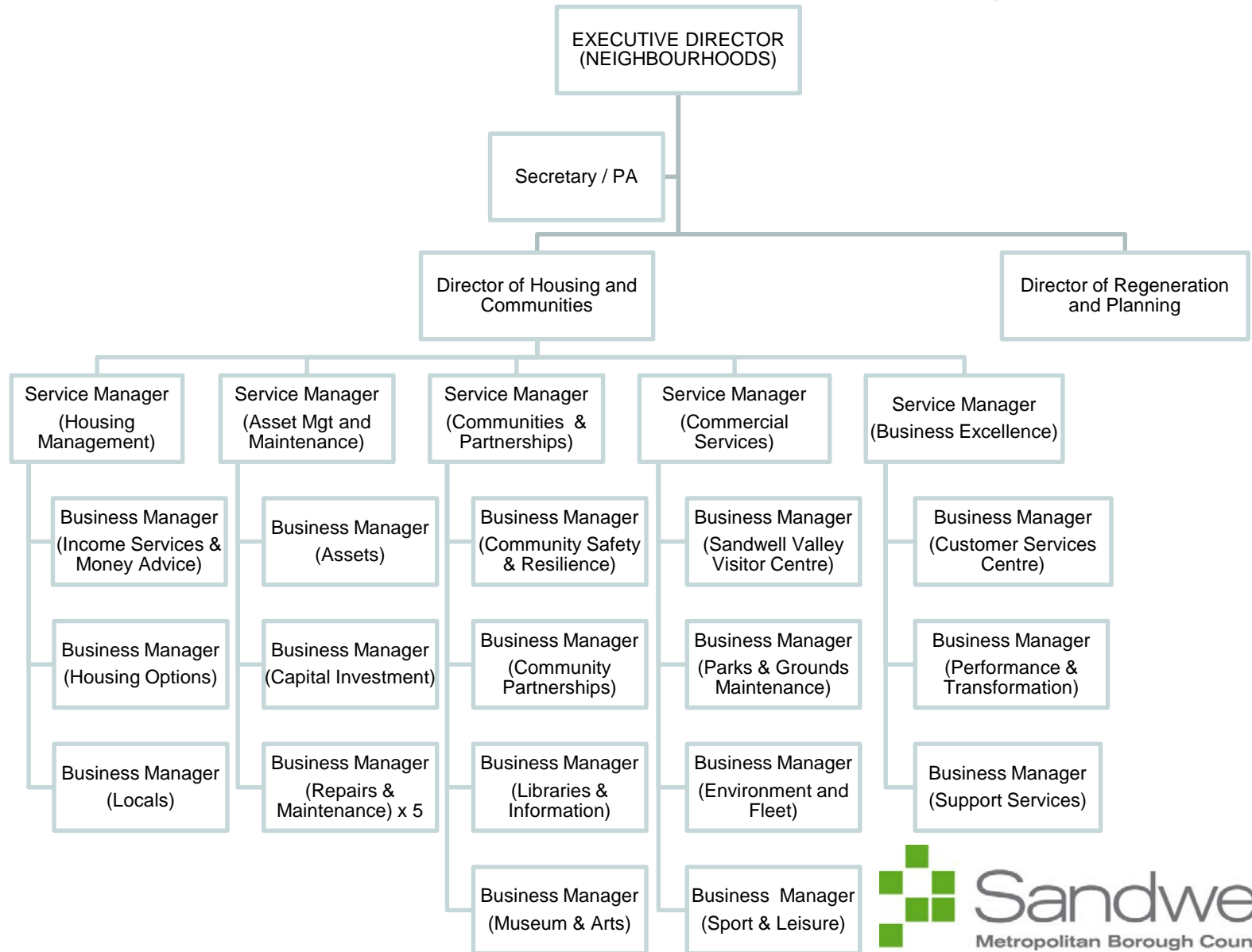


Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board

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Neighbourhoods - Key Issues

- Rent Policy and Welfare reform implications on HRA 30 year business plan
- Homelessness Reduction Act 2017
- Fixed term tenancies
- Housing Capital Programme
- New housing / Alternative delivery vehicles / financial structures
- Health, housing and social care (and supported housing)
- Maintaining compliance with Regulatory Requirements
- Investment in leisure facilities
- Commonwealth Games opportunities
- Maximising commercial and social outputs from cultural services
- Development of Sandwell Valley visitor attraction

Neighbourhoods - Key Issues

- Efficiency savings (GF and HRA)
- Locality working integration
- Digitalisation of services
- Digital capability residents
- Ageing workforce and the Apprentice Levy
- Tackling extremism
- Combined Authority / WM Mayor – maximising opportunities
- Performance and Customer Satisfaction
- Customer Contact Centre performance

Focus over the next 6 months

- Align actions to deliver Council's new ambitions
- Finalise and deliver Business Unit service re-structures / business plans
- Monitor and review implications universal credit
- Complete review of fire safety in high rise blocks
- Deliver General Fund savings for 2017/18 onwards
- Commence delivery of leisure facilities strategy
- Maintain compliance and good governance of directorate
- Develop options for new housing delivery
- Housing options for under 35's; 18-21 year olds
- Training and development for Business Managers / work force strategy

Longer term focus

- Universal credit
- Develop options for reducing bed & breakfast accommodation costs
- Deliver improvement programme to homes & estates
- Increase the number of work placements, work experience & apprenticeships available
- Support residents to develop digital capability
- Options for co-delivery of services with community and voluntary sector
- Maximise income generation

Longer term focus

- Supporting growth and investment in the borough
- Contributing to creating opportunities for residents and businesses locally and regionally
- Keeping communities safe
- Protecting front line services
- Support children to improve their life chances
- Provide good quality affordable homes
- Impact of Brexit
- Supporting healthy and independent living

Any Questions?