



Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee Work Programme 2017/18

This document sets out the work programme for the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee for 2017/18.

The Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee is responsible for scrutiny of highways infrastructure and connectivity, flood and water management, education, learning and skills. As such the statutory education co-optees will sit on this committee. The Council's Business Plan 2017-18 states the Council's Vision: A "Connected Staffordshire"...where everyone has the opportunity to prosper, be healthy and happy. The Plan states three population outcomes – Access more good jobs and the benefits of economic growth; be healthier and more independent and feel safer, happier and more supported. This Committee's work is aligned to the outcome: Access more good jobs and the benefits of economic growth. The Business Plan has seven business commissioning priorities – Great Place to Live; Living Well, Resilient Communities; Best Start; Ready for Life; Right for Business and Enjoying Life. The work of this Committee is aligned to the relevant commissioning priority/priorities.

We review our work programme at every meeting. 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 Ian Parry

Chairman of the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee

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Work Programme Items carried over from 2016/17				
Item	Date of meeting when item is due to be considered	Link to Council's Business Plan Commissioning Priorities	Details	Action/Outcome
1. Library Strategy (item formerly referred to as Libraries in a Connected Staffordshire-Mobile and Travelling Library) – monitor and review outcomes, and Future Operating Model for Staffordshire's Arts Service and the Shire Hall (Future of Shire Hall now to be considered as part of Penda Property Partnership discussions by Corporate Review Committee) Cabinet Member: Gill Heath Lead Officer: Janene Cox/Catherine Mann	12 September 2017	Enjoying Life	Pre-decision scrutiny Background to the Mobile and Travelling Library is that Members agreed to consider the effects of the mobile and travelling library service review following implementation. (Last considered on 12 October, 1 June 2015 as part of the wider Library review previously considered by PSSC on 23 January 2015).	The comments from the Committee on the current and proposed library offer will be used to help shape the future development of the County Council's Strategy for the Library Services 2018-21. The Committee agreed the principles to determine where community management or self-service is considered as an option. A more detailed breakdown of the nature of the visits to libraries will be provided to Members.
2. New item: Safer Roads Partnership Cabinet Member: Mark Deaville Lead officer: Mel Langdown	12 September 2017	Great Place to Live	Item proposed by Cabinet Member for Commercial.	The Committee noted the new governance structure and operating model of the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership and the wide range of initiatives used to promote road safety across the County.

				The Cabinet Member agreed to investigate whether it is feasible to charge utility companies when roadworks take place and respond to the Chairman. The presentation will be made available to all members via the e-bulletin.
3. Update on Flood Risk Management Cabinet Member: Mark Deaville Lead Officer: Hannah Burgess	10 October 2017	Great Place to Live	To update Members on the Flood Risk Strategy.	The Committee noted the progress being made with regard to the Council's responsibilities as Lead Local Flood Authority for Staffordshire and the collaborative working arrangements with Walsall, Sandwell and Wolverhampton Councils. They supported a call for government to simplify the process for funding local flood alleviation.
4. Countryside Estate Review Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Janene Cox/Emma Beaman	14 November 2017	Great Place to Live and Enjoying Life	Members have considered this item on 18.12.14, 4.9.15, 12.10.15 and 24.5.16. At their last meeting they asked that further consideration of larger sites be brought back to the Select Committee for pre-decision scrutiny and that local Members be engaged in discussions regarding the	A further report will be brought in April 2018 on recommendations for the final phase of the Review.

			future of smaller sites.	
5. Supported Bus Network Cabinet Member: Mark Deaville Lead Officer: Clive Thomson	14 November 2017	Great Place to Live	This item was considered on 31 July and Members asked that it be brought back to the Committee following consultation.	The Committee requested a list of the respondents to the consultation, and agreed to monitor the impact of the removal of bus subsidies going forward.
6. Infrastructure + Improvement Plan and Performance Review/Highways Extra Investment Cabinet Member: Mark Deaville Lead officer: James Bailey	14 November 2017 and then six monthly	Right for Business and Great Place to Live	Members have been regularly involved in scrutiny of the contract arrangements with Amey. Members to scrutinise the Improvement Plan and Performance Review. Members asked to scrutinise the county's investment in our road network. Members wished to consider the quality of repairs/failure rate.	The Committee acknowledged the update on the progress made on the previously agreed Action Plan and the extra £5m in-year investment.
7. West Midlands Rail Contract Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Clive Thomson	14 November 2017	Right for Business and Great Place to Live	New franchise commences Oct/November 2017.	Briefing Note circulated with papers on 14.11.17. No further scrutiny required.
8. Economic Growth Capital and Development Programme to include Overview of Regeneration Projects Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Anthony Hodge	15 December 2017 and then quarterly	Right for Business and Great Place to Live	Item proposed by the Corporate Director for Economy, Infrastructure and Skills.	The Committee requested more detail on the 19,000 increase in jobs between 2011 - 2016, together with details of how jobs created are measured.
9. EU funding and European Social Funding Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Nigel Senior	15 December 2017	Right for Business	This was on the work programme last year under the title EU Funding Programme, but not considered. The future of the Programme was unknown post-Brexit.	The Committee asked that further updates be brought to them on progress with the EU Funding programme, together with details

				of the preparations for continuing support from UK growth programmes once EU Funding is no longer available. They also requested that case studies of investments be brought to the April meeting.
10. Skills and Employability Self-Assessment and Adult and Community Learning – Quality Improvement Plan Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead officer: Tony Baines/Preeya Buckley	18 January 2018	Ready for Life	Members are asked to consider this item on an annual basis pre Ofsted inspection of the service.	
11. School Attainment and Improvement Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead officer: Tim Moss	18 January 2018	Ready for Life	The Committee considers the progress of achievement in Staffordshire schools on an annual basis following the annual announcement of results by Ofsted.	
12. School Funding Formula Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Tim Moss	18 January 2018	Ready for Life		Request Briefing Note
13. Update on Charging for Non-household Waste at Household Waste Recycling Centres (to include Large Scale Fly Tipping in Staffordshire) Cabinet Member: Gill Heath Lead officer: Clive Thomson/Chris Jones	2 March 2018	Great Place to Live	This item was called in and considered by the Corporate Review Committee on 26 October 2016. Members are asked to review the current arrangements that came into effect on 1.11.16. Member's views are sought on how large scale fly tipping is being managed. (Views of JWMB to be sought).	
14. School Funding for the Future	2 March 2018	Ready for Life	This item was proposed for addition to the work programme by Members	Request Briefing Note

Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Andrew Marsden			at their March 2017 meeting.	
15. Economic Growth Capital and Development Programme to include Overview of Regeneration Projects Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Anthony Hodge	2 March 2018	Right for Business and Great Place to Live	Item proposed by the Corporate Director for Economy, Infrastructure and Skills.	
16. Delivering Housing in Staffordshire Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officers: Mark Parkinson	2 March 2018	Right for Business and Great Place to Live	Link to school funding for the future above.	
17. Scrutiny Review of Impact of HGVs on Roads and Communities in Staffordshire – follow up of Executive Response Action Plan Cabinet Member: Mark Deaville Lead officer: Clive Thomson	2 March 2018	Great Place to Live	Members undertook a review of the impact of HGVs on roads in Staffordshire last year. Members are asked to continue to scrutinise the Executive Response Action Plan until all recommendations are completed or an explanation given. An initial Executive Response was scrutinised by the Committee on 13 September 2016.	
18. SACRE Annual Report Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Emma Jardine-Phillips	2 March 2018			Copies of the Annual Report to be circulated to the Select Committee prior to the meeting.
19. HS2 Cabinet Member: Mark Deaville Lead Officer: Clive Thomson	4 April 2018	Right for Business and Great Place to Live	Phase 2 under consultation.	
20. Sub-National Transport Body for East-West Midlands Cabinet Member: Mark Deaville Lead officer: Clive Thomson	4 April 2018	Right for Business and Great Place to Live		

21. Countryside Estate Review Cabinet Member: Gill Heath/Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Emma Beaman	4 April 2018	Great Place to Live Enjoying Life	Pre-decision scrutiny.	
22. Post-16 Education Provision Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officers: Tim Moss/Tony Baines	4 April 2018	Ready for Life	Item proposed by the Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills.	
23. EU Funding Case Studies Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Nigel Senior	4 April 2018	Right for Business	Item requested by the Committee at their meeting on 15 December 2017.	
24. Improving Attendance and participation in our schools and settings Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead officer: Tim Moss/Karl Hobson	21 June 2018	Ready for Life	Members previously considered this matter at their meeting in September 2015 and requested that the Attendance Working Group report further progress, including specific intervention showing how the principles and priorities work in practice; Post-16 changes and any impact these have on take up. 2017-18 Attendance figures not available until June 2018.	
25. Update on Infrastructure + Improvement Plan and Performance Review/Highways Extra Investment Cabinet Member: Mark Deaville Lead officer: James Bailey	21 June 2018	Right for Business and Great Place to Live	Members have been regularly involved in scrutiny of the contract arrangements with Amey. Members to scrutinise the Improvement Plan and Performance Review on a six monthly basis. Members asked to scrutinise the county's investment in our road network. Members wished to consider the quality of repairs/failure rate.	
26. Community Transport Cabinet Member: Mark Deaville	To be advised	Great Place to Live		Proposed at the meeting on 14 November 2017.

Lead Officer: Clive Thomson				
27. Hanford Energy Cabinet Member: to be advised		Great Place to Live		Refer to Corporate Review
28. Supported Bus Network Cabinet Member: Mark Deaville Lead Officer: Clive Thomson	To be advised	Great Place to Live	This item was considered on 31 July and on 14 November, following consultation.	At their meeting on 14 November the Committee agreed to monitor the impact of the removal of bus subsidies going forward.
29. Sportshire Strategy and Major Events Evaluation Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Jude Taylor	? Briefing note	Enjoying Life	Strategy reviewed in December 2015. Members asked that future evaluation reports include a detailed cost benefit analysis and that any figures used to highlight the success of events should be robust. The negative impact on local communities of Sportshire events was acknowledged and the Select Committee wish to ensure that everything possible is done to mitigate these in future. An evaluation report of the 2017 Ironman event was requested to be brought to a Select Committee meeting approximately three months after the event.	Request Briefing Note
30. Constellation Partnership Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officers: Mark Parkinson/Tony Baines		Right for Business	The Partnership is between two LEPS and 7 local authorities with Ministerial backing, and has an ambition to deliver 100,000 new homes and 120,000 new jobs by 2040.	Refer to Corporate Review
31. Heritage Lottery Fund Bid Cabinet Member: Gill Heath Lead officer: Janene Cox/Joanna Terry		Enjoying Life	Item proposed by Cabinet Member for Communities. Lottery bid being completed.	Briefing Note circulated September 2017.
32. Rights of Way Cabinet Member: Gill Heath		Great Place to Live	Issue regarding backlog of applications.	Vice Chairman to discuss this matter

Lead Officer: Nicola Swinnerton				with Cabinet Member for Commercial and report back
33. County Farms Cabinet Member: Gill Heath		Right for Business	Item proposed by Cabinet Member for Economic Growth. Item could be broadened out to a wider issue re rural areas (food production; rural transport; role of county farms; land agents; hydroponics; Agritech)	For discussion at next triangulation meeting
34. Inward Investment Team Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington		Right for Business	Item proposed by Cabinet Member for Economic Growth	For discussion at next triangulation meeting
35. Small Businesses Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington		Right for Business	Item proposed by Cabinet Member for Economic Growth	For discussion at next triangulation meeting
36. Elective home education Cabinet Member Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Karl Hobson		Ready for Life	Item referred by Corporate Parenting Panel – August 2017 (NB Matter also referred to Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee)	Meeting set up to discuss this matter with Chairs of this Committee and Safe and Strong Select Committee. A proposal has been made that a small Working Group of Members from both Committees be formed to take this forward.

Working Groups				
37. Entrust Service Level Agreement Key Performance Indicator Working group Cabinet Member: Mark Deaville	Scrutiny and Support Manager to discuss timing with Chair/Vice Chair	Ready for Life	Following consideration of Education Support Services – Commissioning and Contract Performance on 22 January Members agreed to set up a Working Group to	Committee agreed that new Members should be sought and a further meeting of the Group arranged. Chairman to discuss way forward with Cabinet Member for

Lead Officer: Ian Turner/Karen Coker			consider the review of KPIs and the information they wished to scrutinise in future.	Commercial. Update: Cabinet Member for Commercial is preparing an update for the Committee. Advised to defer setting up of Working Group until this has been received.
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