Corporate Scrutiny Committee

Topic	Sub-topics/focuses	Date
Strategic focus and performance monitoring	- How is performance monitored – how does the process work? (Who monitors it? What data is collected and how is it presented?) - Logic and assumptions behind deciding the actual KPI/target/objective numbers; evidence based, need based, capacity based? Is it 'arbitrary'? - Focus on long term progression 'journey of delivery' for greater context – past KPIs, current, future. - What impact is the CA actually making? What 'levers' does it actually have? Is there proof of 'additionality'? - Strategic alignments: Region-first thinking, avoiding local parochialism; Levelling up within WY vs Leeds centricity (inclusion in KPIs and performance monitoring of it?); Competition between districts and in district priorities (especially in bidding)?	22 September 2023
Budget and resources (including staff capacity)	Budget and finances: - Usual budget monitoring and pre-scrutiny. - Gainshare spending + Gateway Review 2023/2024. - Reserves policy/level – Audit's view of risks and viability. - Corporate borrowing – possibility, rules, amount. - Revenue raising and additional sources of funding. - Use of past data to contextualise current budget against past budgets and future projected budgets. Staff capacity: - Does the organisation have the staff to deliver? Pressures between efficiency savings (e.g. vacancy management, lower pay awards in competitive market) and delivery capacity. - Recruitment and retention challenges in local government – what are the areas of concern, what can be done, where can the five authorities work together (e.g. pooling resources). - Progress and changes since the last staff survey analysis (and historic context).	24 November 2023 19 January 2024
Devolution	- Current status of promised powers that have not yet been devolved e.g. planning. (Autumn update?) - Future status (re trailblazer schemes in GMCA/WMCA) and more devolved funding model. - What powers are needed.	TBC

Decision making and governance.	- Governance rules and structure etc. - How are decisions made – from the origin point (inception) of an idea (or need) to policy/service development, to scrutiny/discussion, to decision, to monitoring delivery, to evaluation. - Role of members and level of control and influence over process. - Role of officers and internal decision-making structures – when do officers decide, when do members decide. - How each stage is communicated to stakeholders (members, public) and how they are involved. - The Assurance Framework and role of PAT in project decisions/management/scrutiny/evaluation etc. - Scrutiny system.	22 September 2023 – Assurance Framework and project decision-making TBC – other elements
Project: ICS	Update on progress since last year.	TBC
Project: Wellington House refurbishment	Post-project Evaluations report.	TBC
Project: MCA Digital Programme	Briefing on project and progress.	TBC
Project: Procurement and social value	Update from last year: methodology, risks, real value.	TBC