

## **WORK PROGRAMME**

### **Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 2022/2023**

This document sets out the work programme for the Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2022/2023.

The Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee is responsible for scrutinising: children and adults' safeguarding; community safety and Localism. The Council has three priority outcomes. This Committee is aligned to the outcome: The people of Staffordshire will feel safer, happier and more supported in and by their community.

We review our work programme at every meeting. Sometimes we change it - if something 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.

#### **Councillor Bob Spencer**

Chairman of the Safeguarding 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 Helen Phillips, Scrutiny and Support Officer ([helen.phillips@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:helen.phillips@staffordshire.gov.uk))

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Date of Meeting	Item	Details (Background)	Action / Outcome
16 June 2022 10.00am	<b>Community Safety &amp; the Outcome of the Fishmonger Hall Investigation</b> Cabinet Member: Victoria Wilson Lead Officer: Trish Caldwell	Findings from the Fishmonger Hall incident showed there had been inadequate management of Usman Khan. Members want to satisfy themselves that changes have been made to prevent further such incidents. This also impacts on the Committee's role as the designated crime and disorder panel.	The PFCC (the Commissioner) has arranged a meeting with colleagues and partners to discuss learning from the Inquiry on 28 June 2022. The Chairman has been invited as the O&S Committee's representative. Consequently the report has been put back to allow outcomes from the 28 June to further inform Members scrutiny.
	<b>Low Level Neglect</b> Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Nisha Gupta	Suggested by the Cabinet Member at 17 June meeting to look at impact of long-term low-level neglect, the current changes to ways of working and challenges that remain.	The Committee were reassured at the work undertaken following the 2019 Serious Case Review in identifying the early signs of neglect. They were pleased to see the introduction of the GCP2 tool and the manner in which this has been introduced, noting the further work needed to measure the gains from its use.
	<b>Work programme Planning</b> Lead Officer: Helen Phillips	Within the remit of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, begin planning the work programme for 2022-23.	The proposed amendments and additions suggested at the 23 may informal work programme planning meeting were agreed
19 July 2022 10.00 am	<b>Customer Feedback &amp; Complaints Annual report – Children's Social Care</b>	Report brought annually	The Committee congratulated Officers on the report, noting the expectation that once the District Hub model was embedded

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	Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Kate Bullivant		complaints around SEND were likely to level off.
	<b>Customer Feedback &amp; Complaints Annual report – Adults Social Care</b> Cabinet Member: Julia Jessel Lead Officer: Kate Bullivant	Report brought annually	Members welcomed the report and, in particular, commended the proactive work to identify and address future challenges from the new Social Care Act.
	<b>Draft Early Help Strategy</b> Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Natasha Moody	Draft Early Help Strategy for pre-decision scrutiny	The comments and concerns raised by the Committee inform the further development of the Early Help Strategy.
1 September 2022 10.00 am	<b>Family Hub</b> Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Ruth Blunn-Jennings	Pre-decision scrutiny	This initiative was supported and because of the importance of the proposed changes Members suggested a whole council briefing would be beneficial.
	<b>Children’s Services Transformation</b> Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Neelam Bhardwaja/Natasha Moody	The new Children’s Transformation went live on 1 October 2021. More than six months on this is an opportunity for Members to seek reassurance that it is delivering as intended, including on SEND.	The candid assessment and feedback of the Transformation process was welcomed. A mechanism for regular feedback on the action plan progress will be established, with a full review in 12 months.

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	<p><b>MacAlister Report</b> Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Nisha Gupta</p>	<p>Suggested at 17 June meeting – looking at the report’s proposals and how they impact on Staffordshire’s Children’s Services November date for this suggested at 3 Aug Triangulation Originally scheduled for 4 November meeting but moved back awaiting publication of the final report. Final report published on 23 May 2022</p>	<p>The Committee were pleased that much of the direction of travel proposed in the Report was reflected in the Staffordshire approach. Members now await details from central Government on the areas for implementation.</p>
	<p><b>Ofsted Focused Visit – improvement action plan</b> Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Nisha Gupta</p>	<p>The Chairman attends the Children’s Improvement Board (CIB) meetings on behalf of the Committee. At the June CIB details of the Ofsted Focused Visit were discussed, including the development of an improvement action plan. The Chairman requested this plan be brought to the O&amp;S Committee.</p>	<p>Members welcomed the improvement action plan and will look to receive details of progress with its implementation.</p>
	<p><b>Domestic Abuse recommissioning arrangements</b> Cabinet Member: Victoria Wilson Lead Officer: Trish Caldwell</p>	<p>Pre-decision scrutiny item</p>	<p>The Committee raised a number of issues for Cabinet to consider before taking a decision on the Contract renewal.</p>

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24 October 2022 10.00 am	<p><b>Community Safety &amp; the Outcome of the Fishmonger Hall Investigation</b> Cabinet Member: Victoria Wilson Lead Officer: Trish Caldwell</p>	<p>Findings from the Fishmonger Hall incident showed there had been inadequate management of the assailant. Members want to satisfy themselves that changes have been made to prevent further such incidents. This also impacts on the Committee's role as the designated crime and disorder panel. This will include outcomes from the Commissioner's 28 June meeting considering Inquiry findings.</p>	<p>Concerns were shared around the naming of the assailant and his heritage in the report. These details will be removed from future reporting. The detailed changes made within Police, CTU and Probation were welcomed.</p>
	<p><b>The LAs role in the Prevent Partnership &amp; Feedback from the Commissioner's 28 June meeting</b> Cabinet Member: Victoria Wilson Lead Officer: Trish Caldwell</p>	<p>As part of their Crime and Disorder role the Committee wish to scrutinise the methods the LA has in addressing community safety. They also requested feedback from the Commissioner's meeting with partners around learning from the Fishmonger Hall inquest.</p>	<p>Overall Members recognised the importance of the Prevent work and the LA's role in this. Concerns remain around internet access, particularly outside of education settings, and how to educate individuals to ensure they can stay safe whilst using these services.</p>
24 Nov 2022 10.00 am	<p><b>Regional Permanency Partnership</b> Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Scott Crawford &amp; Jo Sullivan</p>	<p>Previously considered at 6 July 2021 O&amp;S Committee where Members requested details of how the partnership progresses and specifically the two pilot projects TESSA and Mockingbird.</p>	

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	<p><b>Young Carers</b> Report of the O&amp;S sub-group</p>	<p>Report of the O&amp;S sub-group that met with young carers to consider the support they receive and the levels of care they provide</p>	
<p>5 January 2023 10.00am</p>	<p><b>Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Adult Safeguarding Partnership Board (SSASPB) – Annual Report</b> Independent Chair: John Wood Lead Officer: Helen Jones</p>	<p>Report brought annually.</p>	
	<p><b>Adult Social Care Transformation – update</b> Cabinet Member – Julia Jessel Lead Officer: Jo Cowcher, Ruth Martin</p>	<p>Suggested at the 1 September Triangulation to update the Committee on developments and progress with the Transformation programme, including performance against KPI.</p>	
	<p><b>Staffordshire Safeguarding Children’s Board Annual Report</b> Independent Chair: Ian Vinall Lead Officer: Lynn Milligan</p>	<p>Report brought annually</p>	
<p>16 Feb 2023 10.00 am</p>	<p><b>Whole Life Disabilities Strategy 2023</b></p>	<p>Pre-decision scrutiny</p>	

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	Cabinet Member: Julia Jessel Lead Officer: Andy Marriot & Nicola Day		
20 April 2023 10.00 am			
tbc	<b>Early Intervention &amp; prevention</b> Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Neelam Bhardwaja	Suggested by the Cabinet Member at 17 June meeting.	
tbc	<b>Governance Model</b> Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Neelam Bhardwaja	Suggested by the Cabinet Member at 17 June meeting. Considering how to work better together. Trying to develop a better and more effective governance model.	

### Items for Consideration – Work Programme 2022/2023

Suggested Item	Details (Background)	Proposed Date of Meeting

### Standing Items 2022/2023

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<p><b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b> Cabinet Member: Victoria Wilson Lead Officer: Catherine Mann/Trish Caldwell</p>	<p>This O&amp;S Committee is the LAs designated Crime and Disorder Panel. Following discussions with the Chairman and Officers from the PFCC and the Cabinet Member and Officers responsible for community safety, it was agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairmen will meet with the Cabinet Member and Officers after each Safer and Stronger Communities Strategy Group (SSCSG) to gain an overview of community safety within the County and identify areas for further scrutiny as appropriate.</p>	<p>Chairman and Vice-Chairman briefings on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday 19 May (at the conclusion of Full Council) to brief on performance discussed at the 18 May 2022 SSCSG NB the May SSCSG was moved to 16 June and consequently the briefing was moved to 20 June</li> <li>Tuesday 13 September to brief on performance discussed at the 12 September 2022 SSCSG</li> </ul>
<p><b>Children Improvement Board (CIB)</b> Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Neelam Bhardwaja</p>	<p>The Chairman attends the CIB on behalf of the O&amp;S Committee and feeds back developments to Members at each meeting as part of the work programme agenda item. CIB scheduled dates: 28.04.22; 25.05.22; 30.06.22; 20.07.22; 25.08.22; 29.09.22; 27.10.22; 24.11.22; 22.12.22</p>	
<p><b>Themes emerging from Serious Case Reviews</b> Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Neelam Bhardwaja</p>	<p>Where Serious Case Reviews have taken place the Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee will consider any learning that can be taken from the Review</p>	<p>Some areas picked up by the DHR review process</p>



**Briefing Notes / Updates / Visits 2022/2023**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Details (Background)</b>	<b>Action / Outcome</b>

**Working Groups / Inquiry Days 2022/2023**

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21 September 2022	Young Carer Visits	Following scrutiny of the Young Carers Service in April, Members requested the opportunity to speak first hand with young carers to consider the service they receive.	

**Membership – County Councillors 2022-2023**

Bob Spencer (Chairman)  
 Gill Burnett (Vice Chairman - Overview)  
 Richard Ford (Vice Chairman – Scrutiny)  
 Janet Eagland  
 Derrick Huckfield  
 Johnny McMahon  
 Gillian Pardesi  
 Kath Perry  
 Mike Wilcox  
 Conor Wileman

**Calendar of Committee Meetings - 2022-2023**

16 June 2022 at 10.00 am  
 19 July 2022 at 10.00 am  
 1 September 2022 at 10.00 am  
 24 October 2022 at 10.00 am  
 24 November 2022 at 10.00 am  
 5 January 2023 at 10.00 am  
 16 February 2023 at 10.00 am  
 20 April 2023 at 10.00 am  
 Meetings usually take place in the Oak rm, County Buildings