



## **Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee Work Programme 2013/14**

This leaflet sets out the work programme for the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee for 2013/14. The Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee is responsible for scrutiny of achievement against the Council's strategic ambitions for promoting prosperity and economic growth. The committee is also responsible for the scrutiny of highways infrastructure and connectivity. In addition the committee will be responsible for priorities around education, learning and skills. As such the statutory education co-optees will sit on this committee.

We review our work programme from time to time. 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 Brian Edwards**

Chairman of the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee

If you would like to know more about our work programme, please get in touch with Tina Randall, Scrutiny and Support Manager, 01785 276148 or [tina.randall@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:tina.randall@staffordshire.gov.uk)

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<p>Infrastructure+ (formerly known as the Place Delivery Models contract)</p> <p>Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Helen Riley/Ian Turner</p>	<p>3 June 2013 (Committee agenda item)</p>	<p>To consider and comment on the Outline Business Case in advance of Cabinet consideration on 19 June.</p>	<p>To reconsider when a more detailed business case is available – 19 December 2013 (proposed).</p>
<p>Work Programme Planning</p>	<p>26 July 2013</p>	<p>To receive presentations on behalf of the Cabinet Members for Economy and Infrastructure, Learning and Skills and Communities and Localism to help inform work programme planning</p>	<p>To update the work programme and bring a draft for approval to the September Select Committee.</p>
<p>County Council's response to HS2 Project to date and potential future engagement.</p> <p>Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Clive Thomson/Dean Sargeant</p>	<p>6 September 2013</p>	<p>To keep Members informed of progress on HS2 Phase 1, including mitigation planning</p>	<p>The Select Committee acknowledged the work already undertaken and supported the proposed next steps.</p>
<p>Ofsted inspection of Local Authority arrangements for supporting school improvement.</p> <p>Cabinet Member: Ben Adams Lead officer: Anne Birch and Anne Newton</p>	<p>6 September 2013</p>	<p>It is proposed that Members are made aware of the detail of the inspection process, the authority's self evaluation, and Members' responsibilities and role prior to, during and post the inspection. The discussion on pupils' attainment and progress outcomes for the academic year 2012/13 will be later in the year.</p> <p>The Select Committee will also receive a progress report on this item later in the year</p>	<p>A working group be set up to consider the existing process for reviewing school intervention and improvement, helping to support the inspection preparation, acting as a critical friend.</p>
<p>Civil Parking Enforcement</p>	<p>6 September 2013</p>	<p>Consultation on proposed changes</p>	<p>The Select Committee</p>

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Cabinet Member: Mike Lawrence Lead Officer: James Bailey			welcomed consultation at a district parking board level on the review options. They noted and requested sight of the breakdown by district/borough of the CPE deficit figures. The Chairman will also raise the Committee's concerns over the poor police attendance at the Joint Staffordshire Parking Board with the PCC
Highway Permit Scheme	6 September	To consider a new highway works permit scheme for managing utility operations (prior to Cabinet consideration on this issue)	The Select Committee supported the introduction of a permit scheme that provided greater control of activities on Staffordshire's highway network.
Improving Staffordshire's Public Transport Network Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Clive Thomson	17 October 2013 (Committee agenda item)	To consider an update on the strategy for improving the County's public transport network.	The Select Committee welcomed the vision and principles to the approach to transport and asked that they receive an update in 12 months showing how the proposed developments had progressed
<b>New item:</b> Economic prosperity: LEP and the Staffordshire Economic Strategy  Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Darryl Evers	17 October 2013	Scrutinising strategies of the LEP, possibly jointly with Stoke.	The Select Committee received details setting out the key strategies that were fundamental to securing economic growth across Staffordshire, giving background in readiness for

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			their 18 November meeting.
LEP and European Funding Strategies Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Darryl Eyers	20 November 2013	Scrutiny of these two strategies that effect future Council funding	
Education Trust Cabinet Member: Ben Adams Lead officer: Tony Baines	19 December	Considering looking at their terms of reference, intentions, membership and governance. Members had also requested details on how well schools are delivering careers advice and guidance	
<b>New item:</b> Achieving Excellence: Libraries in a Connected Staffordshire Cabinet Member: Mike Lawrence Lead officer: Janene Cox/Catherine Mann	19 December 2013 (Committee agenda item)	Members to be consulted on the vision prior to Cabinet consideration.	
Analysis of the YPLA (Education Funding Agency) figures on post-16 take up and the effect of the end of the Education Maintenance Allowance  Cabinet Member: Ben Adams Lead officer: Anthony Baines	19 December 2013 (Committee agenda item)	Resolved at previous Select Committee on 21 January 2013 to propose carrying forward into 2014 an analysis of participation trends post 16 in the light of the Raising the Participation Age changes that would oblige young people to stay on in education or training to 17 years in 2013 and to 18 by 2015. Several national evaluations have now taken place.	
<b>New item:</b> Business and Consumer Protection Cabinet Member: Mike Lawrence Lead officer: Ian Benson	19 December 2013	To scrutinise delivery models and recommendations for the proposed business case.	The Scrutiny Manager to update Members on why this item is not included on 19 December agenda
Infrastructure+ (formerly known as the Place Delivery Models contract)	19 December 2013 (Verbal update) (an extra meeting	At their 3 June meeting Members resolved that: <i>the Select Committee are kept</i>	

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Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Helen Riley/Ian Turner	will be arranged to consider the contract prior to Cabinet decision in February)	<i>informed on the project progress and specifically that they receive a report at the end of the year and prior to Cabinet decision on the chosen bidder</i>	
Pupil Attainment in Staffordshire (early years, 0-18 years and post 18 years)  Cabinet Member: Ben Adams Lead officer: Anne Newton	24 January 2014	To consider a briefing on the attainment outcomes for 2012/13 and review the work undertaken to address any issues and sustain improvement  To include progress of schools in an Ofsted category to improve	
Flood Risk Management Asset Register Cabinet Member Mark Winnington Lead officer: Ian Benson	24 January 2014	Update on progress with compilation of the flood risk management strategy.	
<b>New item:</b> Entrust Cabinet Member: Ben Adams Lead officer: Ian H Benson	24 January or 7 March 2014	Monitoring progress of contract with Entrust to ensure that it is delivering intended outcomes	
Roll out of Broadband Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Steve Burrows	24 January 2014.	Monitoring progress with delivery	
Infrastructure+ (formerly known as the Place Delivery Models contract)  Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Helen Riley/Ian Turner	12 February	To highlight critical success factors that could feed into the final contract terms and any concerns that need to be taken into account as the negotiations continue and prior to Cabinet decision	
<b>New item:</b> Tourism Strategy Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Graeme Whitehead	7 March 2014	Monitoring progress with delivery (to include reference to Chasewater Country Park)	
<b>New item:</b> Rural Strategy Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington	7 March 2014	Monitoring progress with delivery	

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Lead officer: Ian Wykes			
<b>New item:</b> Rail Strategy Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Clive Thomson	7 March 2014		
Highways and the Built County Capital Programme Lead officer: James Bailey	tbc	Consideration of how to evaluate Highways and the Built County Capital Programme to ensure best value	
Minerals Local Plan Lead Officer: Mike Grundy	tbc	Consulting on the developing Minerals Local Plan	
Quality of road maintenance Lead officer: James Bailey	7 March 2014	To consider the quality of road maintenance and specifically winter road maintenance	
2012 Olympics and development of the Sportshire Strategy	Quarterly updates (possibly via the Members Bulletin)	Whilst accepting the rationale behind this item being referred to Corporate Review Members requested that they be kept updated of progress on a quarterly basis.	Members had agreed to review the cultural and sporting legacy of the 2012 Olympics in 2013. Given the cross cutting nature of this item (impacting on health, prosperity and learning and skills) the item has been referred to Corporate Review Committee for their consideration.
Chasewater Country Park Lead Officer: Ian Wykes	April 2014	To update Members on progress of the transfer and development of the Chasewater Country Park	Members requested further detail on the development opportunities for this site.
Country Parks Review	tbc	To update Members on the production of a management plan for the county council owned countryside estate.	
Street Lighting Update	It is proposed that a	To update Members on the operation	Briefing note received and

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Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Ian Turner	briefing note be circulated to update Members on this issue.	of dimming technology and take up of part night switch offs after Winter 2012/13	accepted.
Centralisation of public access to Archive Services and the William Salt Library Collections Lead officer: Janene Cox/Catherine Mann	It is proposed that a briefing note be circulated to update Members on this issue.	To inform Members of the proposals to centralise public access to these services/collections.	Briefing note received and accepted.
Staffordshire Local Nature Partnership Lead Officer: Ian Wykes	It is proposed that a briefing note be circulated to update Members on this issue.	Informing Members of the work of the Staffordshire Local Nature Partnership	
Carbon Reduction Targets Lead Officer: Ian Benson	It is proposed that a briefing note be circulated to update Members on this issue.	To update Members on progress in reaching the Council's carbon reduction targets	Briefing note received and accepted.
Energy Policy Lead Officer: Ian Benson	It is proposed that a briefing note be circulated to update Members on this issue.	To inform Members of the development of an energy policy	
Contract Performance re. HWRCs, W2R, Hanford and closed landfills	It is proposed that a briefing note be circulated to update Members on this issue.	To update Members on contract performance re. HWRCs, W2R, Hanford and closed landfills	Briefing note received and accepted.
Special Educational Needs and Disability and Vulnerable Children  Cabinet Member: Ben Adams		Members to understand the legislation and to comment on the Authority's strategic framework.	Item has been referred to the Health and Wellbeing Board

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Lead officer: Lynda Mitchell			
Higher Level Education	It is suggested that this be considered either via an inquiry day or working group	Ensuring higher level education better fits local business skill requirements to help address the skills gaps	
Freight Policy Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Clive Thomson			

<p><b>Membership</b></p> <p>Brian Edwards (Chairman)  Martyn Tittley (Vice-Chairman)  George Adamson  Ann Beech  Len Bloomer  Maureen Compton  Mark Deaville  Geoff Martin  Geoff Morrison  Diane Todd  Deborah Kay (Co-optee)  Rachel Kidd Smithers (Co-optee)  Rev. Preb. Michael Metcalf (Co-optee)  Neil Taylor (Co-optee)  Ellen Wright (Co-optee)</p>	<p><b>Calendar of Committee Meetings</b>  (at 10.00 am and at County Buildings, Martin Street, Stafford ST16 2LH unless otherwise stated)</p> <p>3 June 2013 at 3.30 p.m.  26 July 2013  6 September 2013  17 October 2013  20 November 2013  19 December 2013  24 January 2014  <b>12 February 2014 at 2.00 pm (extra meeting)</b>  7 March 2014 at 2.00 p.m.  <b>24 April 2014 (extra meeting)</b></p>
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