



Public Engagement and Consultation Panel

Key Messages.



Date of meeting: 5th September 2025.

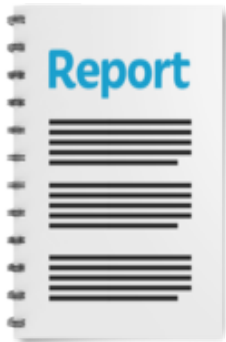


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The reports are presented to the Public Consultation and Engagement Panel (The Panel).

This is what was discussed at the meeting:



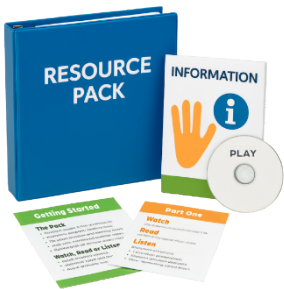
Transport Planning and Highways: 12-Month Review of the Consultation and Engagement Support pack.

Donna Gutteridge gave a presentation about how the Transport Planning and Highways Team involves people in their work.



They ask people for their views at every stage of a road project – from the first idea to when the work is finished.

The team made a Support Pack to help them plan how to talk to people.

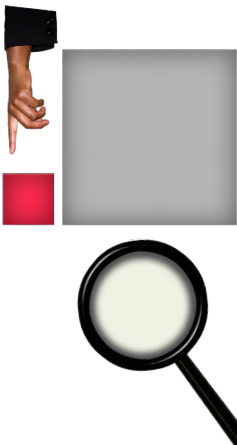


It helps them:

- Decide how to involve people.
- Choose who to talk to.
- Pick the best way to share information.
- Plan for communication.



The Support Pack was tested for 12 months and used in big and small projects.



They have looked at it and made some changes and will make more improvements soon.



They will run an online workshop and a lunchtime session to show staff how to use it.

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The Panel said:

- Thank you to Donna for the presentation.
- The Toolkit is a good example, and it should be shared with others in the team and across the Council.
- Jayne will send the presentation to the Consultation Panel members and ask for feedback.



Consultation on the Access Controls and Barriers Policy.

Edward Holden talked about a new plan for gates and barriers on paths in Sefton.

Some barriers stop people from getting through – like wheelchair users or people with prams.

The new plan follows national rules and wants to:

- Remove barriers that are not needed
- Make sure any barriers left are easy to use.



Sefton Council



Canal &
River Trust

Edward explained that some barriers belong to Sefton Council, and some belong to other groups like the Canal & River Trust.



There will be an 8-week consultation that will take place between 22nd September and the 17th November 2025.



People can take part:

- Online on Your Sefton Your Say.
- In person at the Inclusive and Accessible Streets Forum (a group who cares about safe streets and accessibility).
- By email.
- With paper copies in libraries.
- Using an easy-read version.
- By filling in a short survey.

The Panel said:



- Thank you for the report.
- The plan could help people get into parks, but we also need to listen to people worried about anti-social behaviour.
- That nurseries and schools might be interested too – so they can share the information with parents and carers of young children, who use prams and pushchairs.
- That people should be able to use green spaces, and we need to provide more education.
- It is great to see the Support Pack being used and offered contacts for more groups.



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Day Opportunities Update Report.

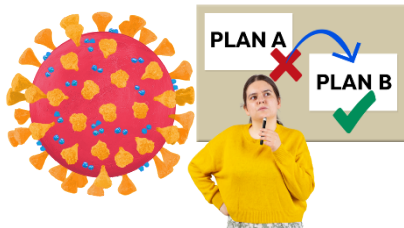


Rebecca Bond gave an update on day services for adults who need support:

This includes people with:



- Learning disabilities
- Autism
- Physical or sensory disabilities
- Dementia
- Mental health needs



In 2021/22, a consultation with people who used day services and their parents and carers showed that services needed to change after COVID-19.



Younger people want more flexible and personal support.

Since then, a long-term plan has been developed with help from:



- People who use the services
- Carers and families
- Community groups
- Key organisations



They've made good progress, but more work is needed to check that the feedback they received is still up to date.

They want to check if the feedback is still right.

They will do:



- An easy-read survey
- An online survey
- Focus groups

Rebecca also showed a draft of the survey.



The Panel said:

- Thank you for the report.
- To ask who is filling in the survey.
- Use a table-style question so people can say “yes” to some parts and “no” to others.



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Sefton Youth Voice Update.

Jayne Vincent gave an update on behalf of Georgia Ribbens.



Young Advisors Recruitment.

- They are looking for young people aged 15–22 (up to 25 with SEND).
- They must live or study in Sefton.
- The date to apply by is 17th September.





Health and Wellbeing Survey.

- Young Advisors are asking young people (11–25) about health and wellbeing.
- They have spoken to some groups and will speak to more.
- The survey closes on 8th September.



Travel Support.

- Young Advisors have consulted young people about travel support and have made a presentation about the responses.
- They will share it at a meeting with other groups.



The Panel thanked Jayne and Georgia for the report.



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Date of next meeting: 7th November 2025.