

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

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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.

Date of meeting	Item	Details	Action/Outcome
28 May 2019 10.00 am	Missing Children/MISPERS 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.	
	Ofsted Children's Services focused visit Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Helen Riley	Requested at the 22 January Select Committee meeting.	
9 July 2019 10.00 am	Adult Safeguarding Referrals – result of audit & developments 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.	
	Vulnerable Adolescents Focused Visit Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Tony McGregor	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 10.00 am	Domestic Abuse Cabinet Member: Gill Heath Lead Officer: Mick Harrison	Update on how the new contract is working.	
7 November 2019 10.00 am	Trading Standards, Rogue Traders & Doorstep Crime 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	Early Help Family Support 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.	

Awaiting the final report of the APMG	Stresses within mental health service Cabinet Member: Lead officer:	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. Not a matter for Safe and Strong. Refer to HSSC
Post March 2019	Mental Health North – Transfer Cabinet Member: Alan White Lead Officer: Jon Soros	To consider the safeguarding implications of the Mental Health North transfer.	Detail of this proposal being checked.
tbc	Children’s Mental Health Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Vonni Gordon/Danny Mulligan	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. ? Leave to Cabinet.
tbc	Alternative Education eg PRUs Cabinet Member: Philip White Lead Officer	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.
tbc	Care Packages and Communication Cabinet Member: Lead Officer:	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
Themes emerging from Serious Case Reviews 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
MTFS Reforms and assessing the “no impact claims”	Suggested at the 29 May Triangulation meeting. 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. 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

Working Group and/or Inquiry Days 2019-20

Date	Item	Details	Action/Outcome
	Transition & Preparation for Adulthood Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Vonni Gordon	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. 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.	
29.3.19	SEND Working Group	Three representatives of the Committee will participate in a Working Group to consider the Joint local area SEND inspection in Staffordshire and draft action plan. First meeting to take place on 29.3.19.	

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

Timescale	Area of Work	Details	Action/Outcome
	Loneliness		
	Aspiration		