



## **WORK PROGRAMME – February 2021**

### **Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee**

This document sets out the work programme for the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee for 2020/21.

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 Work Programme is linked to the Vision, Outcomes and Priorities detailed in the Council's Strategic Plan 2018-2022.

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 Ian Parry**

Chairman of the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee

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## Work Programme 2020/21

| Date of meeting               | Item  | Details   | Information/Action/Outcome from meeting  |
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| 18 June 2020<br>Teams meeting | Covid-19 effects on Further Education<br>Cabinet Member: Philip White<br>Lead Officers: Anthony Baines  | FE Principle invited                                  |  |
|                               | Economic Recovery, Renewal and Transformation Strategy<br>Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington/Philip White<br>Lead Officers: Darryl Eyres   | LEP Chairman invited                                  |  |
| 24 July 2020<br>Teams meeting | Community Learning Service – Outcomes from Investment<br>Cabinet Member: Philip White<br>Lead Officers: Amanda Darlington   |   | Comments outlined by Members fed back into future Community Learning offers  |
|                               | Covid-19 school update<br>Cabinet Member: Philip White<br>Lead Officer: Tim Moss  | Verbal report – School Heads invited to attend        | Noted – further update requested in November (Inc. transport)  |
| 17 September 2020             | Economic Recovery, Renewal and Transformation- quarterly update.<br>Cabinet Member: Philip White<br>Lead Officers: Darryl Eyres   | Requested at triangulation meeting 15 July 2020.      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• recommends the Cabinet Member to continue to explore further interventions to enable the successful delivery of the Strategy, and,</li> <li>• request relevant Cabinet Members bring updates on delivery of the strategy to this Select Committee for scrutiny every 3 months.</li> </ul> |
|                               | Performance of the Highways Contract to include <b>PFI Street Lighting (new item) and pot hole repair.</b><br>Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Plan<br>Cabinet Member: David Williams<br>Lead Officer: James Bailey | Six month update plus information on pot hole repairs | That that the Assistant Director for Highways and the Built County share location specific information regarding the roll out of LED street lighting.  |
|                               | Flood Management -  | Raised by the Chairman and Vice Chairs                | Noted and copy of slides requested   |

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|                  | Cabinet Member: David Williams/Julia Jessel<br>Lead Officer: David Walters/James Bailey/Jamie Cooper                            |  |   |
| 12 November 2020 | Staffordshire Air Quality<br>Cabinet Member: David Williams<br>Lead Officer: Clive Thomson/Louise Clayton /Nick Dawson          | Pre decision scrutiny. Subject to Gov. approval of Business case | That the Select Committee was satisfied that the business case had been properly prepared and due process had taken place   |
|                  | Cannock Chase SAC mitigation plans.<br>Cabinet Member: Victoria Wilson<br>Lead Officer: Sarah Bentley                           | Pre-Decision Scrutiny  | (a) the Select Committee accept the need for mitigating action to protect the SAC but mindful of the frustration of user groups, ask the Cabinet Member to look again at the consultation which has taken place (by the SAC) and reconsider whether it was sufficiently robust and inclusive, particularly regarding car parking, (b) The Cabinet Member report back to the Select Committee in the New Year. |
|                  | Household Waste Contract<br>Cabinet Member: Mark Deaville<br>Lead Officer: Clive Thomson  | Pre decision scrutiny.   | That the Select Committee supports the approach of the Cabinet Member looking to re-procure the Household Waste Recycling Centre Contract and request that he return with proposals in the New Year   |
|                  | SEND Strategy<br>Cabinet Member: Jonathan Price<br>Lead Officer: Laura Beaumont   | Pre decision scrutiny. Invite SEND Working Group to the meeting  | That the Select Committee's feedback on the draft Strategies – appreciated by the Cabinet Member would be taken on board  |
| 15 January 2021  | Economic Recovery, Renewal and Transformation- quarterly update.<br>Cabinet Member: Philip White<br>Lead Officers: Darryl Eyres | Requested at triangulation meeting 15 July 2020.                 |   |
|                  | Cannock Chase SAC mitigation plans<br>Cabinet Member: Victoria Wilson<br>Lead Officer: Sarah Bentley                            | Update on recommendation made 12 November 2020                   |   |

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| 26 February 2021                       | HS2 update – impact on Staffordshire.<br>Cabinet Member:<br>Lead Officers: Darryl Eyres   |   |  |
|  | Household Waste Contract<br>Cabinet Member: Mark Deaville<br>Lead Officer: Clive Thomson  | Pre decision scrutiny.  | Requested at 12 November meeting   |
|  | Update on Return to Schools Inc. school transport.<br>Cabinet Member: Jonathan Price<br>Lead Officer: Tim Moss  | Requested at July meeting.<br>Invite Headteachers (July meeting)<br>Verbal Update 21 February 2021  | Moved to February to allow for a full term's information to be gathered.                               |
| 15 April 2021                          | Economic Recovery, Renewal and Transformation- quarterly update.<br>Cabinet Member: Philip White<br>Lead Officers: Darryl Eyres   | Requested at triangulation meeting 15 July 2020.  |  |
|  | LCWIP (cycling and walking) – link to the active travel/sustainable travel to school.<br>To include information on Live Labs<br>Cabinet Member: Julia Jessel/J Price/ D Williams<br>Lead Officer: Clive Thomson/Louise Clayton /Nick Dawson |   | Moved from February to allow for other business.   |
| <b>Additional Items for Discussion</b> |   |   |  |
| Briefing note requested                | Superfast Broadband<br>Cabinet Member: Mark Winnington<br>Lead Officer: Anthony Hodge/Paul Chatwin  |   | Briefing note with reference to map that Members can access that details coverage. Emailed 7/12/20     |
| Briefing note requested                | Entrust - Progress<br>Cabinet Member: Mark Deaville<br>Lead Officer: Ian Turner   | Initial contract runs from 1.8.19 – 31.7.20, with option to extend for a further 3 years. Update on contract; contract performance. Impact of change in local authority expectations. | Agreed at 17 September meeting to defer to Corporate Review Select Committee. Take off work programme. |
| To be advised                          | Local Industrial Strategy/Strategic Infrastructure Plan<br>Cabinet Member: Philip White<br>Lead Officer: Anthony Hodge/Mark Parkinson   | Item agreed at the Triangulation Meeting on 30 October 2019.  |  |

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| To be advised | Apprenticeship funding/ Decentralisation<br>Cabinet Member: Philip White<br>Lead Officers: Anthony Baines                                 | Requested at triangulation meeting 15 July 2020. | This has been requested by Corporate Review Committee. Information to be sent to Prosperous committee for information |
| To be advised | Digital Strategy/ Roll out of infrastructure (separate items)<br>Cabinet Member: Julia Jessel<br>Lead Officer: Anthony Hodge/Paul Chatwin | Requested at triangulation meeting 15 July 2020. | Possible Corporate Review item. Needs to be agreed which committee. Potential item Corporate Review March 2021        |
| To be advised | Delivering Housing in Staffordshire<br>Cabinet Member: Mark Deaville<br>Lead Officer: Anthony Hodge/ Mark Parkinson/Matthew Shufflebotham | Aspire Housing and Homes England                 | Was due to be considered in November but Agenda too busy. Nothing to report at the moment.                            |
| To be advised | The relationship between training and skills and the future Staffordshire economy<br>Cabinet Member :Philip White<br>Lead Officer:        | Raised at Committee meeting 15 January 2021      | Potential item 15 April 2021  |
| To be advised | Future Economy and Enterprise - All Party Member Working Group  | Raised at Committee meeting 15 January 2021      |   |

### Working Groups

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| SEND Working Group<br>Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton<br>Lead Officer: Tim Moss  | Next meeting 27 July 2020                   | Three representatives of the Committee will participate in a Working Group to consider the Joint local area SEND inspection in Staffordshire and draft action plan. The Group meets regularly.   | Invited to 12 November meeting for SEND Strategy. |
| Community Transport and the Supported Bus Network<br>Cabinet Member: Mark Deaville<br>Lead Officer: Clive Thomson    | An Inquiry Day is to be held in April 2020. | The Committee agreed to monitor the impact of the removal of bus subsidies going forward. The Leader of the Opposition also requested that a report come back to the Committee on benchmarking with other local authorities. To include issues in respect of public transport and changes to the Your Staffordshire Card Scheme. |   |
| How Well are Small and Medium Sized Businesses Supported?<br>Cabinet Member: Philip White<br>Officer: Anthony Baines | An Inquiry Day is to be held.               | Agreed at the Triangulation Meeting on 30 October 2019. Discussed at Triangulation meeting 15 July 2020.   |   |

**Membership**

Ian Parry (Chairman)  
Tina Clements (Vice Chairman)  
Kyle Robinson (Vice Chairman)  
Keith Flunder  
Syed Hussain  
Ian Lawson  
Alisair Little  
David Smith  
Simon Tagg  
Bernard Williams  
Mike Deakin (Co-optee)  
Rev. Preb. Michael Metcalf (Co-optee)  
Jessica Shulman (Co-optee)

**Calendar of Committee Meetings – Venue to be notified.**

18 June 2020  
24 July 2020  
17 September 2020  
12 November 2020  
15 January 2021  
26 February 2021  
15 April 2021