
People Scrutiny Committee

8 September 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.
2. Following discussion at the previous Committee meeting, a draft task and finish proposal around Youth Participation is in development; it will be included as a supplementary annex to this report if ready.
3. Members will note that, with the agreement of the Chair and Vice-Chair, an additional Committee meeting has been scheduled for 26 October 2026 to facilitate pre-decision scrutiny of several items.

Background and Approach

4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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

8. 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

9. 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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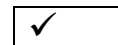
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Approved**



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Wards Affected:

All



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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