

Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee

Friday, 7 March 2014

2.00 pm

Oak Room, County Buildings, Stafford

John Tradewell
Director of Democracy, Law and Transformation
27 February 2014

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Report of the Scrutiny and Support Manager

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Presentation of the Cabinet Member, Economy and Infrastructure

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9. **Exclusion of the Public**

The Chairman to move:-

“That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business which involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Local Government Act 1972 indicated below”.

Part Two

(All reports in this section are exempt)

nil

Committee Membership

George Adamson	Geoff Martin
Ann Beech	Rev. Preb. M. Metcalf
Len Bloomer	Geoff Morrison
Maureen Compton	Neil Taylor
Mark Deaville	Martyn Tittley (Vice-Chairman)
Brian Edwards (Chairman)	Diane Todd
Deborah Kay	Ellen Wright
Rachel Kidd-Smithers	

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Minutes of the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee Meeting held on 12 February 2014

Present: Brian Edwards (Chairman)

Ann Beech
Maureen Compton
Mark Deaville

Geoff Martin
Geoff Morrison
Neil Taylor

Also in attendance: Mark Winnington (Cabinet Member for Economy and Infrastructure)

Apologies: George Adamson, Len Bloomer, Rachel Kidd-Smithers, Rev. Preb. M. Metcalf and Ellen Wright

PART ONE

39. Declarations of Interest

There were none on this occasion.

40. Minutes of the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee held on 24 January 2014

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee held on 24 January 2014 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman

41. Infrastructure+

The Committee considered the report of the Director for Place and Deputy Chief Executive that gave details of a decision due to be taken by Cabinet to select a partner to deliver services in relation to physical infrastructure.

The report highlighted the competitive dialogue approach that had been taken to develop the new outcome based contract approach rather than a traditional input output contract. It also included details of the reasons for taking this approach, the intended outcomes and services that were in scope. A detailed procurement process had been undertaken and AMEY LG Ltd had been selected as the preferred bidder and it was recommended that Cabinet agree to enter into a strategic partnership at its 19 March 2014 meeting.

The Cabinet Member for Economy and Infrastructure highlighted the innovative nature of the proposed strategic partnership, which had led to national interest in the process. He emphasised the importance of democratic input into the process and confirmed that one of the key drivers was improved feedback mechanisms for the public. The Head of Place Delivery Ventures outlined key points from the business case for the project, including:-

- The intention had been to move away from a traditional infrastructure based contract to improve outcomes for the public, within the context of financial challenges facing the authority whilst allowing for future growth and benefit.
- The ending of the current highway maintenance contract, had provided an opportunity to include additional linked services in the overall scope and internal work had been undertaken to identify appropriate services to include.
- He summarised key elements of the procurement process, including work to assess the value of the individual elements of the contract, not just the overall cost. This had included assessment of identified cost elements such as staffing and the preferred bid from Amey had key benefits in this area through the life of the contract.
- Other key benefits from the preferred bid included learning from work in other areas that would deliver efficiency as well as technical benefits including linkages with the Council's Customer Relationship Management system. The bid also identified growth areas, including the environmental specialists managing Cannock Chase and a proposal to locate a 'design hub' in Staffordshire for wider work.
- Details were given of engagement with staff and other key stakeholders, which had been vital in developing a sustainable vision for the future. There would some staff transferring to Amey as a result but overall accountability for delivery of functions would remain with the Council.
- Discussions were ongoing around the detail of governance arrangements, in particular an effective approach to managing the contract given its innovative nature.
- Key risks for the project were also highlighted, in particular reputational issues due to the high visibility of the services involved. Other risks included outcome delivery and financial considerations relating to pensions.

During the discussion, Members raised the following points.

- The importance of the strategic partnership delivering benefits for the public was emphasised. In particular, Members highlighted the need to improve feedback and demonstrate service improvements such as effectively linking repair work to avoid double jobs.
- Members asked specifically about the plans for the management of Cannock Chase and the Head of Place Delivery Ventures highlighted the desire of Amey to retain current expertise and potentially grow the service. In response to a further question, he confirmed that they had experience of similar work in other parts of the country. The Cabinet Member also highlighted the unique nature of the contract and Amey's desire to create a centre of excellence.
- It was noted that the governance arrangements for monitoring the contract were still under development. Members suggested that the Select Committee should play a role in this process. The Head of Place Delivery Ventures commented that performance management would take place at different levels and that specific measures were under development. The Cabinet Member highlighted scrutiny's role in clearly monitoring outcomes.
- Members queried the impact of the strategic partnership on the management of Shugborough. The Cabinet Member confirmed that the partnership would include grounds maintenance but there was the potential for further developments that he would be happy to discuss with the Committee.
- The Head of Place Delivery Ventures was asked if there were plans to review linkages with District and Borough Councils. He highlighted areas such as grass cutting where there was current and potential overlap. Such areas were always

open for review to ensure both value for the public and improved services where possible. In response to a further question, he confirmed that the district highways liaison role was valued and would be maintained.

- In response to questions about staff transferring, it was confirmed that some staff would 'TUPE' to the new organisation. This would be where Amey could demonstrate that there were benefits in doing so and, as such the Head of Place Delivery Ventures was not able to give specific details. The Cabinet Member commented on the potential benefits for staff in progressing within a wider organisation.

RESOLVED – That

- 1) The recommendations to Cabinet be endorsed in principle.
- 2) Cabinet be asked to consider including a role for scrutiny in the contract monitoring arrangements.

42. Work Programme

The Committee considered its work programme for the remainder of the municipal year. The Scrutiny and Support Manager commented on the number of items scheduled for the March and April meetings and confirmed that she was in discussions with relevant officer to determine the priority of individual items. She also confirmed that a request had been made to add an item on Household Waste Recycling centres and she was seeking further detail on this.

Members asked whether there would be value in undertaking further work on flood risk assessment and it was agreed that this would be added for consideration in the next municipal year along with the suggestion from the Cabinet Member in relation to Shugborough.

RESOLVED – That

- 1) Subject to further clarity on the timing and content from the Scrutiny and Support Manager, an item on Household Waste Recycling Centres be added to the work programme.
- 2) The work programme for the March and April 2014 meetings be confirmed by the Chairman following confirmation on the priority of individual items.
- 3) The recommendation of the Select Committee in regard to raising their concerns with Defra over the channelling of future flood risk funding be deferred until later in the year. This matter had been agreed in consultation with the Cabinet Member.

Chairman

Local Members' Interest
Affects Stafford Members

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7 March 2014**

**Petition – Proposed removal of the Library, Gallery and other facilities
from the Shire Hall and sale of the building**

Recommendation

1. That the Committee considers the evidence given by the Director for Place and Deputy Chief Executive in response to the Petition regarding the proposed removal of the Library, Gallery and other facilities from the Shire Hall and sale of the building, and decides what, if any, action to take in response.

Report of the Scrutiny and Support Manager

Summary

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

2. Under the Council's Petition Scheme (in Section 4 of the Council's Constitution), named Senior Officers are required to attend Scrutiny Committee meetings to give evidence about the issues raised by petitions with over 2,500 signatures. A petition with 2,915 signatures (made up of 1960 hand written signatures and 955 signatures on the e-petition) has been received about the proposed removal of the Library, Gallery and other facilities from the Shire Hall and sale of the building.
3. The Director for Place and Deputy Chief Executive is the Senior Officer named in the Petitions scheme who is responsible for the issues outlined in the petition and she has been invited to attend the meeting to respond to the issues it raises. Members have an opportunity to ask questions and will then have to decide what, if any, action to take in response.
4. The Committee may decide to make recommendations to Cabinet or Cabinet Members, conduct further scrutiny enquiries or take no action if no action is required. A copy of the Committee's findings will be sent to the petitions organiser following the meeting.

Report

Background

5. Chapter 2 of The Local Democracy, Economy Development and Construction Act 2009¹ required the County Council to adopt a petitions scheme setting out how it deals with petitions from local residents. Section 16 of the Act requires the Council to make provision within the scheme for named Senior Officers to attend Overview and Scrutiny Committees to give evidence in response to petitions with a specified number of signatures agreed by the Council
6. The County Council agreed its petition scheme at its meeting on 20 May 2010 and specified that the threshold for petitions requiring a Senior Officer to give evidence would be 2,500 signatures. The Petitions Scheme can be found attached to Section 4 – Citizens Rights of the Council's Constitution.
7. On 13 February 2014 Mrs M Compton submitted a petition with 2,915 signatures to the full Council meeting. The petition was organised by Mrs Compton and opposed the proposed removal of the Library, Gallery and other facilities from the Shire Hall and the sale of the building. The petition raises concerns about the impact of the proposal, stating that the Shire Hall, in its present form, is an essential part the Stafford's Cultural Quarter (the Public Library, Gallery, Theatre and William Salt Library). In addition the facility currently houses the Sensory Room which the petition highlights as an indispensable resource for children, especially those with Special Needs. The petition also raises concerns that the sale of the Shire Hall may lead to a use which is not appropriate to a building of such historic and cultural significance to the people of Stafford. As this petition met the criteria for a Senior Officer to attend a Select Committee meeting, once the number of signatures had been verified Mrs Compton was advised that arrangements would be made for the Director of Place and Deputy Chief Executive to attend a meeting in due course.
8. A timetable for dealing with the debate on the petition is attached (Appendix 1) giving the opportunity for the petition organiser and local Members to address the Committee and answer questions as well as the Director's own evidence.
9. When the Committee has concluded its discussions on the petition a copy of its deliberations and findings will be sent to Mrs Compton as the petition organisation setting out what further action, if any, will be taken.
10. **Link to Strategic Plan** – Responding to petitions and giving members of the public the opportunity to attend meetings to hold senior officers to account contributes to the priority of ensuring **Staffordshire's people are involved in shaping their quality of life**. The specific issues raised by the petition relate to the priority that **Staffordshire communities can access, enjoy and benefit from a range of learning, recreational and cultural activities**.
11. **Link to Other Overview and Scrutiny Activity** – The Committee may decide to undertake further scrutiny work on the issues raised by the petition.

¹ <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/20/contents>

12. **Equalities and Legal Implications** – The Committee will need to have regard to any equalities issues in deciding what action to take. Any action the Committee takes will have to be within their powers set out in the Council's constitution
13. **Resource and Value for Money Implications** – The Committee should have regard to the resource and value for money implications of any action they propose to take.
14. **Risk Implications** – The Committee should have regard to the risk implications of any action they propose to take.
15. **Climate Change Implications** – The Committee should have regard to the climate changes implications of any action they propose to take.
16. **Health Impact Assessment screening** – N/a

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Appendices/Background papers

County Council's Petition Scheme (Section 4 of the Constitution)

Timetable for dealing with petition for Senior Officers giving evidence at Select Committees

Process	People	Timings
Lead Petitioner and Local Member to address the Committee on the content of the petition	<i>Mrs Compton</i>	<i>10 minutes (+ questions)</i>
Senior Officer to give evidence and respond to questions from Committee Members	<i>Helen Riley, Director for Place and Deputy Chief Executive</i>	<i>10 minutes (+ questions)</i>
Committee deliberation and outcome (i.e. do they wish to make any recommendations to the Officer or to Cabinet)	Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee Members	

NB The Chairman may direct questions from Committee members to individual speakers during this process.

Local Members' Interest	
P. Atkins	East Staffordshire - Uttoxeter Rural
G. Morrison	East Staffordshire - Uttoxeter Town

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A50 Growth Corridor

Recommendation/s

1. That the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee consider proposals to improve the A50 in Uttoxeter, through the construction of two separate grade separated junctions and the removal of two at grade roundabouts.
2. That the Committee's views on these proposals are reported to the Cabinet at their meeting on 19 March 2014 for them to take into account in their consideration of this matter.

Report of Mark Winnington, Cabinet Member for Economy & Infrastructure

Summary

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

3. The purpose of this report is to update members on proposals to approve the A50 in Uttoxeter, and to seek the Committee's views before the Cabinet meeting on 19 March 2014.

Report

Background

4. Proposals to improve the A50 in Uttoxeter were announced by the Government as part of the National Infrastructure Plan and the Autumn Statement on 4 and 5 December 2013. The announcements do not provide any details or costings for the improvements, but do, significantly, highlight that the improvements must start no later than 2015-16.
5. These improvements are in response to existing congestion on the A50 in Uttoxeter and emerging proposals for residential and business growth in and around the town.

- (a) There is already significant congestion on the A50 in the centre of Uttoxeter, at the 'McDonalds' roundabout. The majority of traffic using this 'at grade' roundabout is through traffic (about 90%) travelling from the M6 in North Staffordshire to the M1 in the East Midlands. This conflicts with local traffic moving north to south across the A50, and business and visitor traffic travelling south into Uttoxeter and north to Rocester, Alton Towers and the Peak District.
- (b) A significant amount of new housing and job growth is planned for Uttoxeter. This will take place on sites already granted planning consent, sites allocated for development in the East Staffordshire Local Plan and potentially on other sites as well. Over the Local Plan period, up to 2031, this could include up to 1,800 new houses and up to 4,800 new jobs.
- (c) In addition, on 6 December 2013 JCB announced major expansion plans for several of their plants in and around Uttoxeter, which could create up to 2,500 jobs directly, and many more in the supply chain and through the multiplier effect. It is also relevant that engines and transmissions which are made in plants in Derbyshire and Wrexham, will need to be transported along the A50 for use in machine assembly on production lines in JCB factories in Uttoxeter, Rocester and Cheadle.

County Council Involvement

- 6. The A50 is a trunk road and is managed by the Highways Agency (HA), an executive agency of the DfT. The management of the A50 is sub-contracted by the HA to Connect Roads, a subsidiary of Balfour Beatty.
- 7. The County Council's role in delivering the two infrastructure projects, is therefore, subject to the agreement of the HA. It has been agreed with the HA that the County Council will be their 'delivery partner', responsible for all aspects of delivery.
- 8. The County Council's involvement will be set out in a number of legal agreements between the County Council and the HA. Broadly, these will give the County Council the authority and all the relevant permissions required to do works on the Trunk Road network, and govern all aspects of design, approvals, procurement, delivery and funding. The HA has indicated that it is prepared to enter into these agreements based, in part, on the success of the works carried out by the County Council at the i54 South Staffordshire site, and the excellent working relationship developed between the County Council and the HA.
- 9. The County Council will also have a role as Planning Authority, as the planning applications for the projects will be determined by the County Council.

Projects

10. The A50 Growth Corridor investment works will be delivered through two separate and discrete projects.
 - (a) Project A: Western Grade Separated Junction; The first project will include the construction of the completely new grade separated junction to the west of Uttoxeter. This junction will provide access to the proposed housing and employment site to the south of the A50, and the existing and new JCB factories to the north of the A50. Project A will require its own planning application and compulsory purchase order. It will also be delivered under a separate construction contract.
 - (b) Project B: Eastern Grade Separated Junction; The second project will be to reconfigure the existing Dove Way bridge over the A50, by converting it to a grade separated junction. This will involve constructing new roundabouts at each end of the existing bridge and slip roads down to the A50 carriageway.

It will also include closing the two 'at grade' roundabouts in Uttoxeter, in the centre of Uttoxeter, adjacent to 'McDonalds' and the roundabout to the east of Uttoxeter adjacent to the Premier Inn Hotel.
11. The two projects will be managed by an Executive Board supported by a Steering Group. The Board will include officers and political representatives from the County Council and East Staffordshire Borough Council, and officers from the Highways Agency and the Department for Business Innovation and Skills. The Board will meet bi-monthly. The project steering group will include a multi-disciplinary team of officers from the County Council, East Staffordshire Borough Council and the Highways Agency.

Planning

12. The projects will both require planning consent, which will be determined by the County Council under Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992.
13. An extensive public engagement and consultation exercise on the draft designs took place at the end of February, and the start of March, including public exhibitions in Uttoxeter. Feedback from the consultation exercise is currently being evaluated, and the designs reviewed in the light of these responses.
14. It is currently envisaged that a Planning Application for Project A will be submitted to the County Council in early April and will be determined by mid August 2014.

Land Acquisition

15. A key element of these projects, and one of the most significant risk factors, will be the need to acquire significant parcels of third party land, upon which to construct the highway works. (It will also be necessary to acquire rights over appropriate land, for example for drainage, rather than the full freehold interest). All the land ownerships in the area have been mapped, and all owners identified. Meetings are currently being held with key landowners. The District Valuer has been employed to undertake this work on behalf of the County Council.
16. The acquisition strategy is to 'twin track' the purchase of all the land needed;
 - (a) Firstly, to seek to acquire all the land and rights by negotiation and agreement. This is, invariably, quicker and easier, than seeking to acquire the land compulsorily.
 - (b) However, at the same time make Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs) covering all the lands to be acquired, under Part XII of the Highways Act 1980 and the Acquisition of Land Act 1981, to ensure that any land that cannot be acquired by agreement can be acquired compulsorily. This is particularly important where, as in the case of Project A, there is a tight timetable for delivery. It is anticipated that the CPO for Project A will be made in April 2014. The timetable for the CPO being approved is, to some degree, uncertain and depends on the extent of potential objections and the extent to which any objections can be resolved.
 - (c) Where businesses are affected by the CPOs assistance will be given to help identify sites for relocation.

Government advice on making CPOs is given by OPDM Circular 06/2004. The test the Secretary of State applies in deciding if a CPO should be confirmed is that of a "compelling case in the public interest". It is considered that this test is met for both of the proposed CPOs.

Finance

17. The costs of both Project A and Project B are still being calculated, but, it is anticipated that this may be in the region of about £40m-£50m. This will cover all the anticipated costs of civil engineering works, land acquisition, compensation, internal and external professional fees, and other incidental costs. It must be stressed that this is a broad estimate at this stage.
18. The majority of the costs will be met by the DfT, with a relatively small proportion being secured from local developers and employers.
19. The County Council is not making a financial contribution to the scheme, and will recover all appropriate costs. This principle will be incorporated into the funding agreements between the County Council and the DfT.

Procurement

20. There are a number of options for procurement of the civil engineering works. These are currently being discussed with the HA. These may include the new Infrastructure + company.

Supply Chain

21. In addition to the jobs created directly within JCB, it is expected that there will be at least the same number of jobs created in JCB's supply chain. JCB has indicated that any support that local partners can provide to companies in their supply chain to expand their business operations would be very welcome. Meetings have been held with JCB to take this forward. There may also be inward investment opportunities to attract some suppliers to Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.

Timetable

22. Project A: Western Junction. It is proposed to build this junction first, and to commission its construction as soon as planning consent has been obtained, the relevant third party land has been acquired and the necessary funding agreements have been entered into with the HA.
23. Project B: Eastern Junction. This junction will be built second, and will take significantly longer to commission than the western junction. The acquisition of third party land is likely to be relatively complicated and lengthy due to the number of parcels of land to be acquired, and the nature of the occupiers. Several residential and business premises are affected directly by these improvement works.
24. These proposals will support major job growth and housing development in the Uttoxeter area, and will contribute directly to the Council's strategic objective of creating prosperity.

Link to Strategic Plan

25. The proposed improvements to the A50 will help to facilitate major employment growth in and around Uttoxeter, and will contribute directly to the County Council's corporate priority where 'the people of Staffordshire will be able to access more good jobs and feel the benefits of economic growth'.

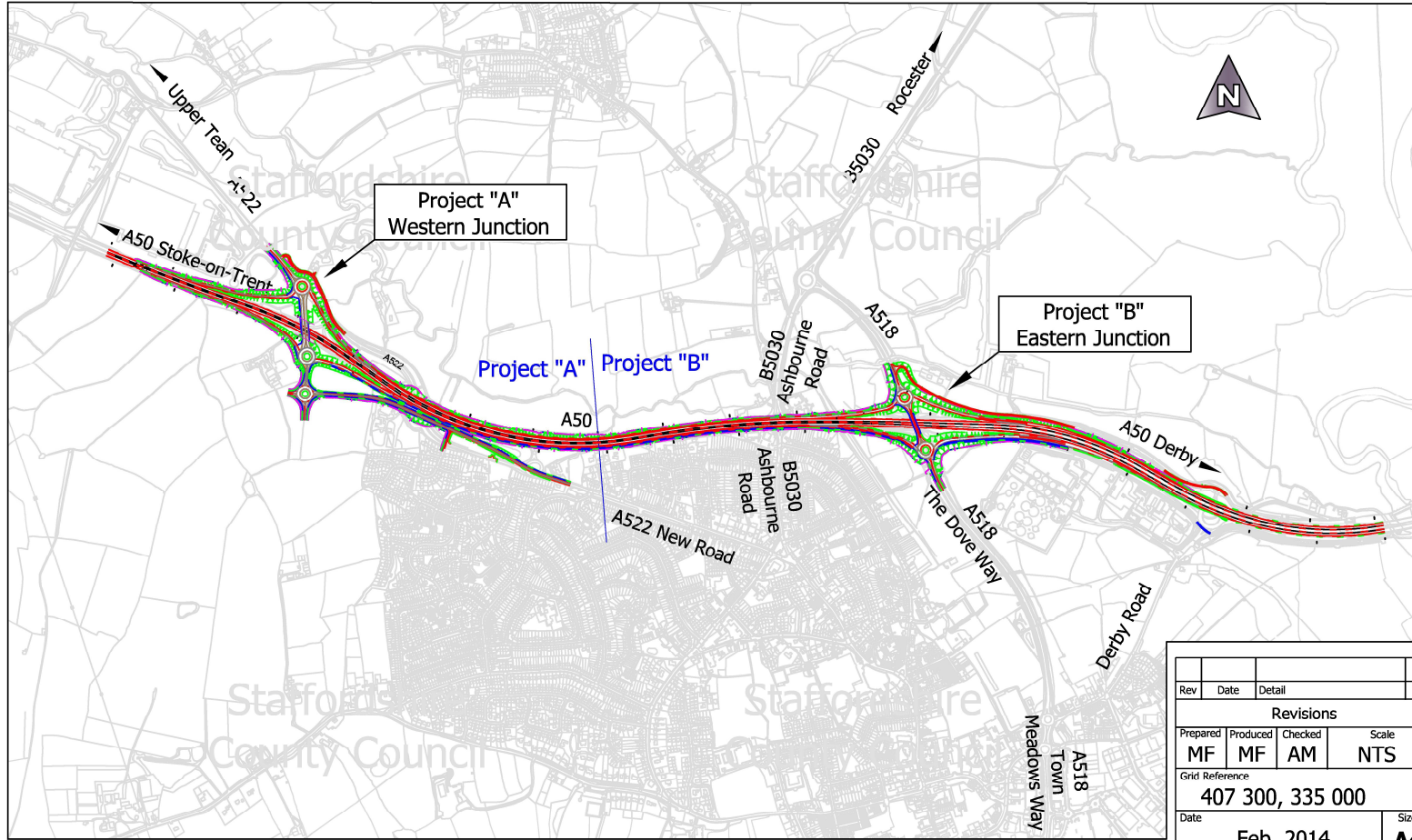
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Appendices/Background papers

None

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A50 Growth Corridor

Preferred Options
 Projects "A" & "B"

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Summary of Community Impact Assessment (including a Health Impact Assessment if applicable) for A50 Growth Corridor

	Impact Assessment	
SCC's Priority Outcomes & Impact Areas	Impact: (positive / neutral / negative)	Provide brief detail of impact
Prosperity, knowledge, skills, aspirations	Positive	Increased opportunity for employment at all ability levels.
Living safely	Positive	The proposals will improve road safety on the A50.
Supporting vulnerable people	Neutral	
Supporting healthier living	Neutral	
Highways and transport networks	Positive	The A50 projects will significantly improve the highway network in and around Uttoxeter.
Learning, education and culture	Positive	The considerable number of new jobs available will provide in work learning and development opportunities for many more local people.
Children and young people	Positive	The considerable number of new jobs available will provide many new opportunities for young people. It will help to raise aspirations, and provide direction for young people's learning, development and career choices.
Citizens and decision making, improved community involvement	Neutral	
Physical environment including climate change	Neutral	
Maximisation of use of community property portfolio	Neutral	

Equalities Impact	Impact: (positive / neutral / negative)	Provide brief detail of impact
Age	Positive	The considerable number of new jobs should create employment opportunities for all people seeking work regardless of personal circumstances.
Disability	Positive	
Ethnicity	Positive	
Gender	Positive	
Religion / Belief	Positive	
Sexuality	Positive	
Impact / Implications		
Resource and value for money (in consultation with finance representatives)	The cost of these projects is estimated to be in the order of £40m - £50m. The County Council are not making a financial contribution to the projects and will recover all costs incurred.	
Risks identified and mitigation offered (see corporate risk register categorisation)	The principle of full cost recovery has been acknowledged by the Highways Agency / Department of Transport and will be incorporated into appropriate Funding Agreements which are currently being progressed. In advance of those agreements being formally signed, costs are being incurred in respect of fees and may need to be spent upfront in order to purchase land required to deliver the projects. Although it is understood that these costs incurred in advance will all be recoverable, it should be noted that such expenditure is 'at risk' until such time that the Agreements have been finalised.	
Legal imperative to change if applicable (in consultation with legal representative)	As set out in the Report.	

Report Commissioner: Steve Burrows



Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee Work Programme 2013/14

This leaflet sets out the work programme for the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee for 2013/14. The Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee is responsible for scrutiny of achievement against the Council's strategic ambitions for promoting prosperity and economic growth. The committee is also responsible for the scrutiny of highways infrastructure and connectivity. In addition the committee will be responsible for priorities around education, learning and skills. As such the statutory education co-optees will sit on this committee.

We review our work programme from time to time. Sometimes we change it - if something important 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.

County Councillor Brian Edwards

Chairman of the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee

If you would like to know more about our work programme, please get in touch with Tina Randall, Scrutiny and Support Manager, 01785 276148 or tina.randall@staffordshire.gov.uk

Item	Date of meeting when the item is due to be considered	Details	Action/Outcome
<p>Infrastructure+ (formerly known as the Place Delivery Models contract)</p> <p>Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Helen Riley/Ian Turner</p>	<p>3 June 2013 (Committee agenda item)</p>	<p>To consider and comment on the Outline Business Case in advance of Cabinet consideration on 19 June.</p>	<p>To reconsider when a more detailed business case is available – 19 December 2013 (proposed).</p>
<p>Work Programme Planning</p>	<p>26 July 2013</p>	<p>To receive presentations on behalf of the Cabinet Members for Economy and Infrastructure, Learning and Skills and Communities and Localism to help inform work programme planning</p>	<p>To update the work programme and bring a draft for approval to the September Select Committee.</p>
<p>County Council's response to HS2 Project to date and potential future engagement.</p> <p>Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Clive Thomson/Dean Sargeant</p>	<p>6 September 2013</p>	<p>To keep Members informed of progress on HS2 Phase 1, including mitigation planning</p>	<p>The Select Committee acknowledged the work already undertaken and supported the proposed next steps.</p>
<p>Ofsted inspection of Local Authority arrangements for supporting school improvement.</p> <p>Cabinet Member: Ben Adams Lead officer: Anne Birch and Anne Newton</p>	<p>6 September 2013</p>	<p>It is proposed that Members are made aware of the detail of the inspection process, the authority's self evaluation, and Members' responsibilities and role prior to, during and post the inspection. The discussion on pupils' attainment and progress outcomes for the academic year 2012/13 will be later in the year.</p> <p>The Select Committee will also receive a progress report on this item later in the year</p>	<p>A working group be set up to consider the existing process for reviewing school intervention and improvement, helping to support the inspection preparation, acting as a critical friend.</p>
<p>Civil Parking Enforcement</p>	<p>6 September 2013</p>	<p>Consultation on proposed changes</p>	<p>The Select Committee</p>

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Cabinet Member: Mike Lawrence Lead Officer: James Bailey			welcomed consultation at a district parking board level on the review options. They noted and requested sight of the breakdown by district/borough of the CPE deficit figures. The Chairman will also raise the Committee's concerns over the poor police attendance at the Joint Staffordshire Parking Board with the PCC
Highway Permit Scheme	6 September	To consider a new highway works permit scheme for managing utility operations (prior to Cabinet consideration on this issue)	The Select Committee supported the introduction of a permit scheme that provided greater control of activities on Staffordshire's highway network.
Improving Staffordshire's Public Transport Network Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Clive Thomson	17 October 2013 (Committee agenda item)	To consider an update on the strategy for improving the County's public transport network.	The Select Committee welcomed the vision and principles to the approach to transport and asked that they receive an update in 12 months showing how the proposed developments had progressed
Economic prosperity: LEP and the Staffordshire Economic Strategy Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Darryl Evers	17 October 2013	Scrutinising strategies of the LEP, possibly jointly with Stoke.	The Select Committee received details setting out the key strategies that were fundamental to securing economic growth across Staffordshire, giving background in readiness for

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<p>LEP and European Funding Strategies</p> <p>Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Darryl Eyers</p>	20 November 2013	Scrutiny of these two strategies that effect future Council funding	<p>their 18 November meeting.</p> <p>The Select Committee gave their views on these two key strategies being developed through the Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire LEP</p>
<p>Education Trust</p> <p>Cabinet Member: Ben Adams Lead officer: Tony Baines</p>	19 December	<p>Considering looking at their terms of reference, intentions, membership and governance.</p> <p>Members had also requested details on how well schools are delivering careers advice and guidance</p>	<p>The urgency of the work to address the skills gap was acknowledged, with the work of the Trust in co-ordinating and developing links between schools, colleges, post 16 providers and businesses was supported.</p>
<p>Achieving Excellence: Libraries in a Connected Staffordshire</p> <p>Cabinet Member: Mike Lawrence Lead officer: Janene Cox/Catherine Mann</p>	19 December 2013 (Committee agenda item)	Members to be consulted on the vision prior to Cabinet consideration.	<p>The Select Committee accepted the proposals to adapt and reposition Staffordshire's library offer and wish to scrutinise this further as the proposals progress.</p>
<p>Analysis of the YPLA (Education Funding Agency) figures on post-16 take up and the effect of the end of the Education Maintenance Allowance</p> <p>Cabinet Member: Ben Adams Lead officer: Anthony Baines</p>	19 December 2013 (Committee agenda item)	<p>Resolved at previous Select Committee on 21 January 2013 to propose carrying forward into 2014 an analysis of participation trends post 16 in the light of the Raising the Participation Age changes that would oblige young people to stay on in education or training to 17 years in 2013 and to 18 by 2015. Several national evaluations have now taken place.</p>	<p>The Committee noted the positive trends in participation of young people since the introduction of the Bursary Fund. The Committee also noted the continued lack of data for Staffordshire from the EFA.</p>

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<p>Infrastructure+ (formerly known as the Place Delivery Models contract)</p> <p>Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Helen Riley/Ian Turner</p>	<p>19 December 2013 (Verbal update) (an extra meeting will be arranged to consider the contract prior to Cabinet decision in February)</p>	<p>At their 3 June meeting Members resolved that: <i>the Select Committee are kept informed on the project progress and specifically that they receive a report at the end of the year and prior to Cabinet decision on the chosen bidder</i></p>	<p>The update was welcomed and Members look forward to consideration of the proposed bidder's submission in February.</p>
<p>Pupil Attainment in Staffordshire (early years, 0-18 years and post 18 years)</p> <p>Cabinet Member: Ben Adams Lead officer: Anne Newton</p>	<p>24 January 2014</p>	<p>To consider a briefing on the attainment outcomes for 2012/13 and review the work undertaken to address any issues and sustain improvement</p> <p>To include progress of schools in an Ofsted category to improve</p>	<p>The Select Committee considered the achievement of Staffordshire pupils and an analysis of the data. In particular they supported the use of district level data in driving school improvement.</p>
<p>Flood Risk Management – Progress Update</p> <p>Cabinet Member Mark Winnington Lead officer: Ian Benson</p>	<p>24 January 2014</p>	<p>Update on progress of Staffordshire's flood risk management.</p>	<p>Progress on the development of the new responsibilities for the Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority in respect of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 were given consideration. Members remain concerned at the low levels of funding for this area and will raise their concerns with the Cabinet Member and Defra.</p>
<p>Entrust</p> <p>Cabinet Member: Ben Adams Lead officer: Ian H Benson</p>	<p>24 January 2014</p>	<p>Monitoring progress of contract with Entrust to ensure that it is delivering intended outcomes</p>	<p>The presentation on Entrust, outlined the relationship between the County Council and Entrust and progress to</p>

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			date. The Select Committee intend to monitor progress of Entrust in September when a robust set of data should be available.
Report of the Select Committee Working Group on the Ofsted Inspection of LA Schools Improvement Arrangements	24 January 2014	To consider the final report and recommendations of the Working Group.	The Select Committee endorsed the report and recommendation for submission to the cabinet Member, Learning and Skills.
Infrastructure+ (formerly known as the Place Delivery Models contract) Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Helen Riley/Ian Turner	12 February	To highlight critical success factors that could feed into the final contract terms and any concerns that need to be taken into account as the negotiations continue and prior to Cabinet decision	The Select Committee endorsed the Cabinet recommendations in principle whilst requesting that Cabinet consider including a role for Scrutiny in the contract monitoring arrangements for Infrastructure+.
A50 Growth Corridor Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Steve Burrows	7 March 2014	To update and consult the Committee on proposals to undertake a major improvement to the A50 in Uttoxeter.	
Highways and the Built County Capital Programme Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: James Bailey	7 March 2014	Consideration of how to evaluate Highways and the Built County Capital Programme to ensure best value	
Quality of road maintenance Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: James Bailey	7 March 2014	To consider the quality of road maintenance and specifically winter road maintenance	
Minerals Local Plan Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington	24 April 2014	Consulting on the developing Minerals Local Plan	

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Lead Officer: Mike Grundy			
Rail Strategy Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Clive Thomson	24 April 2014	Monitoring progress with delivery	
Rural Strategy Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Ian Wykes	tbc		
Chasewater Country Park Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Ian Wykes	24 April 2014	To update Members on progress of the transfer and development of the Chasewater Country Park	Members requested further detail on the development opportunities for this site.
Rationalisation of Household Waste Recycling Centres Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Sally Talbot	24 April 2014	To present a report detailing plans for rationalisation of HWRCs.	
Achieving Excellence:Libraries in a Connected Staffordshire Cabinet Member: Mike Lawrence Lead officer: Janene Cox/Catherine Mann	24 April 2014		
Freight Policy Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: James Bailey		Update of monitoring of actions and priorities against Staffordshire Local Transport Plan 2011	Initially, face to face discussion to be arranged between officers and Cllr Tittley who raised the matter.
Roll out of Broadband Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Steve Burrows	tbc	Monitoring progress with delivery	
Country Parks Review Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Ian Wykes	tbc	To update Members on the production of a management plan for the county council owned countryside estate.	
2012 Olympics and development of the Sportshire Strategy	Quarterly updates (possibly via the	Whilst accepting the rationale behind this item being referred to Corporate	Members had agreed to review the cultural and

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	Members Bulletin)	Review Members requested that they be kept updated of progress on a quarterly basis.	sporting legacy of the 2012 Olympics in 2013. Given the cross cutting nature of this item (impacting on health, prosperity and learning and skills) the item has been referred to Corporate Review Committee for their consideration.
Centralisation of public access to Archive Services and the William Salt Library Collections Lead officer: Janene Cox/Catherine Mann	It is proposed that a briefing note be circulated to update Members on this issue.	To inform Members of the proposals to centralise public access to these services/collections.	Briefing note received and accepted.
Staffordshire Local Nature Partnership Lead Officer: Ian Wykes	It is proposed that a briefing note be circulated to update Members on this issue.	Informing Members of the work of the Staffordshire Local Nature Partnership	
Carbon Reduction Targets Lead Officer: Ian Benson	It is proposed that a briefing note be circulated to update Members on this issue.	To update Members on progress in reaching the Council's carbon reduction targets	Briefing note received and accepted.
Contract Performance re. HWRCs, W2R, Hanford and closed landfills	It is proposed that a briefing note be circulated to update Members on this issue.	To update Members on contract performance re. HWRCs, W2R, Hanford and closed landfills	Briefing note received and accepted.
Special Educational Needs and Disability and Vulnerable Children		Members to understand the legislation and to comment on the Authority's strategic framework.	Item has been referred to the Health and Wellbeing Board

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Cabinet Member: Ben Adams Lead officer: Lynda Mitchell			
Higher Level Education	It is suggested that this be considered either via an inquiry day or working group	Ensuring higher level education better fits local business skill requirements to help address the skills gaps	This issue was covered in discussions around the Education Trust on 19 December 2013
Entrust Cabinet Member: Ben Adams Lead officer: Ian H Benson	5 September 2014	Monitoring progress of contract with Entrust to ensure that it is delivering intended outcomes.	
Flood Risk Management – progress update Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Ian Benson	Towards the end of the year	Update on progress of Staffordshire's flood risk management.	
Shugborough Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: ? Ian Turner			
Concessionary Travel Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Clive Thomson	tbc	Add detail	Proposed additional item highlighted at Place Business meeting 17.2.14

Membership

Brian Edwards (Chairman)
 Martyn Tittley (Vice-Chairman)
 George Adamson
 Ann Beech
 Len Bloomer
 Maureen Compton
 Mark Deaville
 Geoff Martin

Calendar of Committee Meetings

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3 June 2013 at 3.30 p.m.
 26 July 2013
 6 September 2013
 17 October 2013
 20 November 2013
 19 December 2013

Geoff Morrison Diane Todd Deborah Kay (Co-optee) Rachel Kidd Smithers (Co-optee) Rev. Preb. Michael Metcalf (Co-optee) Neil Taylor (Co-optee) Ellen Wright (Co-optee)	24 January 2014 12 February 2014 at 2.00 pm (extra meeting) 7 March 2014 at 2.00 p.m. 24 April 2014 (extra meeting) 2 June at 2.00 p.m. 25 July at 10.00 a.m. 5 September at 10.00 a.m.
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