

Scrutiny Panel recommendations to Cabinet during 2022-23

Over the course of 2022-23, the Panel made a range of recommendations to Cabinet regarding the topics brought before the Panel for consideration. A constructive working relationship was pursued by the Scrutiny Panel, as a 'critical friend' regarding decision making. The majority of recommendations made by the Panel were fully accepted by Cabinet, on subjects which included the payment of Council Tax rebates [relating to the 'cost of living crisis'], bus services across the area, targets for affordable housing, the Council's Budget for 2023-24 and the Council's response to the Peer Challenge carried out during 2022-23. A slight amendment was made by Cabinet to the Panel's recommendation regarding the Hythe Task Force, to make a more general commitment to seeking ways in which the Council could support its work.