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SCRUTINY WORKPLAN 2026/27

FORWARD PLAN – MEETINGS

Meeting	Status	Agenda	Attendees
18 September 2026	*Formal*	1. Governance matters 2. "Region of Learning & Creativity" programme	*Cllr Sarah Courtney, Deputy Chair, Invmnt Bd* *Cllr James Lewis, Deputy Mayor*
23 October 2026	*Formal*	1. Devolution: "Rewiring the State" 2. Quarterly Performance (Q1) KPI + Budget	*Mayor Tracy Brabin*
20 November 2026	*Formal*	1. Capital Programme strategy 2027-2032 2. Spatial Development Strategy	*Cllr Sarah Courtney, Deputy Chair, Invmnt Bd*
11 December 2026	*Formal*	1. Budget 2027/28 2. Bus Franchising	*Mayor Tracy Brabin* *Cllr Eleanor Thomson, Deputy Chair, Weaver Bd*
22 January 2027	*Formal*	1. Quarterly Performance (Q2) 2. Mass Transit	*TBC*
19 February 2027	*Formal*	1. Statutory scrutiny reforms 2. *Other items TBC*	*TBC*
19 March 2027	*Formal*	1. Quarterly Performance (Q3) 2. *Other items TBC*	*TBC*
16 July 2027	*Formal*	1. Quarterly (Q4) / End of Year Performance 2. *Other items TBC*	*TBC*

TASK & FINISH (ACTIVE TASKS)

Task	Task + Scope	Timelines	Members
Bradford City Village	**Scrutinise** [via spotlight scrutiny and a site visit] Phase 2 of the project as a case study for a "place making" regeneration approach	December 2026 TBC	Cllr B Felstead Cllr S Choudry Cllr I Reed Cllr S Lee-Richards

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SCRUTINY - ACTIVE TOPICS

Topic	Focus	Most recent scrutiny	Timelines
Bus Franchising	**Scrutinise** intended "customer offer" and performance regime for contracted operators to ensure good service and passenger outcomes.	Last scrutinised in private session which recommended focus on customer impact.	Next contract awards due by **Nov 2026**; reports due to Weaver Board in **Dec 2026**.
Mass Transit	**Scrutinise** 1st Programme Business Case with focus on: impact on residents and businesses.	Mass Transit last scrutinised at 13 March 2026 meeting with Mayor.	Programme Business Case 1 (PBC1) expected in **Dec 2026** and PBC2 in **late 2027**.
Spatial Development Strategy	**Pre-scrutinise** development of Spatial Development Strategy (SDS) and how it addresses: Leeds MDZ, Leeds New Town, cross border issues, housing, place-making and connectivity.	Discussed with Mayor in context of devolution of planning powers at 23 Oct 2026 meeting.	An initial update and overview to CA Board in **late 2026**; awaiting government announcement.
Skills system	**Scrutinise** "Region of Learning", "WY Promise", and impact of further devolution of the skills system.	Last scrutinised at 18 Sept and 23 Oct meetings – Conclusions published.	Initial funding of "Region of Learning" projects in **Sept 2026**; Skills devolution announcements in **late 2026**.
Capital Programme strategy 2027-2032	**Pre-scrutinise** approach to 2027-2032 phase of capital programme investment (linked to Local Transport Plan, agreed in March 2026).	Local Transport Plan (LTP) last scrutinised at 24 Oct 2025 meeting with Mayor.	A decision is expected in **January 2027** and pre-scrutiny of strategy by **Nov 2026**.
Budget and business planning 2027/28	**Pre-scrutinise** 2027/28 budget and business plans.	Budget last scrutinised in private session in Dec 2025 and future resource readiness and integrated settlement funding at 19 Sept 2025 meeting.	The draft budget is usually available for pre-scrutiny by **December** each year.

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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
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