



WORK PROGRAMME – 2021/2022

Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee is the Council's principal overview and scrutiny committee. It is responsible for co-ordinating and approving the scrutiny work programmes, overseeing the work of the Overview and Scrutiny 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 Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources 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 Overview and Scrutiny 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 contact Nick Pountney - Scrutiny and Support Manager – Nicholas.pountney@staffordshire.gov.uk

Date of Meeting	Topic	Link to Council's Strategic Priorities	Background/Outcome
10 June 2021	<p>Introduction to the Committee and Work Programme Planning</p> <p>Members: Alan White/Ian Parry Officers: John Tradewell/Rob Salmon/Nick Pountney</p>		
2 July 2021 Cancelled Reserved for Call In			
29 July 2021	<p>Integrated Performance Report – Quarter 1 2020/21</p> <p>Members: Alan White/Ian Parry Officers: John Tradewell/Rob Salmon</p>		
	<p>Appointment of the Medium Term Financial Strategy Working Group</p> <p>Officers: Carol Bloxham/Nick Pountney</p>		
6 August 2021 Cancelled Reserved for Call in			
7 September 2021	<p>Climate Change Annual Report and Action Plan 2</p> <p>Member: Simon Tagg Officer: Clive Thomson</p>		
1 October 2021 Reserved for Call In			
5 October 2021	<p>Corporate Complaints Annual Report</p> <p>Member: Alan White/Ian Parry Officer: Kate Bullivant</p>		

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8 November 2021 Reserved for Call In			
16 November 2021	Integrated Performance Report – Quarter 2 2020/21 Members: Alan White/Ian Parry Officers: John Tradewell/Rob Salmon		
	Digital Strategy Member: Ian Parry Officer: John Tradewell/Kerry Dove		
3 December 2021			
7 January 2022 Reserved for Call In			
20 January 2022	Development of the Strategic Plan Member: Alan White Officer: John Tradewell		
4 February 2022 Reserved for Call In			
4 March 2022 Reserved for Call In			
29 March 2022			

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5 April 2022 Reserved for Call In			
TBC	Equal Opportunities		<p>Raised at 3/7/20 committee – need more equality areas in the work programme. Discussion with Chair and Vice Chairs/officers 6/10/20.</p> <p>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.</p>
TBC	<p>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.</p> <p>Member: Philip White Officer: Helen Riley/Darryl Evers/John Tradewell/Ian Turner</p>		<p>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.</p>
TBC Data Sharing			
TBC People Strategy Recruitment Smart Working/Future Office			

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 2021/22	Appointment of Members 2021	Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr C Creatorex • Cllr B Peters • Cllr J Salisbury • Cllr C Atkins • Cllr J Pert • Cllr G Heath • Cllr S Thompson • Cllr J Oates 	Observers
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Membership - County Councillors	Calendar of Committee Meetings
Colin Creatorex (Chairman) Conor Wileman (Vice Chairman - Overview)	10 June 2021 2 July 2021 reserved for call in CANCELLED

Gill Heath (Vice Chairman - Scrutiny)	29 July 2021	
	6 August 2021	reserved for call in CANCELLED
Charlotte Atkins	7 September 2021	
Tina Clements	1 October 2021	reserved for call-in
Mike Davies	5 October 2021	
Jeremy Oates	8 November 2021	reserved for call-in
Jeremy Pert	16 November 2021	
Bernard Peters	3 December 2021	
James Salisbury	7 January 2022	reserved for call-in
Bob Spencer	20 January 2022	
Samantha Thompson	4 February 2022	reserved for call-in
Mike Worthington	29 March 2022	
	5 April 2022	reserved for call-in