

SCRUTINY WORKPLAN 2026/27

FORWARD PLAN – MEETINGS

Meeting	Status	Agenda	Attendees
18 September 2026	<i>Formal</i>	1. Governance matters 2. “Region of Learning & Creativity” programme	<i>Cllr Sarah Courtney, Deputy Chair, Invmnt Board Cllr James Lewis, Deputy Mayor</i>
23 October 2026	<i>Formal</i>	1. Quarterly Performance (Q1)	Mayor Tracy Brabin
20 November 2026	<i>Formal</i>	2. Capital Programme Investment approach 3. Spatial Development Strategy 4. Bus Franchising (initial update) 5. Asset Condition Survey and Management Strategy (initial update)	TBC
11 December 2026	<i>Formal</i>	1. Draft Budget	Mayor Tracy Brabin
22 January 2027	<i>Formal</i>	1. Quarterly Performance (Q2) 2. Asset Condition Survey and Management Strategy (fuller update)	TBC
19 February 2027	<i>Formal</i>	1. Statutory scrutiny reforms	TBC
19 March 2027	<i>Formal</i>	1. Quarterly Performance (Q3)	TBC
16 July 2027	<i>Formal</i>	1. Quarterly (Q4) / End of Year Performance	TBC

TASK & FINISH (ACTIVE TASKS)

Task	Task + Scope	Timelines	Members
Bradford City Village	To scrutinise the approach taken to Phase 2 of the project and consider it as a case study in lessons learned for a “place making” regeneration approach via spotlight scrutiny and a site visit.	December 2026	Cllr B Felstead

SCRUTINY - ACTIVE TOPICS

Topic	Focus	Most recent scrutiny	Timelines
Bus Franchising	To scrutinise the intended “customer offer” and planned performance regime for operators awarded contracts to ensure positive outcomes for passengers.	Last scrutinised in private session by a working group; recommended focus was on customer impact and performance.	The next contract awards are expected by Nov 2026 , with customer offer and performance regime work progressed from there.
Mass Transit	To scrutinise the Strategic Outline Business Case and resultant workstreams on route planning, local consents and impact on residents and businesses.	Mass Transit was last scrutinised at the 13 March 2026 meeting with the Mayor taking questions.	Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) submission expected in late 2026 and decision in early 2027 .
Strategic planning	To pre-scrutinise development of the long-term regional Spatial Development Strategy (SDS) and how cross border issues and it takes into account housing, place-making and connectivity ambitions.	N/A	An initial update on progress and next steps of spatial development strategy can be provided in Nov 2026 .
Skills system	To scrutinise the “Region of Learning”, “West Yorkshire Promise”, “Local Skills Improvement Plan” (LSIP) strategies and programmes, the impact of possible further devolution of the skills system and funding.	N/A	A decision on the first group of “Region of Learning” projects is expected in Sept 2026 .
Capital Programme strategy	To pre-scrutinise the planned approach for the 2027-2032 phase of capital programme investment focusing on agile delivery and outcomes realisation linked to Local Transport Plan (March 2026).	Local Transport Plan was last scrutinised at the 24 Oct 2025 meeting with the Mayor taking questions.	A decision is expected in January 2027 and pre-scrutiny strategy by Nov 2026 .
Budget and business planning 2027/28	To pre-scrutinise the 2027/28 budget and business plans.	Budget last scrutinised at a private workshop in December 2025 and future resource readiness and integrated settlement funding at the 19 Sept 2025 meeting .	The draft budget is usually available for pre-scrutiny by December each year.

FOLLOW UP - PAST TASKS

Topic	Background	Current status + Next Steps	Tracker
Bradford Interchange closure (2024/25)	Conclusions submitted to CA Board arising from a Bradford Interchange closure and re-opening scrutiny workshop in October 2024 .	CA Board's report, Item 7 (31 Oct 2024) Asset Condition Survey, Asset Management Strategy and Asset Register workstreams – possibly available to consider in Nov 2026 .	Cllr B Felstead
Climate & Environment Plan (2024/25)	Conclusions submitted to Climate Committee in by a scrutiny working group	Climate Committee's response, Minute 7 (25 March 2025)	Cllr B Felstead
Mayoral soft power and partnership (2025/26)	Recommendations related to how the Mayor exercises soft power and partnership duties (arising from a Mayor's Questions item in May 2025 and debated further in Sept/Oct 2025).	Mayor's response (10 Sept 2025)	Cllr B Felstead
White Rose Station scheme (2025/26)	Lessons learned from scrutiny of the stalled White Rose Station scheme in September 2025 as they apply to other rail station schemes, in particular upcoming schemes.	CA Board's report, Item 6 (22 Jan 2026)	Cllr B Felstead
Governance and democracy (2025/26)	Governance recommendations (submitted to, and accepted by, CA Board in Oct 2026) – which arose out of a Call In of the School Travel Policy (on Aug 22nd 2025) .	CA Board's response, Minute 9 (16 Oct 2025)	Cllr B Felstead

SHORTLIST

Possible Topic	Possible Task + Scope	Timeline
Leeds Mayoral Development Zone and New Town	To scrutinise plans for Mayoral Development Zone in south Leeds, and link to government plans for a new Town there.	TBC