

WORK PROGRAMME

Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 2023/2024

This document sets out the work programme for the Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2023/2024.

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)

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Date of Meeting	Item	Details (Background)	Action / Outcome
15 June 2023 10.00am	<p>'Living my Best Life': Report on the Joint Strategy for Disabled and Neurodivergent people in Staffordshire 2023-2028</p> <p>Cabinet Member: Julia Jessel Lead Officer: Andy Marriot & Nicola Day</p>	Pre-decision scrutiny – postponed from last municipal year	
	<p>Safeguarding Overview & Scrutiny Focus for the Future</p> <p>Cabinet Members: Julia Jessel, Mark Sutton, Jonathan Price, Victoria Wilson Lead Officers: Richard Harling, Neelam Bardwaja, Catherine Mann</p>	Cabinet Members and Lead Officers highlight topics within their portfolio to support the Committee's work programme planning	
	<p>Work programme Planning</p> <p>Lead Officer: Helen Phillips</p>	Within the remit of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, begin planning the work programme for 2023-24.	
27 July 2023 10.00 am	<p>Customer Feedback & Complaints Annual report – Children's Social Care</p>	Report brought annually	.

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	Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Kate Bullivant		
	Customer Feedback & Complaints Annual report – Adults Social Care Cabinet Member: Julia Jessel Lead Officer: Kate Bullivant	Report brought annually	
	PSHE Coordinator impact after first 12 months Cabinet Member: Jonathan Price Lead Officer: Phil Pusey	The Inquiry Day report into Sexual Harassment in Schools asked that the O&S Committee consider the impact of the new PFCC funded PSHE Coordinator role after its first 12 months.	
14 September 2023 10.00 am			
23 Nov 2023 10.00 am	Children’s Services Transformation Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Neelam Bhardwaja/Natasha Moody	At the Triangulation meeting of 1 September 2022 it was agreed that the Committee receive a progress briefing approximately every 4 months, with a full progress report at 12 months	

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	<p>Family Hub – progress & Early Help Strategy Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Natasha Moody</p>	<p>Progress with the implementation of the Family Hub initiative, to include details of the Family Improvement Boards and progress with the Early Help Strategy</p>	
	<p>MacAlister Report Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Nisha Gupta</p>	<p>Consideration of the areas accepted by the Government for implementation, and their impact for Staffordshire Children’s Services</p>	
<p>4 January 2024 10.00am</p>	<p>Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Adult Safeguarding Partnership Board (SSASPB) – Annual Report Independent Chair: John Wood Lead Officer: Helen Jones</p>	<p>Report brought annually.</p>	
	<p>Staffordshire Safeguarding Children’s Board Annual Report Independent Chair: Ian Vinall Lead Officer: Lynn Milligan</p>	<p>Report brought annually</p>	
<p>15 Feb 2024</p>			

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10.00 am			
18 April 2024 10.00 am			
tbc	Ofsted Focused Visit – improvement action plan Cabinet Member – Mark Sutton Lead Officer – Nisha Gupta	Considered at 1 September 2022 O&S meeting – agreed to review progress with implementation of action plan.	
tbc	Hearing the voice of the child Cabinet Member – Mark Sutton Lead Officer – Neelam Bhardwaja	16 February meeting Members requested a better understanding of how the voice of the child is heard – particularly with respect to early identification of emerging online threats and challenges.	
tbc	Safeguarding Assessment Cabinet Member: Julia Jessel Lead Officer: Ruth Martin	Suggested at the 7 December Triangulation	

Items for Consideration – Work Programme 2023/2024

Suggested Item	Details (Background)	Proposed Date of Meeting

Standing Items 2022/2023

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<p>Crime & Disorder Cabinet Member: Victoria Wilson Lead Officer: Catherine Mann/Trish Caldwell</p>	<p>This O&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"> •
<p>Children Improvement Board (CIB) Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Neelam Bhardwaja</p>	<p>The Chairman attends the CIB on behalf of the O&S Committee and feeds back developments to Members at each meeting as part of the work programme agenda item. CIB scheduled dates: 26.04.23, 23.05.23, 28.06.23, 25.07.23, 27.09.23, 24.10.23, 28.11.23, 20.12.23</p>	
<p>Themes emerging from Serious Case Reviews Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Neelam Bhardwaja</p>	<p>Where Serious Case Reviews have taken place the Overview & 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 2023/2024

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Working Groups / Inquiry Days 2023/2024

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Membership – County Councillors 2022-2023

Bob Spencer (Chairman)
 Gill Burnett (Vice Chairman - Overview)
 Paul Snape (Vice Chairman - Scrutiny)
 Ann Edgeller
 Janet England
 Johnny McMahon
 Gillian Pardesi
 Kath Perry
 Mike Wilcox
 Conor Wileman

Calendar of Committee Meetings - 2023-2024

15 June 2023 at 10.00 am
 27 July 2023 at 10.00 am
 14 September 2023 at 10.00 am
 23 November 2023 at 10.00 am
 4 January 2024 at 10.00 am
 15 February 2024 at 10.00 am
 18 April 2024 at 10.00 am
 Meetings usually take place in the Oak rm, County Buildings