



Sandwell
Metropolitan Borough Council

**Scrutiny Review: Youth Facilities
Children's Services & Education
Scrutiny Board**

Outline Approach

January 2020

Background

This paper outlines the Children's Services & Education Scrutiny Board's approach to a focused review of Youth Facilities across Sandwell.

Building on an initial scoping document it details the proposed engagement, fact-finding and research activities to be undertaken within the next three months (with a final report for consideration in April 2020).

It is envisaged that this project will allow both members and officers to experiment with new ways of working, in parallel with the outcomes of the recent scrutiny review working group and a refreshed structure.

Key Questions

What youth facilities does Sandwell: Have? Need? Want?

Key Themes

1. Information & Access

- Literature review

2. Partnerships across the public, private and third sectors

- Council services and voluntary agencies
- Key relationships

3. Assessing the impact of service change

- Levels of activity and visibility of facilities

4. A view on local provision

- The offer
- What do young people say?

Planning & Timeline

Proposed Activity	Target Date
<p>Initial Outline Report <i>This report</i> detailing the ideas and approaches supporting the initial scoping document following consultation with the Board's Chair and the Executive Director of Children's Services.</p>	Wednesday 8 th January 2020
<p>Online campaign set up (Instagram) Create platform for public to share experiences, aspirations and questions via social media. The intention is to use an accessible platform which will help generate some creative feedback on the topic.</p>	w/c 13 th January 2020
<p>Officer Support Meeting A steering group of nominated officers within the Council to help guide the targeting of wider networks in the borough.</p>	w/c 20 th January 2020
<p>Scoping Workshop To ensure the focus and parameters of the review. To ensure support for the effective capture of activity & findings.</p>	
<p>Children's & Young People O&S Committee To formally approve the review and refine the programme of work in relation to the scope & approach.</p>	Monday 27 th January 2020
<p>Invitations and planning for forums To identify existing opportunities within relevant forums and to explore ad-hoc meetings as available.</p>	w/c 3 rd February 2020
<p>Site Visits and Field Research Facilitated by a member leading on a particular theme or issue area.</p>	10 th - 21 st February 2020
<p>Drop-in/Sense Check Event To take stock of progress to date, emerging issue and identified gaps in the project work.</p>	w/c 24 th February 2020

<p>Question Time Session An open panel discussion, addressing key issues and allowing for dialogue around a future approach. This session would be a four-person panel comprising of cross sector representatives, held in public for an hour, with questions from those attending and the engagement activities to date.</p>	w/c 2 nd March 2020
<p>Writing Up & Capture To collate, refine and condense the findings of the review.</p>	w/c 9 th March 2020
<p>Findings & Feedback Meeting Members to meet and finalise draft committee report.</p>	16 th March 2020
Final Recommendations	April 2020
Evaluation & Learning	April 2020

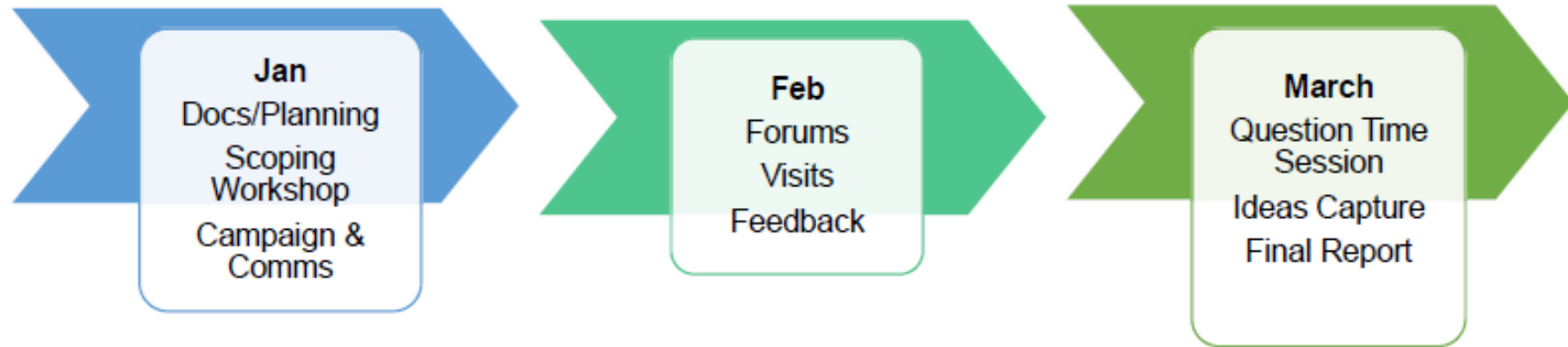
Support

This review will be supported by scrutiny officers within Democratic Services, helping members to lead on particular elements of the review, such as;

- **Building the evidence base**
- **Capturing the local picture**
- **Finding external examples of good practice**

A steering group comprising colleagues from Youth Service, Neighbourhoods and SHAPE and wider partner organisations, such as the Police, will help to ensure fit with Vision 2020 and the national & international context.

A more detailed project plan & breakdown will be finalised following approval of this outline.



Summary of Review Stages

