



Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee Work Programme 2019/20

This document sets out the work programme for the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee for 2019/20.

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

If you would like to know more about our work programme, please get in touch with Mandy Pattinson, Scrutiny and Support Manager, 01785 278502 or by emailing mandy.pattinson@staffordshire.gov.uk

Work Programme Items carried over from 2018/19			
Item	Date of meeting when item is due to be considered	Details	Action/Outcome
Post Brexit Economic Funding Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Anthony Hodge	To be advised	Requested at the Triangulation Meeting on 17 October 2018.	(Government has promised full consultation on the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. Pre-decision scrutiny).
Update on Elective Home Education Cabinet Members: Mark Sutton/Philip White Lead Officers: Tim Moss/Karl Hobson		At their meeting on 14 December 2018 the Committee agreed that they wished to receive an update on EHE.	Briefing Note
Follow Up on the Reorganisation of Further and Higher Education Arrangements with Entrust Cabinet Member: Philip White	To be advised	Requested at the meeting on 14 December 2018.	Check issue(s)
Additional Items for Discussion			
Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Policy and Strategy Cabinet Member: Helen Fisher Lead Officer: James Bailey/David Walters	20 June 2019	To include feedback on the Infrastructure+ Customer Outcomes Group	Item on HIAMP previously scheduled for September to be brought forward and included on June agenda. The comments of the Committee will be reported to the August meeting of Cabinet. Members requested additional information on personal injury claims and updated information on average response time from enquiry to inspection.
Infrastructure+ and Lighting for Staffordshire Performance Review Cabinet Member: Helen Fisher Lead Officer: James Bailey	20 June 2019		Members noted the update on performance on the contract.
New Item: Staffordshire Air	20 June 2019		It was agreed that a further report on

Quality Projects Cabinet Member: Helen Fisher Lead Officer: Clive Thomson/Louise Clayton			the Air Quality Ministerial Directive served on Newcastle Borough Council and Stoke on Trent City Council should be brought to a future meeting.
Work Programme Planning Lead Officer: Tina Gould	20 June 2019		Members agreed the inclusion of an item on the capacity of Pupil Referral Units to cope with increasing numbers of referrals, and scoping for a Working Group on environmental issues.
Education and Skills Strategy: A Partnership Framework for Staffordshire (Previously known as School Attainment and Improvement) Cabinet Member: Philip White Officer: Tim Moss	26 July 2019	Annual update on examination results. (<i>urgent, usually considered in January</i>).	Members requested that the Strategy should include a paragraph on the role of governors and that open, honest and clear language should be used. They also asked that the size of the geographic footprint covered by the Regional Schools Commissioner be raised with them.
Capital Funding for New Schools Cabinet Member: Philip White Lead Officer: Andrew Marsden	26 July 2019		Members requested that the Cabinet Member investigate the utilisation of Section 106 funding further to see if further collaboration between partners was achievable so that a County-wide agreement could be made.
Economic Growth Programme Update Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Anthony Hodge	3 October 2019	Six monthly updates requested. Last considered on 1 March 2019.	The Cabinet Member expressed his appreciation to members for their comments and questions.
Draft Strategic Infrastructure Plan Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Anthony Hodge/Mark Parkinson	3 October 2019	To include Delivering Housing in Staffordshire.	The comments of the Committee and invited speakers to be fed back to Cabinet when they considered the SIP on 16 October 2019.

Update on Section 53 Applications Cabinet Member: Helen Fisher Lead Officer: Janene Cox/ Paula Dalton	17 January 2020	Previously considered on 19 July 2018 and 18 January 2019. Members may wish to continue to monitor progress with dealing with the backlog of Section 53 applications.	To challenge progress made in dealing with applications vs the investment made. The Committee agreed that it would not be necessary to receive further updates unless there were significant changes to progress.
Update on the Education and Skills Strategy Cabinet Member: Philip White Lead Officers: Tim Moss, Andrew Marsden, Anthony Baines	17 January 2020	At their meeting on 14 December 2018 the Committee agreed that they wished to receive an update on the progress on the Strategy.	The Committee emphasised the need for the Education and Skills Strategic Group to bring about improvement, with demonstrable outcomes.
Alternative Education Provision Cabinet Member: Philip White Lead Officer: Tim Moss	17 January 2020	Item referred by the Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee at their meeting on 28 May 2019.	Members suggested training for School Governors, particularly around permanent exclusion, in order to strengthen their role, and also to assist them when setting up policies in their schools.
Staffordshire Library Service 2020-2025 Cabinet Member: Gill Heath Lead Officer: Janene Cox/Catherine Mann	17 January 2020	Pre-decision scrutiny. (Further adjustments to model to meet MTFS savings).	Members' comments would be included in the report to be considered by Cabinet at their meeting on 19 February 2020.
Mitigation Plans for Cannock Chase Special Area of Conservation Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Janene Cox/Sarah Bentley	16 April 2020	Pre-decision scrutiny.	
Update on Countryside Estate Review Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Janene Cox/Sarah Bentley	16 April 2020		
Performance of the Highways	18 June 2020		Six monthly updates to Select

<p>Contract to include PFI Street Lighting (new item) Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Plan Cabinet Member: Helen Fisher Lead Officer: James Bailey</p>			Committee.
<p>Community Learning Service – Outcomes from Investment Cabinet Member: Philip White Lead Officers: Anthony Baines/Preeya Buckley</p>	18 June 2020		
<p>Delivering Housing in Staffordshire Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington/Mark Deaville Lead Officer: Anthony Hodge</p>	12 November 2020	<p>Six monthly updates requested. Last considered on 1 March 2019. NB Previous Vice Chairman’s concern regarding County Council ability to influence widths of roads on new estates.</p>	
<p>Superfast Broadband Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Anthony Hodge/Paul Chatwin</p>			<p>Briefing note with reference to map that Members can access that details coverage.</p>
<p>Staffordshire Air Quality Projects Cabinet Member: Helen Fisher Lead Officer: Clive Thomson/Louise Clayton</p>	To be advised	Pre-decision scrutiny.	
<p>Entrust - Progress Cabinet Member: Mark Deaville Lead Officer: Ian Turner</p>	To be advised	<p>Initial contract runs from 1.8.19 – 31.7.20, with option to extend for a further 3 years. Update on contract; contract performance. Impact of change in local authority expectations.</p>	
<p>Local Industrial Strategy/Strategic Infrastructure Plan Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington</p>	To be advised	<p>Item agreed at the Triangulation Meeting on 30 October 2019.</p>	

Lead Officer: Anthony Hodge/Mark Parkinson			
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Working Groups			
SEND Working Group Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Tim Moss		Three representatives of the Committee will participate in a Working Group to consider the Joint local area SEND inspection in Staffordshire and draft action plan. The Group has met on 29.3.19. and 21.6.19. Details of dates of meetings of South Staffs Hubs have been sent to Members of the Working Group and they have been advised to attend.	
Community Transport and the Supported Bus Network Cabinet Member: Mark Deaville Lead Officer: Clive Thomson	An Inquiry Day is to be held in April 2020.	The Committee agreed to monitor the impact of the removal of bus subsidies going forward. The Leader of the Opposition also requested that a report come back to the Committee on benchmarking with other local authorities. To include issues in respect of public transport and changes to the Your Staffordshire Card Scheme..	
How Well are Small and Medium Sized Businesses Supported by Post 18 Education Cabinet Member: Philip White	An Inquiry Day is to be held.	Agreed at the Triangulation Meeting on 30 October 2019.	

Officer: Anthony Baines			
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Membership

Ian Parry (Chairman)
Tina Clements (Vice Chairman)
Keith Flunder
Syed Hussain
Julia Jessel
Ian Lawson
Kyle Robinson
David Smith
Simon Tagg
Bernard Williams
Mike Deakin (Co-optee)
Rev. Preb. Michael Metcalf (Co-optee)
Jessica Shulman (Co-optee)

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

20 June 2019
26 July 2019
3 October 2019
13 November 2019 - CANCELLED
17 January 2020
28 February 2020 - CANCELLED
16 April 2020 - CANCELLED
18 June 2020
24 July 2020
17 September 2020
12 November 2020
15 January 2021
26 February 2021
15 April 2021