

## Annex A



### SCRUTINY TOPIC REGISTRATION FORM

Dear Reader

Scrutiny Members examine the decisions, policies and performance of the Council and make recommendations where they feel things could be improved for the citizens of York.

This non-Executive Member cross-party role was created by the Local Government Act 2000 which is all about modernising local government and creating better ways for citizens to be more involved in local decision making.

The scrutiny boards will consider possible suggestions about issues to look at from anyone, so long as these are not specific issues of an individual nature which should be taken up with a local Councillor or addressed through the Corporate Complaints system.

Scrutiny at York has already investigated things as diverse as the response to the 2000 floods, affordable housing, provision for young people in York, rail-side safety and street cleaning.

If you have a suggestion for something the scrutiny boards might consider, then please fill in this registration form and return it to us, either by post or by e-mail.

Madeleine Kirk

**Cllr Madeleine Kirk**  
**Chair, Scrutiny Management Committee**



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<p><b>SUGGESTED TITLE OF TOPIC</b></p> <p><b>Contract School Bus Service</b></p>	
<p><b>ABOUT YOU</b> Please fill in as many of the details as you are able to.</p>	
<p><b>Title (delete as applicable):</b> Mr Mrs Miss Ms</p> <p><b>Other please state</b> Cllr</p>	
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<p><b>Are You</b> (delete as applicable)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A Resident of York</b></li> <li>• <b>A Visitor</b></li> <li>• <b>A City of York Councillor</b></li> <li>• <b>A City of York Council Employee</b></li> <li>• <b>A Representative of a Voluntary Organisation or Charitable Trust</b> (if YES please tell us the organisations title and your relationship to the organisation below )</li> <li>• <b>Other</b> (please comment)</li> </ul>	<p>YES</p> <p>NO</p> <p>YES</p> <p>NO</p> <p>NO</p>

**ABOUT YOUR PROPOSED TOPIC**

Please write your responses to as many of the questions below as you are able to.

**WHY DO YOU THINK THIS TOPIC IS IMPORTANT?**

I understand that some pupils are transported to and from schools on contract buses that do not have seat belts.

In some local authority areas dedicated school buses are used for pupil school transport i.e. "yellow buses".

It should be a priority for this authority to ensure the safest possible transport for all pupils.

**DO YOU KNOW IF THIS TOPIC IS IMPORTANT TO OTHER PEOPLE? IF SO, WHO AND WHY?**

To pupils and parents.

**WHAT DO YOU THINK SCRUTINY OF THIS TOPIC MIGHT CHANGE, DO OR ACHIEVE?**

Provide safer transport to and from schools for pupils.

Improve the quality of school buses.

It could possibly change the form of contract currently negotiated by the council for the provision of bus services.

**DO YOU HAVE IDEAS ABOUT THE APPROACH SCRUTINY MEMBERS MIGHT TAKE TO YOUR SUGGESTED TOPIC?**

Approach other similar local authorities that have introduced dedicated "yellow buses" to obtain information regarding costs, safety features, staffing and pupil/parent response.

WOULD YOU BE HAPPY TO TALK TO SCRUTINY MEMBERS ABOUT YOUR PROPOSED TOPIC AT FORMAL MEETINGS?

Yes

PLEASE ENCLOSE ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS OR OTHER INFORMATION YOU FEEL MIGHT BE USEFUL BACKGROUND TO THE SUBMISSION OF THIS TOPIC FOR CONSIDERATION.

### OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

Thank you for proposing a new scrutiny topic. As Members of the Scrutiny Management Committee and Scrutiny Boards we promise the following things;

- To advise you of any meetings where a decision will be taken as to whether to progress your topic and invite you to attend
- If Members would like you to speak in support of your topic at such meetings you will be notified and supported through the process by a Scrutiny Officer
- If you do not wish to speak you do not have to; your choice will not influence fair consideration of your topic.

Please return this form to the address below or send it by email. If you want any more information about Scrutiny or submitting a new topic for consideration then please contact the Scrutiny Team.

**By Writing to:**

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**Or Email:** [Scrutiny.services@york.gov.uk](mailto:Scrutiny.services@york.gov.uk)

**Or Phone:** 01904 552038

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