

Policy and Scrutiny Panel

Work programme November 2020

(to be updated following each Panel meeting)

The Panel will consider issues of significant public concern, areas of poor performance and areas where Members think the Council could provide better value for money. This is a “live” document and is subject to change as priorities or circumstances change.

SECTION ONE – ACTIVE & SCHEDULED panel Projects as identified in the overarching Strategic Work Plan. Projects are ranked in priority order - limited ideally to **TWO** “active” projects at any time within the current Municipal Year. Scheduled projects will commence as active projects are completed or if reprioritised as circumstances require

Topic	Reason for scrutiny	Method of scrutiny and reporting process	Timeline	Progress	Contact
Planning Policy Review: Homes for older and vulnerable people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting the Council’s Social Care “vision” of promoting wellbeing by better supporting independence for as long as possible. consider opportunities in the development of the local plan to better support the delivery of effective and sustainable social care provision in North Somerset 	Task & Finish Working Group – in liaison with SPEDR – to make recommendations to the Executive for incorporation within the draft Local Plan	TBA	Inaugural meeting to agree ToR and outline work plan and timeline held on 5 th October	
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SECTION TWO – proposed projects (listed in priority order). These must be agreed at Panel and will be referred for discussion at Chairs and Vice Chairs – for inclusion within the Strategic Work Plan:-

Topic	Reason for scrutiny	Proposed method of scrutiny and reporting process	Timeline	Contact
Retaining and enhancing the volunteer base generated by covid-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributing to the delivery of effective and sustainable social care services. • Protecting the most vulnerable people in our communities • Engaging and empowering communities 	TBA Discussions at Chairs/Vice chairs re possible cross-panel working group	TBA	

SECTION THREE – planned briefings, workshops, and informal Panel meetings. Outcomes may, with Chairman’s agreement, generate Panel agenda items (for inclusion in S4 below) or, with Panel agreement, escalation to S2 above:-

Topic	Reason for scrutiny	Date	Outcome	Progress	Contact
Housing issues Standing Group	To periodically engage with and provide Panel feedback to officers on emerging housing policies and/or service developments.	2 nd September and 14 th October	update to be provided under work plan at 25/10/20 Ash Panel		
Resilience of self-funded social care sectors	Initial briefing to consider the issue, risks of inaction, opportunities for intervention, and possible role of the Panel in further work	TBA			
Support for carers: a New Model?	Initial briefing to consider the issue, risks of inaction, opportunities for intervention and possible role of the Panel in further work	TBA			
Blue Badge Scheme: Assessment Process. Insight and overview	Further engagement to support Members in addressing concerns raised in the community	TBA			
Services for disabled people	To be further defined prior to scheduling session	TBA			
Briefing on Elm View Day Service	Briefing on withdrawal of the commissioned service		Agreement that a Commissioning Standing group be established	See below	
Commissioning Standing Group	To engage with and provide feedback to officers on future commissioning decisions	Arrangements in progress for 1 st meeting			

SECTION FOUR - agenda reports to the Panel meetings as agreed by the Chairman. This section primarily provides for the forward planning of agendas for the coming year and a useful record of panel meeting activity. When considering reports at meetings, outcomes may include proposing a workstream, escalating it to S2 above for potential inclusion on the STRATEGIC WORK PLAN.

Panel 1 (date)

Report Title	Purpose of Report	Outcome (actions)	Progress	Contact
Supporting Carers during Covid-19	Update on current situation and inviting Members engagement on solutions going forward			
Winter Plan Assurance & Service Continuity and Care Market Review: Self-Assessment by Councils	Update on current situation			

Panel 2 (date)

Panel 3 (date)

SECTION 5 - Recommendations - Response from Executive Member

Area for investigation/ Recommendations	When were the recommendations to the Executive agreed?	Expect answer by (first panel meeting after recommendations were submitted)

SECTION 6 - Progress and follow-up on implementing Panel recommendations

Panel Recommendation	Date of Response	Actions – implementation progress