


# REPORT TO SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ACTIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY BOARD

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<b>Subject:</b>	Work Programme 2019-20
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## DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

**That the Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board:**

1. receives the presentation from the relevant Director(s);
2. considers matters for inclusion on the draft work programme 2019-20 to be submitted to the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board for approval.

### 1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The Board is asked to consider its work programme for 2019-20 taking into account where scrutiny can add value, strengthen decision making to enhance services that the Council delivers and aligns to the Vision 2030.
- 1.2 The draft work programme that arises from this meeting will be reported to the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board for approval.

### 2 IMPLICATION FOR SANDWELL'S VISION

- 2.1 The scrutiny function will support the Sandwell Vision 2030 and focus on the 10 ambitions. Items selected must support and strengthen the Council and its partners' work to achieve Vision 2030.

### **3 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 The relevant Director(s) have been invited to attend the meeting to provide the Board with an overview of the services, key issues and priorities relevant to the Board's terms of reference.
- 3.2 A list of outstanding items from 2018-19 work programme, items identified during the year for scrutiny and pre-decision items and any suggestions received from the public are included at appendix 1 for the Board to consider for inclusion in the work programme for 2019-20.
- 3.3 To assist members in this the Sandwell Scrutiny Prioritisation Tool is attached at Appendix 2. This Tool can help determine priorities for each topic and provide members with a structured method of creating a focussed work programme.

### **4 THE CURRENT POSITION**

- 4.1 In accordance with the Council's Scrutiny Procedure Rules, each Scrutiny Board is responsible for developing and agreeing its own work programme.

### **5 CONSULTATION (CUSTOMERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS)**

- 5.1 The Scrutiny page on the Council's website includes an online form that invites the public to send their suggestions, or suggest a topic, of what they would like the scrutiny boards to look into. This is available all year and advises the public that all suggestions will be passed on to members for consideration.

### **6 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 6.1 If the Scrutiny Board does not determine a work programme then the opportunity to review policies and services will not be realised meaning that improvements, savings and income generation possibilities may be missed.

### **7 STRATEGIC RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 The Scrutiny function is directly supported by the Council's Statutory Scrutiny Officer and Democratic Services within the Council's Law and Governance directorate. Additional technical expertise and evidence on specific matters will be provided by officers within the various directorates of the authority.

7.2 The strategic resource implications of the topics selected for scrutiny will be identified and reported to members on a case by case basis.

## **8 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS**

8.1 Local Government Act 2000 states that Councils operating executive arrangements must also make provision for the appointment of overview and scrutiny committees.

8.2 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.

## **9 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

9.1 Equality implications of topics selected for scrutiny will be identified and reported to members on a case by case basis.

## **10 DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

10.1 Data protection implications of any topics included on the work programme for the Board will be reported to members at the relevant time.

## **11 CRIME AND DISORDER AND RISK ASSESSMENT**

11.1 Any crime and disorder impacts of scrutiny work programme items will be reported to members on a case by case basis.

## **12 SUSTAINABILITY OF PROPOSALS**

12.1 Sustainability of proposals will be addressed within reports for each identified topic for consideration by the Scrutiny Board.

## **13 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING SOCIAL VALUE)**

13.1 These will be included in reports for each item of work.

## **14 IMPACT ON ANY COUNCIL MANAGED PROPERTY OR LAND**

14.1 Any impact on Council managed land or property will be detailed in reports for each topic throughout the year.

## **15 CONCLUSIONS AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 15.1 To ensure effective and efficient use of resources the Scrutiny Board is requested to determine items for the work programme for 2019-20.
- 15.2 This draft work programme will then be submitted to the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board for approval in accordance with the Council's Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

## **16 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 16.1 All relevant papers are included in the appendices to this report.

## **17 APPENDICES:**

- Appendix 1 – List of items identified during 2018-19.  
Appendix 2 – Sandwell Scrutiny Prioritisation Tool.

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