



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

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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. |

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| Minerals Local Plan Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Matthew Griffin | 24 July 2015 | Great Place to Live Use and maintain our built and natural environment to improve health and wellbeing and strengthen community assets. | To consider the next draft of 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 – following which a working group had been established to produce the select Committee's response to the consultation)</i> | The Select Committee endorsed the Plan and congratulated the officers involved in a good piece of work |
| Adult and Community Learning Strategy Cabinet Member: Ben Adams Lead Officer: Tony Baines/Theresa McKenna | 24 July 2015 | Ready for Life Enhance access to high quality family, community and life-long learning | New item | The Select Committee agreed to build a regular opportunity for scrutiny at a point in the annual cycle that allowed for greatest influence and impact in shaping priorities for the future. Members also requested smarter targets be used to allow better self evaluation and scrutiny. |
| Staffordshire Learning Infrastructure Forecast Cabinet Member: Ben Adams Lead Officer: Andrew Marsden (refer to previous | 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 | Members endorsed the SLIF and its approach to planning the necessary infrastructure. They also wish to see an education lead on each district and borough planning committee to ensure that when planning decisions are taken the educational |

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| consideration of School Organisation and Capital On 6 March 2015) | | | 2015. <i>(This was last considered on 6 March 2015).</i> | implications are taken into account. |
| Countryside Estate Management Review Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Ian Wykes | 4 September 2015 [This meeting was webcast] | 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> Arrangements have been made for visits to the Countryside Estate (north) on 17 August and (south) on 29 August. These visits gave an opportunity for members to gain a thorough understanding of the Estate prior to considering the review at its 4 September meeting. | Members gave detailed consideration to the review and the ten options put forward. They supported consideration of options 2,8 and 9. They agreed that option 5 could be supported if the wording was changed to “Transfer the management but retain the ownership of individual sites...” The Select Committee could not support options 3 or 10. A further report will be brought to the October meeting prior to Cabinet decisions on proposals. |
| School attendance, exclusions and participation Cabinet Member: Ben Adams Lead Officer: Anna Halliday | 4 September 2015 | Ready for Life Focus on school improvement and providing access to a good education. | New item | Members welcomed the progress made by the Attendance Working Group. They asked for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification on whether mapping current spend on attendance had started; • Examples of specific intervention illustrating priorities |

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| | | | | <p>and principles in the draft document;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparison national data on exclusions; <p>They requested their concerns over academy accountability re. attendance be shared with the working group.</p> <p>Further reports were requested on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance Working Group progress, including specific intervention showing how the principles and priorities work in practice; • Post-16 changes and any impact these have on take-up |
| <p>The Growth Fund including the work of the Education Trust</p> <p>Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington and Ben Adams</p> <p>Lead Officer: Darryl Eyers, Anna Halliday and Tony Baines</p> | <p>12 October 2015</p> | <p>Great Place to Live</p> <p>Create the right conditions to attract and grow business in Staffordshire</p> | <p>To consider the development of the Growth fund projects.</p> <p><i>(Last considered by PSSC on 5 September 2014)</i></p> <p>After discussions at the 29 July triangulation meeting it was agreed that this item would include detail of the Education Trust - previously a separate work programme</p> | |

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| | | | <p>item to look at the development of the Trust's work and the impact it had made to date.</p> <p>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.</p> | |
| <p>Libraries in a Connected Staffordshire- Part 4 Mobile and Travelling Library Review Cabinet Member: Mike Lawrence Lead Officer - Janene Cox/Catherine Mann</p> | <p>12 October 2015</p> | <p>Great Place to Live Support the improvement and development of shared resources such as utilities, highways and technology.</p> | <p>To consider the results of the consultation on mobile and travelling library service in Staffordshire.</p> <p><i>(Last considered on 1 June 2015 and part of the wider Library review previously considered by PSSC on 23 January 2015)</i></p> | |
| <p>Countryside Estate Management Review Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Ian Wykes</p> | <p>12 October 2015</p> | <p>Great Place to Live Use and maintain our built and natural environment to improve health and wellbeing and strengthen community assets.</p> <p>Enjoying Life Strengthen public confidence in the county as a great place to live</p> | <p>To consider the reduced option suggestions prior to Cabinet decisions on proposals.</p> <p><i>(Last considered by PSSC on 18 December 2014 and 4 September 2015. PSSC Members also completed visits to Countryside Estate sites</i></p> | |

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| | | with lots of opportunities to enjoy life. | <i>across the County during August 2015.)</i> | |
| Impact of SEND reforms Cabinet Member – Ben Adams Lead Officer – Nichola Glover-Edge | 17 December 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 2014/15 Work Programme)</i> Following the 29 July triangulation meeting it was agreed that an initial report be brought outlining the transfer numbers, whilst the more in-depth report come to 4 March meeting | |
| Pupil Premium Plus Policy Cabinet Member: Ben Adams Lead Officer: Sarah Rivers | 17 December 2015 | Ready for Life Focus on school improvement and providing access to a good education | One of the recommendation 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 Members wish to explore the value of the Pupil Premium in making a difference. <i>(The Working Group report</i> | |

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| | | | <i>was considered by PSSC on 18 December 2014)</i> | |
| Sustainability in Staffordshire Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Darryl Evers | 17 December 2015 | 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> | |
| Education Support Services –Commissioning and Contract Performance Cabinet Member: Ben Adams Lead officer: Ian H Benson | 22 January 2016 | 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> | |
| School Improvement Cabinet Member: Ben Adams Lead Officer: Anna Halliday | 22 January 2016 | 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> | |
| School Attainment in Staffordshire Cabinet Member: Ben Adams Lead Officer: Anna Halliday | 22 January 2016 | Ready for Life Focus on school improvement and providing access to a good education. | Annual item to brief members on attainment in Staffordshire schools. | |
| Impact of SEND reforms Cabinet Member – Ben Adams Lead Officer – Nichola Glover-Edge | 4 March 2016 | 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>(Following the initial report</i> | |

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| | | | <i>taken to 15 October 2015 (Select Committee)</i> | |
| Adult and Community Learning (ACL) Cabinet Member: Ben Adams Lead Officer: Tony Baines/Theresa McKenna | 4 March 2016 | Ready for Life Enhance access to high quality family, community and life-long learning | Following consideration of ACL on 24 July the Select Committee agreed to build a regular opportunity for scrutiny at a point in the annual cycle that allowed for greatest influence and impact in shaping priorities for the future. | |
| Progress of the Attendance Working Group Cabinet Member: Ben Adams Lead Officer: Anna Halliday/Sue Coleman | tbc | Ready for Life Focus on school improvement and providing access to a good education. | Item requested by Members following discussion on School attendance, exclusions and participation. <i>(School attendance, exclusions and participation considered at their meeting of 4 September 2015.)</i> | |
| Post-16 changes and impact on take-up, staying on rates Cabinet Member: Ben Adams Lead Officer: Anna Halliday/Tony Baines | tbc | Ready for Life Enhance access to high quality family, community and life-long learning Ready for Life Focus on school improvement and providing access to a good education. | Item requested by Members following discussion on School attendance, exclusions and participation. In particular around Maths and English being included in the curriculum for those students who have yet to reach Level 2 in these subjects. Members wish to consider what impact this | |

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| | | | <p>change has to take-up and staying-on rates.</p> <p><i>(School attendance, exclusions and participation considered at their meeting of 4 September 2015.)</i></p> | |
| <p>Strategic Economic Plan Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Darryl Evers</p> | <p>tbc</p> | <p>Great Place to Live Create the right conditions to attract and grow business in Staffordshire.</p> | <p>At their meeting of 5 September 2014 Members 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.</p> | |
| <p>Car Parking Strategy Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: James Bailey and David Walters</p> | <p>tbc</p> | <p>Great Place to Live Create the right conditions to attract and grow business in Staffordshire</p> | <p>Following consideration of call-in of the parking strategy by the Corporate Review Committee (9 July 2015) they agreed "that implementation of the Car Parking Strategy be scrutinised following consultation by the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee and that the views on implementation be sought from the relevant local district/borough council scrutiny committees"</p> | |

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| Working Groups | | | | |
| <p>Infrastructure + Working Group Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: James Bailey</p> | <p>8 and 29 July 4 September</p> | <p>Great Place to Live Support the improvement and development of shared resources such as utilities, highways and technology.</p> | <p>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.</p> | <p>This group has met twice with the third and final meeting being held in September. The Working Group will then report back to the Select Committee.</p> |
| <p>Working Together to address the impact that HGVs have on Staffordshire roads and local communities</p> | | <p>Great Place to Live Support the improvement and development of shared resources such as utilities, highways and technology.</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>This issue has now been widened to address all Staffordshire roads.</p> <p>Membership of the Working Group has been agreed</p> | |
| <p>Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Services Working Group Cabinet Member: Alan White Lead Officers: Denise Tolson and Dawn Jennens</p> | <p>This Working Group commenced in June 2015</p> | <p>Living Well Enable positive behaviour and support those who need it most, support independence at all ages and for those with disabilities or</p> | <p>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</p> | <p>Mike Worthington is the Select Committee's representative on this Working Group.</p> <p>The Group has met twice so far and has meetings</p> |

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| | | illness. | on these issues. Because of the crosscutting nature of these issues their Chairman has invited a member of PSSC to join the Group. | scheduled throughout the Autumn. It hopes to report back to Select Committee in December. |
| Briefing notes/updates and referrals | | | | |
| <p>Superfast Staffordshire (Broadband) Lead Officer: Paul Chatwin</p> | | <p>Great Place to Live Support the improvement and development of shared resources such as utilities, highways and technology. and Create the right conditions to attract and grow business in Staffordshire</p> | <p>At their October 2014 meeting Members requested a further update in six month's time.</p> | |
| <p>A 50 Growth Corridor Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Steve Burrows</p> | | <p>Great Place to Live Create the right conditions to attract and grow business in Staffordshire</p> | <p>To update the Committee on proposals to undertake a major improvement to the A50 in Uttoxeter.</p> <p><i>(last considered by PSSC on 7 March 2014)</i></p> <p>Following the triangulation meeting of 29 July it was agreed that this should be addressed via a briefing note rather than a stand alone agenda item.</p> | |

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| Bradwell Lane Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Richard Harris | 12 August 2015 Chairman's informal meeting with Emma Meadon and Sandra Hambleton | 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. | Following the outcome of the Court Case, which judged that the accident had been caused by driver error, it was agreed that a meeting should be arranged between Emma Meadon, Sandra Hambleton (local member), David Greatbatch (Community Infrastructure Liaison Officer) and the Select Committee Chairman to resolve any outstanding issues. Select Committee Members will received a briefing paper on the outcome of this meeting at their 4 September meeting. |

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| Membership Simon Tagg (Chairman) David Loades (Vice-Chairman) Carol Dean Len Bloomer Maureen Compton Tim Corbett Ian Hollinshead | Calendar of Committee Meetings (at 10.00 am and at County Buildings, Martin Street, Stafford ST16 2LH unless otherwise stated) 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 |
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| Geoff Martin Sheree Peaple Mike Worthington Rev. Preb. Michael Metcalf (Co-optee) Paul Woodhead (Co-optee) Candice Yeomans (Co-optee) | 22 January 2016, 10.00 am 4 March 2016, 10.00 am |
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