



Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee Work Programme 2016/17

This document sets out the work programme for the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee for 2016/17.

The Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee is responsible for scrutiny of highways infrastructure and connectivity, flood and water management, 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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Item	Date of meeting when the item is due to be considered	Link to the Council's Business Plan	Details	Action/Outcome
Countryside Estate Management Review Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead officer: Ian Wykes	24 May 2016	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.	To consider the 4 options and consultation results prior to Cabinet decisions on proposals. <i>(Considered by PSSC on 18 December 2014, 4 September & 12 October 2015. PSSC Members also completed visits to Countryside Estate sites across the County during August 2015.)</i>	Members requested a copy of the full SWOT analysis. They supported the proposed approach for developing the detailed management arrangements and selecting the most appropriate partner or partners for each countryside site with the proviso that: further consideration of larger sites be brought back to the Select Committee for pre-decision scrutiny; local members and local member groups are engaged in discussions regarding the future of smaller sites, for example via Local Member Priority Meetings; the Scheme of Delegation extract within the report for selecting the preferred partner(s) and managing arrangements for each countryside estate be supported with the above proviso; and the Chairman write to the Cabinet Member giving the Committee's feedback.
Flood Risk Management Cabinet Member: Mark	24 May 2016	Great Place to Live Use and maintain our	To update Members on the Flood Risk Strategy and	The Select Committee recognised the proactive

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Winnington/Gill Heath Lead Officer: Hannah Burgess		built and natural environment to improve health and wellbeing and strengthen community assets.	specifically how Staffordshire would respond should a similar event happen here to that seen in Cumbria during December. To consider the possibility of a Flood Risk summit.	work undertaken to prepare for a severe flood event. They emphasised the importance of gully emptying and effective communication with local members on the programme of work and supported the proposal to host a Staffordshire Flood Summit stressing the need for the summit to be outcome focused and giving consideration to public involvement.
Executive response to Infrastructure+ - scrutiny of governance and reporting arrangements to Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee	24 May 2016	Great Place to Live Use and maintain our built and natural environment to improve health and wellbeing and strengthen community assets.		The progress outlined in the action plan was welcomed and the Select Committee agreed to monitor progress on the implementation of the agreed recommendations on a six monthly exception basis, until the recommendations have been fully implemented.
Working Together to address the impact that HGVs have on Staffordshire roads and local communities	24 May 2016	Great Place to Live Support the improvement and development of shared resources such as utilities, highways and technology.		The Select Committee agreed the final working group report and recommendations for submission to the Cabinet Member.
Elective Home Education Cabinet Member: Ben Adams	26 July 2016	Ready for Life Enhance access to high quality family,	Item requested at 22 January meeting where the Select Committee were	Members supported the positive relationships built between the EHE community

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Lead Officer: Julie Stevenson		community and life-long learning.	informed that the part of the SDA covering EHE was under discussion with expected outcomes available from May 2016.	and the County Council.
Impact of SEND reforms Cabinet Member – Ben Adams Lead Officer – Nichola Glover-Edge/Chris Kiernan	26 July 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 taken to 15 October 2015 Select Committee)</i>	Members noted the progress made and supported the preparation towards the Local Area Review inspection. They requested a further report on the tribunal data and outcome of discussions with service users.
SACRE Annual Report, Agreed Syllabus and Membership changes Cabinet Member – Ben Adams Lead Officer – Mary Gale/Emma Jardine	26 July	Ready for Life Focus on school improvement and providing access to a good education.		Members were happy that the representation on Committee A of SACRE reflected the religious make-up of Staffordshire. They supported the introduction of the new Agreed Syllabus into Staffordshire Schools and noted that the quality of provision would be more difficult to maintain if non RE specialists were leading on planning and provision of RE.
The future model for the Shugborough Estate - Sub-leases for the Walled Garden and the County Museum Cabinet Member: Mark	26 July 2016	Great Place to Live Use and maintain our built and natural environment to improve health and wellbeing and strengthen.		Members supported the lease arrangements for the Walled Garden and County Museum. They also requested that the agreed costings for restoration of the

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<p>Winnington Lead Officer: Janene Cox</p>		<p>community assets.</p>		<p>walled garden and county museum be brought back to the Select Committee. Mr Bloomer, as local member, requested a meeting with officers on the Outdoor Education Centre 10 year lease.</p>
<p>New Item Future Operating Model for Staffordshire's Arts Service Cabinet Member: Gill Heath Lead Officer: Janene Cox/Catherine Mann</p>	<p>13 September 2016</p>	<p>Great Place to Live Support the improvement and development of shared resources such as utilities, highways and technology.</p>	<p>This item has been added for pre-decision scrutiny.</p>	
<p>Executive Response to the Report of the Working Group on Working Together to Address the Impact that HGVs have on Staffordshire Roads and Local Communities Cabinet Member: Mark Deaville Lead Officer: Clive Thomson/Mary Anne Raftery</p>	<p>13 September 2016</p>	<p>Great Place to Live Support the improvement and development of shared resources such as utilities, highways and technology.</p>	<p>The formal response and action plan from the Cabinet Member was received at their 24 May meeting. Members noted the progress made on the agreed recommendations and will monitor their progress on a six monthly basis.</p>	
<p>Post-16 changes and impact on take-up, staying on rates Cabinet Member: Ben Adams Lead Officer: Darryl Evers/Tony Baines</p>	<p>13 September 2016 Deferred until 15 November 2016 NB following 22 January meeting</p>	<p>Ready for Life Enhance access to high quality family, community and life-long learning. Ready for Life Focus on school</p>	<p>Item requested by Members following discussion on school attendance, exclusions and participation. In particular around Maths and English being included</p>	

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	members wish to consider the outcome of the Post-16 education review.	improvement and providing access to a good education.	<p>in the curriculum for those students who have yet to reach Level 2 in these subjects. Members wish to consider what impact this 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>Update on the Library Service Cabinet Member: Gill Heath Lead Officer - Janene Cox/Catherine Mann</p>	15 November 2016	<p>Great Place to Live Support the improvement and development of shared resources such as utilities, highways and technology.</p>	Following the changes to the static library service the Select Committee will review progress on the static library service.	
<p>New Item Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Plan Consultation Cabinet Member: Mark Deaville Lead Officer: James Bailey/Paul Boss</p>	15 November 2016	<p>Great Place to Live Support the improvement and development of shared resources such as utilities, highways and technology.</p>	This item has been added for pre-decision scrutiny.	
<p>Car Parking Strategy Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: James Bailey/ David Walters</p>	Deferred until 15 December 2016	<p>Great Place to Live Utilise and maintain our built and natural environment to improve health and wellbeing and strengthen community assets.</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	

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			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".	
Strategic Economic Plan Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Darryl Eyers	tbc	Right for Business Promote the county as the "go to" location through a pro-business mind-set.	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.	
New item: Impact on Staffordshire of Britain's vote to leave the European Union.	tbc	Right for Business Promote the county as the "go to" location through a pro-business mind-set.	At the meeting on 26 July Members asked to be kept apprised of the impact on Staffordshire of Britain's vote to leave the European Union.	
Libraries in a Connected Staffordshire- Mobile and Travelling Library – monitor Review outcomes Cabinet Member: Ben Adams Lead Officer - Janene	May/June 2017 (12 months after implementation of the service changes.)	Great Place to Live Support the improvement and development of shared resources such as utilities, highways and technology.	To consider the effects of the mobile and travelling library service review implementation. <i>(Last considered on 12 October, 1 June 2015 as part of the wider Library</i>	

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Cox/Catherine Mann			<i>review previously considered by PSSC on 23 January 2015)</i>	
Working Groups				
Entrust Service Level Agreement Key Performance Indicator Working group Cabinet Member: Ben Adams Lead Officer: Karen Coker		Ready for Life Focus on school improvement and providing access to a good education.	Following consideration of Education Support Services – Commissioning and Contract Performance at the 22 January PSSC Members agreed to set up a working group to consider the review of KPIs and the information they wished to scrutinise in future.	Further meeting of the Working Group is being arranged.
Infrastructure + Working Group Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: James Bailey	8 and 29 July 4 September Reporting back to Select Committee on 24 May 2016	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.	The formal response and action plan from the Cabinet Member was received at their 24 May meeting. Members noted the progress made on the agreed recommendations and will monitor their progress on a six monthly basis.
Working Together to address the impact that HGVs have on Staffordshire roads and local communities	Reporting back to Select Committee on 24 May 2016	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. This issue has now been widened to address all	Final report of the Working group agreed for submission to the Cabinet Member at the Select Committee meeting of 24 May 2016. The Select Committee are awaiting the formal response and action plan from the Cabinet Member.

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			Staffordshire roads. Membership of the Working Group has been agreed.	
Briefing notes/updates and referrals				
A 50 Growth Corridor Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington Lead Officer: Steve Burrows		Great Place to Live Promote the county as the "go to" location through a pro-business mind-set.	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> 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.	
SACRE Annual Report		Ready for Life Focus on school improvement and providing access to a good education.	To receive the SACRE Annual Report.	Reported to 26 July Select Committee

Membership

Simon Tagg (Chairman)
David Brookes (Vice-Chairman)
Ann Beech
Len Bloomer
Ian Hollinshead
Kevin Jackson
Mike Lawrence
Geoff Martin
Sheree Peaple
Mike Worthington
Rev. Preb. Michael Metcalf (Co-optee)
Paul Woodhead (Co-optee)
Candice Yeomans (Co-optee)

Calendar of Committee Meetings

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

24 May 2016

26 July 2016, **2.00pm**

13 September 2016

15 November 2016

15 December 2016

19 January 2017

3 March 2017