



## **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

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| <p>Infrastructure+ (formerly known as the Place Delivery Models contract)</p> <p>Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington<br/>Lead officer: Helen Riley/Ian Turner</p>                 | <p>3 June 2013<br/>(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<br/>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<br/>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<br>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<br>Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington<br>Lead officer: Clive Thomson                                   | 17 October 2013<br>(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<br><br>Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington<br>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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| <p>LEP and European Funding Strategies</p> <p>Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington<br/>Lead officer: Darryl Eyers</p>   | <p>20 November 2013</p>                               | <p>Scrutiny of these two strategies that effect future Council funding</p>   | <p>their 18 November meeting.</p> <p>The Select Committee gave their views on these two key strategies being developed through the Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire LEP</p>  |
| <p>Education Trust</p> <p>Cabinet Member: Ben Adams<br/>Lead officer: Tony Baines</p>  | <p>19 December</p>                                    | <p>Considering looking at their terms of reference, intentions, membership and governance.</p> <p>Members had also requested details on how well schools are delivering careers advice and guidance</p>  | <p>The urgency of the work to address the skills gap was acknowledged, with the work of the Trust in co-ordinating and developing links between schools, colleges, post 16 providers and businesses was supported.</p> |
| <p>Achieving Excellence: Libraries in a Connected Staffordshire</p> <p>Cabinet Member: Mike Lawrence<br/>Lead officer: Janene Cox/Catherine Mann</p>   | <p>19 December 2013<br/>(Committee agenda item)</p>   | <p>Members to be consulted on the vision prior to Cabinet consideration.</p>   | <p>The Select Committee accepted the proposals to adapt and reposition Staffordshire's library offer and wish to scrutinise this further as the proposals progress.</p>  |
| <p>Analysis of the YPLA (Education Funding Agency) figures on post-16 take up and the effect of the end of the Education Maintenance Allowance</p> <p>Cabinet Member: Ben Adams<br/>Lead officer: Anthony Baines</p> | <p>19 December 2013<br/>(Committee agenda item)</p>   | <p>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.</p> | <p>The Committee noted the positive trends in participation of young people since the introduction of the Bursary Fund. The Committee also noted the continued lack of data for Staffordshire from the EFA.</p>        |

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| <p>Infrastructure+ (formerly known as the Place Delivery Models contract)</p> <p>Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington<br/>Lead officer: Helen Riley/Ian Turner</p> | <p>19 December 2013 (Verbal update) (an extra meeting will be arranged to consider the contract prior to Cabinet decision in February)</p> | <p>At their 3 June meeting Members resolved that:<br/><i>the Select Committee are kept 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></p> | <p>The update was welcomed and Members look forward to consideration of the proposed bidder's submission in February.</p> |
| <p>Pupil Attainment in Staffordshire (early years, 0-18 years and post 18 years)</p> <p>Cabinet Member: Ben Adams<br/>Lead officer: Anne Newton</p>           | <p>24 January 2014</p>   | <p>To consider a briefing on the attainment outcomes for 2012/13 and review the work undertaken to address any issues and sustain improvement</p> <p>To include progress of schools in an Ofsted category to improve</p>                              |   |
| <p>Flood Risk Management – Progress Update</p> <p>Cabinet Member Mark Winnington<br/>Lead officer: Ian Benson</p>   | <p>24 January 2014</p>   | <p>Update on progress of Staffordshire's flood risk management.</p>   |   |
| <p><b>New item:</b> Entrust</p> <p>Cabinet Member: Ben Adams<br/>Lead officer: Ian H Benson</p>   | <p>24 January 2014</p>   | <p>Monitoring progress of contract with Entrust to ensure that it is delivering intended outcomes</p>   |   |
| <p>Report of the Select Committee Working Group on the Ofsted Inspection of LA Schools Improvement Arrangements</p>   | <p>24 January 2014</p>   | <p>To consider the final report and recommendations of the Working Group.</p>   |   |
| <p>Roll out of Broadband</p> <p>Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington<br/>Lead officer: Steve Burrows</p>   | <p>24 January 2014<br/>(this report has been deferred to 24 April)</p>   | <p>Monitoring progress with delivery</p>  |   |
| <p>Infrastructure+ (formerly known as the Place Delivery Models contract)</p>   | <p>12 February</p>   | <p>To highlight critical success factors that could feed into the final contract terms and any concerns that need to</p>  |   |

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| Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington<br>Lead officer: Helen Riley/Ian Turner                                |   | be taken into account as the negotiations continue and prior to Cabinet decision   |   |
| <b>New item:</b> Rural Strategy<br>Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington<br>Lead officer: Ian Wykes          | 7 March 2014  | Monitoring progress with delivery  |   |
| <b>New item:</b> Rail Strategy<br>Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington<br>Lead officer: Clive Thomson       | 7 March 2014  |  |   |
| Highways and the Built County Capital Programme<br>Lead officer: James Bailey                          | tbc   | Consideration of how to evaluate Highways and the Built County Capital Programme to ensure best value  |   |
| Minerals Local Plan<br>Lead Officer: Mike Grundy   | tbc   | Consulting on the developing Minerals Local Plan   |   |
| Quality of road maintenance<br>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. |
| <b>New item:</b> Tourism Strategy<br>Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington<br>Lead officer: Graeme Whitehead | 24 April 2014   | Monitoring progress with delivery (to include reference to Chasewater Country Park)  |   |

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| Chasewater Country Park<br>Lead Officer: Ian Wykes  | 24 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  | 24 April 2014  | To update Members on the production of a management plan for the county council owned countryside estate.           |  |
| Street Lighting Update<br>Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington<br>Lead officer: Ian Turner   | It is proposed that a briefing note be circulated to update Members on this issue. | To update Members on the operation of dimming technology and take up of part night switch offs after Winter 2012/13 | Briefing note received and accepted.   |
| Centralisation of public access to Archive Services and the William Salt Library Collections<br>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<br>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<br>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<br>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,  | It is proposed that a  | To update Members on contract   | Briefing note received and   |

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| Hanford and closed landfills  | briefing note be circulated to update Members on this issue.                       | performance re. HWRCs, W2R, Hanford and closed landfills  | accepted.  |
| Special Educational Needs and Disability and Vulnerable Children<br><br>Cabinet Member: Ben Adams<br>Lead officer: Lynda Mitchell |  | Members to understand the legislation and to comment on the Authority's strategic framework.                  | Item has been referred to the Health and Wellbeing Board |
| 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<br>Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington<br>Lead officer: Clive Thomson  |  |   |  |

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| <p><b>Membership</b></p> <p>Brian Edwards (Chairman)<br/> Martyn Tittley (Vice-Chairman)<br/> George Adamson<br/> Ann Beech<br/> Len Bloomer<br/> Maureen Compton<br/> Mark Deaville<br/> Geoff Martin<br/> Geoff Morrison<br/> Diane Todd<br/> Deborah Kay (Co-optee)</p> | <p><b>Calendar of Committee Meetings</b><br/> (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.<br/> 26 July 2013<br/> 6 September 2013<br/> 17 October 2013<br/> 20 November 2013<br/> 19 December 2013<br/> 24 January 2014<br/> <b>12 February 2014 at 2.00 pm (extra meeting)</b><br/> 7 March 2014 at 2.00 p.m.</p> |
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Rachel Kidd Smithers (Co-optee)  
Rev. Preb. Michael Metcalf (Co-optee)  
Neil Taylor (Co-optee)  
Ellen Wright (Co-optee)

**24 April 2014 (extra meeting)**