

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 28 MAY 2024

OUTCOME REPORT ON 2023/24 MEMBER WORKING GROUPS

REPORT OF THE MEMBER WORKING GROUP CHAIRMEN AND VICE CHAIRMEN

PART A – SUMMARY REPORT

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

1.1 South Staffordshire Council operates informal scrutiny via Member Working Groups. Every member of the Council is offered a place on a Working Group. This report gives an overview of the outcomes from the three Member Working Groups that operated in 2023/24.

2. SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

POLICY/COMMUNITY IMPACT	Do these proposals contribute to specific Council Plan objectives?	
	Yes	The Member Working Groups Action Plans contribute to the overall progress of the Council Plan.
	Has an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) been completed?	
	No	The proposed decision is not considered to have any adverse implications and is considered to comply with the Council's equal opportunities and diversity policies.
SCRUTINY POWERS APPLICABLE	Report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
KEY DECISION	No	
TARGET COMPLETION/ DELIVERY DATE	N/A	
FINANCIAL IMPACT	No	Any financial implications arising from the recommendations of the Member Working Groups will be incorporated into individual budget proposals as appropriate.
LEGAL ISSUES	None	
OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES	None	
IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS	No	

PART B – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

3. INFORMATION

3.1 Background

The Member Working Groups report to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and this report seeks to provide a conclusion in respect of the work being undertaken by the three Member Working Groups that concluded earlier this year.

3.2 Member Working Groups 2023-24

Your Community Member Working Group

The Your Community Member Working Group looked at community engagement; looking to build on examples of good practice, defining the value and benefits of community engagement, looking at what works well for members and considering the community engagement toolkit proposed by the Council's Aspire team. Councillor A Adams was Chairman and Councillor C Evans was Vice-Chairman. The agreed outcomes arising from the work of this group can be seen at Appendix 1.

Your Council Member Working Group

The Your Council Member Working Group looked at the new Council Plan 2024-2028; agreeing the residents survey and contributing to the design and development of the Council Plan. Councillor M Perry was Chairman of the Group with Councillor B Cope as Vice-Chairman. A one page summary of the Council Plan can be seen at Appendix 2 and the full Council Plan can be seen [here](#).

Your Place Member Working Group

The Your Place Member Working Group looked at climate change; understanding the context of the Council's carbon usage, considering opportunities to reduce carbon usage/mitigation and ensuring an effective strategy for carbon reduction was in place. Councillor D Kinsey was Chairman of this Group with Councillor G Burnett as Vice-Chairman. The agreed outcomes from this group can be seen at Appendix 3. The members of this group would like to continue to meet as it was considered the matter was a long-term one rather than a task and finish.

4. IMPACT ASSESSMENT – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Not applicable.

5. PREVIOUS MINUTES

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 To note the outcomes of the Member Working Groups.