

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

18 July, 2017

Scrutiny Annual Report 2016 - 2017

1. Summary Statement

- 1.1 Article 6 of the Council's Constitution sets out the framework for Scrutiny Boards, specifying their terms of reference, general role and specific functions. 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 outlines work undertaken by Sandwell Council's scrutiny function in 2016 – 2017 and highlights a number of case studies where scrutiny has made recommendations that contributed to the Council's Scorecard Priorities.

Further details are attached for your information.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Scrutiny Annual Report 2016 - 2017, 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.

4. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

The report has been produced in accordance with Article 6.03 (d) of the Council's Constitution, which states that the Scrutiny Function will report annually to the first meeting of the Council in the Municipal Year after the Annual Meeting.

5. **Implications for the Council's Scorecard Priorities**

The report outlines how the scrutiny work programme supports the priorities of the council Scorecard.

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| Great People | Our Children, Sandwell's future Healthy lifestyles In your neighbourhood |
| Great Place | Regeneration - the pace steps up Homes that meet people's current and future needs Cleaner streets and more recycling |
| Great Prospects | Investing in businesses, people and jobs Something for everyone |
| Great Performance | The customer is always right Getting resources right |

6 **Background Details**

- 6.1 Scrutiny Boards and specific Chair and Vice-Chair work streams delivered the 2016-2017 work programme using a variety of methodologies including: reports and presentations to meetings, research, consultation, site visits and meetings off site. Evidence was provided by a range of witnesses from the Council and partner organisations, and there was engagement with some service users and providers.
- 6.2 The Scrutiny Annual Report 2016 – 2017 (Appendix 1) captures some of the key activities and outcomes from the year.