

Policy and Scrutiny Panel

Work programme February 2022

(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.

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 	Working group established with a view to making recommendations on specific policies to SPEDR - as part of the wider Local Plan development engagement process	TBA	<p>Wkg Grp met on 5th October 2020, 9th December 2020 and 23rd Jan 2021</p> <p>Updated to the 25th Feb ASH under work plan</p> <p>Officers to report to Place Panel during Local Plan consultation (Date TBA)</p>	
Cladding and other fire safety issues in the district (following Grenfell outcomes)	Reference from Council: requesting Place Panel establish policy recommendations on a series of specific points raised	Joint working group led by Place Panel (PP&SP led) reporting back to Council	TBA	WG mtgs: last met 30/11/21 Building Safety Bill still progressing through parliament with some improvements. WG liaising with officers on local Homes England study progress and local funding	
Unpaid/ Carers review	National and local concerns about challenges faced by these carers, particularly during covid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To arrange a stakeholder Inquiry day (ED) In order to inform development of Council carers strategy 	Oct	Steering group – last met 14/01/22 to review Inquiry Day outcomes. 1 st Draft of the ID report now complete for Member feedback. Update to be provided to Council	

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 & reporting process	Timeline	Contact

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.	Last met 15/06/21			Kay Eccles, Howard Evans
Commissioning Standing Group	To engage with and provide feedback to officers on future commissioning decisions as and when required	Last met 09/02/22	Considered recommissioning of 2 extra-care housing schemes and award of day services contract		Gerald Hunt
Development of Housing Strategy	All Cllr pre-consultation briefing for Member feedback	19/01/22	Member briefing and feedback provided.	Post consultation engagement TBA	Kay Eccles
ASH Service “co-production”	For Member feedback	01/10/21	Members briefed on co-production principles		Mark Bodley
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			
Services for disabled people	To be further defined prior to scheduling session	TBA			

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 4th November 2021

Report Title	Purpose of Report	Outcome (actions)	Progress	Contact
Adult Social Care budget monitor Month 5				
Social Care reform announcement				
Mental health support pilot update				
Safeguarding Adults annual report				
Private Sector Housing update				
Winter pressures				

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Finance update				K.Sokol
Winter Pressures update				G Hunt
Commissioning update				G Hunt

Panel 7th July 2022

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