



WORK PROGRAMME – November 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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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.
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. Committee agreed: Members be supplied with information on the location and demographics of the current cases in Staffordshire.
	Work Programme		Information on the Entrust contract was requested.

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Cancelled 2 October 2020 Reserved for Call-in			
Cancelled 6 October 2020			
Cancelled 9 November 2020 Reserved for Call-in			
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		
	Covid 19 – verbal update report Member: Alan White Officer: Richard Harling		
	Corporate Complaints Annual Report Member: Alan White/Mike Sutherland Officer: Kate Bullivant		
	Communities Principles Member: Victoria Wilson Officer: Helen Riley, Andrew Donaldson / Janene Cox		Pre-decision scrutiny
23 November 2pm Hosted by Stoke City Council Teams meeting	Scrutiny of the LEP (Joint meeting with Stoke City Council) at Stoke City Council Members: Philip White Officers: Darryl Eyers/Anthony Hodges		New governance for the LEP have now been approved. Informal Joint Scrutiny with Stoke City Council. County Hosted on 8 January 2019 - Next meeting to take place at Stoke City Council to include update on progress with the Local Industrial Strategy.
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)			
21 January 2021 (Contact: Nick Pountney/Mandy Pattinson – Scrutiny & Support Manager)	Medium Term Financial Strategy Working Group - Final Report		

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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	Equal Opportunities		Raised at 3/7/20 committee – need more equality areas in the work programme. Discussion with Chair and Vice Chairs/officers 6/10/20. Draft paper being prepared, setting out the current position from both a community and workforce perspective. Focus groups to be arranged. Following this a general refresh of Equality Objectives will be carried out. Then report to Corporate Review for scrutiny and to inform the committee of the areas which need priority.
TBC	Governance and control of Arm's length companies/partners. E.g. Nexxus / Entrust / AMEY. Particularly in light of Robin Hood Energy/Nottingham City Council. What is out process, how is performance measured, how are contract changes negotiated, what influence do we have. Member: Philip White Officer: Helen Riley /Darryl Evers/John Tradewell/ Ian Turner		Item discussed with Chair and Vice Chairs. MTFS to look at financial aspects. Report requested for early 2021, possibly January in line with MTFS findings.

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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 emailed - Copy to Prosperous Select Committee
TBC	Digital Strategy Member: Mike Sutherland		Digital Strategy requested at 10 January 2020 meeting. Also requested by Prosperous Committee.

Items for Consideration for the Work Programme

Suggested item	Link to the Council's Commissioning Plans	Background	Possible Option
Networks – E.g. Leaders group/CE groups/LGA - how is the information shared?		Discussed at Chairs/Vice Chairs meeting 07/10/20	

Working Group updates

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