


Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

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Subject:	Scrutiny Annual Report 2018-19
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Contribution towards Vision 2030:	
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council:

Receive the Scrutiny Annual Report for the 2018-19 municipal year.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To present the Scrutiny Annual Report 2018-19 to Council as required by the Council's Constitution.

2 IMPLICATIONS FOR SANDWELL'S VISION

- 2.1 All of the scrutiny activity across all Scrutiny Boards is aligned to Vision 2030. The focus of scrutiny work is to support and contribute to the ambitions contained within the Vision.

3 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 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.

- 3.2 The attached annual report outlines work undertaken by Sandwell Council's scrutiny function in 2018-19 and highlights a number of activities and outcomes that contributed to the Sandwell Vision 2030.
- 3.3 Scrutiny Boards and specific Chair and Vice-Chair work streams delivered the work programme using a variety of methodologies outlined in the report. Evidence was provided by a range of witnesses from the Council and partner organisations, and there was engagement with service users and providers.

4 THE CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Annual Report is attached.

5 CONSULTATION (CUSTOMERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS)

- 5.1 Consultation is not required on the Annual Report as it is an overview of key scrutiny activity carried out during 2018-19.

6 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 6.1 The Constitution requires Scrutiny to report to Council annually.

7 STRATEGIC RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no strategic resource implication arising directly from this report. Scrutiny Boards are obliged to take into consideration the financial implications of the matters they consider.

8 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 Scrutiny Boards discharge the functions conferred by section 12 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the subsequent legislation.
- 8.2 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.

9 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 9.1 There are no equality implications arising directly from this report.

10 DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 10.1 There are no data protection implications arising directly from this report.

11 CRIME AND DISORDER AND RISK ASSESSMENT

11.1 There are no crime and disorder implications arising directly from this report.

12 SUSTAINABILITY OF PROPOSALS

12.1 Scrutiny reports annually to Council.

13 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING SOCIAL VALUE)

13.1 There are no health and wellbeing implications arising directly from this report. Scrutiny reports and reviews consider added value when scoping topics and items to be considered.

14 IMPACT ON ANY COUNCIL MANAGED PROPERTY OR LAND

14.1 There is no impact on any Council managed property or land arising directly from this report.

15 CONCLUSIONS AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

15.1 The attached Scrutiny Annual Report has been produced in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Constitution.

16 APPENDICES:

The Scrutiny Annual Report 2018-19 is appended to this report.

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