



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 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
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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<p>LEP and European Funding Strategies</p> <p>Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Darryl Evers</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 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 Lead officer: Janene Cox/Catherine Mann</p>	<p>19 December 2013 (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 Lead officer: Anthony Baines</p>	<p>19 December 2013 (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 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: <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 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>The Select Committee considered the achievement of Staffordshire pupils and an analysis of the data. In particular they supported the use of district level data in driving school improvement.</p>
<p>Flood Risk Management – Progress Update</p> <p>Cabinet Member Mark Winnington Lead officer: Ian Benson</p>	<p>24 January 2014</p>	<p>Update on progress of Staffordshire's flood risk management.</p>	<p>Progress on the development of the new responsibilities for the Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority in respect of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 were given consideration. Members remain concerned at the low levels of funding for this area and will raise their concerns with the Cabinet Member and Defra.</p>
<p>Entrust</p> <p>Cabinet Member: Ben Adams 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>The presentation on Entrust, outlined the relationship between the County Council and Entrust and progress to</p>

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			date. The Select Committee intend to monitor progress of Entrust in September when a robust set of data should be available.
Report of the Select Committee Working Group on the Ofsted Inspection of LA Schools Improvement Arrangements	24 January 2014	To consider the final report and recommendations of the Working Group.	The Select Committee endorsed the report and recommendation for submission to the cabinet Member, Learning and Skills.
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	The Select Committee endorsed the Cabinet recommendations in principle whilst requesting that Cabinet consider including a role for Scrutiny in the contract monitoring arrangements for Infrastructure+.
Petition – Proposed removal of the Library, Gallery and other facilities from the Shire Hall and sale of the building	7 March 2014	Under the Council's petition scheme petitions with over 2,500 signatures must be considered by the appropriate select/scrutiny committee,.	The Select Committee will consider this issue at their May/June meeting, prior to Cabinet decision, where the detailed proposals will be available.
A50 Growth Corridor Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Steve Burrows	7 March 2014	To update and consult the Committee on proposals to undertake a major improvement to the A50 in Uttoxeter.	The Select Committee supported the proposals to improve the A50 in Uttoxeter, congratulating officer on the speed and efficiency of this project.
Highways and the Built County Capital	7 March 2014	Consideration of how to evaluate	The Select Committee

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Programme Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: James Bailey		Highways and the Built County Capital Programme to ensure best value	noted the information given.
Quality of road maintenance Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: James Bailey	7 March 2014	To consider the quality of road maintenance and specifically winter road maintenance	
Minerals Local Plan Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Ian Benson	24 April 2014	Consulting on the developing Minerals Local Plan	
Rural Forum Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Cabinet Support Member: Gill Heath Lead officer: Ian Wykes	24 April 2014		
Chasewater Country Park Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Cabinet Support Member: Gill Heath 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.
Roll out of Broadband Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Steve Burrows	24 April 2014	Monitoring progress with delivery	
Rationalisation of Household Waste Recycling Centres Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Sally Talbot	12 May 2014	To present a report detailing plans for rationalisation of HWRCs.	
Achieving Excellence: Libraries in a Connected Staffordshire Cabinet Member: Mike Lawrence Lead officer: Janene Cox/Catherine Mann	12 May 2014		
Freight Policy Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: James Bailey		Update of monitoring of actions and priorities against Staffordshire Local Transport Plan 2011	Initially, face to face discussion to be arranged between officers and Cllr Tittley who raised the matter.

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Country Parks Review Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Ian Wykes	tbc	To update Members on the production of a management plan for the county council owned countryside estate.	
Rail Strategy Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Clive Thomson	tbc	Monitoring progress with delivery	
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.
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 and Eco System Services 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	To update Members on progress in reaching the Council's carbon reduction targets	Briefing note received and accepted.

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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 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	This issue was covered in discussions around the Education Trust on 19 December 2013
Entrust Cabinet Member: Ben Adams Lead officer: Ian H Benson	5 September 2014	Monitoring progress of contract with Entrust to ensure that it is delivering intended outcomes.	
Flood Risk Management – progress update Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Ian Benson	Towards the end of the year	Update on progress of Staffordshire's flood risk management.	
Infrastructure + Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Ian Turner	tbc	The Select Committee agreed (at their meeting on 12 February) to continue to monitor the quality of the work delivered through the contract going forward, including Shugborough, as this is included in the Infrastructure + contract	
Concessionary Travel Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Clive Thomson	tbc	Add detail	Proposed additional item highlighted at Place Business meeting 17.2.14

Membership

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)

Calendar of Committee Meetings

(at 10.00 am and at County Buildings, Martin Street, Stafford ST16
2LH unless otherwise stated)

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

12 February 2014 at 2.00 pm (extra meeting)

7 March 2014 at 2.00 p.m.

24 April 2014 (extra meeting)

12 May 2014 (extra meeting)

25 July at 10.00 a.m.

5 September at 10.00 a.m.