



WORK PROGRAMME – September 2020

Corporate Review Committee

The Corporate Review Committee is the Council's principal scrutiny committee. It is responsible for co-ordinating and approving the scrutiny work programmes, overseeing the work of the Select Committees and ensuring coherence of approach to cross cutting policy themes. The committee also has a key role in challenging progress around the Council's ambitions of running the business well.

The Committee also scrutinises those areas of the County Council's activity focused on corporate improvement. Its remit covers:

- Holding the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council to account for achievement of the overall vision of a connected Staffordshire.
- The Council's overall performance and approach to managing performance and Strategic Corporate Planning
- The Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy
- The Council's on-going programme of improvement and transformation.
- The Committee is responsible for scrutiny of achievement against the Council's strategic priorities
- The Council as a commissioning organisation including how it uses customer insight to drive improvements in services

We review our work programme regularly to ensure it remains relevant to the challenges facing local communities, the council and its partners.

County Councillor Colin Greatorex
Chairman of the Corporate Review Committee

If you would like to know more about our work programme or how to raise issues for potential inclusion on a work programme then, please get in touch with:
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Member and Democratic Services Manager.

Date of Meeting	Topic	Link to Council's Strategic Priorities	Background/Outcome
4 June 2020 – virtual meeting	COVID 19 – specifically issues on Health (NHS) and finance. Member: Alan White, Mike Sutherland Officers: Simon Whitehouse/Rob Salmon		That the Chairmen of the Select Committees agree which committee would be best placed to scrutinise the Local Outbreak Control Plan
8 June 2020 Reserved for Call-in cancelled			
11 June 2020 – cancelled			
3 July 2020 (Contact: Nick Pountney/Mandy Pattinson – Scrutiny & Support Manager)	Gender and Equality Issues to include: Member: Philip Atkins /Philip White Officer Sarah Getley.		Item proposed by Leader of the Opposition.
	Covid-19 update Member: Leader		
31 July 2020 Reserved for Call-in (Contact: Nick Pountney/Mandy Pattinson – Scrutiny & Support Manager)	Working Group on Members Parental Leave. Member: Philip Atkins /Philip White Officer Sarah Getley		Comments made and included
	Performance Report – Quarter 4 2019/20 and Quarter 1 2020/21 Member: Mike Sutherland Officer: Andrew Donaldson, Rob Salmon		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Information on Government funding received and what it had been spent on be circulate to the Committee for information. b) The Cabinet Member agreed to discuss with the Leader the possibility of a meeting with all the Staffordshire MPs to discuss future funding and the need for additional resources. c) That the results of the working group set up to look at client debt be included in the next quarterly update report.

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8 September 2020 (Contact: Nick Pountney/Mandy Pattinson – Scrutiny & Support Manager)	The Local Outbreak Control Plan Member: Alan White Officer: Richard Harling		Requested at 4 June meeting and 31 July.
2 October 2020 Reserved for Call-in (Contact: Nick Pountney/Mandy Pattinson – Scrutiny & Support Manager)			
6 October 2020 (Contact: Nick Pountney/Mandy Pattinson – Scrutiny & Support Manager)			
9 November 2020 Reserved for Call-in (Contact: Nick Pountney/Mandy Pattinson – Scrutiny & Support Manager)			
17 November 2020 (Contact: Nick Pountney/Mandy Pattinson – Scrutiny & Support Manager)	Performance Report – Quarter 2 2020/21 Member: Mike Sutherland Officer: Andrew Donaldson, Rob Salmon		
4 December 2020 Reserved for Call-in (Contact: Nick Pountney/Mandy Pattinson – Scrutiny & Support Manager)			
8 January 2021 Reserved for Call-in (Contact: Nick Pountney/Mandy Pattinson – Scrutiny & Support Manager)			

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21 January 2021 (Contact: Nick Pountney/Mandy Pattinson – Scrutiny & Support Manager)			
5 February 2021 Reserved for Call-in (Contact: Nick Pountney/Mandy Pattinson – Scrutiny & Support Manager)			
5 March 2021 Reserved for Call-in (Contact: Nick Pountney/Mandy Pattinson – Scrutiny & Support Manager)			
30 March 2021 (Contact: Nick Pountney/Mandy Pattinson – Scrutiny & Support Manager)	Performance Report – Quarter 3 2020/21 Member: Mike Sutherland Officer: Andrew Donaldson, Rob Salmon		
6 April 2021 Reserved for Call-in (Contact: Nick Pountney/Mandy Pattinson – Scrutiny & Support Manager)			
TBC	Scrutiny of the LEP (Joint meeting with Stoke City Council) at Stoke City Council in September/October (tbc). Members: Alan White/Abi Brown and David Frost, Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire LEP Officers: Darryl Eyers/Phil Cresswell (Stoke City Council/Jackie Casey (LEP)		New governance for the LEP have now been approved. The Director of Economy, Infrastructure and Skills has suggested that the arrangements should be reviewed regularly with Stoke City Council. Next meeting to take place at Stoke City Council to include update on progress with the Local Industrial Strategy.
TBC	Nexus Member: Mark Deaville Officer: Helen Riley Was programmed for May 2020		Item proposed by Chairman of Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee. Corporate Review to review progress with Nexus and consider how governance arrangements may need to change going forward.

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TBC	Apprenticeship Levy Member: Philip White Officer: Chris Bamsey		The Skills and Employability Team are now managing the County Council's Apprenticeship levy. It is proposed that this should therefore be scrutinised by Corporate Review rather than Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee. Briefing Note proposed.
TBC	Doing Your Bit (formerly People Helping People). Role of Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association and Parish Councils Officer: Andrew Donaldson/ Peter Barker/ Kerry Dove		One of the four enablers in the Strategic Plan.
TBC	Digital Member: Mike Sutherland		One of the four Enablers in the Strategic Plan. Item on SMART Working proposed by Leader of the Opposition. *** New Digital Strategy requested at 10 January 2020 meeting.
TBC	Networks		One of the four Enablers in the Strategic Plan.

Items for Consideration for the Work Programme

Suggested item	Link to the Council's Commissioning Plans	Background	Possible Option

Working Group updates

MTFS 2020	Appointment of Members 2020	Membership (appointed 31 July 2020): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charlotte Atkins John Francis 	Observers Mike Sutherland Alan White
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Membership - County Councillors	Calendar of Committee Meetings	
Colin Greatorex (Chairman)	4 May 2020 (virtual)	
Conor Wileman (Vice Chairman)	4 June 2020 (virtual)	
	8 June 2020 cancelled - reserved for call-in	
	11 June 2020 cancelled	
Charlotte Atkins	3 July 2020 (virtual)	
Mike Davies	31 July 2020 (virtual)	
Helen Fisher	8 September 2020 (virtual)	
John Francis	2 October 2020	- reserved for call-in
Jeremy Oates	6 October 2020	
Bernard Peters	9 November 2020	- reserved for call-in
Ian Parry	17 November 2020	
Jeremy Pert	4 December 2020	- reserved for call-in
Stephen Sweeney	8 January 2021	- reserved for call-in
Natasha Pullen	21 January 2021	
Susan Woodward (Opposition Vice Chairman)	5 February 2021	- reserved for call-in
	5 March 2021	- reserved for call-in
	30 March 2021	
	6 April 2021	- reserved for call-in