

People Scrutiny Committee
Work Plan 2025/26
Reviewed September 2025

Date of Meeting	Item	Lead Officer / Exec Member	Scope
11 June 2025			
	Work-planning for the municipal year 2025/26		
9 July 2025			
	SEND Strategy, Update	Maxine Squire/Victoria Coyle/Cllr Webb	
17 September 2025	<i>Informal work planning meeting</i>		<i>To consider allocation of work plan items</i>
8 October 2025			
	Neighbourhood Model	Pauline Stuchfield/Laura Williams/Cllr Pavlovic	Pre-decision scrutiny
	Adult Social Care Strategy	Sara Storey/Michael Melvin/Elaine Taylor/Cllr Steels-Walshaw	
	York Learning 24-25 strategic plan performance	Angela Padfield	

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3 December 2025	TBC Food Insecurity Task and Finish Group Draft Report		Task and Finish Report
	TBC Early Years and Childcare Reforms update		
11 February 2026	TBC Benefit Changes Task and Finish Group Draft Report		Task and Finish Report
15 April 2026	TBC		

Unallocated items and items recommended from previous scrutiny committees – to be considered for all-member briefing sessions or public meetings

Key	Childrens	Housing/Communities	Public Health	ASC
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Item	Origin	Lead Officer and Exec Member	Notes	Type of Scrutiny
Neighbourhood Policing Review	CCC	Director of Housing and Communities, Cllr Pavlovic, Exec. Member for Housing, Planning and Safer Communities	<i>Suggested for committee report, date TBC</i>	

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School Attendance	CCC	Assistant Director, Education and Skills, Cllr Webb, Exec. Member for Children, Young People and Education	<i>Suggested for briefing, date TBC</i>	
Attainment Gap	CCC	Assistant Director, Education and Skills, Cllr Webb, Exec. Member for Children, Young People and Education	<i>Suggested for briefing, date TBC</i>	
Virtual School Annual Report	CCC	Assistant Director, Education and Skills, Virtual School Headteacher, Cllr Webb, Exec. Member for Children, Young People and Education	<i>Suggested for briefing, date TBC</i>	Annual Report

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Children Safeguarding Partnership Annual Report	CCC	Corporate Director of Children and Education, Cllr Webb, Exec. Member for Children, Young People and Education	Briefing Comes to scrutiny to meet governance requirements.	Annual Report
Urgent Care Update	HHASC	Director of Public Health; Cllr Steels-Walshaw, Exec Member for Health, Wellbeing and ASC	<i>Suggested for briefing.</i> Led by ICB colleagues. Follows previous update to HHASC in November 2025.	
Healthy Weight	HHASC	Director of Public Health; Cllr Steels-Walshaw, Exec Member for Health, Wellbeing and ASC	<i>Suggested for briefing, date TBC.</i> New service offer being launched autumn 2025.	
Draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2025	HHASC	Director of Public Health; Cllr Steels-Walshaw, Exec Member for Health, Wellbeing and ASC	<i>Suggested for briefing, date TBC.</i> Consultation details have been shared with members.	

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Dignity in Retirement Council Motion	HHASC	Cllr Lomas, Executive Member for Finance, Major Projects and Equalities	Follows September 2024 Council Motion: To request that the Executive Member for Finance, Major Projects and Equalities work with officers to create a plan for consideration by the relevant Scrutiny Committee(s) which sets out a range of measures that could be taken to mitigate the impact of the above decisions on York's pensioners, including maintaining financial support for warm spaces in York through allocation of Household Support Fund grants.	
Trauma Informed City Council Motion – possible wider discussion	HHASC	Director of Public Health; Cllr Steels-Walshaw, Exec	Follows March 2024 Council Motion and update from TEWV at	

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		Member for Health, Wellbeing and ASC	HHASC in May 2025; to be considered along with ICB changes during next municipal year (26-27)	
Health and Artificial Intelligence – benefits and challenges	HHASC	Director of Public Health; Cllr Steels-Walshaw, Exec Member for Health, Wellbeing and ASC	Specifics yet to be worked out.	
Telecare/reablement technology – briefing from relevant academics	HHASC	Corporate Director ASC and Integration; Cllr Steels-Walshaw, Exec Member for Health, Wellbeing and ASC	Follows HHASC members' telecare demonstration in April 2025. <i>Suggested for briefing along with for information on AI implementation.</i>	Briefing for information only.
LD Provision – The Glen and Lowfields	HHASC	Corporate Director ASC and Integration; Corporate Director of Children and Education; Director of Housing and	Specifics yet to be worked out. (Note that Lowfields not yet built).	

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		Communities; Cllr Steels-Walshaw, Exec Member for Health, Wellbeing and ASC; Cllr Pavlovic, Exec Member for Housing Planning and Safer Communities		
Relevant outputs from LGA Peer Review – Housing Partners	HHASC	Director of Housing and Communities; Cllr Pavlovic Exec, Member for Housing Planning and Safer Communities	Suggested that relevant housing partners could be invited to report to the committee; specifics yet to be worked out.	
Update on Dentistry Provision	11/06/2025	Director of Public Health; Cllr Steels-Walshaw, Exec Member for Health, Wellbeing and ASC	<i>Suggested for briefing, date TBC</i>	
Changes to H&NY ICB	11/06/2025	Director of Public Health; Cllr Steels-Walshaw, Exec Member for Health,	<i>Suggested for briefing, municipal year 26-27</i>	

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		Wellbeing and ASC		
York Hungry Minds – Free School Meal Pilot Update	11/06/2025	Corporate Director of Children and Education, Assistant Director, Education and Skills Cllr Webb, Exec. Member for Children, Young People and Education	<i>Suggested for briefing, date TBC</i>	
Gardening Assistance	11/06/2025	Director of Housing and Communities; Cllr Pavlovic Exec, Member for Housing Planning and Safer Communities	<i>Suggested for briefing on assistance offered and closure of list.</i>	

Briefing session dates

- Thursday 21 October
- Thursday 4 December
- Thursday 26 February

- Thursday 16 April

Agreed Task and Finish Groups

Topic	Origin	Aims and objectives	Membership
Food Insecurity December 2025?	CCC, 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'	Cllr Knight Cllr Nelson
Preparing for proposed changes to long-term sickness and disability benefits February 2026?	Corporate Scrutiny Committee (CSC), formerly Corporate Services, Climate Change and Scrutiny Management Committee (CSCCSMC), following Council resolution 27/03/2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquire a detailed understanding of the scope of the proposed changes and the likely direct and indirect impacts • Establish the number of York residents likely to be affected by the changes if they are implemented as currently proposed • Identify what additional financial or other support 	Cllr Fenton Cllr Runciman Cllr Steward Cllr Coles Cllr J Burton <i>Meetings held 15 July 2025, 19 August 2025</i>

		<p>affected residents may seek to access from the council and partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify how affected residents can best be supported to access help, such as applying for other benefits for which they may be eligible • Establish whether capacity exists to meet a potential increase in demand for services or support <p>Make recommendations as to how the council and partners can most effectively allocate resources to support affected residents</p>	
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Possible Task and Finish Groups

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Home Care Commissioning	HHASC – agreed by the committee in March 2024 but work not yet underway.	To better understand the commissioning of home care in the city, including monitoring, performance, cost, difference within	Was previously: Cllrs Myers, Vassie, Baxter

		contracts, companies, how the council's policy and social value policy apply to the commissioning and what the Council's direction of travel, incorporating the Council Plan 2023-2027 will affect commissioning.	
Review and development of working arrangements with York Youth Council	11/06/2025		
Review of repair service satisfaction with a particular focus on responses from the Housing Annual Survey	11/06/2025		

People Scrutiny Committee remit:

- Develop & maintain close working with Corporate Parenting Board and York Schools & Academies Board and deliver complimentary agendas where appropriate;
- Children's Social Care
- The Virtual School for children in care
- Early Years and childcare
- School effectiveness and achievement, including school attendance and school safeguarding

- School services: School place planning and capital maintenance; School transport; Admissions; The School governance service and SENDIASS; Behaviour and attendance; Elective home education; Children missing education
- SEND services & Educational Psychology
- Skills, inc monitoring of York Skills Board; York Learning
- Neighbourhood Working, Community Centres
- People & Neighbourhoods Strategy & Policy
- Community Safety inc Safer York Partnership, Substance Misuse, Anti Social Behaviour
- Youth Services
- Voluntary Sector
- Digital inclusion strategy
- Develop & maintain close working with Health & Wellbeing Board in order to deliver complimentary agendas and avoid duplication; hold HWB board to account on HWB Strategy
- Public Health
- Maintain oversight of Health Services as appropriate to Scrutiny, including monitoring of the Integrated Care Strategy
- Consider any substantial changes to Health service provision within the local authority area
- Services for carers
- Adult Safeguarding
- Adult Social Care Provision
- Adult Social Care Community Teams
- Commissioning, Quality Improvement and Partnerships
- Early Intervention and Prevention
- Housing Revenue Account
- Housing Services
- Housing - Building Services, Repairs and maintenance, Standards and Adaptations

- Older People's Accommodation Programme
- Landlord services
- Homelessness and rough sleeping

In addition to the general powers and delegated authorities of Scrutiny Committees of the Council, the People Scrutiny Committee is also responsible for:

- a) the discharge of the health and scrutiny functions conferred on the Council by the Local Government Act 2000
- b) undertaking all of the Council's statutory functions in accordance with section 7 of the Health and Social Care Act 2001, NHS Reformed & Health Care Professional Act 2002, and section 244 of the National Health Service Act 2006 and associated regulations, including appointing members, from within the membership of the Committee, to any joint scrutiny committees with other local authorities, as directed under the National Health Service Act 2006.
- c) reviewing and scrutinising the impact of the services and policies of key partners on the health of the City's population
- d) reviewing arrangements made by the Council and local NHS bodies for public health within the City
- e) making reports and recommendations to the local NHS body or other local providers of services and to evaluate and review the effectiveness of its reports and recommendations
- f) delegating functions of scrutiny of health to another Local Authority Committee
- g) reporting to the Secretary of State of Health when:
 - i. concerned that consultation on substantial variation or development of service has been inadequate
 - ii. it considers that the proposals are not in the interests of the health service