

# Policy Panel Meeting

**Grand Jury Room, Town Hall, High Street,  
Colchester, CO1 1PJ  
Wednesday, 03 August 2022 at 18:00**

**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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## **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, 03 August 2022 at 18:00**

**The Policy Panel Members are:**

Councillor Lesley Scott-Boutell  
Councillor Chris Pearson  
Councillor Kevin Bentley  
Councillor Phil Coleman  
Councillor John Jowers  
Councillor Jocelyn Law  
Councillor Rhys Smithson

Chairman  
Deputy Chairman

**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)**

**Please note that Agenda items 1 to 5 are normally dealt with briefly.**

**Live Broadcast**

Please follow this link to watch the meeting live on YouTube:

[\(107\) ColchesterCBC - YouTube](#)

**1 Welcome and Announcements**

The Chairman will welcome members of the public and Councillors to the meeting and remind those participating to mute their microphones when not talking. The Chairman will invite all Councillors and Officers participating in the meeting to introduce themselves.

**2 Substitutions**

Councillors will be asked to say if they are attending on behalf of a Committee member who is absent.

3 **Urgent Items**

The Chairman will announce if there is any item not on the published agenda which will be considered because it is urgent and will explain the reason for the urgency.

4 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the agenda about which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the item or participating in any vote upon the item, or any other pecuniary interest or non-pecuniary interest.

5 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Councillors will be invited to confirm that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2022 are a correct record.

**Policy Panel Minutes 15 June 2022**

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6 **Have Your Say!**

Members of the public may make representations to the meeting. This can be made either in person at the meeting or by joining the meeting remotely and addressing the Council via Zoom. Each representation may be no longer than three minutes. Members of the public wishing to address the Council remotely may register their wish to address the meeting by e-mailing [democratic.services@colchester.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@colchester.gov.uk) by 12.00 noon on the working day before the meeting date. In addition a written copy of the representation will need to be supplied for use in the event of unforeseen technical difficulties preventing participation at the meeting itself.

The Panel is particularly keen to hear suggestions from members of the public of items or policies in line with the Council's strategic priorities that the Panel could review.

There is no requirement to pre register for those attending the meeting in person.

7 **City Status - Meaning and Opportunities**

The Panel will receive a verbal update from Matt Sterling, Strategic Economic Growth Manager, Karen Turnbull, Economic Development Officer and Andrew Weavers, Monitoring Officer.

8 **New Voter ID Requirements**

The Panel will receive a verbal update from the Monitoring Officer.

9 **Work Programme 2022-23**

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The Panel will consider a report which sets out the Work Programme for 2022-2023 for the Policy Panel and gives the Panel an opportunity to consider if there are further subjects for which it may wish to request Cabinet approval for the Panel to consider in the 2022-23 municipal year.

10 **Exclusion of the Public (not Scrutiny or Executive)**

In accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the public, including the press, from the meeting so that any items containing exempt information (for example confidential personal, financial or legal advice), in Part B of this agenda (printed on yellow paper) can be decided. (Exempt information is defined in Section 100I and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972).

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