

WORK PROGRAMME

Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee 2018/19

This document sets out the work programme for the Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee for 2018/19. 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 2018-19

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

Calendar of Committee Meetings 2018-2019

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| 23 April 2018 at 11.00 am | Special meeting with the PCC & Chief Constable |
| 8 June 2018 at 10.00 am | |
| 10 July 2018 at 10.00 am | |
| 3 September 2018 at 10.00 am | |
| 8 November 2018 at 10.00 am | |
| 11 December 2018 at 10.00 am | |
| 14 January 2019 at 10.00 am | |
| 4 March 2019 at 10.00 am | |

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

Work Programme 2018-19

| Date of meeting | Item | Link to Council's Commissioning Plans | Details | Action/Outcome |
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| <p>Extra meeting 23 April NB meeting starts at 11.00 am</p> | <p>Safeguarding concerns over the Rise in Crime PCC – Matthew Ellis Chief Constable – Gareth Morgan</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>Following concerns raised at the 15 January Select Committee and discussions at the 10 January Triangulation meeting the Chairman requested all Members of the Council forward details of crime and safeguarding issues within their area with a view to this Select Committee meeting with the PCC and Chief Constable to address these safeguarding concerns.</p> | |
| <p>8 June 2018 10.00 am</p> | <p>Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) in Staffordshire, to include progress against the CSAF Action Plan Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton 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>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.</p> | |
| | <p>Children's Centres 3 years on Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead 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>At the Select Committee meeting of 5 March 2018 it was agreed that the Children's Commissioning Officer should attend the June meeting to update Members on progress since the Children's Centres Working Group 3 years ago.</p> | |
| <p>tbc</p> | <p>Domestic Abuse</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>Following their meeting of 15 January Members requested further details on a range of areas to be forwarded to them with a view to further work being undertaken in the new municipal year. Consideration will be given to whether this is undertaken by a review/working group.</p> | |
| <p>tbc</p> | <p>Provision of "places of safety" under section 136 MHA. Cabinet Member – Alan White Lead Officer -</p> | <p>Resilient Communities Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities Enable people to access the appropriate intervention at the right</p> | <p>Following the Triangulation meeting of 10 January the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Wellbeing asked the select Committee to consider undertaking an overview of the current provision of places of safety. A few years</p> | |

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| | | time. | ago there had been circumstances where prison cells were being used, which was agreed as inappropriate. A review to assess the current provision was requested. | |
| tbc | Short breaks for children with disabilities Cabinet Member – Mark Sutton Lead Officer - | Resilient Communities Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities Enable people to access the appropriate intervention at the right time. | Suggested for inclusion on the work programme at the 10 January Triangulation. | |
| tbc | Trading Standards Cabinet Member: Gill Heath Officer: Trish Caldwell | 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 | Suggested for inclusion on the work programme at the 10 January Triangulation. Considering the safeguarding issues following the service review in 2018. | |
| tbc | MISPERS Cabinet Member Lead Officer | Resilient Communities Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities Enable people to access the appropriate intervention at the right time. | Suggested for inclusion on the work programme at the 10 January Triangulation. | |
| tbc | Children's & Families System Transformation & update on Pilot Projects Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Officer: Mick Harrison/Helen Riley/Janene Cox | 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 & 13 July 2017 and 5 March 2018. | |
| tbc | Independent Futures and Disability Team Cabinet Member: Lead Officer: | Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities Enable people to access the appropriate intervention at the right time. | Suggested for inclusion on the work programme at the 10 January Triangulation. | |
| tbc | Youth Offending service Cabinet Member: Mark | Well run Council | Consideration of the YOS Review | |

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| | Sutton Officer: Vonni Gordon | | | |
| tbc | Direct Payments Cabinet Member: Alan White Lead Officer: Andrew Jepps | Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities Enable people to access the appropriate intervention at the right time. | Following the 15 January consideration of Home Care Members requested an item on Direct Payments to clarify how the system worked. | |

Briefing Notes/Updates/Visits 2018-19

| Date | Item | Link to Council's Commissioning Plans | Details | Action/Outcome |
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Working Group and/or Inquiry Days 2018-19

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| Inquiry Day 30 January 2018 + follow-on meetings on 12 February 13 March | 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. | The 30 January Inquiry has been held. A further Member meeting on 12 February identified a range of further information they required. This detail will be presented by Officer at the 13 March meeting. |
| 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. |

Referrals from other Select Committees 2017-18

| Timescale | Area of Work | Link to Council's Commissioning Plans | Details | Action/Outcome |
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| 12 January 31 January 21 March | Elective Home Education | Best Start | Referral from Corporate Parenting Panel – August 2017 (NB – also referred to Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee) | A review group has been set up jointly with members of the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee. Its first meeting was held on 12 January where Members |

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| | | | | received a briefing from officers. A planning meeting is scheduled for 31 January with the inquiry session scheduled for 21 March. |
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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 |
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| tbc – likely to be December or January | All Age Disability Strategy Cabinet Member: Alan White Officer: Martyn Baggaley | Resilient Communities Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities Enable people to access the appropriate intervention at the right time. | The Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee has the All Age Disability Strategy on their work programme. To avoid duplication this issue has not been included as a work programme item for this Select Committee, however the outcome of their scrutiny will be shared with Safe & Strong Communities Select Committee Members. | |
| September 2017 - | Children's mental health & wellbeing Cabinet Member: Alan White Officers: Tilly Flannigan & Divya Patel APMG Membership Keith Flunder (Chair) Johnny McMahon Bernard Peters Ron Clarke Bryan Jones Ann Edgeller | Resilient Communities Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities Enable people to access the appropriate intervention at the right time. | Innovation APMG: Terms of Reference 'how to promote children's emotional and mental wellbeing to reduce referrals to specialist services across SCC and other partners, by intervening earlier to ensure better long-term outcomes' | End of September agree scope, lines of enquiry and membership of the APMG First full meeting of the APMG with specialist officers - October Development of the focus groups - October Submit initial progress to the Leaders report October / November |
| August 2017 - | Increasing S3 Capacity Cabinet Member: Gill Heath Officers: Angela Schulp & Adam Rooney APMG Membership Mike Davies (Chair) David Smith Kyle Robinson Maureen Compton Julia Jessel | Well run Council | Community APMG: How do we increase the capacity and utilise the services of S3 to deliver 'People helping people' and reduce the involvement of SCC? | Agree scope with Cabinet –end of August Meet with S3 to understand what they do – end of August / early September Look at 8 Community Members priorities and see if any cross over / themes – end of August / early September Meet with local agencies that are also building capacity – e.g. Fire service, bigger voluntary groups (Age UK, Alzheimer's Society etc) – September First meeting APMG to discuss scope and plan – September Meet with local community groups with DCLs and CPOs – September / October Submit early findings to Leaders report – October |

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