

## WORK PROGRAMME

### Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee 2017/18 – July 2017

This document sets out the work programme for the Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee for 2017/18. 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 2017-18**

John Francis (Chairman)  
Conor Wileman (Vice Chairman)  
Syed Hussain  
Trevor Johnson  
Jason Jones  
Natasha Pullen  
Kyle Robinson  
Paul Snape  
Victoria Wilson  
Mike Worthington

#### **Calendar of Committee Meetings 2017-2018**

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| 13 June 2017 at 2.00 p.m.      |
| 13 July 2017 at 10.00 a.m.     |
| 26 September 2017 at 2.00 p.m. |
| 9 November 2017 at 10.00 a.m.  |
| 11 December 2017 at 2.00 p.m.  |
| 15 January 2018 at 10.00 a.m.  |
| 5 March 2018 at 10.00 a.m.     |

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

## Work Programme 2017-18

| Date of meeting    | Item   | Link to Council's Commissioning Plans   | Details   | Action/Outcome   |
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| Tues 13 June 2017  | Introduction to S&SC SC  | Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities<br>Enable people to access the appropriate intervention at the right time.                                     | The Committee received a presentation which gave an overview of the remit of the Select Committee and highlighted some of the key issues going forward.     | As a result of the presentation and subsequent discussion on developing the work programme Members requested the following items be included on their work programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The West Midlands Peer Review of Adult Safeguarding</li> <li>• How to engage with hard to reach communities</li> <li>• Modern day slavery and domestic violence</li> <li>• CSE</li> </ul> |
| Thurs 13 July 2017 | <b>Children's &amp; Families System Transformation</b><br>Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton<br>Officer: Mick Harrison/Helen Riley          | Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities<br>Enable people to access the appropriate intervention at the right time.                                     | The Transformation programme for Children and Family Services has previously been considered by this Select Committee on 8 June, 8 July & 12 December 2016. | Due to meeting timings and restrictions during the recent elections it had not been possible on this occasion for the Select Committee to undertake pre-decision scrutiny, with this report being included on the 21 June 2017 Cabinet agenda. Comments and/or concerns raised were therefore reported to the 19 August Transformation Programme Board, with these then helping inform future working.   |
|                    | <b>Children, Young People &amp; Families Pilots</b><br>Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton<br>Officer: Mick Harrison/Janene Cox              | Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities<br>Enable people to access the appropriate intervention at the right time.                                     | The Pilots support the work of the Transformation Programme and were last considered by this Committee on 16 January 2017.                                  | Progress on the Pilots varied and Members requested that in their next 6 monthly report they receive details of which pilots will cease and how the success of the others will inform best practise across the County.   |
|                    | <b>Public Analyst &amp; Scientific Services Laboratory</b><br>Cabinet Member: Gill Heath<br>Officer: Trish Caldwell<br>[exempt item] | Well Run Council<br>Making the most of our Assets, Managing Change Well, Transforming Ourselves, Innovation in ICT, Continued Modernisation of HR, Outcome Based Performance Management | To inform the Select Committee of a review carried out into the operation of the in-house Public Analyst and Scientific Services laboratory.                | The Select Committee did not endorse the recommendations but asked the Cabinet Member for Communities to take their concerns to the 19 July Cabinet and ask for a deferment on the decision to close the service pending consideration of their concerns/alternative suggestions.  |

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| <b>Mon 26 Sept 2017</b> | <b>Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) in Staffordshire, to include progress against the CSAF Action Plan and information regarding Revenge Porn &amp; Sexting</b><br>Cabinet Member: Gill Heath<br><b>Officer:</b> Mick Harrison | <b>Resilient Communities</b><br>Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities<br>Enable people to access the appropriate intervention at the right time. | The Committee has requested a six monthly update on this issue. The Chair of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee at Stoke City Council has been invited to attend this meeting and this arrangement is reciprocated. |  |
|                         | <b>Cabinet Response: Preventing Low Level Neglect of Children in Staffordshire</b><br>Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton   | <b>Resilient Communities</b><br>Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities  | The Committee received an initial response to the recommendations contained within its Working Group report on Low Level Neglect on 6 March 2017. It was agreed to follow up outstanding actions in 6 months' time.                              |  |
|                         | <b>Community Safety Agreement</b><br>Cabinet Member: Gill Heath<br><b>Officer:</b> Mick Harrison  | <b>Resilient Communities</b><br>Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities.   | Select Committee response to the SCC Stronger Communities Strategy Group Draft Agreement and results of the Strategy Group's 13 September meeting.   |  |
| <b>Thurs 9 Nov 2017</b> | <b>Staffordshire &amp; Stoke-on-Trent Adult Safeguarding Partnership Board</b><br>Cabinet Member: Alan White<br>Independent Chair: John Wood  | <b>Resilient Communities</b><br>Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities  | This report is presented to the Select Committee on an annual basis.   |  |
|                         | <b>West Midlands Peer Review of Adult Safeguarding</b><br>Cabinet Member: Alan White<br><b>Officer:</b> Andrew Sharp  | <b>Resilient Communities</b><br>Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities  | This review took place in February 2017. Councillors Francis and Olszewski participated in this review. At the June meeting Members requested feedback on the review to a future meeting.  |  |
|                         | <b>Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards</b><br>Cabinet Member: Alan White<br><b>Officer:</b> Peter Hampton   | <b>Resilient Communities</b><br>Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities.   | At its meeting on 9 November 2016 Members were told that the anticipated backlog of referrals should be cleared by June/July 2017. The Committee should monitor and review this matter.  |  |
| <b>Mon 11 Dec 2017</b>  | <b>Customer Feedback &amp; Complaints, Adult Social Care Annual Report 16/17</b>  | <b>Well run Council</b>   | Adult's Services have a statutory obligation to submit an Annual Report on complaints and representations to the relevant County Council Committee.  |  |

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|                        | Cabinet Member: Alan White<br>Officer: Kate Bullivant   |   |   |  |
|                        | <b>Customer Feedback &amp; Complaints, Children's Social Care Annual Report 16/17</b><br>Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton<br>Officer: Kate Bullivant | <b>Well run Council</b>   | Children's Services have a statutory obligation to submit an Annual Report on complaints and representations to the relevant County Council Committee.  |  |
|                        | <b>Domestic Abuse</b><br>Cabinet Member: Gill Heath<br>Officer: Mick Harrison   | <b>Resilient Communities</b><br>Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities<br>Enable people to access the appropriate intervention at the right time. | Select Committee Members requested an item on this issue at their meeting of 13 June.   |  |
|                        | <b>Youth Offending service</b><br>Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton<br>Officer: Vonni Gordon  | <b>Well run Council</b>   | Consideration of the YOS Review   |  |
| <b>Mon 15 Jan 2018</b> | <b>Modern Slavery</b><br>Cabinet Member: Gill Heath<br>Officer: Mick Harrison and Becky Murphy  | <b>Resilient Communities</b><br>Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities<br>Enable people to access the appropriate intervention at the right time. | At the 12 December meeting Members requested a further report giving progress on the Task and Finish action plan following their January meeting. Following this meeting there was no significant developments to report and this item has therefore been deferred for consideration in the new municipal year.         |  |
|                        | <b>Children, Young People &amp; Families Pilots</b><br>Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton<br>Officer: Mick Harrison & Janene Cox                       | <b>Ensure effective</b> safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities<br>Enable people to access the appropriate intervention at the right time.                          | The Pilots support the work of the Transformation Programme and were last considered by this Committee on 13 July 2017. Progress on the Pilots varied and Members have requested that this report give details of which pilots will cease and how the success of the others will inform best practise across the County |  |
|                        | <b>Children's &amp; Families System Transformation</b><br>Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton<br>Officer: Mick Harrison/Helen Riley                     | <b>Ensure effective</b> safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities<br>Enable people to access the appropriate intervention at the right time.                          | The Transformation programme for Children and Family Services has previously been considered by this Select Committee on 8 June, 8 July & 12 December 2016 & 13 July 2017.  |  |

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| <b>Mon 5 March 2018</b> |   |  |  |  |
| <b>tbc</b>              | <b>Staffs Safeguarding Children's Board (SSCB) Annual Report 2016/17</b><br>Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton<br>Independent Chair: John Wood | <b>Resilient Communities</b><br>Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities | This report is presented to the Select Committee on an annual basis. |  |

### Briefing Notes/Updates/Visits 2017-18

| <b>Date</b>                              | <b>Item</b>  | <b>Link to Council's Commissioning Plans</b>   | <b>Details</b>  | <b>Action/Outcome</b>  |
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| 17 July, 10 August and 15 September 2017 | <b>Visit to the MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub)</b> | <b>Resilient Communities</b><br>Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities | Select Committee Members requested a visit to the MASH to see first hand the multi agency partnership working and the rationale for creating this facility. | The main visit took place on 10 August jointly with members of the Corporate Parenting Panel, with those unable to make 10 August visiting separately. |

### Working Group and/or Inquiry Days 2017-18

| <b>Date</b>                                | <b>Item</b>   | <b>Link to Council's Commissioning Plans</b>  | <b>Details</b>  | <b>Action/Outcome</b>  |
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| Monday 31 July 2017<br><br>9.30 – 11.00 am | <b>Community Safety Agreement – shared priorities</b><br>Cabinet Member: Gill Heath<br>Officer: Mick Harrison | <b>Resilient Communities</b><br>Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities.   | The SCC Stronger Communities Strategy Group (chaired by Gill Heath and including representation from District and Borough Councils) has produced a draft Community Safety Agreement Safe which sets out shared priorities. This will be agreed at their meeting of 13 September.<br>The Select Committee will consider the Draft Agreement at an informal review session, reporting their findings to both the Strategy Group on 13 September and the Select Committee on 26 September. | Findings from the informal meeting were agreed by Members and forwarded to Becky Murphy, Safer Communities Commissioning Officer, to share at the 13 September Strategy Group meeting. Feedback from the Strategy Group meeting will be shared with the Select Committee at their meeting of 26 September. |
| tbc  | <b>How to engage hard to reach communities</b><br>Cabinet Member: Gill Heath<br>Officer: Mick Harrison        | <b>Resilient Communities</b><br>Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities<br>Enable people to access the appropriate intervention at the right time. | Possible Review to identify hard to reach communities within Staffordshire and the most effective way of addressing the issues identified.  |  |
| tbc  | <b>Children's Centres – 3 years on</b><br>Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton   | <b>Resilient Communities</b><br>Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities<br>Enable people to access the   | Three years ago the Select Committee completed work to assess the role of the Children's Centre. Three years on the Select Committee will re-visit this work, visiting the Centres to assess the current  |  |

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|                         | Officer: Mick Harrison   | appropriate intervention at the right time.   | situation in comparison with the findings of the original working group report.   |   |
| <b>Monday 14 August</b> | <b>Local Business Case for Joint governance of Police and Fire &amp; Rescue in Staffordshire</b><br>PCC: Matthew Ellis | <b>Resilient Communities</b><br>Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities<br>Enable people to access the appropriate intervention at the right time. | The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has produced a business case proposing the joint governance of the Police and Fire and Rescue Services in Staffordshire. The consultation ends at the beginning of September. This informal session will be an opportunity for the Select Committee to consider the business case in detail and formally respond to the consultation. | The Select Committee's informal workshop session was held jointly with the Corporate Review Committee and the Police and Crime Panel. The findings from this scrutiny will be formally reported to a special meeting of the County Council on 31 August where they will agree the County Council's formal response to the PCC's consultation. |

### Current & Related Work of Select Committees and/or All Party Member Groups 2017-18

| <b>Timescale</b> | <b>Area of Work</b> | <b>Link to Council's Commissioning Plans</b> | <b>Details</b> | <b>Action/Outcome</b> |
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