

## 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)  
Bob Spencer (Vice Chairman)  
Ann Beech  
Ron Clarke  
Trevor Johnson  
Jason Jones  
Paul Snape  
Carolyn Trowbridge  
Mike Worthington

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

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.

## Work Programme 2019-20

Date of meeting	Item	Details	Action/Outcome
28 May 2019 10.00 am	<b>Missing Children</b> Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton 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.	Members requested the opportunity to see first hand the work that Catch 22 are commissioned to do and their internal audit systems.
	<b>Ofsted Inspection of Children's Services</b> Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Helen Riley	Requested at the 22 January Select Committee meeting. Presentation on the outcome of the inspection.	Members noted the outcome of the Ofsted Inspection and the focused visit. They considered the progress made on the Children and Families Improvement Plan which encompassed recommendations made from both visits.
	<b>Children's Improvement Plan</b> Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Helen Riley	The Improvement Plan is an outcome from the Ofsted Inspection of Children's Social Care Services (4.2.19-8.2.19) and the Focussed Visit to Staffordshire County Council Children's Services (protection of vulnerable adults) 26 6.18 and 27.6.18).	
	<b>SSCB New Arrangements</b> Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton 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.	A number of new items were suggested by members and will be included on the Work programme. Members also agreed the proposed referrals to other committees as set out in the report.
9 July 2019 10.00 am	<b>Adult Safeguarding Referrals – result of audit &amp; developments</b> Cabinet Member: Alan White 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.	
9 July 2019	<b>Children not in full-time education – Safeguarding in Education Policy</b> Cabinet Members: Mark	Issue proposed at 11 December meeting. Although Children not in full-time education is a matter for Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee, Members were concerned regarding	

	<b>Sutton/Philip White</b> <b>Officer: Tim Moss</b>	the safeguarding implications of children not in full-time education. Vonni Gordon proposed that Members may wish to consider the new Safeguarding in Education Policy. NB A national consultation has been undertaken and the government's response has recently been received.	
1 October 2019 10.00 am	<b>Domestic Abuse</b> Cabinet Member: Gill Heath Lead Officer: Mick Harrison	Update on how the new contract is working.	
	<b>Customer Feedback and Complaints Annual Report 2018-19 – Adults Social Care</b> Cabinet Member: Alan White Officer: Kate Bullivant		
	<b>Customer Feedback and Complaints Annual Report 2018-19 – Children's Social Care</b> Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Officer: Kate Bullivant		
7 November 2019 10.00 am	<b>Trading Standards, Rogue Traders &amp; Doorstep Crime</b> Cabinet Member: Gill Heath 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 10.00 am	<b>Early Help Family Support</b> Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton 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).
	<b>Stresses within mental health service</b> Cabinet Member: Alan White Lead officer: Jo Sutherland	Suggested at the 29 May Triangulation.	29 May Triangulation referred specifically to stresses within the adult mental health services rota. This matter has now been resolved.

	<b>Places of safety</b> <b>Cabinet Member: Alan White</b> <b>Lead Officer: Jo Sutherland</b>	Suggested at 29 May Triangulation.	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 detained under the MHA, specifically monitoring whether provision is adequate and comparing data from the Police Section 136 powers and whether prison cells are being used as places of safety.
tbc	<b>Care Packages and Communication</b> Cabinet Member: Alan White 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.	Referred to HSSC.
tbc	<b>Perceived rise in drug use by children in residential care</b> Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Deborah Ramsdale	At the 28 May Select Committee Members requested this item, specifically in relation to perception in Burton	
tbc	<b>Child Exploitation Strategy</b> Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Mick Harrison	Requested at their 28 May meeting in relation to the item on Missing Children and the work of Catch 22. Note – a visit has also been included on the work programme requested by members to see the work of Catch 22 and their internal audit systems.	
tbc	<b>Progress with the Children's Services Improvement Plan</b> Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: <b>Helen Riley</b>	Requested at their 28 May meeting – Members wish to see progress made with the Plan following their consideration at the May meeting.	

### Standing Items 2019-20

Item	Details	Action/Outcome
<b>Themes emerging from Serious Case Reviews</b> Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton 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. To scrutinise those areas of the MTFS that promise	

	<p>“no impact” from the changes made to assess if this was accurate and/or whether the identified mitigating action has been effective.</p> <p>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.</p>	
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### Briefing Notes/Updates/Visits 2019-20

Date	Item	Details	Action/Outcome
tbc	Catch 22	At their meeting of 28 May Members requested the opportunity to visit Catch 22 and see first hand the work they do and their internal audit systems.	

### Working Group and/or Inquiry Days 2019-20

Date	Item	Details	Action/Outcome
	<p><b>Transition &amp; Preparation for Adulthood</b>            Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton            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.</p> <p>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>	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.

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

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

