



WORK PROGRAMME – 14 April 2022

Prosperous Overview and Scrutiny Committee

This document sets out the work programme for the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee for 2021/22. The Prosperous Overview and Scrutiny Committee are 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 2018-22.

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 Tina Clements

Chairman of the Prosperous Overview and Scrutiny Committee

If you would like to know more about our work programme, please contact Jonathan Lindop - Scrutiny and Support Officer by emailing jonathan.lindop@staffordshire.gov.uk

Work Programme 2021/22

Date of meeting	Item	Details	Information/Action/Outcome from meeting
Friday 23 July 2021 am	<p>All Party Member Working Group (APMWG) Report - Future Economy and Enterprise Cabinet Member: Alan White Chairman APMWG: Simon Tagg Lead Officers: John Tradewell/Peter Barker</p>	<p>Raised at 15 January 2021 Committee meeting.</p>	<p>(a) That the report be received and noted.</p> <p>(b) That the Executive's response to the Aspiration, Future Economy and Enterprise All Party Work Group and the progress which had already been made to date, be welcomed.</p> <p>(c) That a further update on the progress made in implementing the recommendations/Action Plan be brought to the Committee at their January 2022 meeting or following consideration by Cabinet, whichever is the later.</p>
	<p>Economic Recovery, Renewal and Transformation Quarterly Update Cabinet Member: Philip White Lead Officers: Darryl Eyers/Anthony Hodge</p>	<p>Requested at 15 July 2020 Triangulation meeting.</p>	<p>(a) That the report be received and noted.</p> <p>(b) That the early signs of economic recovery following the re-opening of the Staffordshire economy be welcomed.</p> <p>(c) That a further update be brought to the Committee January 2022.</p>
	<p>HS2 Quarterly Update Cabinet Member: Philip White Lead Officers: Darryl Eyers/Sarah Mallen</p>	<p>Requested at 26 February 2021 Committee meeting.</p>	<p>(a) That the oral report and presentation be received and noted.</p> <p>(b) That arrangements be made for the Committee to visit HS2's Operator Skills/Apprentice Hub at Dunton Warf, Tamworth to see something of the work being undertaken to safeguard/promote prosperity in the County.</p> <p>(c) That a further update be brought to the Committee in January 2022.</p>
Thursday 16 September 2021 am	<p>Household Waste Recycling Centres Mobilisation Update and Intended Changes Cabinet Member: Simon Tagg Lead Officers: Clive Thomson/Carole Smith</p>	<p>Requested at 2 July 2021 Pre-Agenda preview.</p>	<p>(a) That the report be received and noted.</p> <p>(b) That a further update report be brought to the Committee at their meeting in April 2022.</p> <p>(c) That a further report be brought to the Committee setting out performance of the</p>

			new service against relevant Key Performance Indicators, in due course.
	<p>Proposal for Scrutiny Review - 20 mph Speed Limits by Mike Barr Cabinet Member: David Williams Lead Officers: Darryl Eyers/James Bailey</p>	<p>Requested at 2 July 2021 Pre-Agenda preview.</p>	<p>(a) That the report and Proposal for Scrutiny Review Form be received and noted.</p> <p>(b) Not to undertake further scrutiny of the introduction of 20 mph limits/zones at this time but to keep the matter under review and consider undertaking further work at the appropriate time as necessary.</p> <p>RECOMMEND Cabinet – (a) That the introduction of additional 20 mph limits/zones within local neighbourhoods should continue as identified in the County Council’s Strategic Programme of Work and as local community priorities established through the Members’ Divisional Highways Programme.</p> <p>(b) That residents of Staffordshire be encouraged to engage with their local County Councillors on matters relating to excessive vehicle speeds and traffic calming with a view to seeking local resolution of issues for the benefit of the communities concerned.</p>
	<p>Safer Roads Partnership Cabinet Member: David Williams Lead Officers: Darryl Eyers/James Bailey</p>	<p>Requested at 2 July 2021 Pre-Agenda preview.</p>	<p>(a) That the report be received and noted.</p> <p>(b) That the work of the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Road Safety Partnership in reducing road accident casualties be welcomed.</p> <p>(c) That the governance structure and operating model of the Partnership, as outlined in the report, be supported.</p> <p>(d) That the on-going performance of the Partnership be monitored closely and further updates be brought to the Committee, as required.</p>
	<p>Climate Change Annual Report and draft Climate Change Action Plan 2 Cabinet Member: Simon Tagg</p>	<p>Requested by email from Clive Thomson 21 July 2021</p>	

	Lead Officer: Darryl Eyers/Clive Thomson	Now to be considered by Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the agreement of the Chairmen.	
	National Bus Strategy Cabinet Member: David Williams Lead Officer: Darryl Eyers/Clive Thomson	Added with the agreement of the Chairman, in leu of Climate Change Annual report (above).	That the report be received and noted. RECOMMEND Cabinet - That the following priorities be reflected in the County Council's Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP):- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements to be made to Roadside Information and Infrastructure including bus shelters, bus stops, timetable information and real time information etc. • Passenger information provided to be consistent and accurate at all locations. • Improvements to be made to the timing and reliability of local bus services. • Links to be made to other strategic agendas and policy areas, including climate change and access to education. • Engagement to be maintained with bus users and local communities as the BSIP and Enhanced Partnership are developed, particularly in the most rural areas of the County. • Residents to be encouraged to use local bus services in order to improve the financial viability and sustainability of services.
Thursday 11 November 2021 am <i>NB Chairman on Jury Service</i> Monday 29 November 2021 pm	Highways Partner Contract Performance and Transformation Cabinet Member: David Williams Lead Officers: Darryl Eyers/James Bailey	Requested at 2 July 2021 Pre-Agenda preview.	(a) That the report be received and noted. (b) That the performance achieved by the County Council's Infrastructure+ and lighting contracts, since their commencement, be noted and the efforts being made to improve customer satisfaction in the future be welcomed. (c) That the feasibility of providing Members with additional information, via the County Council's electronic mapping system, on highway structures/assets within their

			<p>Divisions, included in the above-mentioned lighting contract, be investigated.</p> <p>(d) That on-going performance against the above-mentioned contracts be monitored closely.</p> <p>(e) That further reports on the County Council's Highways Infrastructure Transformation Programme, in light of its revised priority status, be brought to future meetings for consideration/scrutiny, as required.</p>
	<p>Flood Risk Management Cabinet Member: Simon Tagg Lead Officers: Darryl Eyers/Jamie Cooper</p>	<p>Requested at 2 July 2021 Pre-Agenda preview.</p>	<p>(a) That the report be received and noted.</p> <p>(b) That the concerns of Eccleshall Flood Action Group regarding flooding in Staffordshire, be noted.</p> <p>(c) That the County Council's Flood Risk Management Team's priorities for 2021/22 be supported.</p> <p>(e) That the proposed process and timescales for the Flood Risk Management Strategy refresh be supported.</p> <p>(f) That progress against the County Council's proposed Outcome Measures for the 2021/27 Flood Risk Management Strategy be brought to the Committee for scrutiny in six-months' time.</p>
	<p>Local Industrial Strategy/Strategic Infrastructure Plan Cabinet Member: Philip White Lead Officer: Anthony Hodge/Mark Parkinson</p>	<p>Item agreed at 30 October 2019 Triangulation Meeting. Added at request of Chairman at 31 August 2021 Pre-Agenda preview. Cabinet Member advised scrutiny premature at this stage.</p>	
	<p>Bus Transport Inquiry Day (Friday 21 January 2022) Information Sharing Session</p>	<p>Requested by Chairman at 29 October 2021 Inquiry day Planning Session.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

<p>Friday 14 January 2022 am <i>NB. Cabinet Member (PW) unavailable</i></p> <p>Thursday 13 January 2022 pm</p>	<p>All Party Member Working Group (APMWG) Report - Future Economy and Enterprise - Update Cabinet Member: Alan White Chairman APMWG: Simon Tagg Lead Officers: Darryl Eyers/John Tradewell/Peter Barker</p>	<p>Raised at 15 January 2021 Committee meeting; Update requested at 23 July 2021 meeting.</p>	<p>(a) That the report be received and noted.</p> <p>(b) That the progress made to date in implementing the recommendations of the former Aspiration, Future Economy and Enterprise All Party Work Group, be welcomed.</p> <p>(c) That a further update on progress be brought to the Committee at their July 2022 meeting (to be combined with the already programmed 'Economic Renewal and Transformation – Six Monthly Recovery Update' item).</p>
	<p>Economic Recovery, Renewal and Transformation quarterly six month Update Cabinet Member: Philip White Lead Officers: Darryl Eyers/Anthony Hodge</p>	<p>Requested at 15 July 2020 Triangulation meeting (amended at 23 July 2021 meeting).</p>	<p>(a) That the report be received and noted.</p> <p>(b) That the continued signs of economic recovery following the re-opening of the Staffordshire economy be welcomed.</p> <p>(c) That the Cabinet Member ensure appropriate emphasis on engagement with school pupils and students in further education to improve skills, employability and promote entrepreneurship.</p> <p>(d) That a further update be brought to the Committee in July 2022 to include key metrics linked to the four priority phases listed above.</p>
	<p>HS2 quarterly six month Update Cabinet Member: Philip White Lead Officers: Darryl Eyers/Sarah Mallen</p>	<p>Requested at 26 February 2021 Committee meeting (amended at 23 July 2021 meeting).</p>	<p>(a) That the oral report and presentation be received and noted.</p> <p>(b) That the efforts made to date to maximise the opportunities available to Staffordshire residents from the construction of the high-speed rail line by HS2 be welcomed.</p> <p>(c) That a further update be brought to the Committee in July 2022.</p> <p>(d) That the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economy and Skills continue to be held to account for his efforts to maximise the opportunities available to</p>

			Staffordshire residents from the construction of the line, where possible.
	Highways High Level Transformation Cabinet Member: David Williams Lead Officers: Darryl Eyers/James Bailey	Requested by email 14 December 2021 (James Bailey on behalf of Cabinet Member).	(a) That the presentation be received and noted. (b) That the various items included in their Work Programme for the current Municipal Year relating to the Highways Transformation Programme, be confirmed.
Friday 21 January 2022 at 10.00 am Monday 21 February 2022 at 10.00 am (Inquiry Day)	Community Transport and the Supported Bus Network Inquiry Day Cabinet Members: David Williams and Mark Deaville Lead Officers: Darryl Eyers/Clive Thomson	“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.” Work Programme April 2021. Postponed until Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) Settlement known.	
Friday 25 February 2022 am NB. Cabinet Member (PW) unavailable Monday 28 February 2022 pm	Staffordshire Community Learning Service’s Annual Self-Assessment Report Cabinet Member: Phillip White Lead Officers: Darryl Eyers/Amanda Darlington	Requested by email 19 November 2021 (Amanda Darlington on behalf of Cabinet Member).	(a) That the report be received and noted. (b) That the ‘Good’ performance of the Community Learning Service during 2020/21 be welcomed. (c) That efforts continue to be made to increase participation rates in Community Learning during 2021/22. (d) That additional measures be adopted to promote further education by those who had undertaken Community Learning courses, as necessary.
	Town Centre Regeneration Programmes –Update Cabinet Member: Phillip White	Requested at 29 November 2021 Triangulation Meeting.	

<p>Lead Officers: Darryl Eyers/Anthony Hodge</p>	<p>Postponed until late summer. requested by email 1 February 2022 (Anthony Hodge on behalf of Cabinet Member).</p>	
<p>Countryside Review – Update Cabinet Member: Victoria Wilson Lead Officers: Helen Riley/Sarah Bentley</p>	<p>Requested at 29 November 2021 Triangulation Meeting.</p>	<p>(a) That the report be received and noted.</p> <p>(b) That the revised Future Vision for the County Council’s Countryside Estate be supported.</p> <p>(c) That consideration be given to the inclusion of reference to habitats and wildlife in the Vision to re-enforce the work already undertaken in the Staffordshire Nature Recovery Declaration.</p> <p>(d) That a further report enabling pre-decision scrutiny of future investment proposals for Staffordshire’s Country Parks be brought to the Committee for consideration, at the appropriate time.</p>
<p>Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Plan Cabinet Member: David Williams Lead Officers: Darryl Eyers/James Bailey</p>	<p>Requested by email 14 December 2021 (James Bailey on behalf of Cabinet Member).</p>	<p>(a) That the report be received and noted.</p> <p>(b) That the draft revised Highways Asset Management Plan be supported.</p> <p>(c) That additional efforts be made to ensure compliance with the various provisions set out in the Plan under the County Council’s existing contractual arrangements including, where necessary, better communication channels with Local Members and the Public.</p>
<p>‘Bus Back Better’ – Enhanced Partnership for Staffordshire Cabinet Member: David Williams Lead Officers: Darryl Eyers/Clive Thomson</p>	<p>Requested by email 5 January 2022 (Louise Clayton on behalf of Cabinet Member) Postponed until March meeting following delay in announcing Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) settlement by Central Government.</p>	

		Postponement until Settlement known, requested at 3 February 2022 Triangulation meeting.	
	Accessibility Strategy Cabinet Member: Jonathan Price Lead Officers: Helen Riley/Carolyn Knight	Requested by email 29 January 2022 (Carolyn Knight on behalf of Cabinet Member)	(a) That the report be received and noted. (b) That the County Council's Accessibility Strategy 2021/24 (to be amended to 2021/26) be supported. (c) That appropriate action be taken to improve engagement with Stakeholders in the future having regard to the relatively low number of consultation responses received on the draft Strategy.
Additional meeting Friday 18 March 2022 am (Cabinet Member's availability confirmed)	Highways Infrastructure Transformation Cabinet Member: David Williams Lead Officers: Darryl Eyers/James Bailey	Requested at 12 November 2021 pre-Agenda Preview. Postponed until 14 April 2022 Committee meeting with the approval of the Chairman at Pre-Agenda Preview on 8 March 2022.	
Additional meeting Wednesday 23 March 2022 pm (Re- arranged at request of Cabinet Member, Cabinet Members' availability confirmed)	County Economic Strategy (Pre-decision Scrutiny) Cabinet Member: Philip White Lead Officers: Darryl Eyers/Matthew Shufflebotham	Requested by email 8 December 2021 (Matthew Shufflebotham on behalf of Cabinet Member).	
	'Bus Back Better' – Enhanced Partnership for Staffordshire Report/Recommendations from Inquiry Day on 21 February 2022.	Requested by email 5 January 2022 (Louise Clayton on behalf of Cabinet Member) Postponed following delay in announcing Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) settlement by Central Government. Postponed until Settlement known, requested at 3 February 2022 Triangulation meeting.	
	Staffordshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education's Annual Report 2021/22	Requested at Committee meeting on 24 February 2022	

	Cabinet Member: Jonathan Price Lead Officers: Helen Riley		
Thursday 14 April 2022 am	Household Waste Recycling Centres New Service Mobilisation - Update Cabinet Member: Simon Tagg Lead Officers: Clive Thomson/Carole Smith	Requested at Committee meeting on 16 September 2021. Postponed until reconfigured service operational requested by email 8 March 2022 (Clive Thomson on behalf of Cabinet Member)	
	Bus Service Improvement Plan Progress/Settlement Cabinet Member: David Williams Lead Officers Darryl Eyers/Clive Thomson	Requested at 29 November 2021 Triangulation Meeting. Postponed following delay in announcing Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) settlement by Central Government.	
	Skills, Jobs and Business Development – Update Cabinet Member: Phillip White Lead Officers: Darryl Eyers/Anthony Hodge	Requested at 29 November 2021 Triangulation Meeting. Item to be incorporated into County Economic Strategy report to 23 March 2022 Committee meeting requested at 3 February 2022 Triangulation meeting.	
	Digital Infrastructure Update Plan Cabinet Member: Simon Tagg Lead Officer: Darryl Eyers/Anthony Baines	Requested at 29 November 2021 Triangulation Meeting.	
	Highways Infrastructure Transformation Cabinet Member: David Williams Lead Officers: Darryl Eyers/James Bailey	Requested at 12 November 2021 pre-Agenda Preview. Postponed until 14 April 2022 Committee meeting with the approval of the Chairman at Pre-Agenda Preview on 8 March 2022	

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Additional Items for Discussion/Programme			
To be advised	Delivering Housing in Staffordshire Cabinet Member: Mark Deaville Lead Officer: Anthony Hodge/ Mark Parkinson/Matthew Shufflebotham	Aspire Housing and Homes England.	Programmed for consideration at November 2020 Committee Meeting but Agenda full. However, nothing further to report at present.
To be advised	Live Labs Cabinet Member: Julia Jessel/Jonathan Price/David Williams Lead Officers: Clive Thomson/Louise Clayton/Nick Dawson		
To be advised	Household Waste Recycling Centres – New Service Performance against Key Performance Indicators Cabinet Member: Simon Tagg Lead Officers: Darryl Evers/Clive Thomson	Requested at Committee meeting on 16 September 2021.	
To be advised	Safer Roads Partnership Cabinet Member: David Williams Lead Officers: Darryl Evers/James Bailey	Requested at Committee meeting on 16 September 2021.	
	Home to School Transport Vacant Seats Pre-decision Scrutiny (prior to Cabinet decision on 15 December 2021) Cabinet Member: David Williams Lead Officers: Darryl Evers/Clive Thomson	Considered for inclusion at Pre-Agenda Preview on 12 November 2021.	No further action required owing to other Work Programme priorities with potentially greater financial impact.
To be confirmed	Bus Transport for Young People Cabinet Member: David Williams Lead Officers: Darryl Evers/Clive Thomson	Requested at 29 November 2021 Triangulation Meeting.	
May 2022 (provisional)	Flood Risk Management Strategy 2021/27 Outcome Measures – Progress Cabinet Member: Simon Tagg Lead Officers: Darryl Evers/Jamie Cooper	Requested at Committee meeting on 29 November 2021.	
July 2022 (provisional)	Highways Transformation Programme – Three Strands Progress Cabinet Member: David Williams Lead Officers: Darryl Evers/James Bailey	Requested at Committee meeting on 13 January 2022.	

September 2022 (provisional)	North Staffordshire Local Air Quality Plan Cabinet Member: David Williams Lead Officers: Darryl Eyers/Clive Thomson	Requested by email 4 February 2022 (Joanne Keay on behalf of Cabinet Member).	
To be confirmed	'Bus Back Better' – Enhanced Partnership for Staffordshire Report/Recommendations from Inquiry Day on 21 February 2022. Cabinet Member: David Williams Lead Officers: Darryl Eyers/Clive Thomson	Requested by email 5 January 2022 (Louise Clayton on behalf of Cabinet Member). Postponed until March meeting following delay in announcing Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) settlement by Central Government. Further delay in announcing Settlement received (email from Louise Clayton 8 March 2022). Postponed until further notice.	
July 2022 (provisional)	Town Centre Regeneration Programmes - Update Cabinet Member: Phillip White Lead Officers: Darryl Eyers/Anthony Hodge	Requested at 29 November 2021 Triangulation Meeting. Postponed until late summer at the request of Cabinet Member (via email from Anthony Hodge 1 February 2022).	
	Countryside Review – Update Cabinet Member: Victoria Wilson Lead Officers: Helen Riley/Sarah Bentley	Requested at Committee Meeting on 24 February 2022.	
July 2022 (provisional)	HS2 Connectivity with existing 'classic' Network Cabinet Member: David Williams Lead Officers: Darryl Eyers/Clive Thompson	Raised at Committee meeting on 13 January 2022; offer of engagement with Avanti West Coast received 28 February 2022 (email from Jason Pacey, HS2); provisionally accepted by Chairman 4 March 2022.	
November 2022 (provisional)	Household Waste Recycling Centres New Service Mobilisation - Update Cabinet Member: Simon Tagg Lead Officers: Clive Thomson/Carole Smith	Requested at Committee meeting on 16 September 2021. Postponed until reconfigured service operational requested by email 8 March 2022 (Clive	

		Thomson on behalf of Cabinet Member)	
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Standing Items (see above for programmed dates)			
Standing Item	HS2 quarterly six-Monthly Update - Impact on Staffordshire Cabinet Member: Philip White Lead Officer: Sarah Mallen	Requested at 26 February 2021 Committee meeting (amended at 23 July 2021 meeting).	
Standing Item	Economic Recovery, Renewal and Transformation quarterly six-monthly Update and APMG Report - Future Economy and Enterprise – Update (combined item) Cabinet Member: Philip White Lead Officer: Anthony Hodge	Requested at 15 July 2020 Triangulation meeting (amended at 23 July 2021 and 13 January 2022 meetings). Further update incorporated into County Economic Strategy Report to 23 March 2022 meeting. Next update due at September 2022 meeting.	

Working Groups/Inquiry Days etc			
Date of Meeting	Item	Details	Background/outcomes
Friday 21 January 2021 at 10.00 am Monday 21 February 2022	Community Transport and the Supported Bus Network Inquiry Day Cabinet Member: David Williams Lead Officer: Clive Thomson	Requested at 2 July 2021 Pre-Agenda preview. Postponed following delay in announcing settlement by Central Government.	<i>“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.”</i> Work Programme April 2021.
To be confirmed	Sexual Harassment in Staffordshire Schools	Participation requested by Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Michael Metcalf (Prosperous Overview and Scrutiny Committee representative).	

Wednesday 24 November 2021 at 11.00 am on site	Site Visit to HS2 Apprentice Hub, Dunston Island, Curdworth, Warwickshire	Requested at Committee meeting on 23 July 2021.	Site visit undertaken. Discussion held into what the Committee can do to assist Balfour Beatty Flanary in bridging the skills/labour gap. Signposted contractor to JCB Academy, undertook photo opportunity for wider dissemination.
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<p>Membership</p> <p>Tina Clements (Chairman) Ross Ward (Vice-Chairman – Scrutiny) Keith Flunder (Vice-Chairman – Overview) Philippa Hadden Philip Hudson Syed Hussain Graham Hutton Ian Lawson David Smith Bernard Williams Mike Deakin (Co-optee) Rev. Preb. Michael Metcalf (Co-optee) Jessica Shulman (Co-optee)</p>	<p>Calendar of Committee Meetings – Venues to be notified.</p> <p>Thursday 11 June 2021 am; Friday 23 July 2021 am; Thursday 16 September 2021 am; Thursday 11-29 November 2021 am; Friday 14 Thursday 13 January 2022 am-pm; Friday 21 January-February 2022 am (Inquiry Day) (Postponed) Friday 25 Monday 28 February 2022 am-pm Friday 18 March Wednesday 23 March 2022 pm (additional meeting); Thursday 14 April 2022 am</p>
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