

# ASH Policy and Scrutiny Work Programme November 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 – planned panel working groups.

Topic	Reason for scrutiny	Timeline	Progress	Contact
KPIs for Adults Social Services	To feed into upcoming CQC inspection	Report back to 21MAR24 Panel	First meeting early Dec.	Abby Murphy
Carers Strategy	To implement the ‘Think Carer’ agenda	Ongoing	TBC	Kathryn Benjamin
Affordable Housing	To look at NSC’s affordable housing provision	Ongoing, periodic feedback to Panel	TBC	Sarah Stillwell
Refugees in North Somerset	TBC			

## Section Two – 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, be escalated to S1 above:

Topic	Reason for scrutiny	Date	Outcome	Contact

**Section Three - agenda reports to the Panel meetings as agreed by the Chairman.** This section provides for the forward planning of agendas and a record of panel meeting activity.

### ASH 6 July 2023

Report Title	Purpose of Report	Outcome (actions)	Contact
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.	Healthwatch Chair rejoined ASH for new administration	Brent Cross
Role, Remit and Work Plan of the ASH P&S Panel	To consider and agree the Panel's Work Plan.	Working groups progressing	Brent Cross
Care Quality Commission Assurance	To note the preparation for a future CQC assurance visit.	Working group set up to look at KPIs for this; to return to March Panel.	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	Working group to look at Carers to be set up	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.	Panel discussed and noted report.	Graham Booth

### ASH 2 November 2023

Report Title	Purpose of Report	Outcome (actions)	Contact
Better Care Fund Plan 2023-25	To note the Better Care Fund Plan.		Gerald Hunt
Performance Report	Note the performance monitor for the 2023/24 financial year; endorse the service delivery achievements and the proposed actions to further improve performance; identify any areas for further investigation.		Abby Murphy
Housing Strategy Year 1 Review	Endorse proposed changes to North Somerset Council Housing strategy as part of the annual review.		Sarah Stillwell

Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Plan	Note and comment on the Annual Report.		Jo Purser, Teresa Bell
Adult Social Services Commissioning Strategy	ASH Panel to contribute, make comments on and endorse the Adult Social Services Commissioning Strategy.		Teresa Stanley, Gerald Hunt
Finance Update (as at month 5)	To note the current forecast spend against budget for 2023/24 and the risks and opportunities associated with the medium-term financial position for the directorate.		Graham Booth

### ASH 21 March 2024

Report Title	Purpose of Report	Outcome (actions)	Contact
Update on CQC inspection preparations	Update Members on preparations		
Transitions from Children to Adults Services	Update and inform Members about how transitions from Childrens to Adults Services are managed		

### Section Five - 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 Six - Progress and follow-up on implementing Panel recommendations

Panel Recommendation	Date of response	Actions – implementation progress