

Scrutiny Board (Infrastructure, Investment & Inclusive Growth)

Year End Summary: 2022/23



Scrutiny at Leeds City Council



Purpose

Scrutiny is nationally recognised as an integral part of the improvement landscape for local government and forms part of governance arrangements for councils and some other local statutory bodies.

Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference that are applied to all Scrutiny Boards are set out in Leeds City Council's Constitution. The variations in the Scrutiny Boards' remits, together with any special responsibilities, are captured within Article 6 of the Constitution.

Article 6 also sets out the Council's agreed 'Vision for Scrutiny'.

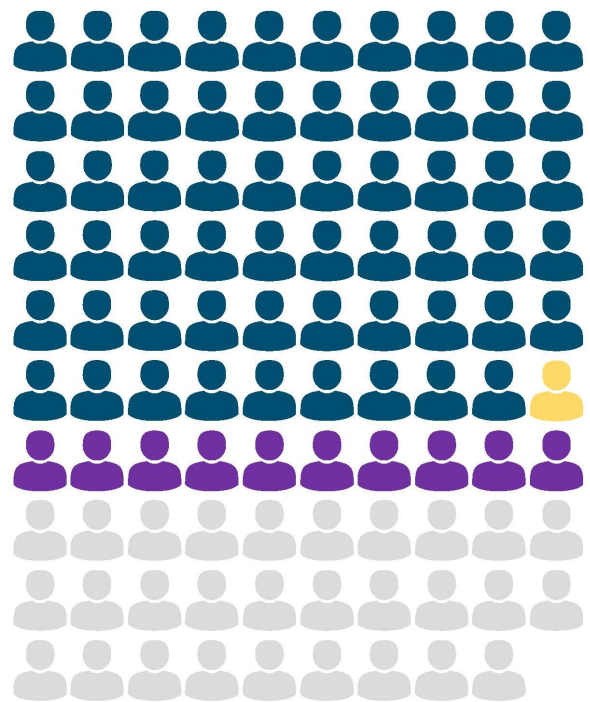
Transparency & Accountability

Scrutiny Boards usually meet in public, holding key decision makers to account, as well as providing 'critical friend' challenge and support for public service improvement and policy development.

Membership

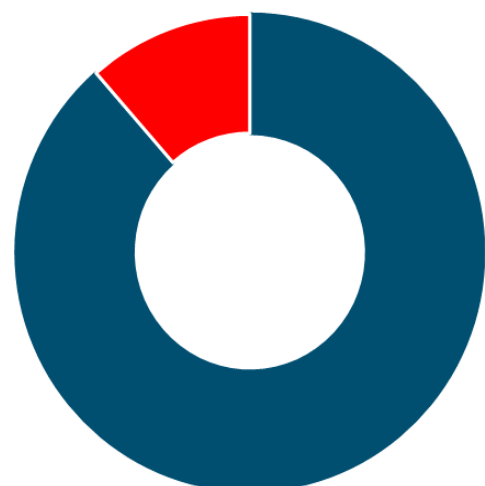
Membership of all Scrutiny Boards broadly reflects the political balance of the Council and cannot include members of the Council's Executive.

There is provision for Scrutiny Boards to appoint additional Co-opted Members.



Councillors who are members of a Scrutiny Board

Scrutiny Board Membership



■ LCC Councillor ■ Co-Opted

Infrastructure, Investment & Inclusive Growth Scrutiny Board 2022/23



Cllr Paul Alderson



Cllr Neil Buckley



Cllr Mike Foster



Cllr John Garvani



Cllr Sharon Hamilton



Cllr Arif Hussain



Cllr Wynn Kidger



Cllr Sandy Lay



Cllr Jessica Lennox



Cllr Mohammed Shahzad



Cllr Nicole Sharpe



Cllr Paul Truswell



Cllr Izaak Wilson

Infrastructure, Investment & Inclusive Growth Scrutiny Board: Focusing on development and infrastructure functions and services to monitor progress in relation to transport and planning, regeneration and housing growth. The Board will also oversee economic growth functions and services to monitor progress towards being a strong and compassionate city, promoting opportunities for access to learning, skills and employment for all.

Completed Work Schedule for the 2022/23 Municipal Year

Each Scrutiny Board schedules eight formal meetings throughout the course of a municipal year. The Local Government Act 1972 requires formal meetings to be held in person to enable members of the public to be admitted as observers wherever the meeting is being held. To further promote access and engagement, formal meetings are also webcast.

In addition, the Scrutiny Board may choose to carry out additional work using alternative methods including site visits, working groups and remote consultative meetings (consultative sessions do not constitute formal meetings but do enable public access via a webcast).

The completed work schedule of the Scrutiny Board (Infrastructure, Investment & Inclusive Growth) for the 2022/23 municipal year has been provided as part of this summary. This presents an overview of all meetings held throughout the year and the work items considered at each meeting. The work schedule also includes links to the agenda papers, minutes and webcast recordings of the Scrutiny Board's publicly accessible meetings.



Infrastructure, Investment & Inclusive Growth Scrutiny Board

Statement from the Chair



“The Covid-19 pandemic and cost of living crisis has sadly increased the persistent inequalities within Leeds. Our focus on including everyone in the growth of our great city has never been more vital.

There could be no better example of the value of Scrutiny than the success of the 100% Digital Leeds team. The Board’s initial enquiry in 2015 found the resources dedicated to digital inclusion were limited and marginal. Our recommendations pressed the case for greater resourcing. Today it is firmly embedded in the Council’s priorities, structure and funding. Moreover, the Council is recognised as a UK leader in the field. Board members can be rightly proud of their part in this journey.

In July we published our Inquiry into people killed and seriously injured on Leeds roads. Our recommendations were informed by the often harrowing evidence of campaigners. We agreed with them it should be treated as a major public health challenge, and welcomed the Council’s “Vision Zero” approach to tackling this.

The Board continued to challenge decision makers about how we ensure all our citizens can access good quality jobs. We welcomed our early involvement in exploring the opportunities of the Green Economy. We have continually asked how we can measure the impact of our inclusive growth strategy. The consequent development of the Social Progress Index should be a vital tool in this respect.

The Board continued its overview of transport challenges and the work of Connecting Leeds. Inadequate bus services have been a long-term concern. We engaged with local bus providers, Unite the Union and West Yorkshire Combined Authority on issues such as post-Covid recovery, bus patronage, fare structures, service cuts and changes, driver shortages. and real-time information.

Our annual focus on Housing Mix highlighted how much progress is still needed to ensure our city provides its citizens with homes in the right place, and of the right price, type and tenure, particularly in respect of affordable homes.

Besides revisiting its long-standing “obsessions,” the Board examined new areas of interest, such as the potential benefits of hydrogen compatible infrastructure.

We have fulfilled our responsibilities relating to the Budget and Policy Framework, regularly examined progress with the Local Plan Update and conducted our annual scrutiny of the Flood Risk Management Plan.

As a retiring Councillor, my nine years as Chair of this Board come to an end. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to contribute to our work, and to Board members for their excellent input into our deliberations.

Councillor Paul Truswell
Scrutiny Chair



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Work Schedule 2022/23

June	July	September	November
<u>Agenda for Wednesday 15 June 10.30am</u>	<u>Agenda for Wednesday 13 July 10.00 am.</u>	<u>Agenda for Wednesday 28 September 10.30am.</u>	<u>Agenda for Wednesday 2 November 10.30am</u>
Performance report Flood Risk (Kirkstall) – Request for Scrutiny Annual reports: Sources of Work Terms of Reference Co-opted members	Green Economy (Scoping - Inclusive Growth) IDS update including work previously badged as “Smart Cities” Prevention of Deaths and Serious Injury on our Roads – Inquiry Report Response	Future Talent Review LPTIP Closure report	Advancing Bus Service Provision
Additional Sessions			
		Affordable Housing Growth Partnership Action Plan 5 September 2022	

December	January	March	April
<u>Agenda for Thursday 8 December at 10.30am</u>	<u>Agenda for Wednesday 11 January 10.30 am.</u>	<u>Agenda for Wednesday 1 March at 10.30am</u>	<u>Agenda for Wednesday 5 April at 10.30am</u>
Hydrogen Compatible Infrastructure Local Plan Update 1	Performance Monitoring Best City Ambition Update Financial Health Monitoring Initial Budget Proposals	Inclusive Growth update Housing Mix Update Leeds Local Plan Update 2040: Initial Conclusions	100% Digital Leeds Flood Risk Management End of Year Summary Statement
Additional Sessions			
Budget Consultation 14 December 2022 Social Progress Index 14 December 2022			

More information about Leeds City Council's Scrutiny Service, along with the activity and membership of individual Scrutiny Boards, can be found on the Council's committee webpages.

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