

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Land and Asset Management Committee

22 July 2015

**Land and Asset Management Committee
Terms of Reference**

1. Summary Statement

1.1 At the Annual meeting of Council on 26 May 2015, a Land and Asset Management Committee was established to provide the strategic direction for all matters relating to the effective use of land and property assets within the Borough to maximise social and economic benefits and regeneration.

1.2 The Terms of Reference for the Committee are as follows:-

Within approved Council policy and in accordance with the overall aims and objectives of the Council and where authority has not otherwise been delegated to another body or person under any combined, joint or other relevant management arrangements:

- (a) to provide the strategic direction for all matters relating to the effective use of land and property assets within the Borough to maximise social and economic benefits and regeneration;
- (b) to develop and consider all matters relating to land and property assets and to make recommendations to the Executive or Council, as appropriate to ensure the delivery of social and economic benefits and regeneration through:

- land and property disposal;
- land and property acquisition;
- innovative land and property usage;
- the development and management of a revolving capital fund;

- (c) to recommend changes or exceptions to land use policies and statements in support of the aims and objectives of the committee

The quorum of the Committee is two members.

- 1.3 The recommendations of the Committee will be submitted to the Executive/Council for approval.

2. **Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the Terms of Reference of the Land and Asset Management Committee be received.

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3. **Strategic Resource Implications**

- 3.1 There are no direct resource implications arising from the approval to establish the Land and Asset Management Committee and the appointment of members to the Committee.
- 3.2 The costs of servicing the Committee will be met from within existing resources.

4. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

- 4.1 The Council at its meeting on 31 July, 2001, approved the full implementation of its Constitution which established its executive and scrutiny organisation, rules and procedures for operation in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2000 and subsequent directives and guidance issued from time to time by the Government.

4.2 The Constitution came into full effect from 1 September, 2002 and has been amended periodically to keep pace with the drive for change and improvement and in response to Government regulations, statute and custom and practice. The most significant change has been brought about by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 which required the Council to amend its executive arrangements and as a result, the Council decided to adopt the Leader and Cabinet Executive (England) model form of executive, as set out in Section 11 (2A) of the Local Government Act 2000 (the 'Strong Leader' model).

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

5.1 The Council's decision making structures are designed to support the delivery of Sandwell's Scorecard Priorities, key areas for improvement and external drivers for change.

6. **Background Details**

6.1 There are no further background details to add to this report.

Source Documents

The Local Government Act 2000;

Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007;

The Council's Constitution.