

## **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 Mandy Pattinson - Scrutiny and Support Officer – [mandy.pattinson@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:mandy.pattinson@staffordshire.gov.uk)

Date of Meeting	Topic	Link to Council's Strategic Priorities	Background/Outcome
10 June 2021	Introduction to the Committee and Work Programme Planning  Members: Alan White/Ian Parry Officers: John Tradewell/Rob Salmon/Nick Pountney		Items added to the WP for development
	<b>SEND Working Group report</b>		RESOLVED : That if the outcomes from further review were positive then the Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee continue to maintain oversight, however if the review was negative then Corporate Overview and Scrutiny would investigate
2 July 2021 Cancelled			Reserved for Call In
29 July 2021	Integrated Performance Report – Quarter 1 2020/21 Members: Alan White/Ian Parry Officers: John Tradewell/Rob Salmon		Further report on Climate Change
	Appointment of the Medium Term Financial Strategy Working Group Officers: Carol Bloxham/Nick Pountney		Appointed (See end of WP for list of members)
6 August 2021 Cancelled			Reserved for Call in
7 September 2021	Climate Change Annual Report and Action Plan 2 Member: Simon Tagg Officer: Clive Thomson		RESOLVED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) That the Climate Change Annual Report (2021) and the progress that has been made to date be noted and the comments made by the Committee, be included in the report taken forward.</li> <li>b) That the draft Climate Change Action Plan 2 (CCAP 2) be noted and referred to formal Cabinet for approval in October 2021.</li> <li>c) That the Committee establish a small Working Group on Climate Change – Chaired by the Vice Chair for Overview, Councillor Wileman. The Membership of the Working Group to come from this Committee.</li> </ul>

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1 October 2021 Cancelled			Reserved for Call In
5 October 2021	Corporate Complaints Annual Report 2020/21 Member: Alan White Officers: John Tradewell/Kate Bullivant		Noted
	Overview and Scrutiny Work Programmes 2021/22 Overview and Scrutiny Chairman		Noted
8 November 2021 Cancelled			Reserved for Call In
8 November 2021	Performance Management Workshop		
16 November 2021	Integrated Performance Report – Quarter 2 2020/21 Members: Alan White/Ian Parry Officers: John Tradewell/Rob Salmon/Kerry Dove		Noted – further report in March 2022
	Diversity and Inclusion - Principles, Objectives and Action Plan Member: Alan White Officers: Sarah Getley/Kerry Dove		<p><b>RESOLVED;</b></p> <p>(a) That the report be received and noted;</p> <p>(b) That owing to the late publication of the Report, any further questions, comments and suggestions on the Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion – Principles, Objectives and Action Plan be forwarded to the Leader (or Director of Corporate Services) by no later than 23 November 2021 to enable consideration of the matter by Cabinet at their meeting on 15 December 2021.</p> <p>(c) That consideration be given to the feasibility of promoting the Authority's Principles and Objectives through their external commissioning processes and careers advise role.</p> <p>(d) That relevant KPIs for Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion be included in the performance monitoring process and future update reports to the Committee.</p>
	VCSE capacity building recommission Member: Victoria Wilson Officers: John Tradewell/Kerry Dove		<p><b>RESOLVED</b> – (a) That the report be received and noted.</p> <p>(b) That the proposals to recommission Voluntary,</p>

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	<p>Impact of COVID-19 on SCC Communities, Economy and Organisation and Recovery Progress - Update October 2021 and Way Forward</p> <p>Member: Alan White Officers: John Tradewell/Deborah Sullivan</p>		<p>Community Social Enterprise (VCSE) Capacity Building support for Staffordshire from 31 July 2022, as set out in the draft Cabinet Report to their meeting on 15 December 2021, be supported.</p> <p>(b) That the draft Cabinet report be updated to reflect the above-mentioned discussion and various issues raised by the Committee as priority areas for attention by the new Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise Capacity Building framework contract provider.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>(a) That the report be received and noted.</p> <p>(b) That the Authority's approach to leadership and influencing and monitoring the recovery process, be endorsed.</p>
6 January 2022 1.30pm	Call-in Burton Town Deal – Burton Library Move		Cabinet decision agreed.
6 January 2022 3.30 pm	Scrutiny of the Local Enterprise Partnership Member - Lucy Sefton		<p>District and City members invited.</p> <p>RESOLVED – (a) That the report be received and noted.</p> <p>(b) That the good performance of Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Local Enterprise Partnership in delivering their objectives during 2020/21 be welcomed.</p> <p>(c) That the uncertainty regarding the future of Local Enterprise Partnerships, nationally, be noted and that future developments relating to Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent, in this respect, be monitored closely.</p> <p>(d) That the future delivery of economic growth and prosperity in Staffordshire through partnership working arrangements continue to be scrutinised, as appropriate.</p>
<del>7 January 2022</del>	Moved to 6 January		Reserved for Call In.

Date of Meeting	Topic	Link to Council's Strategic Priorities	Background/Outcome
20 January 2022	<b>Request for merger of coroner's service</b> <b>Pre-decision</b> Lead member: Cabinet Member for Communities and Culture Lead director: Deputy Chief Executive and Director for Families and Communities Trish Caldwell		
	<b>Development of the Strategic Plan</b> Member: Alan White Officer: John Tradewell Kerry Dove		
	<b>MFTS 2022-2027 Working Group Report</b> Chair of COSC - Cllr Greatorex Rob Salmon		
4 February 2022			Reserved for Call In
4 March 2022			Reserved for Call In
29 March 2022	<b>Quarterly Integrated Performance report (Quarter 3)</b> Members: Alan White/Ian Parry Officers: John Tradewell/Rob Salmon/Kerry Dove		
	<b>Climate Change Working Group Update</b>		
5 April 2022			Reserved for Call In
<b>To be developed and programmed into the 2022/23 work programme.</b>			
<b>NB. Items discussed at a triangulation meeting (Leader Cabinet member, Officers and Chair and Vice 21/12/22)</b>			
TBC	Equal Opportunities		Diversity and Inclusion - Principles, Objectives and Action Plan considered at 16 Nov 21 meeting – update report – Suggest schedule for June 2022.
TBC	Governance and control of arm's length companies/partners. E.g. Nexus/Entrust/AMEY.		Consider the 3 partnerships individually. 1. AMEY – contract ends in 2024. COSC to consider possible new contracts/options.

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	Particularly in light of Robin Hood Energy/Nottingham City Council.		<p>2. Entrust – contract until the end of 2023. Scrutiny input requested prior to decision – options, performance etc.</p> <p>3. Nexus - Governance and management arrangements – Is there a conflict of interest for board members? Should there be an extension to the range of services provided? What is the risk? Cabinet decision due soon. Pre decision scrutiny requested.</p> <p>What is the accumulative risks to the organisation?</p>
Pending	Digital Strategy  Member: Ian Parry Officers: John Tradewell/Kerry Dove		Pending – to consider when there is a change or review
Data Sharing			How do we share data with others, in an effective and timely way. What is stopping the sharing and what can we do to be more effective. During the Pandemic, networks became better at sharing information – can we build on this? <b>June 2022?</b>
People Strategy (to include Recruitment, Smart Working/Future Office)	People Strategy (to include Recruitment, Smart Working/Future Office)		To be refreshed in June 2022. Pre decision scrutiny?
Capacity to draft bids	Capacity to draft bids		Where do the opportunities come from, are we ready to compile and bid for funding?

### 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?		<p>Discussed at Chairs/Vice Chairs meeting 07/10/20.</p> <p>Link to networking, sharing information during covid etc.</p>	Part of information sharing report (data sharing) Possible June 2022?

## Working Groups

MTFS 2021/22	<b>Appointment of Members 2021</b>	<p>Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr C Greatorex (Chair)</li> <li>• Cllr B Peters</li> <li>• Cllr J Salisbury</li> <li>• Cllr C Atkins</li> <li>• Cllr J Pert</li> <li>• Cllr G Heath</li> <li>• Cllr S Thompson</li> <li>• Cllr J Oates</li> </ul>	<p>2 September 2021            1 October 2021            5 October 2021            19 October 2021            29 October 2021            3 November 2021            25 November 2021            30 November 2021            5 January 2022 - Draft report            20 January 2022 COSC</p>
Climate Change Working Group		<p>Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Conor Wileman (Chair)</li> <li>• Cllr C Atkins</li> <li>• Cllr T Clements</li> <li>• Cllr J Pert</li> <li>• Cllr B Peters</li> </ul>	<p>17 November            7 January – scoping meeting            Information gathering – Jan- March (dates tbc)            Update to COSC 29 March</p>

<b>Membership - County Councillors</b>	<b>Calendar of Committee Meetings</b>
<p>Colin Greatorex (Chairman)            Conor Wileman (Vice Chairman - Overview)            Gill Heath (Vice Chairman - Scrutiny)</p> <p>Charlotte Atkins            Tina Clements            Mike Davies            Jeremy Oates            Jeremy Pert            Bernard Peters            James Salisbury            Bob Spencer            Samantha Thompson            Mike Worthington</p>	<p><b>COSC</b></p> <p>10 June 2021            29 July 2021            7 September 2021            5 October 2021            16 November 2021            3 December 2021 CANCELLED            6 January 2022 - Call-in Burton Library move            6 January 2022 - LEP joint with Stoke on Trent            20 January 2022            29 March 2022</p> <p><b>Reserved for call-in</b></p> <p>2 July 2021 CANCELLED            6 August 2021 CANCELLED            1 October 2021 CANCELLED            8 November 2021 CANCELLED            7 January 2022 Moved to 6<sup>th</sup> January            4 February 2022 reserved for call-in            5 April 2022 reserved for call-in</p>