

**SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL**

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 25 JULY 2023**

**OUTCOME REPORT ON 2023/23 CHALLENGE PANELS**

**REPORT OF THE CHALLENGE PANEL CHAIRMEN AND VICE CHAIRMEN**

**PART A – SUMMARY REPORT**

**1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS**

- 1.1 South Staffordshire Council introduced the Challenge Panel model in 2013; this report provides an overview of the outcomes of the final round of Challenge Panels concluding in 2023.

**2. SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

POLICY/COMMUNITY IMPACT	Do these proposals contribute to specific Council Plan objectives?	
	Yes	The Challenge Panel Action Plans contribute to the overall progress of the Council Plan.
	Has an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) been completed?	
	No	The proposed decision is not considered to have any adverse implications and is considered to comply with the Council's equal opportunities and diversity policies.
SCRUTINY POWERS APPLICABLE	Report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
KEY DECISION	No	
TARGET COMPLETION/ DELIVERY DATE	N/A	
FINANCIAL IMPACT	No	Any financial implications arising from the recommendations of the Challenge Panels will be incorporated into individual budget proposals as appropriate.
LEGAL ISSUES	None	
OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES	None	
IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS	No	

**PART B – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**3. INFORMATION**

**3.1 Background**

The Challenge Panels report to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and this report seeks to provide a conclusion in respect of the work being undertaken by the three Challenge Panels that concluded earlier this year.

### 3.2 Challenge Panels 2022-23

The Your Community Challenge Panel looked at the Localities + model and the data and intelligence led approach to service design and delivery; this Panel had former Councillor B Spencer as Chairman and Councillor V Merrick as Vice-Chairman. The agreed outcomes arising from the work of this panel can be seen at Appendix 1.

The Your Council Challenge Panel looked at digital adoption from a member point of view including moving to paperless/paperlite from May 2023. Councillor P Davis was Chairman of the Panel with Councillor M Davies Vice-Chairman. The agreed outcomes from this panel can be seen at Appendix 2.

The Your Place Challenge Panel looked at pipeline project for future funding opportunities and the assessment criteria to be used for those projects. Councillor D Holmes was Chairman of this Panel. The agreed outcomes from this panel can be seen at Appendix 3.

#### 4. IMPACT ASSESSMENT – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Not applicable.

#### 5. PREVIOUS MINUTES

#### 6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

### **7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**7.1** To note the outcomes of the Challenge Panels.

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