

Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Board

27 August, 2015

Summary of Matters Considered at the Board

Report of Councillor P Sandars

The Scrutiny Board met on 27 August, 2015 and the following items were considered. I have selected the main points of the discussion that I feel members of the Council will be particularly interested to know more about. For more detail, a copy of the minutes is available on the Committee Management Information System (CMIS) via the Council's website at <http://cmis.sandwell.gov.uk/cmis5/>

1. Facing the Future Programme Update

The Board noted an update on the Facing the Future programme. The Board was informed that the Cabinet, at its meeting on 26 August, 2015, gave its approval to 25 new projects, which are expected to generate savings in the region of £20 million in 2016/2017 and 2017/2018. The Board has requested a further report on the detail of these 25 projects.

The Board made particular mention of the Community Ownerships project and expressed concern at the speed of its progression. It was noted that an event was to be held in September 2015 to bring a number of third sector organisations together to discuss the development of this project area.

2. Council Wide Budget Monitoring – Quarter 1 2015/2016

The Board noted, and was satisfied with, details of the Council's revenue and capital expenditure as at the end of June 2015 together with a forecast outturn for the financial year 2015/2016. Details were also submitted on the monitoring of the Council's Housing Revenue Account.

Councillor P Sandars
Chair