



Report of the Chair

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 16 March 2021

Scrutiny Performance Panel Progress Report

Purpose	The Committee is responsible for managing the overall work of scrutiny and its effectiveness. Performance Panel conveners will regularly provide a progress report, updating the Committee on headlines from their Panel's work and impact.
Content	This report focuses on the following Performance Panel: a) Joint Social Services
Councillors are being asked to	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure awareness and understanding of the work of the Panel• Consider its effectiveness and impact• Consider any issues arising and action required
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 There are six Performance Panels which have been established by the Committee. Whilst the work of Inquiry Panels leads to the production of a final report with conclusions and recommendations for Cabinet based on evidence gathered on a specific issue, the work of Performance Panels represent regular monitoring of, and challenge to, particular services / service areas.
- 1.2 Performance Panels are expected to have on-going correspondence with relevant cabinet / lead members in order to share views and recommendations, arising from monitoring activities, about the performance of services and service delivery.

1.3 The Committee is responsible for managing the overall work of scrutiny and its effectiveness. Performance Panels Conveners will therefore provide a regular progress report to the Committee to enable:

- a discussion on the work of each Panel, achievements, effectiveness and impact
- the Committee to consider any issues arising from Panel activities which may have an impact on the overall scrutiny work programme
- awareness amongst the Committee as well as visibility across the council and public.

1.4 This report is about the following Performance Panel:

- a) Joint Social Services – this updates on work carried out since the start of the municipal year.

Joint meetings of the Child & Family Services, and Adult Services Scrutiny Performance Panels have been convened over the past few months to reduce burden on the organisation at this time, focusing purely on the COVID-19 situation and impact. It is planned for individual meetings to resume from March.

To focus the discussion a short written report has been provided by the conveners, and is **attached**. This includes a summary of Panel activities, correspondence between the Panel and relevant Cabinet Members, recommendations and impact.

1.5 The Joint Social Services Panel has involved the following members:

Labour Councillors: 10

Cyril Anderson	Erika Kirchner
Mike Durke	Wendy Lewis
Mandy Evans	Hazel Morris
Joe Hale	Gloria Tanner
Yvonne Jardine	Des Thomas

Liberal Democrat/Independent Councillors: 5

Mike Day	Jeff Jones
Kevin Griffiths	Susan Jones (JOINT CONVENER)
Chris Holley	

Conservative Councillors: 1

Paxton Hood-Williams (JOINT CONVENER)	
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2. Legal Implications

2.1 There are no specific legal implications raised by this report.

3. Financial Implications

3.1 There are no specific financial implications raised by this report.

Background Papers: None

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Scrutiny Performance Panel – SPC Update