategy**

The North Yorkshire & York VAWG Strategy Group has been established by the Policing, Fire & Crime directorate of the Combined Authority to strengthen the local multi-agency approach to VAWG, enhance support services, increase public confidence and trust in the police and to enable continuous feedback and lived experience from residents of York and North Yorkshire. Delivery is aligned with the North Yorkshire & City of York Domestic Abuse Strategy and the work of the York Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board, given that domestic abuse is a key component in many VAWG offences. Both the Serious Violence Duty and VAWG are supported by the Government's Safer Streets mission to halve VAWG and knife crime within a decade

## AIMS

1. Through the York and North Yorkshire Serious Violence Duty Working Group and York and North Yorkshire Joint VAWG Strategy Delivery Group, ensure that services and projects are commissioned and funded to meet identified needs.
2. Consider the establishment of dedicated York sub-groups to allow for more in-depth work at local level.
3. Ensure alignment of work with the Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board.
4. Ensure alignment of work with the York Youth Justice Service Management Board.
5. Ensure alignment of work with the York Safeguarding Adult Board and the City of York Safeguarding Children Partnership.

## DELIVERY

York and North Yorkshire Serious Violence Duty Working Group  
York and North Yorkshire Joint VAWG Strategy Delivery Group  
York Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board  
York Youth Justice Service Management Board  
York Safeguarding Adults Board  
City of York Safeguarding Children Partnership  
York Community Safety Hub

## CROSS-CUTTING THEMES

### YOUNG PEOPLE

We are mindful of the need to consider the particular impact on or of young people across our strategic priorities, and of the additional risks facing our youth population, including:

- On-line harms, including cyberbullying, exposure to violent or explicit content, unwanted sharing of images, sexting, grooming, and exploitation and extortion (COM) networks
- County Lines – exploitation by Organised Crime Groups (OCGs), and risk of harm and criminality associated with illegal drugs
- E-bike usage and associated ASB (links to County Lines)
- Extreme misogynistic ideologies associated with the Manosphere and Incel culture.
- Arson & criminal damage

We will therefore create a dedicated Young People Community Safety Group, incorporating the views and involvement of young people themselves, to ensure that the community safety challenges facing our youth population are given the focus they require.

#### **DELIVERY:**

York Young People Community Safety Group

### COMMUNICATION & ENGAGEMENT

A communication and engagement strategy will be developed to lift this document off the page and into meaningful activity through promotion, awareness, and engagement.

We acknowledge that people are more likely to benefit from and support initiatives if they understand them and feel included and involved. We are also keen to ensure that community experience and local knowledge is combined

with analysis of police and partner-held data, to build a fully-rounded picture of the issues we are looking to address.

**DELIVERY:**

York Community Safety Communication and Engagement Strategy

Prevent Communication and Engagement Task & Finish Group



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**People Scrutiny Committee**

6 July 2026

Report of the Head of Democratic Services

**Task and Finish Group Review into Housing Repairs****Summary**

1. This report seeks the Committee's agreement to the proposed remit (Annex A) of a Task and Finish Group review into housing repairs.

**Background**

2. Following a request from Councillor Waller, the People Scrutiny Committee agreed to review tenant satisfaction with the council's repair service following concerns that there had been a decline in satisfaction<sup>1</sup>. Councillor Waller also requested that the group focus on changes in senior management, recruitment to vacancies in delivery posts, and reviews of the operation of contractors and the appointments service there is an interest in improving the delivery of the repairs service.

**Aims and Objectives**

3. The aims would be to improve communication and delivery of the repairs service to improve satisfaction.
4. The objectives would be to clarify the regulatory requirements of City of York Council as landlord to tenants to arrange and deliver repairs, understand the Regulator of Social Housing's judgement of the service and required actions, ensure that there is better understanding of the outcomes that will be delivered and the timetable for these to take place to maximise efficient use of both staff time, and the time that tenants need to be within their property for work to take place, and minimising

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missed appointments. To ensure improvement in satisfaction this Task and Finish group would also review the post-repair rating of the service delivered and the operational assessment of this response from tenants.

### **Consultation and Methods**

5. Councillor Waller and Officers from Democratic services met with the colleagues from housing services to discuss the remit of the review. During the course of the review, it is proposed that the Group visit tenant and residents group, where available, independent living projects as well as attend a tenants scrutiny group.
6. Further consultation will take place with a view to ensuring the Task and Finish Group review is complementary to ongoing work following the recent housing inspection.
7. Methods will include desk-based work and consultation with relevant Council officers.

### **Timeframe**

8. It is proposed that the Group's work is carried out over summer and autumn of 2026, with a view to presenting a final report to the Committee in December 2026.

### **Options**

9. Establishment of the group and its Membership has already been approved by the People Scrutiny Committee, the options available for Members at this stage are either endorse or suggest amendments to the proposed remit of the Task and Finish Group.

### **Implications**

10. There are no direct implications to be addressed at this stage in the process. Any relevant implications will be identified by the Task and Finish Group during their review.

## Risk Management

11. Any identified risks associated with the findings from this review will be included in the draft final report arising from this review.

## Recommendations

12. The Committee is asked to endorse the proposed remit, objectives, and timeframe for a housing repair Task and Finish Group

Reason: To enable the Task and Finish Group to proceed with work on the agreed review.

## Annexes

Annex A: People Scrutiny Review Group: Tenant Repairs Task and Finish Group Remit

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All

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## People Scrutiny Review Group: Tenant Repairs Task and Finish Group

### Work Plan:

#### 1. Summary and Rationale

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### 3. Methodology

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Members/ Officers required</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Initial Scoping Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2026	Cllrs Burton, Waller Pauline Stuchfield, Katherine Proctor, Julie Gallagher	Agree timeline for review
People Scrutiny Committee Meeting	15 <sup>th</sup> April 2026		Agree Membership of task and finish Group
Meeting with Tenants and Residents	July, August 2026	Members of the task and finish group Democratic Services	TBC Attend tenants meetings Community walkabouts Distribute a tenants survey/letter
Initial Meeting of Task and Finish Group	September 2026	Katherine Proctor	Share complaints data Repair information Regulator findings and Councils response Feedback from tenant engagement
2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Task and Finish Group	October 2026	Katherine Proctor	Consider Councils response to the Regulator Staffing update
3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Task and Finish Group	November 2026	Julie Gallagher Katherine Proctor	Housing Governance Experience from neighbouring authorities

## ANNEX A

Final meeting approve final report and any recommendations	December 2026	James Parker Katherine Proctor	
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**People Scrutiny Committee**

8 July 2026

Report of the Head of Democratic Services

**People Scrutiny Committee Work Programme****Summary**

1. This report presents the Committee's draft work programme for the municipal year 2026/27 at Annex A for Members' consideration.

**Background and Approach**

2. The Committee sets its own programme of work, with input from Executive Members, officers and residents. A draft work programme is set at the start of the municipal year and, as a live document, is a standing item for consideration at each meeting.
3. The Committee's work programme should not be considered a fixed, rigid schedule, but instead can be adapted to reflect any new and emerging issues throughout the municipal year, and any timetabling issues that might occur from time to time.
4. In agreeing its work programme, the Committee should consider the resources, remit and powers available to it whilst also prioritising those areas of scrutiny which would be of most value. The role and remit of the Committee is set out fully in Article 8 of the Council's Constitution.
5. In considering any developments and/or modifications to the work programme, effort should be made to:
  - Avoid unnecessary duplication, including any existing groups already monitoring a particular issue.
  - Ensure any review work has clarity and focus of purpose, will add value, and can be delivered within an agreed timeframe.
  - Consider available resources and relevant timeframes, bearing in mind the Committee's workload and the type of scrutiny activity.
  - Build in sufficient flexibility to enable consideration of any urgent matters that may arise during the municipal year, noting that items can be carried over to the following municipal year if required.

## Implications and Risk Management

6. There are no direct implications or risks arising from this report; any relevant implications and risks will be identified in the cover report for each agenda item.

## Recommendations

7. Members are asked:
- i. To consider and agree the Committee's draft work programme for the 2026/27 municipal year.

Reason: To ensure that the Committee maintains an appropriate programme of work.

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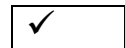
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## Background Papers

City of York Council Constitution, Article 8: Scrutiny,  
<https://democracy.york.gov.uk/documents/s185896/08%20-%20Article%208%20-%20Scrutiny.pdf>

## Annexes:

Annex A – People Scrutiny Committee Draft Work Programme, 2026-27

## People Scrutiny Committee Draft Work Programme 2026/27

Reviewed June 2026

### Committee Meetings

Item	Lead Officer / Executive Member	Notes
<b>24 June 2026 (additional meeting)</b>		
Allocations Policy	Pauline Stuchfield, Katherine Proctor / Cllr Pavlovic	Pre-decision scrutiny
Preparing for Adulthood (PfA) Strategy	Martin Kelly, Karoline Silcock / Cllr Webb	Pre-decision scrutiny
<b>8 July 2026</b>		
Community Safety Strategy 2026-29	Pauline Stuchfield, Tanya Lyon / Cllr Pavlovic	Pre-decision scrutiny
Housing Repairs Task and Finish Group Remit	Julie Gallagher	Task and Finish report
<b>8 September 2026</b>		
York Learning Strategic Plan Performance	Angela Padfield / Cllr Webb	Annual update
Housing Landlords Annual Report	Pauline Stuchfield, Katherine Proctor / Cllr Pavlovic	Pre-decision scrutiny
Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy	Pauline Stuchfield, Denis Southall / Cllr Pavlovic	Pre-decision scrutiny

## People Scrutiny Committee Draft Work Programme 2026/27

Reviewed June 2026

Item	Lead Officer / Executive Member	Notes
Food Insecurity Task and Finish Group Draft Report		Task and Finish report
<b>18 November 2026</b>		
<b>TBC</b>		
<b>20 January 2027</b>		
Adult Social Care CQC action plan update		Update against action plan; follows item in March 2026. <i>Suggested to keep to single-item meeting if possible.</i>
<b>10 March 2027</b>		
<b>TBC</b>		

### Potential or unallocated topics

Item	Lead Officer / Executive Member	Notes
Finance and Performance Quarterly Reports	Debbie Mitchell, Ian Cunningham / Cllr Lomas	Regular quarterly briefing to be shared with members via e-mail.
Urgent Care Update	Peter Roderick / Cllr Steels-Walshaw/ ICB colleagues	Follows update to former Health, Housing and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee (HHASC) in November 2024. Suggested for a briefing <u>during 2026/27</u> .

## People Scrutiny Committee Draft Work Programme 2026/27

Reviewed June 2026

Item	Lead Officer / Executive Member	Notes
Trauma Informed City Council Motion – possible wider discussion	Peter Roderick / Cllr Steels-Walshaw	Follows March 2024 Council Motion and update from TEVV at HHASC in May 2025; suggested for a briefing <u>during 2026-27</u> .
Dentistry Provision Update	Peter Roderick / Cllr Steels-Walshaw / ICB colleagues	Suggested for a briefing in <u>late 2026</u> ; follows reports to HHASC in December 2023 and April 2025.
Gardening Assistance	Pauline Stuchfield / Cllr Pavlovic	Originated June 2025 People Scrutiny discussion; suggested for briefing on assistance offered and closure of list.
Neighbourhood Policing Review	Pauline Stuchfield / Cllr Pavlovic	Originated with former Children, Communities and Culture Scrutiny Committee (CCC); suggested for committee report.
Dignity in Retirement Council Motion	Debbie Mitchell / Cllr Lomas	Follows September 2024 Council Motion.
Adult Social Care Market Position Statement	Sara Storey / Cllr Steels-Walshaw	Possible pre-decision scrutiny item?
Supported Employment	Sara Storey / YNYCA colleagues	Possible briefing item; information about York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority (YNYCA) work in this area circulated to committee Members by email.

## People Scrutiny Committee Draft Work Programme 2026/27

Reviewed June 2026

### Agreed Task and Finish Groups (TFGs)

Topic	Membership	Notes
<p><b>Food Insecurity TFG</b></p> <p>Date for consideration of draft report: <b>July 2026</b> <b>TBC</b></p>	Cllrs Nelson, Knight	Originated with former CCC Scrutiny Committee, following Council resolution 20/07/2023: 'Request that the council's scrutiny function undertakes a review of community food growing opportunities and makes recommendations to Executive to expand these opportunities, including considering the prospects for expanding an Edible York project in Tang Hall to other parts of the city to bring more underused gardens into use for food growing'.
<p><b>Welfare Benefit Changes TFG</b></p> <p>Date for consideration of draft report <b>TBC</b>.</p>	Cllrs Fenton (Chair), Burton, Coles, Runciman, Steward	Originated with Corporate Scrutiny Committee (CSC), following Council resolution 27/03/2025; full details at <a href="https://democracy.york.gov.uk/documents/s183012/Annex%20A%20Task%20and%20Finish%20Proposal%20v0.3.pdf">https://democracy.york.gov.uk/documents/s183012/Annex%20A%20Task%20and%20Finish%20Proposal%20v0.3.pdf</a>
<p><b>Adult Social Care Financial Challenges Joint TFG</b></p> <p>Date for consideration of draft report <b>TBC</b>.</p>	Cllrs Ayre, Burton, Moroney, Nicholls, Runciman	Joint TFG with Corporate Scrutiny Committee, which is 'parent' committee. Established following recommendation from Budget and Medium-Term Financial Strategy TFG; full details at <a href="https://democracy.york.gov.uk/documents/s187596/Item%207%20-%20Report%20of%20the%20Budget%20and%20Medium%20Term%20Financial%20Strategy%20Task%20and%20Finish%20Group%20-%20Annex%20A.pdf">https://democracy.york.gov.uk/documents/s187596/Item%207%20-%20Report%20of%20the%20Budget%20and%20Medium%20Term%20Financial%20Strategy%20Task%20and%20Finish%20Group%20-%20Annex%20A.pdf</a>

## People Scrutiny Committee Draft Work Programme 2026/27

Reviewed June 2026

<p><b>Housing Repairs TFG</b></p> <p>Date for consideration of draft report <b>TBC</b>.</p>	<p>Cllrs Waller, Mason, Perrett, Rose, Steward</p>	<p>Originated with People Scrutiny discussion June 2025. Scoping meeting held and membership agreed April 2026. Agreed remit to be reported to Committee in July 2026.</p>
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### Possible Task and Finish Groups (TFGs)

Topic	Origin	Notes
<p>Home Care Commissioning</p>	<p>Former HHASC Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>Aims and objectives were agreed by HHASC in March 2024 but no further action taken. Membership was Cllrs Myers, Vassie and Baxter.</p> <p><i>Suggested that re-commissioning comes for pre-decision scrutiny, late 2027.</i></p>
<p>Review and development of working arrangements with York Youth Council</p>	<p>People Scrutiny, June 2025</p>	<p>Discussed at People Scrutiny Committee in June 2025; some interest expressed but no further action taken.</p>

## People Scrutiny Committee Draft Work Programme 2026/27

Reviewed June 2026

### Scrutiny Member Briefings

Topic	Committee	Lead Officer / Executive Member	Notes
<b>30 June 2026</b>			
Integrated Care Board (ICB) Changes <b>Postponed, new date TBC</b>	People Scrutiny Committee	Peter Roderick / Cllr Steels-Walshaw	Initial briefing on structural changes; to be followed by briefing on implementation phase at an appropriate point.
<b>29 September 2026</b>			
TBC			
<b>22 October 2026</b>			
TBC			
<b>3 December 2026</b>			
TBC			
<b>3 February 2027</b>			
TBC			