

WORK PROGRAMME

Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee 2017/18

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

Membership – County Councillors 2017-18

John Francis (Chairman)
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Syed Hussain
Trevor Johnson
Jason Jones
Natasha Pullen
Kyle Robinson
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Victoria Wilson
Mike Worthington

Calendar of Committee Meetings 2017-2018

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
Tues 13 June 2017	Introduction to S&SC SC	Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities 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"> • The West Midlands Peer Review of Adult Safeguarding • How to engage with hard to reach communities • Modern day slavery and domestic violence • CSE
Thurs 13 July 2017	Children's & Families System Transformation Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Officer: Mick Harrison/Helen Riley	Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities 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.
	Children, Young People & Families Pilots Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Officer: Mick Harrison/Janene Cox	Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities 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.
	Public Analyst & Scientific Services Laboratory Cabinet Member: Gill Heath Officer: Trish Caldwell [exempt item]	Well Run Council 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.

Mon 26 Sept 2017	Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) in Staffordshire, to include progress against the CSAF Action Plan and information regarding Revenge Porn & Sexting Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Officer: Mick Harrison	Resilient Communities Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities 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.	The Select Committee want to encourage schools to make use of the DVD "For the Whole World to See" in their PHSE lessons and for this resource to be used as part of school governor training. Future reports are also asked to include consideration of LGBT as a potential vulnerable group within this context. Members also requested that they receive an update in 6 months time on the OPCC funded post to develop PHSE resources around safeguarding in its broadest sense and the take-up of schools.
	Cabinet Response: Preventing Low Level Neglect of Children in Staffordshire Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton	Resilient Communities 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.	Members thanked the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People for his progress in implementing the recommendations made by the Working Group. They also asked for an organogram showing the governance model and relationship between groups involved.
Thurs 9 Nov 2017	West Midlands Peer Review of Adult Safeguarding Cabinet Member: Alan White Officer: Andrew Sharp	Resilient Communities 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.	
	Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Cabinet Member: Alan White Officer: Peter Hampton	Resilient Communities 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.	
Mon 11 Dec 2017	Customer Feedback & Complaints, Adult Social Care Annual Report 16/17 Cabinet Member: Alan White Officer: Kate Bullivant	Well run Council	Adult's Services have a statutory obligation to submit an Annual Report on complaints and representations to the relevant County Council Committee.	
	Customer Feedback & Complaints, Children's Social Care Annual Report 16/17 Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Officer: Kate Bullivant	Well run Council	Children's Services have a statutory obligation to submit an Annual Report on complaints and representations to the relevant County Council Committee.	

	<p>Home Care Cabinet Member: Alan White Officer: Richard Harling</p>	<p>Resilient Communities Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities Enable people to access the appropriate intervention at the right time.</p>	<p>Included on the work programme following the October Triangulation meeting. Consideration of Home Care from a safeguarding point of view.</p>	
	<p>Domestic Abuse Cabinet Member: Gill Heath Officer: Mick Harrison</p>	<p>Resilient Communities Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities Enable people to access the appropriate intervention at the right time.</p>	<p>Select Committee Members requested an item on this issue at their meeting of 13 June.</p>	
Mon 15 Jan 2018	<p>Modern Slavery Cabinet Member: Gill Heath Officer: Mick Harrison and Becky Murphy</p>	<p>Resilient Communities Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities Enable people to access the appropriate intervention at the right time.</p>	<p>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.</p>	
	<p>Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent Adult Safeguarding Partnership Board Cabinet Member: Alan White Independent Chair: John Wood</p>	<p>Resilient Communities Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities</p>	<p>This report is presented to the Select Committee on an annual basis.</p>	
	<p>Staffs Safeguarding Children's Board (SSCB) Annual Report 2016/17 Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Independent Chair: John Wood</p>	<p>Resilient Communities Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities</p>	<p>This report is presented to the Select Committee on an annual basis.</p>	
	<p>Children's & Families System Transformation & update on Pilot Projects Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Officer: Mick</p>	<p>Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities Enable people to access the appropriate intervention at the right time.</p>	<p>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.</p>	

	Harrison/Helen Riley/ Janene Cox			
Mon 5 March 2018	Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) in Staffordshire, to include progress against the CSAF Action Plan Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Officer: Mick Harrison	Resilient Communities Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities 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.	
	Youth Offending service Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Officer: Vonni Gordon	Well run Council	Consideration of the YOS Review	

Briefing Notes/Updates/Visits 2017-18

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17 July, 10 August and 15 September 2017	Visit to the MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub)	Resilient Communities 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.
January 2018	Community Safety Agreement	Resilient Communities 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 had been requested by the Select Committee and at the 11 October Triangulation meeting it was agreed that this information should be brought to the Select Committee via a briefing note rather than be included on an agenda.	

Working Group and/or Inquiry Days 2017-18

Date	Item	Link to Council's Commissioning Plans	Details	Action/Outcome
Monday 31 July 2017 9.30 – 11.00 am	Community Safety Agreement – shared priorities Cabinet Member: Gill Heath Officer: Mick Harrison	Resilient Communities 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. The Select Committee will consider the Draft	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

			Agreement at an informal review session, reporting their findings to both the Strategy Group on 13 September and the Select Committee on 26 September.	meeting will be shared with the Select Committee at their meeting of 26 September.
tbc	How to engage hard to reach communities Cabinet Member: Gill Heath Officer: Mick Harrison	Resilient Communities Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities 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.	A desk top exercise is underway to establish if, and in what ways, the County Council is currently addressing this issue.
tbc	Children's Centres – 3 years on Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Officer: Mick Harrison	Resilient Communities Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities Enable people to access the appropriate intervention at the right time.	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 situation in comparison with the findings of the original working group report.	At the Select Committee meeting of 26 November Members agreed to a request that this review be put back until the current significant changes within Children's Centres were completed.
Inquiry Day 30 January 2018	Preventing Children coming into Care- now called "Edge of Care" Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Officer: Richard Hancock	Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities Enable people to access the appropriate intervention at the right time.	This item was initially proposed by the Commissioner for Community Safety, Children and Families. The Chairman has met with the Head of Families First and a scoping report has been prepared for Members' consideration.	
Monday 14 August	Local Business Case for Joint governance of Police and Fire & Rescue in Staffordshire PCC: Matthew Ellis	Resilient Communities Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities 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

Timescale	Area of Work	Link to Council's Commissioning Plans	Details	Action/Outcome

Referrals from other Select Committees 2017-18

Timescale	Area of Work	Link to Council's	Details	Action/Outcome

		Commissioning Plans		
tbc	Elective Home Education	Best Start	Referral from Corporate Parenting Panel – August 2017 (NB – also referred to Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee)	