

Place Policy and Scrutiny Panel

Work programme July 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	Lead
Local Plan	To enable Member engagement with Local Plan (LP) development. Providing meaningful engagement with, and hence assurance around, the development of the Plan	<p>Informal SPEDR-led panel meetings (including the wider Council Membership as required)</p> <p>Meetings synchronised with key stages in the Local Plan development process</p> <p>To feed views and recommendations to officers and/or decision maker(s) at key stages</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27/01 Challenges and Choices: • 16/02 Preferred spatial Strategy • 13/05 Airport and Port • 11/10 Emerging allocation thinking <p>Draft Local Plan for consultation in late 2021</p>	<p>Preferred spatial strategy: reported to Exec on 28th April.</p> <p>Consultation on Draft Local Plan date 16/07/21, 16/08/21, 13/09/21, 11/10/21; Post-consultation meetings to be scheduled autumn 2022</p>	Michael Reep
Cladding and other fire safety issues in the district (following Grenfell outcomes)	Reference from Council: requesting Panel to establish policy recommendations on a series of specific points raised	<p>Joint Task and Finish group established with ASH Panel</p> <p>To report to a future meeting of the Council “in all urgency”.</p>	To report back to Council at the earliest opportunity	WG mtgs: 08/04/20; 30/11/21 Progress delayed due to passage of legislation. Further meeting tba	Howard Evans
Directorate Statement 2022/23	Members to engage with officers on development of the 2022/23 Directorate Statement	Task & Finish working group	TBA in early 2022		Emma Diakou/ Lucy Shomali

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 potential inclusion within the Strategic Work Plan:-

Topic	Reason for scrutiny	Proposed method of scrutiny and reporting process	Timeline	Lead

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	Lead
Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF)	Briefing	26/07/20	Agreed ongoing Panel engagement	Series of briefings	Tom Foster
Marine Lake	Briefing/engagement	20/04/21	Informal WG established	In progress Mtgs: 20/04/21 28/05/20	Gemma Dando
A38 MRN	Written briefing for feedback and response	02/06/21	Email dialogue with Members continuing	completed	Rebecca Kinnersley
National Bus strategy (Bus service improvement plan)	Place-led All Councillor briefing/engagement	16/06/21 07/10/21	Engagement with Members – Panel supported implementation of plan	Completed	Bella Fortune
Travel Plan SPD	Briefing/engagement	20/07/21	Members briefed – further briefing after public consultation	In progress	Lindsay Margerison
Parking Standards SPD	Briefing/engagement	08/09/21	Members engaged/briefed	completed	Jack Wyatt/James Wigmore
WECA briefing	To update/inform Members	11/10/21	Members briefed	completed	Weca
Article 4 (Heritage) directions	Briefing/engagement	27/09/21	Members briefed	completed	Cara MacMahon
Approval of the Neighbourhoods & Transport Capital Works Programme	Briefing/engagement	TBA (Jan/Dec)			Lindsay Margerison
Highways Service: future delivery model	Briefing/engagement	02/03/22; 01/07/22	Agreed ongoing Panel engagement	ongoing	Gemma Dando
Waste Scrutiny Steering Group	Updating and seeking feedback on the development of the waste strategy	10/11/21	Agreed ongoing Panel engagement	ongoing	Gemma Dando

SECTION FOUR - agenda reports to the Panel meetings as agreed by the Chairman. This section provides for the forward planning of agendas for the coming year and a record of recent panel meeting activity. Item outcomes may include proposing further work such as additional briefings or potential projects for inclusion on the STRATEGIC WORK PLAN (S2 above).

Informal Panel Meeting 24 November 2021

Report Title	Purpose of Report	Outcome (actions)
Rewilding and Great Lakes update	Update on existing projects	Panel feedback noted
Libraries Strategy update	Engage with Members on the direction for the delivery of library services in North Somerset between 2021 – 2031	
Local Plan update	To note the Local Plan progress to date and to make any recommendations to Executive Committee to help inform its consideration of the Preferred Options document.	Officers noted Panel feedback - further engagement with the Panel to be arranged to consider public feedback after the public consultation
Month 5 Budget Monitor	That the Panel to note and feedback on the current forecast against budget for the Place directorate	Panel feedback noted

Panel Meeting 10 March 2022

Transport update	Panel to consider and feedback on NSC Risk Register re bus service cuts and Transport Decarbonisation	Panel feedback noted
Weston Town Centre development sites	For Panel engagement/feedback	Panel feedback noted
Budget Monitor	That the Panel to note and feedback on the current forecast against budget for the Place directorate	Panel feedback noted

Panel Meeting 13 July 2022

Place Annual Directorate Statement 2022/23	That the Panel note the Place Annual Directorate Statement for 2022/23 and the commitments made both organisational wide and directorate wide for the year ahead.	
Development Programme Updates	To note the update on current development sites.	
Local Plan 2038 update following consultation on Preferred Options	To note the consultation response to the Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation, and to consider the main themes and issues to be addressed in the next stage of the Local Plan 2038.	

Transport Decarbonisation: Action Plan	To note and feed back on the Transport Decarbonisation Action Plan	
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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