

Agenda

Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board

Thursday, 26 January 2023 at 5.45 pm
At Council Chamber - Sandwell Council House, Oldbury

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1 **Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 **Declarations of Interest and Party Whip**

Members to declare any interests and party whips in relation to matters to be discussed at the meeting.

3 **Minutes**

To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 24 November 2022 and 10 January 2023 as correct records.

4 **Additional Items of Business**

To determine whether there are any additional items of business to be considered as a matter of urgency.



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| 5 | Launch- plan of the Sandwell Aquatic Centre | 7 - 10 |
| | To consider and comment the plan to prepare for the opening of Sandwell Aquatic Centre. | |
| 6 | Update of Working with the Voluntary and Community Sector to Tackle the Cost of Living Crisis | 11 - 26 |
| | To consider and comment upon the reports relating to an update of Working with the Voluntary and Community Sector to tackle the cost of living crisis. | |
| 7 | Playing Pitch Strategy | 27 - 30 |
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| 8 | Council House New Builds Programme Update | |
| | To receive an update from officers on the Council House New Builds Programme. | |
| 9 | Update from the Chair of the Tenant and Leaseholder Scrutiny Group | |
| | To receive an update from the Chair of the Tenant and Leaseholder Scrutiny Group. | |
| 10 | Work Programme and Cabinet Forward Plan | 31 - 44 |
| | To note and review the Boards Work Programme 2022/23 and the Cabinet Forward Plan. | |

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Report to the Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board

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Subject:	Launch Plan of Sandwell Aquatics Centre
Director:	Director of Borough Economy – Alice Davey
Contact Officer:	Ben Percival – Assistant Director – Contracts, Projects, Strategy & Policy

1 Recommendations



- 1.1 That the Board note the outline plan to prepare for the opening of Sandwell Aquatics Centre.

2 Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 The Sandwell Aquatics Centre (SAC) is an aquatics facility of a scale and quality the region has never before seen. The SAC presents a huge opportunity to engage residents, to make them more active and improve health and wellbeing. The SAC also has the potential to build on the success of the Commonwealth Games, to further raise Sandwell's profile by attracting further large events.
- 2.2 Careful planning and preparation are essential to ensure the opportunities presented by SAC are optimised. The business plan will be critical to ensure that marketing, programming and pricing policies support broad community access alongside a vibrant events programme and a financially sustainable business model.
- 2.3 Alongside the business plan it is critical that a robust operational launch plan is implemented. This will need to ensure a smooth handover from contractors, careful preparation for community operation and an effective transition from the centres at Langley and Smethwick.

3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?



	Best start in life for children and young people The SAC will encourage access from all Sandwell children and help foster the habit of lifelong activity and participation.
	People live well and age well Encouraging active lifestyles is critical to improving the health and wellbeing of Sandwell residents.
	Strong resilient communities The scale of the facilities at SAC combined with an effective launch and supporting programming and pricing policies should substantially increase participation from all the community.
	A strong and inclusive economy Effective launch of SAC is fundamental to ensuring a sustainable leisure service for residents. Physical activity is integral to supporting a healthy workforce.
	A connected and accessible Sandwell There is potential to link to range of activities within and beyond SAC – potentially including open spaces and active travel.

4 Context and Key Issues

- 4.1 Following the successful delivery of the 2022 Commonwealth Games, the “Legacy Phase” of the construction project commenced. This phase sees the removal of the temporary seating and the creation of sports halls, fitness facilities and studio space to optimise community use. In summer 2023 the legacy phase of the works are scheduled to be complete and the SAC will be handed over to the Council for operation.
- 4.2 Substantial work has already been undertaken to plan for the operation of SAC. Outline plans, policies and programmes have been developed and partners engaged with a programme of events already taking shape. However, the next six months will see activity increase substantially as plans are refined and final preparations made.
- 4.3 Mark Braithwaite, the Chief Operating Officer of Sandwell’s Local Authority Trading Company (LATC) started employment on 11 January. Mark will be supporting and evolving the business planning and leading on the operational preparations, including the legacy programme.



Business Planning

- 4.4 As part of the business planning process a number of workstreams are underway:
- 4.5 **Marketing and Promotion** – a plan has been drafted, outlining a series of launch events, pre-sales of both gym memberships and swimming lessons and following the same key campaign messages as the LATC: barriers to participation, exercise as the best medicine and mental health support.
- 4.6 **Programming** – draft programmes of use have been developed, following engagement with key partners. One of the key benefits of the scale of SAC is that community access can be maintained alongside school swimming, club swimming, and higher education use. A vibrant events programme is already being assembled, which will see regional events hosted from SAC in the second half of 2023.
- 4.7 **Financial Modelling** – work is underway to refine and confirm the business plan for SAC, to ensure the operating model optimises the benefits from SAC whilst ensuring the best value for money for the Council.

Operational Planning

- 4.5 **Operating Systems** – much work has already been undertaken to draft operating procedures to ensure a safe and high-quality environment for SAC users. In addition, existing leisure staff have been providing ongoing operational support throughout the legacy phase.
- 4.6 **Commissioning and Handover** – the Council has maintained a close working partnership with Wates (principal contractor) throughout the SAC construction. This will continue into the commissioning and handover stages. This will help ensure that the leisure team are trained and have a good understating of SAC operation prior to handover.
- 4.7 **Staffing** – recruitment has commenced for the staffing at SAC. An offer of employment has been made to the Head Diving Coach and the advertisement for the General Manager and Aquatics Development Manager roles will be placed imminently. The rest of the recruitment will take place over the coming months. The process will ensure that there are



no redundancies as a result of staff being displaced from the closing centres at Langley and Smethwick.

4.8 **Transition and Mobilisation** – operational plans will be developed to ensure that the mobilisation of SAC post-handover is as short as possible. The plan will also ensure that the transition from Langley and Smethwick is as smooth as possible with minimum disruption to service provision.

5 Implications

Resources:	Work to date is funded from additional resources. Further resource requirements may be identified as part of the next phase of work.
Legal and Governance:	None
Risk:	Risk registers will be included in the workstreams outlined in the report.
Equality:	Equality impacts will be considered and assessed as part of the workstreams
Health and Wellbeing:	The launch of SAC will include a focus on opportunities to improve residents' physical activity.
Social Value:	A report will be commissioned to assess social value.
Climate Change:	As part of the business planning, an energy efficiency audit and assessment for SAC has been commissioned.

6 Appendices

None

7. Background Papers

None



Report to Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board

26 January 2023

Subject:	Cost of living work 2022/23
Director:	Director of Public Health Lisa McNally
Contact Officer:	Consultant in Public Health, Liann Brookes-Smith Liann_Brookes-Smith@sandwell.gov.uk





1 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Board considers and comments upon the Cost of Living programme.



2 Reasons for Recommendations

Information on what has been provided to the community of Sandwell.

3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?

	Best start in life for children and young people
	People live well and age well Providing people of Sandwell with support and information during the winter 2022/2023 as communities are impacted by the cost of living crisis.
	Strong resilient communities Providing people of Sandwell with guidance to support themselves and others during the winter 2022/2023 as communities are impacted by the cost of living crisis.
	Quality homes in thriving neighbourhoods



	A strong and inclusive economy
	A connected and accessible Sandwell

4 Context and Key Issues

4.1 The Public health team has put forward support for the community in a variety of areas to tackle the impacts of the cost of living increases during the winter months.

These included:

- Warm space grants
- Winter warm packs
- Cost of living champions
- Cost of living booklet.
- Supporting food banks and access to food.

4.1.1 Warm space grants

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4.1.2. Winter warm packs

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Table 1: distribution of winter warm packs

Date	Number of packs	Event / venue	Target Group	Name
05/12/2022	16	Just Straight Talk – West Bromwich	Those who access the warm space	Erinn Beech
05/12/2022	24	Millennium Centre, Friar Park	Must only go to people and families who need them	Mandy Williams
05/12/2022	12	Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill	Must only go to people and families who need them	Matt Hill
05/12/2022	12	Irish Community Association	Must only go to people and families who need them	Matt Hill
09/12/2022	16	Life in Community CIC	Must only go to people and families who need them	Irandeep Mann
09/12/2022	1	Brook Street Community Centre	Must only go to people and families who need them	Irandeep Mann
09/12/2022	1	Glebefields Library	Must only go to people and families who need them	Irandeep Mann
15/12/2022	8	Cllr Jalil	Must only go to people and families who need them	Caroline clarke
16/12/2022	40	Cllr Hartwell	Must only go to people and families who need them	Liann BrookesSmith
19/12/2022	56	Oldbury Library	Tthese will go to all other library sites	Ricky Byrnes
21/12/2022	20	Smethwick Bearwood Community Hub	High foot fall location	Lyndsey Smalley
21/12/2022	20	Smethwick new beginnings	High foot fall location	Lyndsey Smalley
20/12/2022	15	Wednesbury community association	High foot fall location	Mandy Williams
20/12/2022	5	Wednesbury sons of rest	High foot fall location	Mandy Williams
20/12/2022	20	West Brom 4 community trust	High foot fall location	Lyndsey Smalley
20/12/2022	20	West Brom Dartmouth Park Cricket Club	High foot fall location	Ricky Byrnes
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20/12/2022	20	Oldbury St James's Church	High foot fall location	Matt Hill
22/12/2022	20	Tipton community association	High foot fall location	Matt Hill
20/12/2022	20	Tipton jubilee park	High foot fall location	Matt Hill
20/12/2022	20	Oldbury salvation army	Open over xmas	Matt Hill
20/12/2022	20	Lea brook Methodist church	Open over xmas	Matt Hill
20/12/2022	20	Jamia mosque anwar trust	Open over xmas	Ricky Byrnes
20/12/2022	20	Llieys	Open over xmas	Ricky Byrnes
03/01/2023	16	Wednesbury St Barts Hall	Open over xmas	Mandy Williams
11/01/2023	50	Cllr Khatun	Must only go to people and families who need them	Irandeep Mann

4.1.3 Cost of living champions

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Table 2: sessions of cost of living champions delivered so far.

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4.1.4 Cost of living booklet.

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4.1.5 Supporting the foodbank network

We offered a top up grant of £10,000 to foodbanks to support the foodbank network, during difficult times the network had received lower donations and were looking to cut back on their food and hygiene supplies, usual need is £2000 per month to keep stocks at the levels needed. £10,000 was awarded to the Black County Foodbanks, for use on their Sandwell sites only and other food banks have been offered partnership to share this resources as an when they need it.

4.1.6 Update from the Neighbourhood Partnership Team

There have been 83,495 visits to library Warm Spaces since October 2022, 10,761 hot drinks served, 736 devices charged there were 36,632 visits during December 2022

Our libraries opened for a total of 150 hours over the Christmas and New Year period. This included at least one library being open on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day

- 1,879 customers used a Warm Space in our libraries during this time
- 99 customer enquiries were dealt with by staff
- 1,450 hot drinks were served and 120 devices were charged
- 37 customers came to Central Library on Christmas Day



- 34 food parcels were handed out from local food banks
- Donations of Christmas presents and jumpers were distributed
- Staff supported customers with enquiries including homelessness and emergency food provision

Examples of events:

- Live music events
- Family theatre
- Christmas grotto events,
- Author talks
- Learning in libraries,
- School class visits
- Black Country Toy Appeal
- Stand United - Curry Kitchen

Training has been arranged for all warm space providers, to include voluntary sector partners. The training was delivered by our own welfare rights team and with citizens advice bureau. Training was offered in person and online with feedback being extremely positive. Providers of warm spaces feel much more able to support tenants and residents that attend warm space provision.

Warm spaces have provided a vital and lifeline for many tenants and residents of all ages and backgrounds. We have people who work visiting them on their way home to have a hot drink, stay warm a little and have social interaction they don't usually get as they live alone or their personal circumstances mean they can't look to other things in the area to socialise whether this is financial reasons or the lack of amenities for their interest. We have single parents, families, unemployed, part time workers, people with disabilities in attendance of all races and religions.

We have supported the development of a "friendship group" of residents that has formed via the warm space provision. They meet most days for a chat, watch tv, play a board game then on days where further provision is available they all go up to the next warm space continue the chat, watch a film and grab a light bite to eat before returning home at 7pm when the venue closes. This has presented opportunity to refer into other services when part of their conversation to support with things like food, utilities, free school meals, HAF and support with referrals to get the help needed. I.e. Local pantry, LWP,



Water company debt support and discounts, LEAP energy advice referrals for support with white goods, energy efficiency In their home and free money saving devices.

We have taken the opportunity to use communal spaces as additional warm spaces in one of our high-rise blocks with the forming of a tenant group and the effectiveness of this in tackling issues of isolation and supporting each other with information on benefits, managing traumas and finding solutions to feelings of feeling unsafe and vulnerable.

Warm spaces are an invaluable asset to our community and provide not just warmth and a hot drink but a sense of belonging and equality to those who use them

Food Network Info

The neighbourhood partnerships team have lead on the development of several food networks and further work is now being developed to support this. We will also be supporting the development of a boroughwide network to ensure that resources are managed well.

4.1.7 Response to previous SNAC recommendations

- (1) that Directors ensure that the marketing of support services is strengthened; including making use of multi-media, billboards, communications to parents via schools and a roadshow event.

This was sent out as a Herald Cost of Living centre piece, Cost of Living booklet to all households, at many community areas, on line and in multiple languages.

- (2) that Directors produce a map of support services via location and geographical coverage and share this through a range of media including print and online.

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- (3) that Directors investigate ways to better coordinate the existing foodbank network in Sandwell to ensure best use of available food resources.

This was completed through the neighbours link work and the addition top up funding.

- (4) that the Chair of the Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board hold discussions with representatives from the Directorate of Public Health to discuss period poverty and access to sanitary products.

This has been ongoing with schools, we have also rolled out a programme of poverty proofing schools which means that schools are more inclusive of children from more deprived background. Such as giving notice on financial requests for school trips, allowing children to attend school events without asking for financial input and language used.

5 Implications

Resources:	The various programmes have been supported by the public health budget and wider council funds.
Legal and Governance:	None.
Risk:	None.
Equality:	Those who are most likely to have been impacted by inequality at this time have be prioritised and targeted.
Health and Wellbeing:	We have supported improved health and wellbeing during this difficult time for our communities.
Social Value:	The support has been provided by local charities and organisations.
Climate Change:	Having hubs/space open to the public for longer hours will have had an impact on the energy use and climate impact.

6 Appendices

Cost of Living Public Health Presentation

7. Background Papers

None.





The Cost of living

Public Health Update



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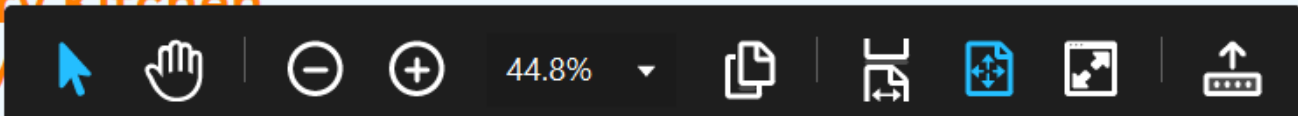


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October 2022





information hub stats

www.sandwell.gov.uk/supportingsandwell

since launch
19 October 2022

7,900 hits



Warm Spaces

6,400 hits



Energy

6,300 hits



Bills

4,900 hits



Food

4,300 hits



Money matters

1,200 hits



Tips and advice

800+ hits



Health

310+



Whatsapp sign ups

PLUS

25,000+ hits

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Report to the Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board

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Subject:	Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sport Strategy
Director:	Director of Borough Economy – Alice Davey
Contact Officer:	Ben Percival – Assistant Director – Contracts, Projects, Strategy & Policy

1 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Board considers the establishment of a short-life working group to support the completion, adoption and implementation of the Playing Pitch Strategy.

2 Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 Playing pitches and outdoor sports facilities play a huge role in improving the quality of life for residents. These assets directly support organised physical activity and provide a range of informal recreational opportunities and give residents access to local greenspaces.
- 2.2 Playing pitches – especially natural grass – require substantial resources to maintain to a good standard. Activities may also need to be restricted if the playing surface is to be maintained to a good standard. It is critical that resources are optimised and used to best effect.
- 2.3 Member Scrutiny input into the development of the Playing Pitch Strategy will add real value and help to secure an ambitious but pragmatic approach to meeting residents needs within available resources. Adoption of the approved strategy will also support efforts to secure external funding for pitch developments / improvements.

3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?



	<p>Best start in life for children and young people</p> <p>A vibrant and sustainable playing pitch infrastructure will support children’s participation in sport and physical activity. The increased use of playing pitches by junior leagues has been a feature of sports development in the past decade.</p>
	<p>People live well and age well</p> <p>Encouraging active lifestyles – both formal and informal recreational activity - is critical to improving the health and wellbeing of Sandwell residents.</p>
	<p>Strong resilient communities</p> <p>With the advent of activities such as “back to...” and walking football, pitch sports can provide a positive impact on all ages and demographics.</p>
	<p>A strong and inclusive economy</p> <p>Making optimum use of our physical assets alongside having a planned approach to development are key to developing a strong economy.</p>
	<p>A connected and accessible Sandwell</p> <p>Outdoor activities – particularly informal recreation can help support and encourage active travel.</p>

4 Context and Key Issues

4.1 A Playing Pitch & Outdoor Sport Strategy (PPOSS) has been commissioned in accordance with Sport England guidance. The Strategy aims to address the facility needs of all identified sports and should assess both current and future demand issues – reflecting both population growth and major regeneration areas. The Strategy should set out realistic aspirations which are implementable within the Council’s budgetary position and procurement regime.

4.2 The key outputs of the Strategy should be:

- A series of recommendations which provide a strategic framework for the improvement, maintenance, development and, as appropriate, rationalisation of the playing pitch and outdoor sport facility stock.
- A series of sport by sport recommendations which provide a strategic framework for sport led improvements to provision.
- A prioritised area-by-area Action Plan to address key issues on a site-by-site basis.



- 4.3 The commissioned strategy takes a very inclusive approach, assessing facilities for a broad range of sports:
- Athletics
 - Cricket
 - Football (including 3G pitches)
 - Hockey (sand/water based AGPs)
 - Rugby union (including 3G pitches)
 - Tennis
 - Bowls
 - Cycling
 - Golf
 - Netball
 - Rugby league (including 3G pitches)
 - Water sports (e.g. sailing and water skiing)
- 4.3 The Strategy was commissioned concurrently with the other authorities, with the Black Country Consortium also commissioning an overarching framework. This will allow a coordinated approach and support opportunities for cross boundary facility provision.
- 4.4 The supply analysis identifies that – in common with many authorities - Sandwell has a very large stock of playing pitches of limited quality with a continued heavy reliance on natural grass pitches. This starts to indicate the potential for strategic changes to both improve provision and make better use of resources and assets.

5 Implications

Resources:	No immediate resource implications. The strategy and action plan will need to be costed and a resource plan developed.
Legal and Governance:	None
Risk:	A strong PPS supports the planning process, reducing the risk of challenge.
Equality:	Any proposals from the PPS will be subject to an equality impact assessment.
Health and Wellbeing:	Opportunities to encourage physical activity deliver critical health and wellbeing benefits to residents.
Social Value:	Social value will be considered as part of any proposed projects.
Climate Change:	Climate, flood and ecological impacts of any proposed projects will be assessed.



6 Appendices

None

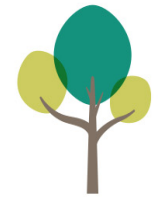
7. Background Papers

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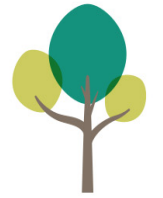
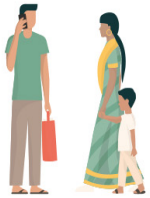


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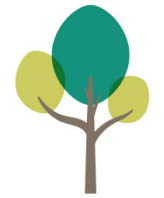
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3	<p>Community Hubs</p> <p>Contact Officer: Director of Business Strategy – Neil Cox and Director of Housing – Gillian Douglas</p>	<p>Cabinet - Communities (Cllr Millard)</p>	<p>15 February 2023</p>		
4	<p>Tenant Fees Act Policy</p> <p>Contact Officer: Liz Nembhard/Nicola Plant</p> <p>Director: Alice Davey – Director of Borough Economy</p>	<p>Cabinet - Communities (Cllr Millard)</p>	<p>15 February 2023</p>		



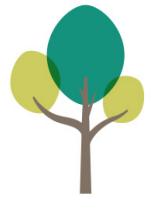
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6	Revenues and Benefits Policy Framework 2023-24 Contact Officer: Ian Dunn Director: Simone Hines	Cabinet - Finance and Resources (Cllr Piper)	15 February 2023		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Debt Recovery Policy • Council Tax Award of Discount Policy • Council Tax Discretionary Reduction Policy • Flood Relief Policy • Discretionary Housing Payments Policy • Local Welfare Provision Policy • Non-Domestic Rate Hardship Relief Policy • Non-Domestic Rates Discretionary Rate Relief Policy



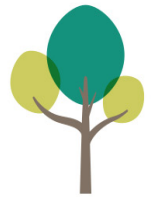
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9	Adoption of Housing Revenue Account 30 Year Business Plan Contact Officer: Gillian Douglas Director: Gillian Douglas, Director of Housing	Cabinet – Housing (Cllr Padda)	15 February 2023		
10	Sandwell Museums – Approval of Forward Plan and Policies Contact Officer: Dawn Winter Director: Alice Davey, Director of Borough Economy	Cabinet - Leisure and Tourism (Cllr Rollins)	15 February 2023		



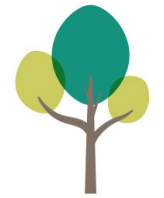
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13	<p>Sandwell Local List of Non-Designated Heritage Assets</p> <p>Contact Officer: Mark Stretton Director: Tony McGovern – Director Regeneration & Growth</p>	<p>Cabinet - Regeneration & Growth (Cllr Hughes)</p>	<p>15 February 2023</p>		<p>Sandwell Local List of Non-Designated Heritage Assets</p>
15	<p>Supply of Electricity 2024-2028</p> <p>Contact Officer – Neil Whitehouse Director -</p>	<p>Cabinet - Finance & Resources (Cllr Piper)</p>	<p>15 February 2023</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Report</p>



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16	<p>Trees Strategy and Policy</p> <p>Contact Officer: Matthew Huggins</p> <p>Director – Borough Economy, Alice Davey</p>	<p>Cabinet - Environment Service (Cllr Ahmed)</p> <p>Leisure and Tourism (Cllr Rollins)</p>	15 March 2023		
20	<p>Demolition Framework 2023-2027 procurement</p> <p>Contact Officer. Mark Drake</p> <p>Director: Tony McGovern - Regeneration and Growth</p>	<p>Cabinet - Regeneration & Growth (Cllr Hughes)</p>	15 March 2023		

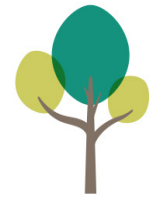


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21	<p>Housing Strategy 2023 - 2028</p> <p>Contact Officer: Louis Bebb</p> <p>Director: Gillian Douglas, Director of Housing</p>	<p>Cabinet – Housing (Cllr Padda)</p>	<p>May 2023</p>	<p>SNAC 24 November 2022</p>	<p>Housing Strategy 2023 – 2028</p>



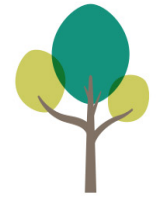
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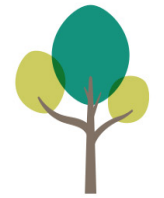


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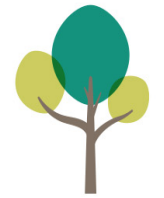
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Review of Fees and Charges		January		
Determination of Admission Priorities for Sandwell's Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools		January/February		
Schools Funding		December/January		
Quarter 3 Budget Monitoring		February		
Council Finances		February		
Financial Regulations		February		
Business Plans		February		
Highways Asset Management Plan		March		
Local Transport Settlement		March		



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Revenues and Benefits Policy framework 2022/23		March		
Schools Capital Programme		April to June		
Financial Outturn		May		
Procurement and Contract Procedure Rules		July		
Review of Fees and Charges Sandwell Residential Education Services Centre Charges		May – July		
Childcare Sufficiency Report		July - September		
Quarter 1 Budget Monitoring		August		



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Model Schools Pay Policy		October/November		
Winter Service Operational Plan		October/November		
Road Safety Plan		November		
Quarter 2 Budget Monitoring		November		
Council Tax Base Calculation		December		
Business Rates Retention Estimates		December		
Council Tax Reduction Scheme		December		



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Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities

Standing Items:-

- Tracking and Monitoring of Recommendations to the Executive
- Work Programme (including Cabinet Forward Plan)

Meeting Date	Item	Presented by
02 August 2022	Tenant and Leaseholder Scrutiny Group Work Programme 2022/23	Manny Sehmbi (Business Manager Community Partnerships and Support Services)
	Housing Tenants' Annual Report 2021/22	Nigel Collumbell (Service Manager Housing Management)
30 August 2022 Additional Meeting	Council House New Builds Programme	Tony McGovern (Director of Regeneration and Growth)
	The Appropriation of Various Disused Former Garages in the Borough	Tony McGovern (Possible input from Gillian Douglas)
30 September 2022	Housing Needs Assessment	Nigel Collumbell (Service Manager Housing Management)
	Voluntary and Community Sector Grants Review	Gillian Douglas (Director of Housing)
	Rents and Service Charges	Gillian Douglas (Director of Housing)



01 November 2022	Working with the Voluntary and Community Sector to Tackle the Cost of Living Crisis	Lisa McNally (Director of Public Health). SCIPS. SCVO.
Additional Meeting	Review of Voids Process	Nigel Collumbell (Service Manager Housing Management)
	Housing Revenue Account 30 Year Plan	Gillian Douglas (Director of Housing)
	Empty Homes Strategy	Nigel Collumbell (Service Manager Housing Management)
24 November 2022	Housing Strategy	Nigel Collumbell (Service Manager Housing Management) Louis Bebb.
	Report of the Tenant and Leaseholder Scrutiny Group - Housing Hub Review	Manny Sehmbi (Business Manager Community Partnerships and Support Services)
	Fees & Charges (inc concessions) for LATC / Sandwell Aquatic Centre	Alice Davey/ Ben Percival
	2023-24 Asset Management Investment Programme for Housing	Jonathan Rawlins/ Gillian Douglas
10 January 2023	Housing Revenue Account 30 Year Plan Update	Gillian Douglas
Additional Meeting		
26 January 2023	Playing Pitch Strategy – ITEM 3	Ben Percival
	Council House New Builds Programme Update – ITEM 4	Tony McGovern (Director of Regeneration and Growth)
	Update of Working with the Voluntary and Community Sector to Tackle the Cost of Living Crisis. -ITEM 2	Liann Brookes Smith SCIPS. SCVO.
	Launch plan of Sandwell Aquatic Centre – ITEM 1	Ben Percival/ Mark Braithwaite



23 February 2023. Additional meeting at Sandwell Valley.	Nature Reserves Funding and Green Spaces Strategy	Matt Huggins Asst. Director Parks, Grounds Maint. & Events
	Heritage and Cultural Strategy	Dawn Winter Asst. Director Libraries, Archives & Heritage
	Future Provision of Leisure Services Update	Ben Percival Asst. Director Contracts & Projects
	Sandwell Valley Masterplan	Alice Davey (Director of Borough Economy)
	Enforcement activity in relation to housing, particularly ASB	Nigel Collumbell/ Gillian Douglas
	Reports of the Tenant and Leaseholder Scrutiny Group - Home Checks Review	Manny Sehmbi/ Marianne Munro
	Tree Strategy and Policy	Matthew Huggins
23 March 2023	Homelessness Strategy (Implementation). Incorporating a Deep dive - Manifoldia Grange site	Nigel Collumbell (Service Manager Housing Management)
	Commonwealth Games Legacy Plan	Alice Davey/ Ben Percival
	Neighbourhood Management Model	Manny Sehmbi (Business Manager Community Partnerships and Support Services)
	Sandwell Community Safety Strategy 2022-26 One Year On	Chief Supt Maria Fox (Chair of Safer Sandwell Partnership)



To be Scheduled

Reports of the Tenant and Leaseholder Scrutiny Group on:-

- Building Safety Review
- Responsive Repairs & Customer Satisfaction Review

Fees & Charges (inc concessions) for LATC / Sandwell Aquatic Centre Update PROVISIONAL
Community Hubs – Neil Cox/ Gillian Douglas (15 FEB 23 Cabinet)

For Municipal year 2023/24:

Quarter 1:

Safer Parks and Green Spaces – Alice Davey

Housing Hub Review (Report of the T and L Scrutiny Group) - implementation of recommendations update. – Nigel Collumbell

Quarter 2:

Quarter 3:

Built Facilities Strategy Alice Davey/ Ben Percival

Quarter 4:

