

**MAIN AREAS OF PANEL QUESTIONS**

- 1. What was the preparation process before and after the Cabinet decision of 22<sup>nd</sup> July?**
- 2. To what extent can the impact be judged prior to taking a decision? And afterwards? In the short term and longer term.**
- 3. What are the aims and objective of the budgets that were affected by the in-year grant reductions?**
- 4. What was the in-year reduction in monetary terms and as % of original grant?**
- 5. How are funding streams affected by the removal of ring-fencing and how does that affect decisions made?**
- 6. How to deal with joint programmes with partnership organisations including eg matched funding?**
- 7. What has been done in implementing the changes so far? What is happening now?**
- 8. What have been the key issues in making the cuts? (challenges eg contractual; plus opportunities)**
- 9. To help understand potential impacts - how can the effects of the reductions be mitigated?**
- 10. How has EqIA work been considered? What groups or categories of groups were, or could be, affected? Views on how these in-year budget cuts could potentially impact on groups? Short-term and longer term.**
- 11. How to ensure groups in receipt of grants via different Council services and/or partner organisations are not disproportionately affected. i.e. linking cuts decisions within the Council and with partner organisations?**

