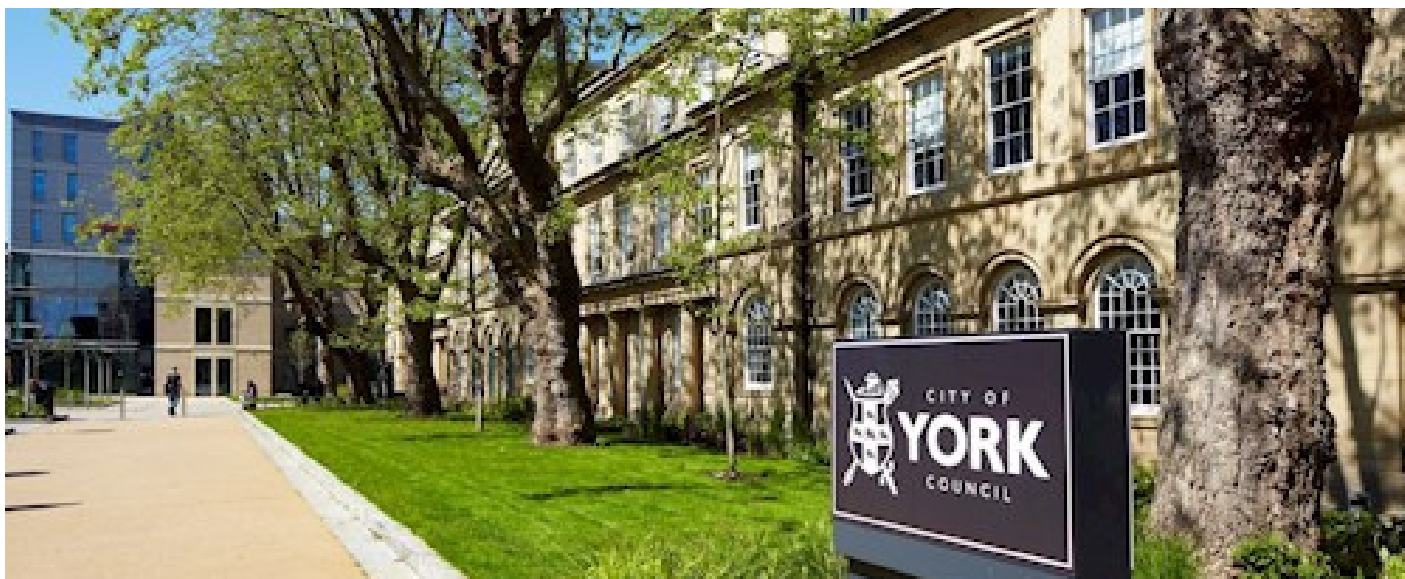


# NEWSLETTER

**For City of York Council Elected Members**



## Welcome to Your Vote Week

Welcome to Your Vote Week 2026 (9–15 March), led by the Electoral Commission, is an annual initiative encouraging young people to engage with democracy. This year, local organisers in York delivered activities to build awareness and confidence around voting. They visited Joseph Rowntree Sixth Form, where students took part in a mock polling exercise that highlighted the importance of voter registration and sparked strong interest and discussion.

They also met with York Youth Council, whose members emphasised the need for ongoing civic education, especially ahead of proposed legislation to extend voting rights to younger people. Overall, the week was a success, with positive engagement and plans to expand future activities.

**For the full article [click here](#)**



## Scrutiny Update

This section gives a fuller update on what the scrutiny committees at City of York Council have been working on in recent months, offering a longer and clearer picture of their activity.

It explains the main subjects members have explored, why these topics were chosen, and how they connect to everyday life for residents. The update describes the questions members have raised, any early thoughts that are beginning to form, and the steps committees are taking to build a deeper understanding of each issue.

It also looks ahead to the areas they plan to review next, setting out why these reviews matter and what the committees hope to learn. The aim is to help readers follow the journey of each piece of work, from the first discussion to the early findings, showing how the committees support open thinking and careful decision-making across the council.

This section will share the latest news from the scrutiny committees at City of York Council, highlighting recent discussions, upcoming reviews, and key areas members are focusing on.



## Executive Developments

This section outlines recent work by the executive team at City of York Council. It highlights important decisions, new proposals, and ongoing projects that influence services across the city.

The update also shares progress on long-term goals and areas the executive is currently exploring. Bringing all this information together helps readers follow the leadership's priorities and understand how their choices support residents.

# Operation Ford: Keeping Members Safety Paramount

## PC Steve Armitage provides vital insight

This section will shine a light on the latest member development training available through the members' portal. It brings together new learning opportunities that help members stay current, grow their confidence, and strengthen their everyday practice. Each update is created to be practical, engaging, and easy to use, allowing members to learn at a pace that suits them.

By gathering everything in one simple location, this section ensures that the most up-to-date learning is always within reach. Members can return as often as they like, confident that new resources will continue to be added.



## Dates for your diary

Here you'll find important upcoming dates for councillors, giving a quick overview of what's happening and when.

This will include upcoming training and meetings.

