

# Policy Panel Meeting

**Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street,  
Colchester, CO1 1PJ**

**Wednesday, 24 May 2023 at 12:00**

**The Policy Panel** provides legislative, improvement and policy advice to Cabinet and Portfolio Holders on issues that may affect executive functions. The Panel considers issues at the request of Cabinet and Portfolio Holders and must seek approval from Cabinet on whether and how issues proactively identified by the Panel are examined. The Panel also considers initiatives for review from members of the public.

## Information for Members of the Public

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### Access

The main access to Charter Hall is suitable for wheelchair users. There is an induction loop in all the Charter Hall.

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Toilets are available. Attendees are advised to bring their own refreshments or to purchase them from the Leisure World café which will be open.

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## **Policy Panel – Terms of Reference**

- (1) To consider strategies, policies and legislative changes identified by Cabinet that may require review and improvement and to seek Cabinet's agreement as to whether and how they should be examined.
- (2) To review issues at the request of a Portfolio Holder and to make recommendations back to the Portfolio Holder for decision.

**COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Policy Panel**  
**Wednesday, 24 May 2023 at 12:00**

**The Policy Panel Members are:**

To be decided at the Annual Meeting on 24 May 2023

**The Policy Panel Substitute Members are:**

All members of the Council who are not members of the Panel.

**AGENDA**  
**THE LIST OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING**  
**(Part A - open to the public)**

**1 Election of Chairman**

To elect a Chairman for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

**2 Election of a Deputy Chairman**

To elect a Deputy Chairman for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

**Part B**  
**(not open to the public including the press)**