


REPORT TO

CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND EDUCATION

SCRUTINY BOARD

20 July 2020

Subject:	Sandwell Children's Trust Update
Cabinet Portfolio:	Councillor Joyce Underhill, Lead Member, Best Start in Life
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That :

1. Scrutiny Board considers and comments on Sandwell Children's Trust - monitoring 2019-20 update.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 Sandwell Children's Trust is required to report to the Scrutiny Board twice each year as part of the obligations set out in the contract between the Council and the Trust.
- 1.2 The Trust was scheduled to attend a meeting on 18 March 2020 which was postponed due to the Coronavirus shutdown of Council meetings.
- 1.3 Meetings have resumed remotely and at a meeting of the Board on 22 June 2020 it was agreed that the Trust be invited to attend a meeting in July 2020. The purpose of the item is to provide an update for consideration and discussion regarding the Sandwell Children's Trust - monitoring 2019-20.

2 IMPLICATIONS FOR VISION 2030

- 2.1 Ensuring that children have the Best Start in Life is a key driver for Sandwell Children's Trust; ensuring that children are safeguarded, protected and, when unable to live with their parents, are effectively cared for.

Lesley Hagger, Executive Director of Children's Services