


Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

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Subject:	Scrutiny Boards Update
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:

1. Considers and receives the update from the Scrutiny Boards on their work since the last meeting of Council.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The report sets out an overview of the work of the Council's Scrutiny Boards since the last meeting of Council.

2 IMPLICATIONS FOR VISION 2030

- 2.1 The work of the Council's Scrutiny Boards is strongly aligned to the ambitions and seeks to support and strengthen the Council and its partners' work to achieve Vision 2030.

3 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 Since the last meeting of Council, the following meetings have been held and topics considered: -

Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board

19 February 2020

- Budget 2020-21 to 2022-23 Provisional Settlement
- Corporate Plan – The Sandwell Plan 2020-2025 and Budget

Economy, Skills, Transport and Environment Scrutiny Board

4 February 2020

- Towns Fund
- Inclusive Economy Deal
- Re-wilding Inquiry Session – Scope

Children’s Services and Education Scrutiny Board

27 January 2020

- Annual Admissions
- Exclusions and Alternative Provision
- Youth Facilities Scrutiny Review – Scope, outline report and Project Plan

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board

20 January 2020

- NHS Sandwell and West Birmingham Clinical Commissioning Group (SWB CCG) Minor Surgery and Non-Obstetric Ultra-Sound Scan (NOUS) Service
- SWB CCG Harmonisation of Treatment Policies (Phase 3)
- Proposed change of location provision of services under General Anaesthesia (GA) for Children in Sandwell General Hospital to Birmingham Dental Hospital in 2022
- SWB CCG listening exercise from 6 January to 14 February 2020 – the future of the Summerfield Urgent Care Centre in West Birmingham and the Parsonage Street Walk-in Centre in Sandwell

Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

13 February 2020

- West Birmingham Primary Care Networks (PCNS)
- Further Update on the Midland Metropolitan Hospital
- Update on re-commissioning of Gynae-oncology Services
- Delivering Solid Tumour Oncology Cancer Services for Sandwell and West Birmingham

Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board

30 January 2020

- Tenant Engagement and Participation
- Houses in Multiple Occupation
- Sandwell Green Space Strategy

6 February 2020

- Adoption of Revised Housing Allocations Policy

27 February 2020

- Brandhall Golf Course – Proposed Closure and Alternative Future Uses

Youth Services Scrutiny Review Group

The Children's Services and Education Scrutiny Board considered a background report and agreed the scope on 27 January 2020. The Chair is leading the review with a core group of officers supporting the process. An evidence pack and project plan were considered by the Review Group on 6 February 2020. The group agreed the focus of the review, which is to understand the current offer for youth facilities, what young people need and want, and to develop a sufficiency strategy.

The group is currently evidence gathering, visiting youth facilities and attending forums in Sandwell to hear from young people who attend facilities and from organisations that provide them.

The Review Group will report its findings to the Children's Services and Education Scrutiny Board 30 March 2020 and a report and recommendations will be presented to Cabinet.

Re-Wilding Scrutiny Inquiry Session

The Chair of Economy Skills Transport and Environment Scrutiny Board identified a topic and prepared a scope for the Inquiry session which was agreed by the Board on 4th February 2020. The core officer group supporting the Chair has met to prepare background information and to identify witnesses to present to the Inquiry session.

The Inquiry Session will take place on 17 March 2020, a report and recommendations will be presented to Cabinet.

4 CONSULTATION (CUSTOMERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS)

- 4.1 Individual work items of Scrutiny Boards may involve consultation and input from the public, partner organisations or other stakeholders.

5 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 5.1 If the Council does not consider the update it will not be informed of the work of the Scrutiny Boards.

6 STRATEGIC RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Strategic resource implications of individual topics considered by Scrutiny Boards

7 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 Local Government Act 2000 states that Councils operating executive arrangements must also make provision for the appointment of overview and scrutiny committees.
- 7.2 Further powers relating to overview and scrutiny are set out in the Police and Justice Act 2006, the Localism Act 2011, the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

8 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 Not applicable for this update report.

9 DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 9.1 Not applicable for this update report.

10 CRIME AND DISORDER AND RISK ASSESSMENT

10.1 Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board is responsible for the scrutiny of crime and disorder matters.

11 SUSTAINABILITY OF PROPOSALS

11.1 Not applicable for this update report.

12 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING SOCIAL VALUE)

12.1 Responsibility for health and wellbeing matters is held by the Children's Services and Education Scrutiny Board and the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board.

13 IMPACT ON ANY COUNCIL MANAGED PROPERTY OR LAND

13.1 Not applicable for this update report.

14 CONCLUSIONS AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

14.1 This report provides Council with an opportunity to be updated on the work of the Scrutiny Boards.

15 BACKGROUND PAPERS

15.1 Minutes of Scrutiny Board Meetings

16 APPENDICES:

Appendix A – Minutes of Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board – 19 February 2020

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