

## WORK PROGRAMME

### Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee 2019/20

This document sets out the work programme for the Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee for 2019/20.

The Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee is responsible for scrutinising: children and adults' safeguarding; community safety and Localism. The Council has three priority outcomes. This Committee is aligned to the outcome: The people of Staffordshire will feel safer, happier and more supported in and by their community.

We review our work programme at every meeting. Sometimes we change it - if something comes up during the year that we think we should investigate as a priority. Our work results in recommendations for the County Council and other organisations about how what they do can be improved, for the benefit of the people and communities of Staffordshire.

#### Councillor John Francis

Chairman of the Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee

If you would like to know more about our work programme, please get in touch with Tina Gould, Scrutiny and Support Manager on 01785 276148 or by emailing [tina.gould@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:tina.gould@staffordshire.gov.uk)

#### Membership – County Councillors 2019-20

John Francis (Chairman)  
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Ann Beech  
Mike Davies  
Syed Hussain  
Trevor Johnson  
Jason Jones  
Natasha Pullen  
Paul Snape  
Mike Worthington

#### Calendar of Committee Meetings - 2019-2020

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| 28 May 2019 at 10.00 am     |
| 9 July 2019 at 10.00 am     |
| 1 October 2019 at 10.00 am  |
| 7 November 2019 at 10.00 am |
| 13 January 2020 at 10.00 am |
| 2 March 2020 at 10.00 am    |
| 23 April 2020 at 10.00 am   |

Meetings usually take place in the Oak Room in County Buildings.

| Date of meeting         | Item   | Details   | Action/Outcome |
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| 28 May 2019<br>10.00 am | <b>Missing Children</b><br>Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton<br>Lead Officer: Mick Harrison & Liz Mellor                                   | At their 8 November 2018 meeting Members requested a report in 6 months' time to consider how the transition work has developed with Catch 22 delivering the Missing Children Services contract.  |                |
|                         | <b>Ofsted Inspection of Children's Services</b><br>Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton<br>Lead Officer: Helen Riley                          | Requested at the 22 January Select Committee meeting.<br>Presentation on the outcome of the inspection.   |                |
|                         | <b>Children's Improvement Plan</b><br>Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton<br>Lead Officer: Helen Riley                                       | The Improvement Plan is an outcome from the Ofsted Inspection.  |                |
|                         | <b>SSCB New Arrangements</b><br>Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton<br>Lead Officer: Helen Riley   | Presentation on the new arrangements from 1 April 2019.   |                |
|                         | <b>Work Programme Planning</b>   | The Select Committee will receive their work programme 2018-2019 which shows the work completed, outcomes and outstanding items. They will also receive a draft of their 2019-2020 work programme and plan their work going forward.  |                |
| 9 July 2019<br>10.00 am | <b>Adult Safeguarding Referrals – result of audit &amp; developments</b><br>Cabinet Member: Alan White<br>Lead Officer: Andrew Sharp | As part of their scrutiny of the Quarterly Performance data for adult safeguarding (at their 3 September meeting) the Select Committee requested a report on developments in improving consistency of recording, including the work undertaken both locally and regionally and the results of the audit on the underlying reasons for repeat referrals. |                |
|                         | <b>Vulnerable Adolescents Focused Visit</b><br>Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton ? Alan White<br>Lead Officer: Helen Riley                 | To update Members on progress with implementation of the Focused Visit Action Plan on the LA Arrangements for the Protection of Vulnerable Adolescents.   |                |
| 1 October 2019          | <b>Domestic Abuse</b><br>Cabinet Member: Gill  | Update on how the new contract is working.  |                |

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| 10.00 am                              | Heath<br>Lead Officer: Mick Harrison   |   |  |
|                                       | <b>Customer Feedback and Complaints Annual Report 2018-19 – Adults Social Care</b><br>Cabinet Member: Alan White<br>Officer: Kate Bullivant      |   |  |
|                                       | <b>Customer Feedback and Complaints Annual Report 2018-19 – Children’s Social Care</b><br>Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton<br>Officer: Kate Bullivant |   |  |
| 7 November 2019<br>10.00 am           | <b>Trading Standards, Rogue Traders &amp; Doorstep Crime</b><br>Cabinet Member: Gill Heath<br>Lead Officer: Trish Caldwell                       | At their 8 November meeting Members requested a further report in 12 months to update them on the work of the service.  |  |
| 13 January 2020<br>10.00 am           | <b>Early Help Family Support</b><br>Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton<br>Lead Officer: Barbara Hine  | At their meeting 11 December Members asked for details of progress made with early help and family support in 12 months to update them on progress made. Consider quality of family support, third sector services, BRFC and use of earned autonomy fund. | Vonni Gordon/Mick Harrison/Barbara Hine to discuss how to address this. (A report has recently been presented to FPEG that may be appropriate to cover this item. Author – Tilly Flanagan).  |
| Awaiting the final report of the APMG | <b>Stresses within mental health service</b><br>Cabinet Member: Alan White<br>Lead officer: Jo Sutherland  | Suggested at the 29 May Triangulation. To ensure duplication is avoided this work will be postponed until the report of the Innovation APMG has been published.   | 29 May Triangulation referred specifically to stresses within the adult mental health services rota. The Committee seeks reassurance that the Council can meet its statutory obligations under the Mental Health Act for individuals who suffer a mental health crisis that could lead to them being detailed under the MHA. |
| Post March 2019                       | <b>Mental Health North – Transfer</b><br>Cabinet Member: Alan White<br>Lead Officer: Jon Soros   | To consider the safeguarding implications of the Mental Health North transfer.  | Contact has been made with the service lead. The transfer has gone well and we are advised that this is no longer an issue. It is proposed that this item be removed from the agenda.  |
| tbc                                   | <b>Children’s Mental Health Strategy</b><br>Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton<br>Lead Officer: Mick Harrison/Liz Mellor                                | Suggested at the 11 December meeting – this has recently been part of an APMG   | Outcomes of APMG have been reported to Cabinet and Cabinet are reporting on actions recommended in report. Refer to HSSC   |

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| See Notes<br>July 2019 | <b>Alternative Education eg PRUs retitle Children not in full-time education</b><br>Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton/Philip White<br>Lead Officer: Vonni Gordon/Tim Moss | Suggested at the 11 December meeting – this is an issue currently within the remit of the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee  | Check that PRU's are included on Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee Work Programme. Discuss at next Prosperous Triangulation.<br>The concern of the Committee is around children who are not in education, either because they have been referred to a PRU and are on a part-time syllabus or who are receiving part time home tuition and may be vulnerable. Clive Cartman Frost (lead Vonni Gordon) is writing a Safeguarding in Education Policy that could be brought to the Committee in July 2019.<br>Re Children not in full-time education. The government has undertaken a national consultation. The government's response is awaited. Changes in regard to elective home education may result. |
| tbc                    | <b>Care Packages and Communication</b><br>Cabinet Member: Alan White<br>Lead Officer: Richard Harling/Jo Sutherland   | Requested at the 22 January meeting. Members wished to consider care packages and the speed at which they are put in place as well as any barriers in communication between the north and south of the county. | Refer to HSSC  |

### Standing Items 2019-20

| Item   | Details   | Action/Outcome                                 |
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| <b>Themes emerging from Serious Case Reviews</b><br>Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton<br>Lead Officer: Richard Hancock | Where Serious Case Reviews have taken place the Select Committee will consider any learning that can be taken from the Review   | Some areas picked up by the DHR review process |
| <b>MTFS Reforms and assessing the “no impact claims”</b>   | Suggested at the 29 May Triangulation meeting.<br>To scrutinise those areas of the MTFS that promise “no impact” from the changes made to assess if this was accurate and/or whether the identified mitigating action has been effective.<br><br>This is routinely scrutinised by Corporate Review, with that Committee referring specific issues to the appropriate Select Committee for further scrutiny as and when necessary. |  |

### Briefing Notes/Updates/Visits 2019-20

| Date | Item | Details | Action/Outcome |
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### Working Group and/or Inquiry Days 2019-20

| Date | Item  | Details   | Action/Outcome   |
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|      | <p><b>Transition &amp; Preparation for Adulthood</b><br/>                     Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton<br/>                     Lead Officer: Deborah Ramsdale</p> | <p>At their 22 January 2019 meeting Members requested this issue be included on their work programme – with consideration to be given to whether this should be considered by a working group.<br/>                     In particular they wanted to look at the transition between children’s and adult services, the gaps, those that remained vulnerable but under the Care Act did not meet the criteria to receive adult services and how to prepare individual’s to be resilient and prepare for as independent an adulthood as possible.</p> | <p>Deborah Ramsdale is working on adults transition, including transition clinics. TSU have undertaken a piece of work in this area. A Peer Review on Adults is due in October 2019. Proposed to stall working on this until post the Peer Review.</p> |

### Current & Related Work of Select Committees and/or All Party Working Groups 2019-20

| Timescale | Area of Work      | Details | Action/Outcome |
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|           | <b>Loneliness</b> |         |                |
|           | <b>Aspiration</b> |         |                |