

WORK PROGRAMME

Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee 2017/18 – July 2017

This document sets out the work programme for the Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee for 2017/18. The Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee is responsible for scrutinising: children and adults' safeguarding; community safety and Localism. The Council has three priority outcomes. This Committee is aligned to the outcome: The people of Staffordshire will feel safer, happier and more supported in and by their community.

We review our work programme at every meeting. Sometimes we change it - if something 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.

Councillor John Francis

Chairman of the Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee

If you would like to know more about our work programme, please get in touch with Tina Gould, Scrutiny and Support Manager on 01785 276148 or by emailing tina.gould@staffordshire.gov.uk

Membership – County Councillors 2017-18

John Francis (Chairman)
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Syed Hussain
Trevor Johnson
Jason Jones
Natasha Pullen
Kyle Robinson
Paul Snape
Victoria Wilson
Mike Worthington

Calendar of Committee Meetings 2017-2018

13 June 2017 at 2.00 p.m.
13 July 2017 at 10.00 a.m.
26 September 2017 at 2.00 p.m.
9 November 2017 at 10.00 a.m.
11 December 2017 at 2.00 p.m.
15 January 2018 at 10.00 a.m.
5 March 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

Meetings usually take place in the Oak Room in County Buildings.

Work Programme 2017-18

Date of meeting	Item	Link to Council's Commissioning Plans	Details	Action/Outcome
Tues 13 June 2017	Introduction to S&SC SC	Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities Enable people to access the appropriate intervention at the right time.	The Committee received a presentation which gave an overview of the remit of the Select Committee and highlighted some of the key issues going forward.	As a result of the presentation and subsequent discussion on developing the work programme Members requested the following items be included on their work programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The West Midlands Peer Review of Adult Safeguarding • How to engage with hard to reach communities • Modern day slavery and domestic violence • CSE
Thurs 13 July 2017	Children's & Families System Transformation Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Officer: Mick Harrison/Helen Riley	Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities Enable people to access the appropriate intervention at the right time.	The Transformation programme for Children and Family Services has previously been considered by this Select Committee on 8 June, 8 July & 12 December 2016.	
	Children, Young People & Families Pilots Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Officer: Mick Harrison/Janene Cox	Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities Enable people to access the appropriate intervention at the right time.	The Pilots support the work of the Transformation Programme and were last considered by this Committee on 16 January 2017.	
	Public Analyst & Scientific Services Laboratory Cabinet Member: Gill Heath Officer: Trish Caldwell	Well Run Council Making the most of our Assets, Managing Change Well, Transforming Ourselves, Innovation in ICT, Continued Modernisation of HR, Outcome Based Performance Management	To inform the Select Committee of a review carried out into the operation of the in-house Public Analyst and Scientific Services laboratory.	

Mon 26 Sept 2017	Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) in Staffordshire, to include progress against the CSAF Action Plan and information regarding Revenge Porn & Sexting Cabinet Member: Gill Heath Officer: Mick Harrison	Resilient Communities Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities Enable people to access the appropriate intervention at the right time.	The Committee has requested a six monthly update on this issue. The Chair of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee at Stoke City Council has been invited to attend this meeting and this arrangement is reciprocated.	
	Cabinet Response: Preventing Low Level Neglect of Children in Staffordshire Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton	Resilient Communities Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities	The Committee received an initial response to the recommendations contained within its Working Group report on Low Level Neglect on 6 March 2017. It was agreed to follow up outstanding actions in 6 months' time.	
	Community Safety Agreement Cabinet Member: Gill Heath Officer: Mick Harrison	Resilient Communities Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities.	Select Committee response to the SCC Stronger Communities Strategy Group Draft Agreement and results of the Strategy Group's 13 September meeting.	
Thurs 9 Nov 2017	Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent Adult Safeguarding Partnership Board Cabinet Member: Alan White Independent Chair: John Wood	Resilient Communities Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities	This report is presented to the Select Committee on an annual basis.	
	West Midlands Peer Review of Adult Safeguarding Cabinet Member: Alan White Officer: Andrew Sharp	Resilient Communities Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities	This review took place in February 2017. Councillors Francis and Olszewski participated in this review. At the June meeting Members requested feedback on the review to a future meeting.	
	Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Cabinet Member: Alan White Officer: Peter Hampton	Resilient Communities Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities.	At its meeting on 9 November 2016 Members were told that the anticipated backlog of referrals should be cleared by June/July 2017. The Committee should monitor and review this matter.	
Mon 11 Dec 2017	Customer Feedback & Complaints, Adult Social Care Annual Report 16/17	Well run Council	Adult's Services have a statutory obligation to submit an Annual Report on complaints and representations to the relevant County Council Committee.	

	Cabinet Member: Alan White Officer: Kate Bullivant			
	Customer Feedback & Complaints, Children's Social Care Annual Report 16/17 Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Officer: Kate Bullivant	Well run Council	Children's Services have a statutory obligation to submit an Annual Report on complaints and representations to the relevant County Council Committee.	
	Domestic Abuse Cabinet Member: Gill Heath Officer: Mick Harrison	Resilient Communities Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities Enable people to access the appropriate intervention at the right time.	Select Committee Members requested an item on this issue at their meeting of 13 June.	
Mon 15 Jan 2018	Modern Slavery Cabinet Member: Gill Heath Officer: Mick Harrison and Becky Murphy	Resilient Communities Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities Enable people to access the appropriate intervention at the right time.	At the 12 December meeting Members requested a further report giving progress on the Task and Finish action plan following their January meeting. Following this meeting there was no significant developments to report and this item has therefore been deferred for consideration in the new municipal year.	
Mon 5 March 2018				
tbc	Staffs Safeguarding Children's Board (SSCB) Annual Report 2016/17 Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Independent Chair: John Wood	Resilient Communities Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities	This report is presented to the Select Committee on an annual basis.	

Briefing Notes/Updates/Visits 2017-18

Date	Item	Link to Council's Commissioning Plans	Details	Action/Outcome
tbc	Visit to the MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub)	Resilient Communities Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities	Select Committee Members requested a visit to the MASH to see first hand the multi agency partnership working and the rationale for creating this facility.	

Working Group and/or Inquiry Days 2017-18

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<p>tbc</p> <p>Monday 24 July 1.00 – 3.00pm (NB after the Level 1 Child Protection training in the morning)</p> <p>Friday 28 July 9.00 – 11.00 am</p> <p>Monday 31 July 9.30 – 11.00 am</p>	<p>Community Safety Agreement – shared priorities</p> <p>Cabinet Member: Gill Heath</p> <p>Officer: Mick Harrison</p>	<p>Resilient Communities</p> <p>Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities.</p>	<p>The SCC Stronger Communities Strategy Group (chaired by Gill Heath and including representation from District and Borough Councils) has produced a draft Community Safety Agreement Safe which sets out shared priorities. This will be agreed at their meeting of 13 September.</p> <p>The Select Committee will consider the Draft Agreement at an informal review session, reporting their findings to both the Strategy Group on 13 September and the Select Committee on 26 September.</p>	
<p>tbc</p>	<p>How to engage hard to reach communities</p> <p>Cabinet Member: Gill Heath</p> <p>Officer: Mick Harrison</p>	<p>Resilient Communities</p> <p>Ensure effective safeguarding for the most vulnerable in our communities</p> <p>Enable people to access the appropriate intervention at the right time.</p>	<p>Possible Review to identify hard to reach communities within Staffordshire and the most effective way of addressing the issues identified.</p>	

Current & Related Work of Select Committees and/or All Party Member Groups 2017-18

Timescale	Area of Work	Link to Council's Commissioning Plans	Details	Action/Outcome