

Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Board

15 February, 2017

Summary of Matters Considered at the Board

Report of Councillor Peter Hughes

The Scrutiny Board met on 15 February 2017 to consider the following matter. 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/>

Business Plans 2017/18 to 2019/20

The Board formally received directorates' draft business plans for 2017/18 to 2019/20 for consideration. At a workshop held on 9 February, 2017 the Board had identified a number of questions on the draft business plans and representatives of the each directorate attended the meeting to respond to the Board's questions.

Details of the questions asked and the responses provided were submitted to the Cabinet on 22 February 2017.

The Board **resolved** the following:-

- (1) to recommended to the Cabinet:-
 - (a) that the Assistant Chief Executive's Business Plan be amended to better reflect the work that is likely to come from the Combined Authority;
 - (b) that training on Lean Methodology be offered to all members;
 - (c) that training on social value be offered to all members;
 - (d) that the role of scrutiny in measuring success be referenced in all Business Plans;

- (e) that discussions take place with partners with a view to better engaging community leaders in the PREVENT project to ensure that information is shared as effectively as possible;
- (2) that reports be submitted to future meetings of the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Board on the following matters:-
- (a) income from Council Tax and Business Rates against comparator authorities locally and nationally;
 - (b) proposals for the Council's unused buildings and land;
 - (c) the establishment and governance arrangements for the Children's Trust;
 - (d) proposed developments to the MySandwell Portal and the Contact Centre;
- (3) that discussions take place with lead scrutiny members from each of the constituent member authorities of the Combined Authority on proposals to establish a network to maintain oversight of work programmes and eliminate duplication where possible.

Councillor Peter Hughes
Chair of the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Board