

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

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Calendar of Committee Meetings 2018-2019

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	Details	Action/Outcome
Extra meeting 23 April NB meeting starts at 11.00 am	Safeguarding concerns over the Rise in Crime PCC – Matthew Ellis Chief Constable – Gareth Morgan	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.	The Chief Constable Gareth Morgan and the Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis responded to the questions raised by member around: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contact services, including call handling, emergency 999 calls, 101 calls and incident resources; • overall crime performance, acquisitive crime, violence against the person, public order and drug related offences; • use of body cams; • police and PCSO visibility; • PCSO powers; • Mutual aid deployment; • Cross boarder crime; • Motorway policing; • Crewing of police vehicles; and • Local issues.
8 June 2018 10.00 am	Children’s Centres 3 years on Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Mick Harrison	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 4 years ago.	A working group will be set up to consider the current work of the Children’s centres in comparison with the findings of the 2014 Select Committee Review and the impact of the significant changes made as a result of the 2014/15 Best Start in Life consultation.
	Inquiry Group Report on Elective Home Education	Following a referral from the Corporate Parenting Panel a review group set up conflated with members of the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee. Its first meeting was held on 12 January where Members received a briefing from officers. Further meetings were held, including the inquiry session scheduled for 21 March. The final report and recommendations will be considered by the Select Committee in readiness for forwarding to the Cabinet Member for his executive response.	The Select Committee congratulated the Review Group on their report and endorsed both the report and its recommendations for submission to the Cabinet Member. As this had been a joint review submission would be after the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee had considered the report.
10 July 2018 10.00 am	Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) in Staffordshire, to include progress against the CSAF Action Plan Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Officer: Mick Harrison	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>Provision of “places of safety” under section 136 MHA. Cabinet Member – Alan White Lead Officer – Jo Sutherland</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 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.</p>	
<p>3 September 2018 10.00 am</p>	<p>Customer Feedback & Complaints, Adult Social Care Annual Report 17/18 Cabinet Member: Alan White Officer: Kate Bullivant</p>	<p>Adult’s Services have a statutory obligation to submit an Annual Report on complaints and representations to the relevant County Council Committee.</p>	
	<p>Customer Feedback & Complaints, Children’s Social Care Annual Report 17/18 Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Officer: Kate Bullivant</p>	<p>Children’s Services have a statutory obligation to submit an Annual Report on complaints and representations to the relevant County Council Committee.</p>	
	<p>Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Cabinet Member: Alan White Officer: Peter Hampton</p>	<p>Last considered at their meeting of November 2017 where Members noted the difficulties with the number of referrals and the need to prioritise assessments. They had concerns that this meant the Council was effectively in breach of the law, but within the resource available they accepted this as the only current solution. (Previously considered by this Select Committee in July & November 2017)</p>	
<p>8 November 2018 10.00am</p>	<p>Missing Children Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer:</p>	<p>Suggested at the 29 May Triangulation meeting. To look at missing children in the broader sense, not just CSE.</p>	
	<p>Trading Standards, Rogue Traders & Doorstep Crime Cabinet Member: Gill Heath Lead Officer: Trish Caldwell</p>	<p>Suggested at the 10 January & 29 May Triangulation meeting. Consider the safeguarding issues following the service review in 2018.</p>	
	<p>MISPERS Cabinet Member</p>	<p>Suggested for inclusion on the work programme at the 10 January Triangulation.</p>	

	Lead Officer		
11 December 2019 10.00am	Domestic Abuse, Domestic Homicide Reviews & emerging themes Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton and Alan White Officer: Mick Harrison	To consider possible themes emerging from an overview of these reviews and considering these from both an adult and children's safeguarding view point. (suggested at the 29 May Triangulation).	
14 January 2019 10.00am	Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) in Staffordshire, to include progress against the CSAF Action Plan Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Officer: Mick Harrison	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. (Last considered at 10 July Select Committee meeting).	
	Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent Adult Safeguarding Partnership Board Cabinet Member: Alan White Independent Chair: John Wood	This is reported to committee on an annual basis.	
	Staffs Safeguarding Children's Board (SSCB) Annual Report 2016/17 Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Independent Chair: John Wood	This is reported to committee on an annual basis.	
4 March 2019 10.00am	Children's & Families System Transformation & update on Pilot Projects Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Officer: Mick Harrison/Helen Riley/ Janene Cox	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.	
	Youth Offending service	Consideration of the YOS Review	

	Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Officer: Vonni Gordon		
tbc	Healthwatch use of powers under 2012 Act Cabinet Member: Alan White Lead Officer	Suggested at the 29 May Triangulation meeting. Seeking to identify if Healthwatch use their “enter and view” powers under the 2012 Act	
tbc	Short breaks for children with disabilities Cabinet Member – Mark Sutton Lead Officer -	Suggested for inclusion on the work programme at the 10 January Triangulation. Consideration to be given to solutions to drive the cost down.	
tbc	Independent Futures and Disability Team Cabinet Member: Lead Officer:	Suggested for inclusion on the work programme at the 10 January Triangulation.	
tbc	Direct Payments Cabinet Member: Alan White Lead Officer: Andrew Jepps	Following the 15 January consideration of Home Care Members requested an item on Direct Payments to clarify how the system worked.	
tbc	Stresses within mental health service Cabinet Member: Lead officer:	Suggested at the 29 May Triangulation meeting	
tbc	Insurance potential barriers to the People Helping people Programme Cabinet Member: Lead Officer:	Suggested at the 29 May Triangulation. Consideration of insurance difficulties that can act as a barrier to the people helping people programme	
tbc	Care Homes Quality Assurance data Cabinet Member: Alan White Lead Officer: Andrew Sharp	Suggested at the 29 may Triangulation	
tbc	Quarter performance update against Safeguarding Indicators Cabinet Member: Lead Officer: Andrew Sharp	Suggested at the 29 May Triangulation	

tbc	Themes emerging from Serious Case Reviews Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Richard Hancock	Suggested at the 29 May Triangulation	
tbc	MTFS Reforms and assessing the “no impact claims” Cabinet Member: Lead Officer:	Suggested at the 29 May Triangulation meeting.	

Briefing Notes/Updates/Visits 2018-19

Date	Item	Details	Action/Outcome

Working Group and/or Inquiry Days 2018-19

Date	Item	Details	Action/Outcome
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	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.
June and July 2018	Children’s Centres – 4 years on Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Officer: Mick Harrison	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. At the 8 June Select Committee Members agreed to set up this working group, with Members visiting the Centres before the end of the 2018 summer term.

12 January 31 January 21 March Reporting to 8	Elective Home Education	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 received a briefing from officers. A
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June 2018 Select Committee			planning meeting was held on 31 January with the inquiry session on 21 March. The Inquiry Group then compiled their report and recommendations which were submitted to the 8 June Select Committee for their comment and/or endorsement.
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Current & Related Work of Select Committees and/or All Party Member Groups 2018-19

Timescale	Area of Work	Details	Action/Outcome
30 May 2018 Special joint meeting	All Age Disability Strategy Cabinet Member: Alan White Officer: Martyn Baggaley	The Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee has the All Age Disability Strategy on their work programme with the original intention that this issue would be considered by them and their findings shared. However it has now been agreed that this will be considered at a special joint meeting between Healthy Staffordshire, Prosperous Staffordshire and the Safe and Strong Communities Select Committees on 30 May 2018.	Detailed scrutiny took place at the joint meeting with the thoughts, questions, concerns and comments of members at the Meeting being taken into consideration by the authors and Cabinet Members in the preparation of the final version of the Whole Life Disability Strategy 2018-2023
September 2017 - June 2018	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	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'	The final report of this APMG is due to be considered by Corporate Review in June 2018.
August 2017 – February 2018	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	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	The final report of the APMG was considered by Corporate Review on 19 February 2018.