


REPORT TO

**BUDGET AND CORPORATE
SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD**

12 October 2020

Subject:	Towns Fund Update
Cabinet Portfolio:	Cabinet Member for Inclusive Economic Growth Councillor Millard
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Scrutiny Management Board:

1. Consider the information presented to the meeting in relation to the Towns Fund and specifically the member engagement process.
2. Identify any recommendations it wishes to make in relation to the information presented to it.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board on the process used to identify Towns Fund project proposals and to seek its views on how elected members can be further engaged with the process going forward.

2 IMPLICATION FOR VISION 2030

- 2.1 The Towns Fund proposals will support all of the of Ambitions of Vision 2030 either directly or indirectly.

3 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The Towns Fund has previously been the subject of a report to the Economy, Skills, Transport and Environment Scrutiny Board (4 February 2020) however now that shortlisted proposals have been agreed by the Sandwell Towns Fund Superboard it was felt that given the cross-cutting nature of the project proposals it was prudent to provide an update to the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board.

4 THE CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 The report considered by the Sandwell Towns Fund Superboard in relation to the approval of shortlisted projects is attached as Appendix F.

5 CONSULTATION (CUSTOMERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS)

- 5.1 There has been significant engagement carried out on the Towns Fund. The Engagement Strategy is attached as Appendix B and an update report submitted to the Superboard is attached as Appendix E.

6 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 The Towns Fund Governance Document is attached as Appendix A to this report.

APPENDICES:

Appendix A – Towns Fund Governance Document

Appendix B – Engagement Strategy

Appendix C – Towns Fund Programme Timeline

Appendix D – Process Slides

Appendix E – Engagement Update

Appendix F – Approval of Shortlisted Projects

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