

Local Members' Interest
N/A

Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee – 24 July 2015

Staffordshire Learning Infrastructure Framework 2015-2030

Recommendations

- a) That Select Committee provides feedback on the Framework summary document and supporting information published at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/slif;
- b) That Select Committee endorses the approach in the draft Staffordshire Learning Infrastructure Framework.

Report of Ben Adams, Cabinet Lead Member for Learning and Skills

Summary

What is the Select Committee being asked to do and why?

1. Staffordshire has a clear and ambitious vision set out in the strategy “Achieving Excellence in Learning and Skills”. Securing access to the right provision, at the right time, in the right place is a key commissioning challenge within this strategy.
2. In March 2015 Select Committee considered a report on Staffordshire’s Learning Infrastructure and resolved that “priority was placed upon [its] strategic development” and to receive “a further update in late summer”.
3. In June the county council published the draft Staffordshire Learning Infrastructure Framework and is seeking views on our proposed approach from partners by Monday 3 August. The summary document is appended and detailed supporting information available at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/slif.
4. Select Committee is invited to provide feedback and to endorse the approach of the draft Staffordshire Learning Infrastructure Framework.
5. Written feedback will be considered by the Cabinet Lead Member and it is intended that a final version will be published by October and then a work programme implemented.

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Background

6. In March 2015, Select Committee resolved - a) That the Committee endorses the proposal that a priority is placed on the strategic development of Staffordshire's Learning Infrastructure Forecast (SLIF) in the 2015/16 business planning year b) That the Committee consider within their work programme the necessary alignment of wider planning, prioritisation and capital programme decisions where significant interdependencies exist in order to support delivery of the SLIF c) That the SLIF is shared with all schools, including those in areas where no housing developments are planned, separate to the District briefings d) A further update, with locality plans, be brought to the Committee in late summer 2015.
7. The Staffordshire Learning Infrastructure Framework sets out the proposed purpose, principles and approach to achieving first class education and childcare places, close to home, when families need it based upon taking a longer-term and more joined-up approach to the planning of infrastructure. This will link in with locality plans as they are developed and work is continuing to understand the detailed capital implications for the county council.
8. The Framework aims to set out how those with a role to play in providing childcare or education places for Staffordshire's children can work together. Through each of us playing our part we will make best use of the time and money we have and ensure that we continue to offer Staffordshire's families choice in first class education and childcare, close to home, when families need it.

Link to Strategic Plan – Ready for Life

Link to Other Overview and Scrutiny Activity – a report was considered by Committee on 6 March 2015.

Community Impact – n/a.

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Appendices

Appendix A – summary of Staffordshire Learning Infrastructure Framework 2015-2030
Appendix B – copy of on-line feedback survey

Background papers

Achieving Excellence in Learning and Skills [Strategy](#).