

Question Raised by	Question	Response from Cabinet Member
Cllr Mike Mackrory	6.1.1 refers to 2% inflationary uplift in pay 2023/24 – this would seem totally unrealistic in current circumstances?	<b><i>As this is a Partnership Agreement, not a conventional contract, we have agreed that the 23/24 financial uplift will be in line with the inflationary increase applied to ECC workforce which, at the time of the production of the report, was circa 2%. We know that the cost of living and inflation has continued to rise since then and remains volatile. As partners, we have committed to review other areas of efficiency to the budget, to bring the costs within the financial parameters outlined in the cabinet paper.</i></b>
Cllr Mike Mackrory	6.2.4 refers to governance arrangements will be refreshed – this is very vague as to how this service performance, on all fronts, will be scrutinised?	<b><i>In the new Partnership Agreement, we will be strengthening the Council's oversight on the delivery of our delegated statutory functions under the Care Act 2014 and Mental Health Act 1983. This will include building in direct reporting on the activity, quality and professional standards on the work carried out in EPUT to our Director of Safeguarding &amp; Quality Assurance and our Principal Social Worker for Adult Social Care. These relationships do not current exist within our governance.</i></b>