



Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee Work Programme 2015/16

This document sets out the work programme for the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee for 2015/16. The Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee is responsible for scrutiny of highways infrastructure and connectivity, education, learning and skills. As such the statutory education co-optees will sit on this committee. The Council has three priority outcomes. This Committee is aligned to the outcome: The people of Staffordshire will be able to access more good jobs and feel the benefits of economic growth.

We review our work programme at every meeting. 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 Simon Tagg

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 by emailing tina.randall@staffordshire.gov.uk

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Economy of Staffordshire Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Darryl Eyers/ Steve Burrows	1 June 2015	Great Place to Live Create the right conditions to attract and grow business in Staffordshire	To consider the detail of the Cabinet's "deep dive" into the economy of Staffordshire and consider what aspects should lead to further scrutiny. <i>(New item suggested by the Cabinet Member at 5/2/2015 Triangulation)</i>	Members agreed further scrutiny around the LEP as well as skills and apprenticeships which will be considered within the Education Trust item (already included on the work programme)
Libraries in a Connected Staffordshire: Part 4 Mobile and Travelling Library Review Cabinet Member: Mike Lawrence Lead Officer: Janene Cox/Catherine Mann	1 June 2015 This item will be come back to PSSC once the results of the consultation are available.	Great Place to Live Support the improvement and development of shared resources such as utilities, highways and technology.	To consider the review of the mobile and travelling library service in Staffordshire. <i>(Part of the wider Library review last considered by PSSC on 23 January 2015)</i>	Members wrote to the Cabinet Member with comments on the consultation, including extending the consultation period to 12 weeks and requesting that the outcome of the consultation be brought back to this committee.
Rail Strategy Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Clive Thomson/Clare Horton	1 June 2015 This item will come back to PSSC once the results of the consultation are available.	Great Place to Live Support the improvement and development of shared resources such as utilities, highways and technology.	Monitoring progress of delivery <i>(Carry over from 2014/15 Work Programme)</i>	Members requested more detail be included on the County's vision for more affordable rail travel and a better passenger experience. They also requested an appendix identifying the work around HS2 to support the consultation document. The results of this consultation to be brought back to the Committee.
Minerals Local Plan	24 July 2015	Great Place to Live	To consider the next draft of	

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Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Matthew Griffin		Use and maintain our built and natural environment to improve health and wellbeing and strengthen community assets.	the Minerals Local Plan, as part of the consultation, following the Planning meeting of 4 June 2015. <i>(Last considered by the PSSC on 24 April 2014)</i>	
Adult and Community Learning Strategy Cabinet Member: Ben Adams Lead Officer: Tony Baines/Theresa McKenna	24 July 2015	Ready for Life Focus on school improvement and providing access to a good education	New item	
Staffordshire Learning Infrastructure Forecast Cabinet Member: Ben Adams Lead Officer: Andrew Marsden (refer to previous consideration of School Organisation and Capital On 6 March 2015)	24 July 2015	Ready for Life Focus on school improvement and providing access to a good education.	The Select Committee have previously looked at school organisation, school places and the development of academies. A further update on the SLIF including locality plans was requested to be brought to the Committee in summer 2015. <i>(This was last considered on 6 March 2015).</i>	
Education Support Services –Commissioning and Contract Performance Cabinet Member: Ben Adams Lead officer: Ian H Benson	tbc	Ready for Life Focus on school improvement and providing access to a good education.	Monitoring progress of contract with Entrust to ensure that it is delivering intended outcomes. <i>(Previously considered on 5 September 2014)</i>	
Pupil Premium Plus Policy	tbc	Ready for Life	One of the recommendation	

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Cabinet Member: Ben Adams Lead Officer: Sarah Rivers	(not before October 2015)	Focus on school improvement and providing access to a good education	of the Working Group on Children Missing Out On Education was for the Select Committee to receive an account from the Virtual Headteacher of how effective the mechanisms had been in operating the Pupil Premium Plus Policy <i>(The Working Group report was considered by PSSC on 18 December 2014)</i>	
Bradwell Lane Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Richard Harris	tbc	Included on the work programme as part of the Petition Scheme process	A petition with over 2,500 signatures requesting traffic calming measures at Bradwell Lane, Newcastle had been presented by Mrs Emma Meadon at the 25 July Select Committee. This issue will be considered again once the Coroners' report on the fatal accident that prompted the petition has been received.	
Sustainability in Staffordshire Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Darryl Evers	tbc	Great Place to Live Create the right conditions to attract and grow business in Staffordshire	To consider the sustainability work taking place county wide <i>(New item suggested by the Cabinet Member at 5/2/2015 Triangulation)</i>	
Strategic Economic Plan Cabinet Member: Mark	tbc	Great Place to Live Create the right	At their meeting of 5 September 2014 Members	

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Winnington Lead Officer: Darryl Evers		conditions to attract and grow business in Staffordshire.	scrutinised progress on the European Growth Deal submission and agreed to look at the best way to scrutinise the 8 projects, and whether joint scrutiny with Stoke-on-Trent City Council would be appropriate.	
The Growth Fund Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Darryl Evers	tbc	Great Place to Live Create the right conditions to attract and grow business in Staffordshire	To consider the development of the Growth fund projects. <i>(Last considered by PSSC on 5 September 2014)</i>	
Countryside Estate Management Review Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Ian Wykes	tbc	Great Place to Live Use and maintain our built and natural environment to improve health and wellbeing and strengthen community assets. Enjoying Life Strengthen public confidence in the county as a great place to live with lots of opportunities to enjoy life.	Members requested a further update. <i>(Last considered by PSSC on 18 December 2014)</i>	Members requested a workshop be held in late August/early September 2015.
Impact of SEND reforms Cabinet Member – Ben Adams Lead Officer – Nichola Glover-Edge	tbc, possibly September 2015	Ready for Life Focus on school improvement and providing access to a good education.	To consider the impact of the SEND reforms for Staffordshire children. <i>(Carried over from the</i>	

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The Education Trust Cabinet Member: Ben Adams Lead Officers: Darryl Eyers, Tony Baines & Anna Halliday	tbc, suggested late summer 2015	Ready for Life Focus on school improvement and providing access to a good education.	Considering the development of the Trust's work and the impact it has made to date. Following the PSSC meeting of 1 June 2015 Members requested detail on skills and apprenticeships to be scrutinised as part of their consideration of the Education Trust.	
School Improvement Cabinet Member: Ben Adams Lead Officer: Anna Halliday	tbc, suggested July/September 2015	Ready for Life Focus on school improvement and providing access to a good education.	Consideration of possible changes to the management of school improvement and the action plan for school improvement <i>(Last considered by PSSC on 5 September 2014)</i>	
A 50 Growth Corridor Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Steve Burrows	tbc	Great Place to Live Create the right conditions to attract and grow business in Staffordshire	To update the Committee on proposals to undertake a major improvement to the A50 in Uttoxeter. <i>(last considered by PSSC on 7 March 2014)</i>	
School Attainment in Staffordshire Cabinet Member: Ben Adams	tbc – January 2016	Ready for Life Focus on school improvement and providing access to a	Annual item to brief members on attainment in Staffordshire schools.	

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Lead Officer: Anna Halliday		good education.		
Working Groups				
Infrastructure + Working Group Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Ian Turner	tbc	Great Place to Live Support the improvement and development of shared resources such as utilities, highways and technology.	Following their 6 March consideration of Infrastructure + Members agreed to set up a working group in June/July to advice on how they wish to scrutinise the governance of the Infrastructure + contract.	
Heavy Goods Vehicles on the A515	tbc	Great Place to Live Support the improvement and development of shared resources such as utilities, highways and technology.	Following a petition presented at Annual Council the Select Committee agreed to set up a working group to consider the concerns raised around HGVs on the A515	
Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Services Working Group Cabinet Member: Alan White Lead Officers: Denise Tolson and Dawn Jennens	This Working Group will start at beginning June 2015	Living Well Enable positive behaviour and support those who need it most, support independence at all ages and for those with disabilities or illness.	The Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee have set up a working group to look at the issue of emotional wellbeing and mental health services following their consideration of strategies on these issues. Because of the crosscutting nature of these issues their Chairman has invited a member of PSSC to join the Group.	
Briefing notes/updates and referrals				
Superfast Staffordshire (Broadband)		Great Place to Live Support the	At their October 2014 meeting Members requested	

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Lead Officer: Paul Chatwin		improvement and development of shared resources such as utilities, highways and technology. and Create the right conditions to attract and grow business in Staffordshire	a further update in six month's time.	

<p>Membership</p> <p>Simon Tagg (Chairman) David Loades (Vice-Chairman) George Adamson Len Bloomer Maureen Compton Tim Corbett Ian Hollinshead Geoff Martin Sheree People Mike Worthington Rev. Preb. Michael Metcalf (Co-optee) Paul Woodhead (Co-optee) Candice Yeomans (Co-optee)</p>	<p>Calendar of Committee Meetings (at 10.00 am and at County Buildings, Martin Street, Stafford ST16 2LH unless otherwise stated)</p> <p>1 June 2015, 10.00 am 24 July 2015, 10.00 am 4 September 2015, 10.00 am 12 October 2015, 10.00 am 17 December 2015, 10.00 am 22 January 2016, 10.00 am 4 March 2016, 10.00 am</p>
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