

ASH Policy and Scrutiny Panel Work programme November 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
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	Executive Member feedback to Panel at November 2022 meeting.	

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 15/06/2	Lettings and Allocation Policy changes to November 2022 meeting		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 26/09/22	Considered extension of spot-purchasing and learning disability / mental health frameworks		Gerald Hunt, Teresa Stanley
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
Strategic Housing Enforcement Policy Update – briefing note	To engage on Policy development	N/A		Member responses fed back by 1 July.	Howard Evans
ASH All-Member briefing: Refugees in North Somerset	To brief all Members on the accommodations for refugees in North Somerset.	04/07/22	Members briefed		Hayley Verrico, Sheila Smith
ASH All-Member Care Reforms briefing	To brief all Members on care reforms	26/07/22	Members briefed		Hayley Verrico

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.

Report Title	Purpose of Report	Outcome (actions)	Progress	Contact
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Panel 7th July 2022

Adults Social Services Annual Directorate Statement	To update the Panel on the ADS, and to promote Panel engagement with the ADS.	ADS noted.		H. Verrico
Care Reforms	To update the Panel, and for the Panel to agree on how engagement with implementation should proceed.	Panel discussion of engagement with Care Reforms		H. Verrico
Finance Update	Budget monitoring	Report received		K. Sokol
Older People's Housing Needs Assessment	To update the Panel on demand for Older People's Housing over the next 30 years.	Panel updated		G. Hunt
Annual Adults Complaint report 2020-21	To update the Panel on complaints to Adults Social Services.	Panel updated		H. Verrico
Carers Inquiry Day Report	To endorse the findings and recommendations of the Carers Inquiry Day.	Panel agreed findings and made recommendations to Executive Member		B. Cross/ L.Taylor

Panel 3rd November 2022

Carers Inquiry Day Action Plan update	To update the Panel on the response to the Carers Enquiry Day report			Cllr Mike Bell
Changes to the Lettings and Allocation Policy	To update the Panel on changes to the policy after informal discussion on 14 July 2022			Kaycee McMahon

Cap on Care Costs	To update the Panel with ongoing preparations for the cap on care costs as part of the Adult Social Care Reforms			Abby Murphy
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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)
Recommendations from Carers Enquiry Day Report	7th July 2022	3 November 2022

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

Panel Recommendation	Date of Response	Actions – implementation progress