

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

20 October 2015

Scrutiny Annual Report 2014 - 2015

1. Summary Statement

- 1.1 Article 6.03(d) of the Council's Constitution requires that Scrutiny reports annually to the Council on its work.
- 1.2 The attached annual report highlights the major pieces of work undertaken by Sandwell Council's scrutiny function in 2014 – 2015.

Further details are attached for your information.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Scrutiny Annual Report 2014 - 2015, as now submitted, be received.

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3. Strategic Resource Implications

- 3.1 There are no strategic resource implications arising from this report. Scrutiny boards are obliged to take into consideration the financial implications of the matters they consider.
- 3.2 In addition, the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Board receives quarterly monitoring reports on the Council's finances and scrutinises the Council's revenue and capital budget proposals and end-of-year accounts on an annual basis.

4. Legal and Statutory Implications

- 4.1 The report has been produced in accordance with Article 6 of the Council's Constitution.

5. Implications for the Council's Scorecard Priorities

- 5.1 The report outlines how the scrutiny work programme supports the Council's scorecard priorities.

6 Background Details

- 6.1 Article 6 of the Council's Constitution sets out the framework for Scrutiny Boards, specifying their terms of reference, general role and specific functions.
- 6.2 Article 6. states that the Scrutiny function will report annually to the Council on:
 - its workings;
 - the workings of its groups.
- 6.3 The Scrutiny Annual Report 2014 - 2015 is attached.