

ASH Policy and Scrutiny Panel Work programme July 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.				Sarah Stillwell, Howard Evans

Commissioning Standing Group	To engage with and provide feedback to officers on future commissioning decisions as and when required				Gerald Hunt, Kate Bolger
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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 6th July 2023

Co-option of the Chairman of Healthwatch North Somerset	To co-opt the Chairman of Healthwatch North Somerset as a non-voting member of the Panel.			Brent Cross
Role, Remit and Work Plan of the ASH P&S Panel	To consider and agree the Panel's Work Plan.			Brent Cross
Care Quality Commission Assurance	To note the preparation for a future CQC assurance visit.			Michael Hennessey
Carers Strategy Update	To update on, and seek input into, the development of a proposed North Somerset Carer Strategy; to begin the process of identifying a Carers Champion			Kathryn Benjamin
Adult Social Care Year-end Finance Update	To note the final outturn for 2022/23 and the risks and opportunities associated with the medium-term financial position for the directorate.			Graham Booth

Panel 2nd November 2023

Panel 22 February 2024

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