



Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee Work Programme 2018/19

This document sets out the work programme for the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee for 2018/19. 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 Work Programme is linked to the Vision, Outcomes and Priorities detailed in the Council's Strategic Plan 2018-2022.

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 2017/18			
Item	Date of meeting when item is due to be considered	Details	Action/Outcome
Review of 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	4 April 2018	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 largescale fly tipping is being managed. (Views of JWMB to be sought).	The Committee considered the impact of introducing charging for non-household waste at Household Waste Recycling Centres in Staffordshire. They suggested that additional measures should be taken to improve communications and publicise the charging policy.
SACRE Annual Report Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Emma Jardine-Phillips	4 April 2018		Copies of the Annual Report have been circulated to the Select Committee.
EU Funding Case Studies Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Nigel Senior	4 April 2018	Item requested by the Committee at their meeting on 15 December 2017.	The Committee considered details of 3 EU Funding case studies.
Improving Attendance and participation in our schools and settings Cabinet Member: Philip White Lead officer: Karl Hobson	20 June 2018	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.	Staffordshire continued to have below national average rates in its primary, secondary and special schools. Absence from Pupil Referral Unit schools (PRUs) was a cause for concern. The local authority was working with the PRU headteachers to explore ways to improve attendance, and an independent review had been commissioned of the entire PRU estate.
Libraries and Arts Strategy: Phase 2 Cabinet Member: Gill Heath Lead Officers: Janene Cox/Catherine Mann	20 June 2018	Previously considered at the meeting in September 2017.	The Committee endorsed: the introduction of a self-service pilot; the evaluation and selection process to procure community managed library organisations; the existing support

			package and service specification for community managed libraries; and the application of the principles that had been consulted on to inform the mobile and travelling library service review.
Scrutiny Review of Impact of HGVs on Roads and Communities in Staffordshire – follow up of Executive Response Action Plan Cabinet Member: Helen Fisher Lead officer: Clive Thomson	20 June 2018	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.	The Committee received a briefing note on the action plan and implementation of the recommendations of the Working Together to Address the Impact of Heavy Goods Vehicles/HCVs on Roads in Staffordshire final report.
Midlands Connect Proposal to Become a Sub-National Transport Body – Consultation Cabinet Member: Philip Atkins/Mark Winnington Lead officer: Clive Thomson	20 June 2018	Pre-decision scrutiny (post May)	The Committee supported the proposal for Midlands Connect to become a statutory Sub-National Transport Body, with limited powers, rather than continuing under existing voluntary partnership arrangements.
Rights of Way Cabinet Member: Hele Fisher Lead Officers: Janene Cox/Nicola Swinnerton/Paula Dalton	20 June 2018	Item requested by members	The Committee considered a briefing note on the key outputs of the Public Rights of Way Review, and agreed to scrutinise the plans to deal with the backlog of Section 53 applications at their July meeting.
Rights of Way Cabinet Member: Mike Sutherland/Helen Fisher Lead Officers: Janene Cox/Nicola Swinnerton/Paula Dalton	19 July 2018	Issue regarding backlog of applications	Plans to Deal with Section 53 Backlog. A further update to be brought to the meeting in January 2019.
Economic Growth Capital and Development Programme to include Overview of Regeneration Projects and	19 July 2018	Item proposed by the Corporate Director for Economy, Infrastructure and Skills.	Members noted the work and progress of the Staffordshire County Council Economic Growth Programme and the Growth Hub and requested that a

<p>Growth Hub Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Anthony Hodge</p>			<p>breakdown of jobs by district and employment sector be provided to all members of the Council.</p>
<p>Inquiry Group Report on Elective Home Education</p>	<p>19 July 2018</p>	<p>Following a referral from the Corporate Parenting Panel a review group was set up conflated with members of the Safe and Strong 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.</p>	<p>The Select Committee endorsed the final report and recommendations of the Elective Home Education Review and agreed its submission to the appropriate Cabinet Members.</p>
<p>HS2 Construction Routes and Road Safety Cabinet Member: Helen Fisher/ Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Clive Thomson→James Bailey/Sarah Mallen</p>	<p>19 July 2018</p>	<p>Phase 2 under consultation</p>	<p>The Select Committee noted the work undertaken to date on efforts to influence HS2 construction routes, and the limited powers (as outlined in the phase 1 and phase 2a Hybrid Bill) available to the highway authority in respect of approving HS2 construction routes. Members agreed to assist in raising awareness of the HS2 Helpline and email for all queries and complaints regarding construction.</p>
<p>Update on Infrastructure + Improvement Plan and Performance Review based on 2017/18 Delivery/Highways Extra Investment Cabinet Members: Mark Deaville and Helen Fisher</p>	<p>19 September 2018</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>The Select Committee noted the progress which had been made on the Infrastructure+ Action plan and on the extra £5m investment in highway maintenance, and asked for an update on the Highways Portal at their next meeting.</p>

Lead officer: James Bailey		county's investment in our road network. Members wished to consider the quality of repairs/failure rate.	
Delivering Housing in Staffordshire Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officers: Mark Parkinson	19 September 2018		The Select Committee requested a further update in six months' time.
Freight Strategy Cabinet Member: Helen Fisher Lead Officer: Clive Thomson	15 November 2018		
Education and Skills Strategy for Staffordshire Cabinet Member: Philip White Lead Officers: Tim Moss, Andrew Marsden, Anthony Baines	14 December 2018	Item proposed by the County Commissioner for School Quality Assurance and Intervention.	
Executive Response to the Report of the Working Group on Elective Home Education Cabinet Members: Mark Sutton and Philip White	14 December 2018	A review group had been set up jointly with members of the Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee, following a referral from the Corporate Parenting Panel.	
Safer Roads Partnership Cabinet Member: Helen Fisher Lead Officer: James Bailey	18 January 2019		
Countryside Estate Review Cabinet Member: Gill Heath/Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Ruth Shufflebotham	18 January 2019	Pre-decision scrutiny.	
Economic Growth Programme Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Anthony Hodge	18 January 2019	Six-monthly updates were requested at the Triangulation Meeting on 17 October 2018.	
Rights of Way Cabinet Member: Mike Sutherland/Helen Fisher	18 January 2019	Issue regarding backlog of applications (last considered at the meeting on 19 July 2018)	Update on dealing with the backlog of Section 53 Applications (the number dealt with through delegation, and the

Lead Officers: Janene Cox/Nicola Swinerton/Paula Dalton			number dealt with by the CRoW Panel).
Delivering Housing in Staffordshire Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Anthony Hodge	1 March 2019	A further update in six months' time was requested by the Select Committee at their meeting on 19 September 2018.	
Post Brexit Economic Funding Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Anthony Hodge	1 March 2019	Requested at the Triangulation Meeting on 17 October 2018.	
Sportshire Strategy and Major Events Evaluation Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Ben Holland	Briefing Note	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.	Briefing Note requested.
Post-16 (now Post 18) Education Provision Cabinet Member: Philip White Lead Officer: Tony Baines	To be advised	Item proposed by the Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills.	
Community Transport and Supported Bus Network Cabinet Member: Mark Deaville Lead Officer: Clive Thomson	To be advised		At their meeting on 14 November the Committee agreed to monitor the impact of the removal of bus subsidies going forward.

Capital Programme: Funding for New Schools Cabinet Member: Philip White Lead Officer: Andrew Marsden	To be advised		
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Working Groups			
Entrust Service Level Agreement Key Performance Indicator Working group Cabinet Member: Mark Deaville Lead Officer: Ian Turner/Karen Coker	Scrutiny and Support Manager to discuss timing with Chair/Vice Chair	Following consideration of Education Support Services – Commissioning and Contract Performance on 22 January Members agreed to set up a Working Group to consider the review of KPIs and the information they wished to scrutinise in future.	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 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.
Elective Home Education Cabinet Member: Philip White Lead Officer: Karl Hobson		Item referred by Corporate Parenting Panel – August 2017 (NB also referred to Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee)	A review group has been set up jointly with members of the Safe and Strong Select Committee. Its first meeting was held on 12 January where Members received a briefing from officers. A planning meeting was held on 31 January with the inquiry session on 21 March. The Inquiry Group then compiled their report and recommendations which the Select Committee endorsed and agreed its submission to the appropriate Cabinet Members at their meeting on 19 July 2018.

Membership

Ian Parry (Chairman)
Julia Jessel (Vice-Chairman)
Ron Clarke
Tina Clements
Keith Flunder
Bryan Jones
Kyle Robinson
David Smith
Simon Tagg
Bernard Williams
Mike Deakin (Co-optee)
Andrew Mason (Co-optee)
Rev. Preb. Michael Metcalf (Co-optee)
Jessica Shulman (Co-optee)

Calendar of Committee Meetings at County Buildings, Martin Street, Stafford ST16 2LH

4 April 2018
20 June 2018
19 July 2018
19 September 2018
15 November 2018
14 December 2018
18 January 2019
1 March 2019