

Housing & Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committee Draft Work Programme 2026/27

Role and Remit: To scrutinise Housing and Leisure (including Culture)

Committee Meeting - Wednesday 10 June 2026 at 10am (Deadline for Papers: 29th May)	
Subject	Description
Leisure & Culture Performance	Performance Update – Richard Mair, Strategy & Performance Lead & Jo Ireland, AD Culture & Leisure
Active NY Pricing Review	Update on Review - Dave Ashbridge, Head of Operations, Active NY
Housing Strategy	Update on Council Strategy - Hannah Lawty, Senior Housing Strategy Officer
Homelessness & Rough Sleeping	Update on the implementation of the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2025-2030 - Kim Robertshaw, Head of Housing Needs
Housing Annual Review	Housing Performance & Service Improvement Annual Report, including annual complaints self-assessment and summary of tenant involvement – Andrew Rowe, AD Housing
Empty Homes Update	Update on survey findings - Andrew Rowe, AD Housing
Grounds Maintenance TG Review	Draft Final Report & Draft Policy - Presented by Task Group Members
Work Programme 2026-27	Work Programme 2026-27
Mid Cycle Briefing - Tuesday 29 July 2026 at 10am	
Committee Meeting - Tuesday 22 September 2026 at 10am (Deadline for Papers: 9th Sept)	
Subject	Description
Leisure Investment Strategy Update	Jo Ireland, AD Culture & Leisure
Libraries	Annual Review of Libraries – Hazel Smith, Head of Libraries
Asset Management Strategy	Update on progress against the Strategy’s measurable outcomes – AD for Housing
House Clearance & Decanting	Introductory paper on current Policy
Q1 Housing Improvements & Regulatory Update	Update on Housing Improvement Board key actions – AD Housing
Complaints	Dashboard summary of complaints handling including Ombudsman cases – Vicky Young, Service Improvement Manager
Work Programme 2026-27	
Mid Cycle Briefing - Wednesday 29 October 2026 at 10am	
Consideration of the Work Programme	

Committee Meeting - Monday 1 December 2026 at 10am (Deadline for Papers: 18th Nov)

Subject	Description
Leisure Service Performance Update	Performance and Service Improvement Bi-Annual Update – Richard Mair, Strategy & Performance Lead
Active Leisure	Update on implementation of new pricing structure for NYC’s Active Leisure facilities – Jo Ireland, AD for Culture & Leisure
Joint Venture	Post implementation update - Hannah Heinemann, Head of Housing Delivery & Partnerships
Q2 Housing Improvements & Regulatory Update	Update on Housing Improvement Board key actions – AD Housing
Complaints	Dashboard summary of complaints handling including Ombudsman cases – Vicky Young, Service Improvement Manager
Work Programme 2025-26	

Mid Cycle Briefing - Thursday 21 January 2027 at 10am

Committee Meeting - Tuesday 2 March 2027 at 10am (Deadline for Papers: 17th Feb)

Subject	Description
Strategic Leisure Review	Update on Review - Jo Ireland, AD Culture & Leisure
Cultural Strategy	Annual update on progress against the Cultural Strategy’s strategic priorities – Jo Ireland, AD Culture & Leisure
Q3 Housing Improvements & Regulatory Update	Update on Housing Improvement Board key actions – AD Housing
Complaints	Dashboard summary of complaints handling including Ombudsman cases – Vicky Young, Service Improvement Manager
Draft Work Programme 2026-27	

Mid Cycle Briefing - Friday 23 April 2027 at 10am

Possible future items:

- Hoarding Policy - Development of an inter-directorate policy to support the Council as landlord, providing clarity around the Housing Services process along with the support/interventions available through Social Care – potential joint TG Review with Care & Independence OSC.
- Service Charges TG Review
- Leisure Investment Strategy – Phase II

Relevant Performance Indicators:

Primary Indicator - CD11 Average re-let time in days (standard re-lets in month)

Homes are vacant for longer between tenants while energy efficiency and renovation works are carried out. A very small number of homes that had been unoccupied for some time are being brought back into use, which skews this measure upwards. Benchmarking across local authority landlords at the end of Q3 places North Yorkshire in the fourth quartile. Average re-let times increased from October (135.00 days) to December (142.07 days)

Benchmarking Data – 2024/25: Q2: 90.62 Q1: 73.52 2023/24 52.1 days 2022/23 51.9 days 2021/22 43.5 days

Primary Indicator - CD19 Households assessed as homeless per 1000 households

The proportion of households that were assessed and found to be homeless in Q3 was smaller than the previous quarter but above last year's Q3 level. 347 households were accepted as homeless between October and December 2024, down from 414 in Q2. The household total is based on the latest ONS projection, which estimates the number of households in each local authority area for a given year. (For 2024, this is 280,548.) This tends to exaggerate change between calendar years, i.e. between Q3 and Q4 each year. Regional and national data reporting lag: the latest comparison data show that in Q1 2024/25 North Yorkshire's rate was about two thirds of the mean for unitary authorities (2.00)