

# ASH 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 – planned panel working groups.

Topic	Reason for scrutiny and approach (including reporting arrangements)	Progress and Outcomes	Contact
KPIs for Adults Social Services	To feed into upcoming CQC inspection; Report back to 21MAR24 Panel with recommendations to the Director, Adults Services.	Met 12DEC23 and 15JAN24. Report to March Panel with recommendations arising from the two meetings.	Abby Murphy, Katie Lyddon
Carers Strategy	To implement the ‘Think Carer’ agenda	This will be revisited at March ASH meeting	Kathryn Benjamin
Affordable Housing	To look at NSC’s affordable housing provision	This to revert to being a steering group only meeting when required. The Housing Standards Inquiry Day group to be run separately.	Sarah Stillwell

## 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	Progress and Outcomes	Contact
Housing Standards Inquiry Day	to better understand what is needed locally to improve the standards of homes	20 June 2024		Sarah Stillwell; Hayley Verrico

**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 2 November 2023**

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>	<b>Outcome (actions)</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Better Care Fund Plan 2023-25	To note the Better Care Fund Plan.	Panel assurance received	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.	Panel feedback received, service delivery achievements endorsed.	Abby Murphy
Housing Strategy Year 1 Review	Endorse proposed changes to North Somerset Council Housing strategy as part of the annual review.	Changes endorsed	Sarah Stillwell
Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Plan	Note and comment on the Annual Report.	Feedback given	Jo Purser, Teresa Bell
Adult Social Services Commissioning Strategy	ASH Panel to contribute, make comments on and endorse the Adult Social Services Commissioning Strategy.	Feedback given, Strategy endorsed	Teressa 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.	Feedback given	Graham Booth

### **ASH 21 March 2024**

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>	<b>Outcome (actions)</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Alliance Homes Update	To update and receive feedback from the Panel on the activities of Alliance Homes.		Iain Lock, COO, Alliance Homes

Quality Assurance and Preparedness for Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection	To note the report and its contents as part of their preparation for a future assurance visit from CQC.		Kaite Lyddon
Report of the ASH Adult Social Care Performance Measures working group	That the Panel endorse the recommendations in the report; and that the recommendations be sent to the relevant Executive Members; and that the Key Performance Indicators listed in this report be collected and regularly shared with the Panel.		Dan Thomas
Healthwatch report: Time to think differently about Adult Social Care	That the Panel review and feedback on the Healthwatch Report "Time to Think Differently about adult social care".		Georgie Bigg
Adults Social Services and Housing Commissioning Intentions 2024-25	For the Panel to support the recommendations set out in the Full Council Decision report attached.		Teresa Stanley
Update on the management of 'Transitions' between Children's social care and adult social care	To update and receive feedback on the management of transitions between Children's and Adult social care		Martin Hawketts
Finance update (as at month 10)	That the panel notes 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 2 July 2024

Report Title	Purpose of Report	Outcome (actions)	Contact
<del>Transitions from Children to Adults Services</del>	Brought forward to 21 March 2024		Martin Hawketts
One year review of Carers Inquiry action plan			Kathryn Benjamin
Finance update			Graham Booth

**Section Five - Recommendations - Response from Executive Member**

<b>Area for investigation/ Recommendations</b>	<b>When were the recommendations to the Executive agreed?</b>	<b>Expect answer by (first panel meeting after recommendations were submitted)</b>
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**Section Six - Progress and follow-up on implementing Panel recommendations**

<b>Panel Recommendation</b>	<b>Date of response</b>	<b>Actions – implementation progress</b>
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