

WORK PROGRAMME

Safeguarding Overview & Scrutiny Committee 2021/22

This document sets out the work programme for the Safeguarding Overview & Scrutiny Committee for 2021/22.

The Safeguarding Overview & Scrutiny 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 Bob Spencer

Chairman of the Safeguarding Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Membership – County Councillors 2021-22

Bob Spencer (Chairman)
Gill Burnett (Vice Chairman - Overview)
Richard Ford (Vice Chairman – Scrutiny)
Janet Eagland
Peter Kruskonjic
Jason Jones
Gillian Pardesi
Kath Perry
Jill Waring
Mike Wilcox

Calendar of Committee Meetings - 2021-2022

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| 17 June 2021 at 10.00 am |
| 6 July 2021 at 10.00 am |
| 3 August 2021 at 10.00 am |
| 14 September 2021 at 10.00 am |
| 4 November 2021 at 10.00 am |
| 10 January 2022 at 10.00 am |
| 28 February 2022 at 10.00 am |
| 21 April 2022 at 10.00 am |
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Meetings usually take place in either the Council Chamber or the Oak Room in County Buildings.

Work Programme 2021-22

| Date of meeting | Item | Details | Action/Outcome |
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| 17 June 2021 10.00 am | Community Support (including Domiciliary Care) and 1-1 intensive support for Children with Disabilities Cabinet Member: Lead Officer: Martyn Baggaley | Pre-decision scrutiny prior to its inclusion on the July Cabinet agenda | Members agreed the recommendations. They want to receive details in the future of how this has progressed, and will specifically want to see how any gaps in skills have been addressed for those adults providers that have moved to provision for children. |
| | Introduction to the remit of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee Officers: Helen Riley & Ruth Martin | To consider the remit of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee | Detailed presentations and discussions will form the basis of work programme planning |
| | Work programme Planning Lead Officer: Helen Phillips | Within the remit of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, begin planning the work programme for 2021-22. | A long list of suggested scrutiny items has been drawn up from Members suggestions and from details shared in the presentations and discussions with Officers and the cabinet Member. These will be discussed by the Chairman and Vice Chairmen, along with the Scrutiny Officer and included on the draft work programme for Members consideration at the July meeting. |
| 6 July 2021 10.00 am | Domestic Abuse Cabinet Member: Lead Officer: Trish Caldwell | A briefing note had been considered by the previous Safe & Strong Communities Select Committee during the Pandemic. A report was requested for post lockdown to outline the impact of the Pandemic on DA. | The Committee were very impressed with the mitigation actions put in place during the pandemic. They supported developments with the perpetrator and victim programmes. Further detail was requested in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • analysis results on rationale behind disparity in referral figures between SCC and Police; • learning from police led analysis on impact of targeted work with repeat offenders; • waiting times for perpetrator services; • DA Act requirements around access to services, particularly victim services. |
| | Family Hub Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Joseph Sullivan | Item for pre-decision scrutiny Also requested at 17 June for inclusion on work programme around support for new and young parents and the importance of early years parenting support | The Committee supported the development of the Family Hub model, recognising the proposed incremental development across Staffordshire of an integrated model of working. Further developments will be considered by the Committee following the public consultation process. |
| | Regional Permanency Partnership Cabinet Member: Mark | Following consideration of the arrangements at their 7 November Select Committee Members had requested an up-date on progress with the | The Committee welcomed the developments made since the introduction of the regional permanency partnership known as Together4Children. They intend to receive further detail as the |

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| | Sutton Lead Officer: Deborah Ramsdale, Scott Crawford & Jo Sullivan | arrangements. | partnership progresses, including detail of the two pilot projects TESSA & Mockingbird. |
| 3 August 2021 10.00am | Customer Feedback & Complaints Annual report – Adults Social Care Cabinet Member: Julia Jessel Lead Officer: Kate Bullivant | Report brought annually | The Committee commented on the report – in particular they were pleased to note the reduction in complaint numbers. They asked for a percentage comparison for complaints and compliments with the previous year. They congratulated the Complaints Services Manager for the detail and timeliness of the report. |
| | Customer Feedback & Complaints Annual report – Children’s Social Care Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Kate Bullivant | Report brought annually | The Committee noted the reduction in complaints, particularly the reduction around SEND complaints. They were pleased to note the 17% increase in the number of compliments. They congratulated the Complaints Services Manager for the quality and timeliness of her report. |
| 14 Sept 2021 10.00am | Safeguarding Adults on the cusp of care Cabinet Member: Julia Jessel Lead Officer: Ruth Martin | At the 7 November Triangulation meeting it was proposed to look at any gaps in provision between what is happening in the community for adults on the cusp of care, the neighbourhood coaches/provisions and any safeguarding issues this may present. | |
| | Adult Safeguarding Transformation Project Cabinet Member: Julia Jessel Lead Officer: Ruth Martin | Suggested at 17 June meeting to look at the rise in service demand and whether changes to service delivery are needed to manage this increase. | |
| 4 Nov 2021 10.00 am | MacAlister Report Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Helen Riley | Suggested at 17 June meeting – looking at the report’s proposals and how they impact on Staffordshire’s Children’s Services November date for this suggested at 3 Aug Triangulation | |
| | Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent Safeguarding Children’s Board Annual Report Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Kate | Report brought annually. | |

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| 10 January 2022 10.00am | Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Adult Safeguarding Partnership Board (SSASPB) – Annual Report Independent Chair: John Wood Officer: Helen Jones | Report brought annually. | |
| | DoLs Cabinet Member: Julia Jessel Lead Officer: Peter Hampton | Suggested at 3 August Triangulation | |
| 28 Feb 2022 10.00 am | Community Support (including Domiciliary Care) and 1-1 intensive support for Children with Disabilities Cabinet Member: Lead Officer: Martyn Baggaley | This was requested at 17 June meeting – looking at progress made and particularly how well those adult carers who have moved to provide care for children have filled skill gaps and how successful this provision has been | |
| 21 April 2022 10.00 am | Children’s Services Transformation Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Helen Riley | The new Children’s Transformation went live on 1 October 2021. Six months on this is an opportunity for Members to seek reassurance that it is delivering as intended, including on SEND. (Suggested at 3 August Triangulation) | |
| tbc | Low Level Neglect Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Helen Riley | Suggested by the Cabinet Member at 17 June meeting to look at impact of long-term low-level neglect, the current changes to ways of working and challenges that remain. | |
| tbc | Early Intervention & prevention Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Helen Riley | Suggested by the Cabinet Member at 17 June meeting. | |
| tbc | Community safety & the Outcome of the Fishmonger Hall Investigation | Findings from the Fishmonger Hall incident showed there had been inadequate management of Usman Khan. Suggested at 17 June meeting Members want to satisfy themselves that changes | |

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| | Cabinet Member: Victoria Wilson Lead Officer: | <p>have been made to prevent further such incidents. This also impact on the Committee's role as the designated crime and disorder panel.</p> <p>A further proposal at 17 June meeting was concerns around adolescent anti-social behaviour, including cross boarder issues. This is a further community safety concern that could be raised as part of this scrutiny</p> <p>A discussion is proposed between the Chairman, Commissioner and PFCP Chairman to consider ways forward and avoid duplication</p> | |
| tbc | Sexual Harassment in Schools Cabinet Members: Mark Sutton & Jonathan Price Lead Officer: | Suggested at 17 June meeting, considering the concerns recently in the media of sexual harassment and abuse in schools. A need to consider the issue within Staffordshire schools and how this is addressed. | |
| tbc | Young Carers Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Helen Riley | To consider how well young carers are supported within Staffordshire Suggested at 17 June meeting. | |
| tbc | SEND Review Cabinet Members: Mark Sutton & Jonathan Price Lead Officers: Tim Moss & Helen Riley | Suggested by the Cabinet Member at 17 June meeting. Responding to the Review and moving forward. | |
| tbc | Governance Model Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Helen Riley | Suggested by the Cabinet Member at 17 June meeting. Considering how to work better together. Trying to develop a better and more effective governance model. | |

Standing Items 2021-22

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| Themes emerging from Serious Case Reviews Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: | Where Serious Case Reviews have taken place the Overview & Scrutiny Committee will consider any learning that can be taken from the Review | Some areas picked up by the DHR review process |

Briefing Notes/Updates/Visits 2021-22

| Date | Item | Details | Action/Outcome |
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| | Sexual abuse investigations | Requested at 17 June meeting – details of the number of child sexual abuse investigations over the last 5 years, how many of these resulted in prosecution and if the investigation was proportionate and reasonable. | |
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Working Group and/or Inquiry Days 2021-22

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Children’s Improvement Board – monitoring of the Children & Families Transformation System progress

| Date | Who attended from the Select Committee | Items discussed | Information |
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