

# Transport, Climate and Communities Policy and Scrutiny Work Programme March 2024

(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 – topic focussed on-going scrutiny (eg task and finish work and steering groups)

Topic	Reason for scrutiny and approach (including reporting arrangements)	Progress and Outcomes	Contact
Waste	To engage with the development and delivery of waste policies and services. <b>Steering Group</b> established – periodic engagement meetings, reporting back to full Panel.	Steering Group met on 20/11/23 and 22/01/24 <b>20/11/23:</b> Members fed back/ received assurance on Garden Waste Charges increase; the waste engagement campaign (6000 properties with highest residual waste); implications of Govt proposals on “simpler recycling”; and an update on the Quatro trials. <b>22/01/24:</b> Members fed back/received assurance on 3-Weekly Residual Waste collection proposals and Essential works at the Weston Recycling Centre. Key points included: assurance on services for flats, more messaging needed around acceptable recyclates; and assurance on use of PSPOs in preventing collection obstructions	Gemma Dando
Community Safety	To engage with the promotion and delivery of Community Safety policies, services and related projects and services in NS <b>Steering Group</b> – periodic engagement meetings, reporting back to full Panel.	Steering Group met on 08/11/23 Members reviewed and fed back on a number of anti-social behaviour issues; the Anti-social behaviour Action Plan; Crime and Disorder performance’ and CCTV control room transformation. <b>Next Meeting TBC</b>	Howard Potheary
Highways and Transport	To engage with the development and delivery of Highways and Transport policies and services <b>Steering Group</b> – periodic engagement meetings, reporting back to full Panel.	Steering Group met on 12/10/23 fed back and received assurance on: Moving Traffic Enforcement performance; the Highways Programme, the Integrated Transport Scheme pipeline <b>Next meeting TBC</b>	Bella Fortune

Support Services Procurement	Scrutiny through 2-year transition to the new arrangements <b>Steering Group</b> to meet bi-monthly aligned with informal exec officer updates with wider member engagement in advance of milestone decisions	SG met on 15/12/23 (following all cllr briefing). SG received assurance on reference to supplier dependency for the April go live date and welcomed the inclusion of “investable social value opportunities”. Members emphasised need explain (in the report) reference to £120m headroom. <b>Next meeting TBC</b>	Simone Woolley
Budget/MTFP Scrutiny	To enable Members to feedback on Budget/MTFP proposals ahead of Executive consideration of draft Budget at 6 <sup>th</sup> December and 7 <sup>th</sup> February Executives	<b>TCC-led All Cllr Scrutiny Sessions on 01/12/23 and 29/01/24</b> <b>01/12/23:</b> Cllrs heard and fed back on the context and funding assumptions, the updated budget gap and proposals for savings. Agreed that an explanatory outline of Annual Govt Statement to be circulated to members. <b>29/01/24:</b> Cllrs reviewed changes to the budget and fed back on the updated budget gap; equality impact assessments; and proposed significant changes for deliver in 2024/25. Key discussion points included the extent of opportunity to propose changes given financial realities; how members could now practicably contribute ideas at this late stage (ie in the public consultation); and options for increasing the Council Tax base. Cllrs encouraged to participate in ongoing Scrutiny Panel sessions on specific MTFP proposals (eg joint TCC/CYPS session on home to school transport)	
Clevedon Seafront and Hill Road scheme Review	To review the extent Councils programme of work addresses Executive recommendations in respect of: Technical evidence and public and stakeholder concerns; Community support for implementation; Road safety; and to seek assurance on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrating value for money for scheme change and potential impacts on other council priority schemes</li> <li>• Transparency on engagement with Active Travel England and future relationships</li> </ul> <b>Task and Finish working group</b> To report findings to 13/03 Executive	Working Group met on 11 <sup>th</sup> January. Members heard and fed-back on delivery of the plan of works. Members were reassured by progress but sought further assurance that the Audit West assessment would be taken into account.  <b>Next meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	Lucy Shomali / Amy Webb

Weed Management	To review NSC weed management policy and practice together consideration of alternative approaches; and to engage with local stakeholders-with the aim of contributing to shaping future policy.	<b>Inquiry Day on 29/02/24</b> ID steering group established 08/11/23 to confirm ToR and meeting weekly to plan/deliver event.	Tess Skelly / Leo Taylor
Leisure strategy	To keep review and inform the direction of travel for the leisure provision business cases, especially Backwell/Nailsea. <b>Informal working group</b>	<b>TBA</b>	Karlie Philips

## Section Two – briefings, workshops, and other informal panel meetings.

Topic	Reason for scrutiny	Date	Progress and outcomes	Contact
BSIP capital delivery	Update on the capital programme	26/07/23		Bella Fortune
Anti-Social Behaviour Plan	Update on the new plan with particular reference to new guidance on littering and fly-tipping (new Govt Guidance)	28/07/23	Further updates on the Plan to be arranged	Howard Pothecary
Waste Contract	For Panel feedback: announcement of food waste treatment facility contract award and details of upcoming commissioning / procurement of new garden waste and residual top-up treatment facility contractors	01/08/23	Further update to be arranged for 20/11/23	Gemma Dando
Moving Traffic Violations	For panel engagement on proposal to Sept Executive on adopting Moving Traffic Enforcement Powers	08/08/23	Panel received assurance on staged implementation of enforcement and that each proposed enforcement scheme only in place until compliance level met	Darren Coffin-Smith
EV Fund Commissioning Plan	Panel feedback on commissioning plan for the delivery of electric vehicle charging infrastructure in NS	04/09/23	Panel received assurance on the sufficiency of Council control over standards compliance; ensuring siting in rural/economically deprived areas; and grid capacity	Christian Fletcher
Support Services Contract	To feedback on Support Services 2025 Commissioning Intentions prior to report to Council on 19 <sup>th</sup> September	07/09/23	Members provided feedback	Amy Webb/Stuart Anstead

Biodiversity Net Gain	For Members engagement on draft Biodiversity and Trees SPD prior to public consultation	13/09/23	Members provided feedback. Panel to be updated following the consultation period.	Esther Coffin-Smith/John Flannigan
Housing Infrastructure Fund	To receive updates and give Members' feedback on Housing Infrastructure Fund project progress	18/09/23 30/10/23 11/12/23 29/01/24	<b>Next meeting on 11/03/24</b>	Sam Byers, Alex Fear, Katie Park, Shannon Rickards
Support Services Strategy update	For Members' feedback on Customer Service Strategy action plan implementation; Digital First, telephone first and website usability; and customer access/touchdowns and Council hubs	03/10/23	Panel provided feedback and agreed a follow-up meeting to be arranged to address digital exclusion issues.	Simone Wooley
Capital Programme Risk Management	To update Members on Capital Programme risk management	05/10/23	Members provided feedback and received assurance.	Amy Webb
Leisure Contract extension	To engage with members on proposed Legacy Leisure contract extension ahead of Council decision	12/10/23	Members provided feedback – broadly supportive of proposal,	Karlie Philips
Home to School Transport	Joint briefing with CYPS to review the proposed policy update in the contexts of improving outcomes for young people and MTFP savings	08/02/24	Member fed back and received assurance/clarification on: the pilot programme for independent travel training; redesign and expanded availability of Personal Transport Budget; working with families to best determine travel needs; and review of HTST policies by standardising financial contributions for post 16yrs Next steps – <b>update in April date TBC</b>	Gemma Dando/Pip Hesketh

**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.

### TCC 30 November 2023

Report Title	Purpose of Report	Outcome (actions)	Contact
Rights of Way Improvement Plan	To consider progress made on the Rights of Way Improvement Plan with recommendation that progress be reviewed annually thereafter	Members sought and received assurance on aspects of the ROWIP. Panel to review delivery of ROWIP annually	Esther Coffin-Smith
Green Infrastructure Strategy	To review progress made on the Green Infrastructure Strategy Action plan and to review progress annually thereafter	Members sought and received assurance on aspects of the Strategy. Panel to review the GI Strategy annually	Esther Coffin-Smith
A38 Major Roads Network (MRN) Progress update	To update the Panel on progress	Members sought and received assurance on funding aspects of the scheme. Chair to meet officers to agree an approach to ensuring effective scrutiny of the project going forward	Jason Reading

### TCC 7 March 2024

Report Title	Purpose of Report	Outcome (actions)	Contact
<del>Clevedon Sea Front Scheme</del>	<del>To document scrutiny engagement to date, outline next steps and to consider scrutiny approach</del>	Deferred to June Panel	Lucy Shomali
Flood Risk in North Somerset	Follows concerns raised at at full Council in November about lack of routine maintenance by Environment Agency		Simon Bunn/John Flannigan
Climate Emergency Action Plan Progress and Adaption Strategy	To consider progress/feedback ahead of 4 <sup>th</sup> April report to Council		Victoria Barvenova/Jenny Ford
Road Maintenance	<del>resilience (including adaption to climate change) of the highway network going forward, cost pressures funding sources and opportunities around new contracts</del>	Deferred to informal session at close of 07/03/24 meeting.	Darren Coffin-Smith/ Nata sha Hardy

## TCC 27 June

Report Title	Purpose of Report	Outcome (actions)	Contact
DRIVE initiative (Domestic Abuse perpetrator programme)	Update Members on delivery phase of the project (review impact etc)		
Clevedon Seafront	To document scrutiny engagement to date, outline next steps and to consider scrutiny approach going forward		
BSIP	Update		
NSEC	Update on governance		

### 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