

## **WORK PROGRAMME**

### **Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 2023/2024**

This document sets out the work programme for the Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2023/2024.

The Safeguarding Overview and 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 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 Helen Phillips, Scrutiny and Support Officer ([helen.phillips@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:helen.phillips@staffordshire.gov.uk))

### Work Programme 2023/2024

Date of Meeting	Item	Details (Background)	Action / Outcome
15 June 2023 10.00am	<b>'Living my Best Life': Report on the Joint Strategy for Disabled and Neurodivergent people in Staffordshire 2023-2028</b> Cabinet Member: Julia Jessel Lead Officer: Andy Marriot & Nicola Day	Pre-decision scrutiny – postponed from last municipal year	The Committee supported the Strategy and look forward to seeing the action plan that will give more detail on how the vision and strategy will be implemented and how success will be measured.
	<b>Safeguarding Overview &amp; Scrutiny</b> Cabinet Members: Julia Jessel, Mark Sutton, Jonathan Price, Victoria Wilson Lead Officers: Richard Harling, Neelam Bardwaja, Catherine Mann	Cabinet Members and Lead Officers highlight topics within their portfolio to support the Committee's work programme planning	Due to time restraints the Committee deferred hearing from the Cabinet Member for Communities & Culture. An extra informal meeting has been arranged for 10 July where this detail will be covered. Members will then use the combined information from 15 June and 10 July meetings to inform their work programme planning.
	<b>Work programme Planning</b> Lead Officer: Helen Phillips	Within the remit of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, begin planning the work programme for 2023-24.	
27 July 2023 10.00 am	<b>Customer Feedback &amp; Complaints Annual report – Children's Social Care</b> Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton	Report brought annually	.

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	Lead Officer: Kate Bullivant		
	<b>Customer Feedback &amp; Complaints Annual report – Adults Social Care</b> Cabinet Member: Julia Jessel Lead Officer: Kate Bullivant	Report brought annually	
	<b>PSHE Coordinator impact after first 12 months</b> Cabinet Member: Jonathan Price Lead Officer: Phil Pusey	The Inquiry Day report into Sexual Harassment in Schools asked that the O&S Committee consider the impact of the new PFCC funded PSHE Coordinator role after its first 12 months.	
14 September 2023 10.00 am			
23 Nov 2023 10.00 am			
4 January 2024 10.00am	<b>Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Adult</b>	Report brought annually.	

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Date of Meeting	Item	Details (Background)	Action / Outcome
	<p><b>Safeguarding Partnership Board (SSASPB) – Annual Report</b> Independent Chair: John Wood Lead Officer: Helen Jones</p>		
	<p><b>Staffordshire Safeguarding Children’s Board Annual Report</b> Independent Chair: Ian Vinall Lead Officer: Lynn Milligan</p>	Report brought annually	
15 Feb 2024 10.00 am			
18 April 2024 10.00 am			
tbc	<p><b>Ofsted Focused Visit – improvement action plan</b> Cabinet Member – Mark Sutton Lead Officer – Nisha Gupta</p>	Considered at 1 September 2022 O&S meeting – agreed to review progress with implementation of action plan.	
tbc	<p><b>Hearing the voice of the child</b> Cabinet Member – Mark Sutton</p>	16 February meeting Members requested a better understanding of how the voice of the child is heard – particularly with respect to early	

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	Lead Officer – Neelam Bhardwaja	identification of emerging online threats and challenges.	
tbc	<b>Safeguarding Assessment</b> Cabinet Member: Julia Jessel Lead Officer: Ruth Martin	Suggested at the 7 December Triangulation	

### Items for Consideration – Work Programme 2023/2024

Suggested Item	Details (Background)	Proposed Date of Meeting

### Standing Items 2022/2023

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<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b> Cabinet Member: Victoria Wilson Lead Officer: Catherine Mann/Trish Caldwell	This O&S Committee is the LAS designated Crime and Disorder Panel. Following discussions with the Chairman and Officers from the PFCC and the Cabinet Member and Officers responsible for community safety, it was agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairmen will meet with the Cabinet Member and Officers after each Safer and Stronger Communities Strategy Group (SSCSG) to gain an overview of community safety within the County and identify areas for further scrutiny as appropriate.	Chairman and Vice-Chairman briefings on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>

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<b>Children Improvement Board (CIB)</b> Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Neelam Bhardwaja	The Chairman attends the CIB on behalf of the O&S Committee and feeds back developments to Members at each meeting as part of the work programme agenda item. CIB scheduled dates: 26.04.23, 23.05.23, 28.06.23, 25.07.23, 27.09.23, 24.10.23, 28.11.23, 20.12.23	
<b>Themes emerging from Serious Case Reviews</b> Cabinet Member: Mark Sutton Lead Officer: Neelam Bhardwaja	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 2023/2024

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### Working Groups / Inquiry Days 2023/2024

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<b>Membership – County Councillors 2022-2023</b>	<b>Calendar of Committee Meetings - 2023-2024</b>
Bob Spencer (Chairman)	15 June 2023 at 10.00 am
Gill Burnett (Vice Chairman - Overview)	27 July 2023 at 10.00 am
Paul Snape (Vice Chairman – Scrutiny)	14 September 2023 at 10.00 am
Ann Edgeller	23 November 2023 at 10.00 am
Janet Eagland	4 January 2024 at 10.00 am
Johnny McMahon	15 February 2024 at 10.00 am
Gillian Pardesi	18 April 2024 at 10.00 am
Kath Perry	Meetings usually take place in the Oak rm, County Buildings
Mike Wilcox	
Conor Wileman	