

Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee

28 May 2019

Work Programme Planning

Recommendation

1. That the Select Committee considers their 2018-2019 closing work programme, any work to be carried forward to their new 2019-2020 work programme, and further areas of work they wish to include.

Report of Scrutiny and Support Officer

Summary

What is the Select Committee being asked to do and why?

2. At the end of the municipal year the closing work programme needs to be reviewed to consider what outstanding work needs to be included on the new year's programme.

3. Any areas of new work can also be considered for inclusion on the new work programme, with consideration also given to how these will be addressed.

Report

Background

6. Each municipal year Select Committees develop a new work programme. As work programmes are organic documents that change throughout the year, very often there will be areas of work outstanding at the close of each municipal year.

7. The Work Programme for 2018-2019 has a number of areas of work that are outstanding. Consideration needs to be given to whether this work is carried forward to the new work programme and how Members wish the work to be undertaken.

Work Programme Items

8. The 2018-2019 Work Programme is attached at Appendix A. This highlights all work completed, including actions/outcomes.

Items not yet considered are not highlighted and Members need to consider if they wish each of these to be carried forward onto their 2019-2020 work programme.

9. A draft work programme for 2019-2020 is attached at Appendix B. This includes the outstanding items from the 2018-2019 work programme.

10. Also listed on the 2019-2020 draft work programme are a number of items that were included on the previous work programme but are not within the remit of this Select Committee. It is therefore suggested that these are referred to the appropriate committee as listed below:

Referred to	Item	Details
Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee	Stresses within Mental Health Services	This item was added to the Work Programme following triangulation meeting in May. Concerns were expressed regarding stresses within the adult mental health services rota. Specifically the Committee wished to seek reassurances that the Council can meet its obligations under the Mental Health Act for individuals who suffer a mental health crisis that could lead to them being detained under the Mental Health Act. It is proposed to refer this matter to the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee.
Cabinet	Children's Mental Health	Concerns over the growth in children's mental health issues and that the current service provision cannot accommodate this. NB the recent APMG on children's mental health and wellbeing made a number of recommendations to Cabinet. It is therefore suggested that Cabinet will be best placed to pick up this area of work, avoiding possible duplication. We are awaiting confirmation to how the

		AMPG recommendations are being tracked. The Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee has considered the Children's Mental Health Strategy and is keeping this matter under review. It is proposed to remove this item from the Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee's Work Programme.
Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee	Alternative Education eg PRUs Suggested amendment to 'Children not in full-time education' – safeguarding implications. Clive Cartman Frost is writing an education policy on this that he could bring to Select Committee in July.	The government has recently published guidance on Children not in full-time education (The Timpson report). The impact on educational outcomes of children not in full-time education will be referred to Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee. Follow up of recommendations following the EHE Working Group will be added to both Committee's Work Programmes.
Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee	Care Packages and Communication	Adult care packages and the speed at which they are put in place as well as any barriers in communication between north and south of the county that make this process more difficult.

11. At the 22 January 2019 Select Committee an item was put forward for inclusion on the work programme around transition and preparation for adulthood. In particular Members wanted to look at:

- the transition between children's and adult services;
- the gaps that exist;
- those that remained vulnerable but under the Care Act did not meet the criteria to receive adult services; and
- how to enable individual's to be resilient and prepare them for as independent an adulthood as possible.

It was suggested that this work would be best undertaken as a working group. However on further investigation it was identified that the Transformation

Support Unit had already undertaken research in this area. Details will be shared with the Committee.

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Appendices/Background papers –

- Safe & Strong Communities Select Committee Work Programme 2018-2019
- Safe & Strong Communities Select Committee Draft Work Programme 2019-2020