

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

17 September 2024

Work Programme

Report of the Governance and Assurance Manager

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To consider the future work programme of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes the future work programme

3.0 Background

3.1 Following the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Order 2023 being laid before Parliament, the Combined Authority came into effect in December 2023. The Combined Authority at their inaugural meeting on 22 January 2024 approved the constitution which contained the governance arrangements around the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

3.2 The Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017 provides the legislative framework around Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

6.0 Equalities Implications

6.1 There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

7.0 Environmental Implications

7.1 There are no direct environmental implications arising from this report.

8.0 Combined Authority Areas Impacted (Council Areas/Wards/Divisions)

8.1 York and North Yorkshire Local Government areas.

9.0 Recommendations

9.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers the future work programme.

10.0 Reasons For Recommendations

10.1 In order to comply with the Combined Authority's statutory duties.

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Background papers

The Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017 - [The Combined Authorities \(Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees\) Order 2017 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

Scrutiny Protocol published on 22 November 2023 - [Scrutiny Protocol - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Appendices

Appendix A – Work Programme

Overview & Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

The Combined Authority's Overview & Scrutiny Committee has been established in accordance with the Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017 (as amended by the Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) (Amendment) Regulations 2024); and Schedule 5A to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

The combined authority's overview and scrutiny committee has power to:

- (a) review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the authority, or the discharge by the mayor of any general functions;
 - (b) to make reports or recommendations to the authority with respect to the discharge of any functions that are the responsibility of the authority, or to the mayor with respect to the discharge of any general functions;
 - (c) to make reports or recommendations to the authority or mayor on matters that affect the authority's area or the inhabitants of the area.
- Scrutiny of Policing and Fire matters are reserved to the Police, Fire and Crime Panel.

The terms of reference for the Overview & Scrutiny Committee can be found in the Authority's Constitution.

Meeting	Subject	Aims/Terms of Reference
Tuesday 17 September 2024	Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair	Must be an 'appropriate person' as defined by paragraph 3(4)(b) of Schedule 5A of the 2009 Act - a person who is not a member of a registered political party of which the mayor is a member.
	Mayor's Update	To hear about the work of the Mayor during his first 100 days and plans for the future.
	Adult Skills Fund	To provide an overview of the progress to date of the Adult Skills Fund.
	Scrutiny Procedure Rules Review	To consider MHCLG's Scrutiny Protocol, which sets out the

	Guidance and Protocol	arrangements of overview and scrutiny committees in all English institutions with devolved powers to carry out roles effectively, and MHCLG’s Statutory Scrutiny Guidance, which sets out to ensure combined authorities are aware of the purpose of overview and scrutiny, what effective scrutiny looks like, how to conduct it effectively and the benefits it can bring.
Wednesday 11 December 2024	Mayoral Investment Fund – Monitoring and Evaluation (TBC)	To evaluate the commitments of the Mayoral Investment Fund to date and lessons learnt for future funding opportunities.
	Corporate Plan (TBC)	To consider the Corporate Plan for the Combined Authority.
	Combined Authority Transport functions (TBC)	To understand the new powers for the Combined Authority around transport functions and its impact on the region.
	Call-In procedure	To consider ways to hold the Combined Authority to account.
Tuesday 11 March 2025	Trade and Investment	A focus on the work of the Combined Authority to lever in external investment and promote trade opportunities for York and North Yorkshire
	Sector Development	To explore the sector development expansion opportunities for the Combined Authority.
	Routemap to Carbon Negative Review (TBC)	To review the ‘Routemap to Carbon Negative’ and progress made against targets.
	Economic Growth Plan (TBC)	To study the Economic Growth Plan prior to submission to Central Government.
June 2025		

Items for consideration	<p><u>Combined Authority Matters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayoral Investment Fund – Monitoring and Evaluation • Mayor’s Question and Answer Session • Mayoral Investment Fund • Scrutiny Protocol • English Devolution Bill • Preparedness for Deeper Devolution
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	<p><u>Transport</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined Authority Transport Functions
	<p><u>Adult Skills</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Skills Fund - Readiness • Skills Boot Camps
	<p><u>Housing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brownfield Housing Fund • Combined Authority Housing Functions
	<p><u>Low Carbon and Net Zero</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routemap to Carbon Negative • Progress Update on Local Investment in Natural Capital project
	<p><u>Growth Hub</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Support in York and North Yorkshire • Circular Economy development • Analysis of Businesses in York and North Yorkshire