

WORK PROGRAMME – 2021/2022

Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee is the Council's principal overview and scrutiny committee. It is responsible for co-ordinating and approving the scrutiny work programmes, overseeing the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and ensuring coherence of approach to cross cutting policy themes. The committee also has a key role in challenging progress around the Council's ambitions of running the business well.

The Committee also scrutinises those areas of the County Council's activity focused on corporate improvement. Its remit covers:

- Holding the Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources of the Council to account for achievement of the overall vision of a connected Staffordshire.
- The Council's overall performance and approach to managing performance and Strategic Corporate Planning
- The Council's Medium-Term Financial Strategy
- The Council's on-going programme of improvement and transformation.
- The Committee is responsible for scrutiny of achievement against the Council's strategic priorities
- The Council as a commissioning organisation including how it uses customer insight to drive improvements in services

We review our work programme regularly to ensure it remains relevant to the challenges facing local communities, the Council and its partners.

County Councillor Colin Greatorex

Chairman of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee

If you would like to know more about our work programme or how to raise issues for potential inclusion on a work programme then, please contact Nick Pountney - Scrutiny and Support Manager – Nicholas.pountney@staffordshire.gov.uk

Date of Meeting	Topic	Link to Council's Strategic Priorities	Background/Outcome
10 June 2021	<p>Introduction to the Committee and Work Programme Planning</p> <p>Members: Alan White/Ian Parry Officers: John Tradewell/Rob Salmon/Nick Pountney</p>		
2 July 2021 Reserved for Call In			
29 July 2021	<p>Integrated Performance Report – Quarter 1 2020/21</p> <p>Members: Alan White/Ian Parry Officers: John Tradewell/Rob Salmon</p>		
	<p>Appointment of the Medium Term Financial Strategy Working Group</p> <p>Officers: Carol Bloxham/Nick Pountney</p>		
6 August 2021 Reserved for Call in			
7 September 2021			
	<p>Annual Report 2020/21</p> <p>Member: Colin Greatorex Officer: Nick Pountney</p>		
1 October 2021 Reserved for Call In			
5 October 2021			

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8 November 2021 Reserved for Call In			
16 November 2021			
3 December 2021			
7 January 2022 Reserved for Call In			
20 January 2022			
4 February 2022 Reserved for Call In			
4 March 2022 Reserved for Call In			
29 March 2022			

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5 April 2022 Reserved for Call In			
TBC	Equal Opportunities		<p>Raised at 3/7/20 committee – need more equality areas in the work programme. Discussion with Chair and Vice Chairs/officers 6/10/20.</p> <p>Draft paper being prepared, setting out the current position from both a community and workforce perspective. Focus groups to be arranged. Following this a general refresh of Equality Objectives will be carried out. Then report to Corporate Review for scrutiny and to inform the committee of the areas which need priority.</p>
TBC	<p>Governance and control of arm's length companies/partners. E.g. Nexxus/Entrust/AMEY. Particularly in light of Robin Hood Energy/Nottingham City Council. What is out process, how is performance measured, how are contract changes negotiated, what influence do we have.</p> <p>Member: Philip White Officer: Helen Riley/Darryl Evers/John Tradewell/Ian Turner</p>		Item discussed with Chair and Vice Chairs. MTFS to look at financial aspects. Report requested for early 2021, possibly January in line with MTFS findings.
TBC	<p>Digital Strategy</p> <p>Member: Ian Parry</p>		Digital Strategy requested at 10 January 2020 meeting. Also requested by Prosperous Committee.
TBC Development of new Strategic Plan and MTFS			
TBC Data Sharing			
TBC People Strategy Recruitment Smart Working/Future Office			

Items for Consideration for the Work Programme

Suggested item	Link to the Council's Commissioning Plans	Background	Possible Option
Networks – E.g. Leaders group/CE groups/LGA - how is the information shared?		Discussed at Chairs/Vice Chairs meeting 07/10/20	
Scrutiny of the LEP Member: Philip White Officers: Darryl Eyers/Anthony Hodges			

Working Group updates

MTFS 2021/22	Appointment of Members 2021	Membership •	Observers
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Membership - County Councillors	Calendar of Committee Meetings
Colin Greatorex (Chairman) Conor Wileman (Vice Chairman - Overview) Gill Heath (Vice Chairman - Scrutiny)	10 June 2021 2 July 2021 29 July 2021 reserved for call in

Charlotte Atkins	6 August 2021	reserved for call in
Tina Clements	7 September 2021	
Mike Davies	1 October 2021	reserved for call-in
Jeremy Oates	5 October 2021	
Jeremy Pert	8 November 2021	reserved for call-in
Bernard Peters	16 November 2021	
James Salisbury	3 December 2021	
Bob Spencer	7 January 2022	reserved for call-in
Samantha Thompson	20 January 2022	
Mike Worthington	4 February 2022	reserved for call-in
	29 March 2022	
	5 April 2022	reserved for call-in