

ASH Policy and Scrutiny Panel Work programme February 2023

(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

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 15/06/22	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 11/01/23	Considered recommissioning of extra care at Waverley Court and Tamar Court	Members support recommissioning	Gerald Hunt, Kate Bolger
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
Cost of Care: Initial Outcomes	To brief Members on the findings from the Cost of Care exercise in North Somerset	3/11/22	Members briefed		Gerald Hunt
Joint ASH/ CYPs briefing: Recommissioning of Pizey	To brief Members on the recommissioning of the Pizey Road respite centre	28/11/22	Members briefed	Members support recommissioning	Alison Stone, Kate Williams, Teresa Stanley
Adult Care Provider Market Sustainability	To brief Members on the sustainability of the local adult care provider market	6/01/23	Members briefed		

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.	Executive Member's response noted; agreement that a Carer's Champion be appointed by Council		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.	Panel updated		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.	Panel updated		Abby Murphy
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Panel 23 February 2023

North Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2021-22	To update the Panel on the annual reporting of the NSSAB.			H. Verrico
Housing Stock Condition Survey Outcome	That the panel note the key findings from the stock condition report contained in the presentation received from the Building Research Establishment.			H. Evans
Reablement Achievements and Case Studies	To update Panel on the ongoing developments in these service developments.			G. Hunt
Asylum Seekers and Contingency Hotels update	That ASH members note the content of the report and accompanying presentation.			H. Verrico
Adult Social Care Discharge Fund	To update the Panel on the receipt and distribution of the Adult Social Care Discharge Grant.			G. Hunt
Adult Social Care Finance Update	Month 9 budget monitoring.			G. Booth

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

Appendix

Chair's recommendations for Panel priorities (in the new administration following local elections in May 2023) For Panel discussion/endorsement

Care Quality Commission inspection: ensuring that Adult Social Services are prepared and proactively working towards the key themes of the inspection.

- Working with people: assessing needs (including unpaid carers) supporting people to live healthier lives, prevention, wellbeing, information and advice.
- Providing support: markets (including commissioning) and partnership working.
- Ensuring safety: safeguarding, safe systems and continuity of care.
- Leadership and workforce: capable and compassionate leaders, learning improvement, innovation, experience of equalities.
- Infrastructure: programme management, communications.

Carers: agreeing the strategy for unpaid carers and developing the action plan to ensure that carers in NS have the information, guidance, advice and support required to support them in their caring responsibilities.

Asylum seeker programme: ensuring that the Council responds to the needs of people living in contingency asylum seeker hotels ensuring their dignity and human rights are maintained.

Digital technology and telecare: reablement, ensuring that our strategy is embedded in practice and residents are supported to maximise their independence and wellbeing.

Housing solutions: managing home choice applications, homelessness in the context of residents managing cost of living and inflationary pressures.

BCF/Discharge grant/D2A programme: having oversight of hospital discharge, the discharge grant and transformation plan in respect of discharge to assess.