

Scrutiny Panels

The CfGS 4 Principles:

- Provides a ‘critical friend’ challenge to the executive – policy development, policy review and performance management.
- ‘Enables’ the voice and concerns of the public and its community to be heard.
- Independent and Member Driven.
- “Drives improvement” for the Local Authority.

We welcome proposals for scrutiny from Members, whether on the appropriate committee or not; outside bodies; and Charnwood residents.

This will be a living document, so as new ideas and proposals arise, they may take priority over proposals that have been on the list for a longer period.

Only 4 panels (Formal or Express) can be held at any one time, so timings will need to take account of this. Informal meetings will be conducted without Democratic Service officer time and can therefore be run concurrently.

Chair	Type	Topic	Scope	Terms of Reference	Timing
Cllr Ward	Formal	Waste Management and Recycling	To provide the Council with the technical information and necessary evidence base to aid future decision making on the waste management strategy.		November 2021 – May 2022
Cllr Brookes	Formal	Digitalisation and transformation of services	This panel will:		February 2022 – June 2022

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify which forms were most used throughout lock-down and whether more forms should be created to support our customers • Identify whether there is a need to create a personalised front-end login portal • If there is a need, would this be for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All customers - Council tenants only - Another key customer group • If a front end portal is required, what information should be displayed and how will this integrate with existing software. • Identify economies of scale and potential savings for the Council and/ or service. 		
TBC	Formal	Budget Scrutiny	To closely review all aspects of the proposed budget for the following year and to monitor the performance of the budget from the previous year.		Autumn (Sept – Jan annually)

Cllr Parton	Informal	Combatting Loneliness	<p>Undertake desk based and interviewing research to understand what the level of loneliness is in the Borough currently and in what age groups. Identify activities already undertaken by the council to combat loneliness. What can be done to promote these facilities with hard to reach groups?</p> <p>Identify specific actions that could be undertaken by CBC to combat loneliness that are not currently being undertaken. What actions/ discussions could we have with our partners to support this project?</p> <p>Investigation to identify how Parish Councils could become involved.</p>	<p>Seek residents' individual views through social media and press.</p> <p>Interview local charities and support groups. Interview Leicestershire County Council Adult Social Care representatives and CAMHs.</p>	January 2022 – May 2022
Cllr Popley	Informal	Promoting Tourism in Charnwood	Identify our key attractions to the area, both physical buildings and special events. What is CBC doing to promote and support these venues/	Approach and/ or interview peer councils to see what they do. Look at specific events around the country to see if	March/ April 2022

			<p>events? What else could be done? Do we have a unique selling point that we are not exploiting?</p> <p>How do people travel to the area? Where do they stay?</p> <p>What specific actions could CBC take to encourage more people to visit the area; spend more money on local businesses; and to stay for a longer period?</p> <p>Identify opportunities for tourism to recover post-pandemic.</p>	<p>they could be adapted for CBC, eg: Congleton Makers Market, or Stockton on Tees Comedy Festival.</p>	
Councillor Hamilton	TBC	Crime, ASB and Youth Crime	<p>Identify specific actions that CBC can undertake to support our key partners in preventing and tackling crime.</p> <p>Review of ASB currently planned within Council.</p>	<p>Interview outside bodies such as the police, probation service, youth groups, and charities to understand their work and what prevents/ hinders them from dealing with crime, ASB and youth crime promptly in our Borough.</p>	TBC

			Discussion required with officers to establish scope of review.		
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Express	Informal	Formal	Proposed