

Agenda

Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board

Wednesday, 17 January 2024 at 6.00pm
In the Council Chamber - Sandwell Council House, Oldbury

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

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To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 18 December 2023 as a correct record.

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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Councillor Fenton (Chair)
Councillors Lewis (Vice- Chair), K Allcock, Davies, Dhatt, Fisher, Khan,
Maycock, Shaeen, Webb, Younis and Ms Brown (Co- Opted Member).

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Minutes of Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board

Monday 18 December 2023 at 6.03pm
In the Council Chamber - Sandwell Council House, Oldbury

- Present:** Councillor Fenton (Chair),
Councillors K Allcock, Davies, Dhatt, and Khan.
- Also present:** Councillor Padda (Cabinet Member for Leisure and
Tourism) and Councillor Rollins (Cabinet Member for
Housing and Built Environment).
- Officers:** Ben Percival (Assistant Director Borough Economy
Contracts, Projects, Strategy & Policy), Matt Huggins
(Assistant Director Green Spaces, Green Services,
Events), Alice Davey (Director of Borough Economy),
Anthony Lloyd (Democratic Services Officer) and Alex
Goddard (Scrutiny Lead Officer).

68/23 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lewis,
Fisher, Maycock and Shaeen and from Ms Brown (co-opted
member).

69/23 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

70/23 **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the meetings held on 31
August 2023, 12 September 2023, 26 September 2023

and 12 October be confirmed as correct records.72/23

Additional Items of Business

There were no urgent additional items of business to consider.

73/23 Sandwell Leisure Trust Fees and Charges - January 2024 implementation

The Cabinet Member for Leisure and Tourism presented the item to the Board. Sandwell Leisure Trust (SLT) had retained charging discretion to set their own fees and charges. Despite this, SLT wished to set their charges in a transparent manner, in consultation with the Council.

Historically, charges had been uplifted in April, however the peak trading period in the New Year was generally when the industry applies an uplift, with an eager market looking to return to leisure facilities. Therefore, SLT intended to move the 2024 charges review to 1 January – in line with the wider leisure and fitness industry. Core membership charges had been retained to encourage retention.

It was also confirmed that any surplus revenue made by SLT would be returned to the Council. In the event that the price increase had an adverse effect on revenue, the Council would not underwrite any costs and close monitoring of financial considerations would take place on a quarterly basis.

Members were in agreement that the price changes were fair and reasonable, especially when compared to the private sector

74/23 Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Action Tracker

The Board noted the status of actions and recommendations it had made. Further updates would be reported to future meetings of the Board.

75/23

Work Programme 2023 - 24 and Cabinet Forward Plan

The Board noted its Work Programme for 2023 - 24 and received the Cabinet Forward Plan.

As a result, Members requested that the fishing policy item be added to the work programme for consideration at a future meeting. It was also requested that the Board consider the “Rewilding Strategy” in due course.

Resolved that the fishing policy item within the Cabinet Forward Plan be considered by the Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board for pre-decision scrutiny at a future meeting of the Board.

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Exclusion of the Public and Press

Resolved that the public and press be excluded from the rest of the meeting to avoid the possible disclosure of exempt information under Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, relating to the financial and business affairs of any person, including the authority holding that information.

77/23

Sandwell Valley Master Plan and 10-Year Business Plan

In 2022, Cabinet identified the development of a 10-year master plan for Sandwell Valley as a key priority. As a result, a vast array of meetings, workshops, site visits, consultation and briefings had been undertaken to develop the master plan. Additionally, a business plan detailing financial models from 2024-2034 had been developed which covered Sandwell Valley Country Park, including Forge Mill Farm, with support from the Chartered Institute for Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA).

Members agreed that Sandwell Valley was a major strategic asset for Sandwell which had real potential to become a regional attraction for the borough. One of the aims of the plan was to attract visitors from a wider catchment area,

especially when considering that almost 340k people lived within a 15-minute drive. There was significant room available for visitor growth from both inside and outside of Sandwell. It was noted that Sandwell Valley had not received much investment over the last several years and that if utilised properly, it was a key asset to build the visitor economy.

The plan aspired to provide an affordable day out for all people, regardless of financial background or position. The implementation of the plan would be spread out over several years with each phase focused on specific developments. The first phase of additions to Sandwell Valley included a heritage discover zone, an expanded Café offer, event venue for wedding hire, car parking facilities, wayfinding structures and a land train. The second phase would include the development of a water-sport centre and associated facilities. The third and final phase of the plan would see the creation of a “food education centre”. This centre would allow schools to visit in order to promote healthy eating. This was deemed particularly important in light of statistics that identified Sandwell has having the second highest rate of childhood obesity in England. Produce from the farm would be used to teach adults and children how to cook using fresh and healthy ingredients.

CIPFA had been consulted to investigate the prudence of the financial model and further risk mitigations were put in place including additional peer reviewers. A staffing restructure would be considered to ensure that variable costs were managed. If implemented, a “bank” of staff would be used to accommodate the different peaks and troughs throughout the year.

The masterplan was due for consideration by Cabinet in March 2024 and, if approved, works would begin to take place with an aim of completion by the end of Quarter 4 of 2024. A consultation exercise was underway until 26 January 2024.

Following a lengthy discussion, the following points were clarified:-

- non-financial optimisations had already been made;

- further weather proofing would be considered in addition to the already established education centre and play barn;
- a retractable roof would allow events and activities to be provided in all weathers;
- inflation and risk mitigation would be considered at each phase point and no further investment projects had been planned after the master plan had been completed;
- the masterplan would aim to get Sandwell Valley to a self-sustaining position;
- further leisure developments could be considered in the future;
- infrastructure improvements to already established land and roads would be more efficient than creating a new exit/entrance to the site;
- the plan aimed to establish Sandwell Valley as a leading facility in relation to animal welfare;
- permanent wayfinding signage would be installed;
- multi-use facilities would be considered so that usage could be considered year round and not just during seasonal peaks as seen within sailing;
- co-funding opportunities would be considered for some of the building usage within the valley;
- the heritage trail would focus on the heritage of the site including the priory and the sand well;
- the land train would be safe for use across the bridge and a full route of the trail would be prepared;
- consultation feedback had been considered when creating the plan and further consultation feedback would be reviewed also.

Members suggested that the sailing club site be expanded into a multi-use facility with a range of uses. Officers were also asked to consider introducing more benches to the site to enable parents to monitor their children from nearby, especially for those who may require seating.

Officers were thanked for their attendance and hard work in producing the plan.

Resolved that the Cabinet Member for Leisure and Tourism consider:-

- (1) the expansion of the sailing club into a multi-use facility to facilitate a wide range of activities;
- (2) the introduction of additional benches to enable parents to be able to monitor their children whilst they used play facilities.

Meeting ended at 7:52pm

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Report to Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board

17 January 2024

Subject:	Implementation of 3 Boroughwide Public Space Protection Orders relating to Alcohol Consumption, Dog Fouling and BBQs / Fires
Director:	Director of Borough Economy Alice Davey
Contact Officer:	Business Manager Community Safety Tessa Mitchell Tessa_mitchell@sandwell.gov.uk

1 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Board considers and comments upon the proposals that Sandwell implements 3 Boroughwide Public Space Protection Orders relating to alcohol, dogs and fires as follows:

Alcohol

The implementation of a Boroughwide Public Space Protection Order for alcohol to enable authorised officers / constables, where satisfied that nuisance or disorder associated with alcohol is occurring, to require people not to consume alcohol in the area and to surrender any alcohol in their possession.

Dog Fouling

The implementation of a Boroughwide Public Space Protection Order to tackle nuisance caused by dog fouling making it:-

- (i) an offence for a person in charge of a dog to fail to pick up the dog's faeces forthwith should it defecate whilst in their control,



- (ii) an offence for a person in charge of a dog to fail to be able to produce a receptacle to pick up dog faeces such as a dog poo bag.
- (iii) an offence for a person in charge of a dog to allow a dog into an enclosed children's play area / sports area

Registered disability assistance dogs and their owners to be exempt from the requirements of the order.

Fires and BBQS:

The implementation of a Boroughwide Public Space Protection Order to tackle the risks associated with BBQs and fires in public spaces by :-

- (i) making it an offence to have fires / BBQs in public spaces in Sandwell and not to stop these when requested to do so by authorised officers / constables.
- (ii) requiring individuals to surrender anything in their possession which an authorised officer / constable or has reasonable suspicion to be an article that has been used OR is likely to be used in conjunction with these prohibited activities.

- 1.2 These 3 Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs), are intended to help combat crime and ASB in the Borough and support public health. Two are for renewal and one is a new requirement. Subject to comment, these are to be taken to Cabinet on 7th February for approval and implementation for the next 3 years, commencing 1st March 2024.

2 Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 In October 2017 SMBC introduced 4 Boroughwide PSPOs; 1 in relation to consumption of alcohol in a public place and 3 in relation to dogs. These were previously in place as a Designated Public Place Order and 3 Dog Control Orders which under the transitional arrangements of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 automatically became Public Space Protections Orders.



2.2 PSPOs last for up to 3 years and then need to be reviewed. The orders were renewed in March 2021 and are now up for consideration again alongside a new proposal relating to fires / BBQs. Having undertaken this review and public consultation it is recommended that the 2 existing PSPOs including additional requirements in relation to dogs are renewed and a new PSPO put in place regarding fires / BBQs on public land.

2.3 The existing PSPOs have been relatively well used during the last 3 years, particularly in terms of engagement to improve behaviour and enable support to be offered where necessary. Enforcement has also been used where needed with 8 and 5 FPNs being issued respectively in relation to the 2 existing orders. Both have run throughout the covid pandemic and lockdowns.

2.4 The alcohol PSPO also works in tandem with the West Bromwich Town Centre PSPO, introduced in 2019, which has also contributed to tackling crime and ASB in the designated area. This prohibits:

- Acting or inciting others to act in a manner that causes, or is likely to cause, harassment alarm or distress to any person.
- Threatening any person with violence and /or being verbally abusive towards any person.
- Begging or asking members of the public for money or loitering for the purpose of begging or asking members of the public for money.
- Causing a motor vehicle or trailer to stand on a road and /or footpath so as to cause any unnecessary obstruction of the road and /or footpath.

The powers of both complement each other, particularly in relation to street drinking and homelessness which remain issues across Sandwell.




2.5 Summer 2022 saw a spate of fires on public land arising from BBQs being used, particularly disposable ones. There are limited options to tackle these and therefore introducing a PSPO will provide powers to adopt a preventative approach and tackle these concerns locally.

2.6 Dogs and Alcohol are both ongoing Public Health concerns.



- 2.7 All the PSPO proposals have been supported by Sandwell's Multi Agency Borough Tasking Group.
- 2.8 All 3 issues are a concern in Sandwell with the public consultation showing 97% support for the Alcohol PSPO, 98% support for the Dog Fouling PSPO and 87% support for a PSPO in relation to Fires / BBQs .
- 2.9 These PSPO proposals demonstrate the council's commitment to listening to its residents, partners and communities and to take action to address issues that are important to them.

3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?

	<p>Best start in life for children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoidance of dog mess in public places which is a considerable health risk to children. • Ability to challenge street drinkers and others so as to set an example related to behaviours and health • Understanding of the dangers of fires and damage that these can cause
	<p>People live well and age well</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standards set around cleanliness of public spaces and support for those with alcohol issues / dependency. • This is particularly helpful in relation to proactive engagement with street drinkers / rough sleepers • Reduce risk of life changing injury and death from fires
	<p>Strong resilient communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSPOs provide SMBC and other partners additional tools and powers to effectively reduce and manage ASB and its negative impact on residents • All three PSPOs support public confidence in relation to challenging Anti-Social Behaviour through offering advice and support and sanctions for non-compliance. • There is also an educational element to all three PSPOs and opportunities for engagement





Quality homes in thriving neighbourhoods

- These PSPOs address ASB, which is an essential component of creating a thriving neighbourhood.
- Both also demonstrate the council's commitment to listening to its residents, partners and communities and to take action to address issues that are important to them

4 Context and Key Issues

4.1 Background

In October 2017, existing Designated Public Place and Dog Control Orders were replaced as Boroughwide PSPOs under the transitional arrangements of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014. These orders have to be reviewed every 3 years.

In 2021 following review and public consultation the existing orders in relation to dogs and alcohol were renewed. As outlined above these are now due for further review alongside consideration of an additional prohibition in relation to fires / BBQs in public places.

The national PSPO guidance concentrates on the need for proportionality and suggests that the question to be asked is: is the restriction proposed proportionate to the specific harm or nuisance that is being caused? Both existing PSPOs have continued to be used during the last 3 years, providing opportunities for engagement and where necessary enforcement. The public consultation has also demonstrated support for all three proposals including the additional requirements.

4.2 Consultation

A public consultation on all 3 proposals took place between 8th September and 16th November 2023. Guidance regarding undertaking Consultations on a Public Space Protection Order was published by the Local Government Association in 2018. This guidance was adhered to and the proposed PSPO was advertised in the local press, The Sandwell Herald and on SMBCs website and social media. Other specific consultees were:



West Midlands Police	Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
West Midlands Fire Service	West Midlands Ambulance Service
SMBC Public Health	Cranstoun
DECCA	Transport For West Midlands
The Kennel Club	The Ramblers

230 people took the time to take part in the consultation run through the Sandwell Consultation Hub. 60% of respondents (138) stated that they had witnessed ASB related to these proposals. An overview of the results for each element is given below:

4.3 Alcohol

It is recognised that the consumption of alcohol in public spaces can be closely linked with Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). The existing PSPO renewed last in 2021 **‘enables authorised officers / constables, where satisfied that nuisance or disorder associated with alcohol is occurring, to require people not to consume alcohol in the area and to surrender any alcohol in their possession. It is an offence to fail to comply with these requirements without reasonable excuse’.**

4.4 Consultation

97% (222/230) were in favour of continuing with the alcohol restriction. Comments included:

- ‘Alcohol and anti-social behaviour associated with it in public does not create a good image (especially to younger people who are influenced easily), along with discarded tins and bottles etc’.
- ‘Drinking alcohol in the street is not necessary, enough pubs around. It can make people abusive and very unfriendly’.
- ‘I think people should be able to enjoy public spaces without fear of those consuming alcohol’.

SMBCs Public Health Team were concerned that those who enforce this PSPO should be equipped to understand that the confiscation of alcohol from a person who is physically dependent can result in withdrawals and fatal seizures. There is a real need for officers who may be the ones



confiscating the alcohol to understand and assess the risk their action may result in.

To help mitigate such risks it is imperative that officers enforcing the scheme should work closely with local alcohol treatment provider, Cranstoun who are able to support engagement and delivery of harm reduction approaches including on the site delivery and support through their outreach model which covers the 6 towns of Sandwell. Awareness and training for staff is available through the Sandwell Drug and Alcohol Partnership.

4.5 Dog Fouling

Sandwell has also had a PSPO in place in relation to dog fouling since 2017 **'making it an offence for a person in charge of a dog to fail to pick up the dog's faeces forthwith should it defecate whilst in their control'** Since being renewed in 2021 this PSPO has also been relatively well used, again not only providing a useful additional enforcement tool where necessary but also opportunities for engagement and education. This power promotes responsible dog ownership and reinforces the Public Health messages in relation to dog fouling and keeping our streets and green spaces clean and safe for all.

An option to strengthen this has been included in the consultation this year in relation to adding 2 additional requirements:

- 'making it an offence for a person in charge of a dog to fail to be able to produce a receptacle to pick up dog faeces'
- 'making it an offence for a person in charge of a dog to allow a dog into and enclosed children's play area / sports area'

4.6 Consultation

Results from the consultation found 98% (225/230) of respondents supported the existing requirement with 92% (211/230) supporting the requirement to have receptacles to clean up dog waste and 91% (210/230) supporting dog exclusion areas. Comments included:

- 'I'm sick of seeing dog mess everywhere I go it's disgusting and people need to be dealt with'.



- ‘It is a danger to young children who can risk getting toxocarid which can cause blindness. It is also a health risk, children and adults should be able to walk around and go to play area’s without fear of falling, or trending into dog mess’.
- ‘Dog fouling is an ongoing issue throughout Sandwell and it isn't pleasant when walking down the street or in parks and green areas. It's a hazard, unsightly and just disgusting and more should be done to tackle this problem and punish those who don't pick it up’.
- ‘As a dog owner I always clear up after my own dog but am horrified by the number of people who don’t’.

4.7 Fires / BBQs on public land

The consultation this year has also included a new prohibition in relation to BBQs and fires on public land:

‘making it an offence to have fires / BBQs in public spaces and not to stop these when requested to do so by authorised officers / constables.

During summer 2022, Sandwell experienced a significant increase in outdoor fires caused by individuals having fires / BBQs in public spaces. This is a preventable danger both to individuals, wildlife and the environment. The increasingly drier and hotter conditions have increased this fire risk. This PSPO requirement provides designated officers with opportunities to engage with those undertaking such activities to make them aware of the risks and to enforce if needed.

This type of PSPO is in place in many other areas and provides a focus on the dangers that fires and BBQs can have.

4.8 Consultation

87% of respondents supported this approach (201/230) with 7% (10) unsure and 5% (8) against. Comments included:

- ‘Barbecues left unattended could cause fire or injury to people, animals or wildlife so should be banned in public spaces. Also the gathering of people for a barbecue in public spaces then goes on



to cause other problems i.e. anti-social behaviour and drinking alcohol also in public places'

- 'There are plenty of notices around the parks /Sandwell Valley to not have BBQ's fires etc but people ignore this because there are no consequences. If it was made an offence then people could either be fined or the BBQs removed and fires extinguished'
- 'Many times we have walked in the park and people have left portable barbecues or in general leave all the mess it's disgusting'

However it was recognised by some, that people need to be encouraged to use parks and green spaces and that having a BBQ can be part of that. Several suggested having designated areas where these could be held safely and this will be looked into.

4.9 Findings and Recommendations

230 people took part in the survey which is considerably more than in 2021. Whilst acknowledging this remains an overall small number, feedback from those who took the time to respond showed clear public support for all three PSPOs as part of a toolkit of measures to continue to address these issues which are concerns across the Borough with relevant controls and safeguards in place.

Public Health have raised the need for training in addition for those who can confiscate alcohol from users. The Kennel Club highlighted previously the need to take account of assistance dogs and to use the PSPO as an engagement opportunity to support responsible dog ownership which will continue. Engagement is a key part of any PSPO and registered disability dogs will continue to be exempt.

Other respondents felt that more patrols, cameras and education needed to be put into place. As a Council it is recognised that PSPOs need to be used as part of a strategy that includes enforcement alongside other engagement to tackle these issues as effectively as possible. The use of a PSPO should never be used in isolation as for many types of crime, ASB and other unacceptable behaviour as other remedies are more appropriate and more effective.



A PSPO is an opportunity to engage with individuals and to offer support and advice. Enforcement is always a final resort. There are many examples of such engagement and assertive outreach work taking place across Sandwell supported by our strong partnership approaches. These provide opportunities to promote responsible behaviour and important public health messages. It is therefore, recommend that these powers are renewed and enhanced.

5 Alternative Options

5.1 Sandwell has had controls in place in relation to alcohol and dog fouling for many years. It is clear that both these issues remain public concerns and feedback indicates that they are both still needed and serve a purpose in dealing with these issues and providing reassurance for residents. The recent rise in fires attributed to fires and BBQs in public land and the dangers and destruction posed by these is also a significant concern. These PSPO's are supported by partners and will ensure direct action is taken using the most suitable tools and powers as required by individual situations. SMBC could opt to not renew / strengthen these powers and deal with any issues individually but this will require significant resources and has already proved difficult in relation to BBQs/ Fires with no specific powers available. It would also weaken opportunities for engagement. This is not recommended.

6. Implications

Resources:	The implementation of these PSPOs will not require any additional strategic resources that require the council or partners to operate outside existing budgets.
Legal and Governance:	<p>Under sections 59-75 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2104, local authorities have powers to make PSPOs.</p> <p>The Council can only make a PSPO when it is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the activities carried out or likely to be carried out in a public place have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those</p>



in the area and are persistent, continuing and unreasonable. The Council would also need to be satisfied that the restrictions imposed were justified.

Should anyone object to the granting of a PSPO they would have to make a High Court application within 6 weeks of the order being granted.

For that appeal to be successful they would have to show that the Council did not have the power to make the order, as the issue covered has not been demonstrated, usually by empirical evidence, to be a significant enough issue to justify the restriction. The other grounds for the appeal would be to demonstrate that the consultation process was inadequate.

PSPOs can only apply to public places. This means any place to which the public, or and sections of the public, on payment or otherwise, have access to as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission.

The Council must comply with the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (Publication of Public Spaces Protection Orders) Regulations 2014 by publishing the orders on its website and by erecting notices on or near the affected land sufficient to draw the attention of the public to the fact that the orders are in place and the effects of this.

A PSPO can last up to three years unless it is extended by the relevant local authority (section 60). More than one extension can be granted, with each extension lasting up to three years. Where a PSPO is extended then the relevant local authority should comply with the necessary publication requirements. Non-compliance with a PSPO is an offence which can result in the issue a fixed penalty notice of up to £100, if appropriate. If the Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid, court proceedings can be initiated to prosecute for the offence of failing to comply with the PSPO where the maximum fine is currently £1000 (level 3 on the



	standard scale). Following conviction, the Council could apply for a Criminal Behaviour Order which can contain both prohibitions and positive requirements.
Risk:	Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour through partnership working is central to the delivery of the Community Safety Strategy 2022-26. This is business as usual and adheres to all required risk assessments and required mitigations. There could be a reputational risk to SMBC in retaining existing powers and not following up on the support evident from the consultation.
Equality:	<p>An EIA has been completed as part of this process. In particular we have been aware that street drinkers are often particularly vulnerable and the PSPO guidance specifically requires the council to consider the appropriateness of a PSPO to address issues caused by those who are homeless and rough sleeping. This PSPO will facilitate ongoing engagement with this group and offer them advice and support to address their issues. Data from the JSNA has been used but it is recognised that the data currently held in relation to protected characteristics and these specific concerns is limited.</p> <p>Previous feedback from The Kennel Club has also highlighted the need for some assistance dogs to be exempt from this PSPO and for that to be recognised by those undertaking enforcement activities.</p> <p>Public Health messages around alcohol and dogs may specifically benefit pregnant women.</p>
Health and Wellbeing:	<p>Reducing and managing anti-social behaviour, and protecting its victims has a positive impact on health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Engaging with and supporting vulnerable people in relation to alcohol consumption, who are also more vulnerable to becoming victims of crime and</p>



	<p>exploitation will also have a positive longer-term impact on their health and wellbeing</p> <p>Reducing dog mess on streets is also a key public health message to residents which can reduce illness, especially in relation to children</p> <p>Reducing risk of injuries / death from fire is also supported</p>
Social Value:	These PSPOs support environmental enhancements and provide opportunities for engagement with local residents regarding public health messages and strengthening civic pride. Enforcement is done through our locally employed EPOs
Climate Change:	Reducing the opportunities for fires in public places and the resulting pollution and environmental damage supports SMBCs climate change ambitions.
Corporate Parenting:	No specific corporate parenting implications arising as a result of this report

7 Appendices

- Appendix 1 - Draft PSPO Alcohol
- Appendix 2 - Draft PSPO Dogs
- Appendix 3 - Draft PSPO BBQs / Fires

8. Background Papers

- Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/anti-social-behaviour-crime-and-police-bill>
- LGA Guidance in Relation to PSPO Implementation 2018
<https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/public-spaces-protection-orders-guidance-councils>



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Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, Section 59
Public Spaces Protection Order (Boroughwide) 2024

This Order is made by Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council ("the Council") under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, Section 59 ("the Act").

1. This Order relates to all areas within the Metropolitan Borough of Sandwell including public space in the Council's area and privately owned land made available to the public, to which the Act applies ("the Restricted Area").
2. The Council is satisfied that the two conditions below have been met, in that:-
 - a. activities carried on in the restricted area as described below have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or it is likely that these activities will be carried on in the public place and they will have such an effect;
 - b. the effect, or likely effect, of the activities is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature, is, or is likely to be, such as to make the activities unreasonable, and justifies the restrictions imposed by the Order.

By this Order

3. The effect of the Order is to impose the following prohibitions and/or requirements in the Restricted Area at all times, unless specifically stated:-
 - a. Consumption of alcohol in public areas, away from licensed premises

enables authorised officers / constables, where satisfied that nuisance or disorder associated with alcohol is occurring, to require people not to consume alcohol in the area and to surrender any alcohol in their possession. It is an offence to fail to comply with these requirements without reasonable excuse.

Restrictions

4. Period for which the order has effect
This order will come into force on 1st March 2024 and lasts for three years. At any point before the expiry of this period the Council can extend the order by up to three years if satisfied on reasonable grounds that this is necessary to prevent the activities identified in the order from occurring or recurring or to prevent an increase in the frequency or seriousness of those activities

after that time. The Order may also be varied in accordance with the requirements of Section 61 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (“the Act”).

5. Failure to comply with this order

Section 67 of the Act states that it is an offence for any person without reasonable excuse:

(a) to do anything that the person is prohibited from doing by a public spaces protection order, or

(b) to fail to comply with a requirement to which the person is subject under a public spaces protection order.

A person guilty of this offence is liable on conviction in the Magistrates Court to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

6. Penalty Notices

Under Section 68 of the Act a constable or authorised person may issue a fixed penalty notice to anyone they believe has committed an offence under Section 67 of the Act. A fixed penalty notice is a notice offering the person to whom it is issued the opportunity of discharging any liability to conviction for the offence by payment of a fixed penalty to the local authority. Failure to pay the fixed penalty notice may result in proceedings being issued for the offence under Section 67.

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The grounds on which an application under this section may be made are—

(a) that the local authority did not have power to make the order or variation, or to include particular prohibitions or requirements imposed by the order (or by the order as varied);

(b) that the requirements of the legislation have not been complied with

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**Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, Section 59
Public Spaces Protection Order (Boroughwide) 2024**

This Order is made by Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council ("the Council") under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, Section 59 ("the Act").

1. This Order relates to all areas within the Metropolitan Borough of Sandwell including public space in the Council's area and privately owned land made available to the public, to which the Act applies ("the Restricted Area").
2. The Council is satisfied that the two conditions below have been met, in that:-
 - a. activities carried on in the restricted area as described below have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or it is likely that these activities will be carried on in the public place and they will have such an effect;
 - b. the effect, or likely effect, of the activities is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature, is, or is likely to be, such as to make the activities unreasonable, and justifies the restrictions imposed by the Order.

By this Order

3. The effect of the Order is to impose the following prohibitions and/or requirements in the Restricted Area at all times, unless specifically stated:-

Dog Fouling in Public Areas

- **“Making it an offence for a person in charge of a dog to fail to pick up the dog’s faeces forthwith should it defecate whilst in their control”**
- **“making it an offence for a person in charge of a dog to fail to be able to produce a receptacle to pick up dog faeces such as a dog poo bag”**
- **“making it an offence for a person in charge of a dog to allow a dog into an enclosed children’s play area / sports area”**

It is an offence to fail to comply with these requirements without reasonable excuse.

Exemptions apply to any:

- **blind person who uses a guide dog for assistance**
- **physically or mentally Disabled person who uses a disability assistance dog**
- **physically or mentally Disabled person who, due to their impairment, is unable to pick up their dog's faeces**

Restrictions

4. Period for which the order has effect

This order will come into force on 1st March 2024 and lasts for three years. At any point before the expiry of this period the Council can extend the order by up to three years if satisfied on reasonable grounds that this is necessary to prevent the activities identified in the order from occurring or recurring or to prevent an increase in the frequency or seriousness of those activities after that time. The Order may also be varied in accordance with the requirements of Section 61 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (“the Act”).

5. Failure to comply with this order

Section 67 of the Act states that it is an offence for any person without reasonable excuse:

- (a) to do anything that the person is prohibited from doing by a public spaces protection order, or
- (b) to fail to comply with a requirement to which the person is subject under a public spaces protection order.

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BBQs / Fires in Public Areas

“making it an offence to have fires / BBQs in public spaces in Sandwell and not to stop these when requested to do so by authorised officers / constables.

Individuals are required to surrender anything in their possession which an authorised officer / constable or has reasonable suspicion to be an article that has been used OR is likely to be used in conjunction with these prohibited activities.

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Report to Safer neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board

17 January 2024

Subject:	Heritage Strategy Update
Director:	Director – Borough Economy Alice Davey
Contact Officer:	Assistant Director: Libraries, Archives, Information Services, Tourism and Community Hubs – Dawn Winter Dawn_winter@sandwell.gov.uk

1 Recommendations




That the Safer Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board considers and comments upon the information contained in this report in relation to a Heritage Strategy

2 Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 A heritage strategy is only part of the wider cultural landscape in Sandwell and should form part of an overarching 'Cultural Strategy'.
- 2.2 The current Cultural Prospectus was developed in 2018 and much has changed since then, meaning the prospectus may no longer be fit for purpose.
- 2.3 A Cultural Development Officer has recently been appointed to the Borough, along with a replacement Business Manager for Museums, Arts and Archives. They can develop this work further.



3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?

	<p>Best start in life for children and young people Culture supports education, language and literacy through the programme of events and activities</p>
	<p>People live well and age well Culture supports residents' health and wellbeing through the programme of events and activities</p>
	<p>Strong resilient communities Culture encourages and fosters a 'pride in place' for residents</p>

4 Context and Key Issues

- 4.1 Since February 2023 when Scrutiny considered 'Towards a Heritage Strategy' report the cultural landscape has changed in Sandwell.
- 4.2 More funding streams are emerging to support culture, especially in an area like Sandwell, which is currently second from bottom Nationally for engagement in Arts and Culture.
- 4.3 The Cultural prospectus of 2018 may no longer be fit for purpose and whilst a heritage strategy would support a plan for the future of Sandwell's heritage assets, a Cultural Strategy would encompass more than this.
- 4.4 The appointment of a Cultural Development Officer for the Borough, along with a replacement Business Manager for Museums, Arts and Archives enables this work to be taken forward and bids for funding submitted to develop not only a Cultural Strategy for the Borough but enhance the cultural offer to residents.
- 4.5 Officers intend to use external funding to commission a Cultural Strategy and then develop a plan of action and bid for further funds to increase



the level of cultural activity and engagement across the Borough. The strategy would include not just Museums and Heritage, but Libraries, Archives and potentially other venues across the Borough.

5 Implications

Resources:	External funding will be required to support the development of culture and a cultural strategy.
Legal and Governance:	No specific legal and governance implications arising as a result of this report
Risk:	Buildings to deliver cultural engagement and activity are at risk of further decline
Equality:	No specific equality implications arising as a result of this report
Health and Wellbeing:	Increased cultural activity and engagement will support health and wellbeing
Social Value:	No specific social value implications arising as a result of this report
Climate Change:	No specific climate change implications arising as a result of this report
Corporate Parenting:	No specific corporate parenting implications arising as a result of this report

6 Appendices

None.

7. Background Papers

None.



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Report to Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board

17 January 2024

Subject:	Tracking and Monitoring of Scrutiny Recommendations
Director:	Assistant Chief Executive James McLaughlin James_McLaughlin@Sandwell.gov.uk
Contact Officer:	Alex Goddard Scrutiny Lead Officer Alexander_Goddard@sandwell.gov.uk

1 Recommendations







- 1.1 That the Board notes the responses on recommendations referred since the Board's last meeting.
- 1.2 That the Board notes the progress on implementation recommendations made.
- 1.3 That the Board determines what action it wishes to take where progress is unsatisfactory.
- 1.4 That the Board determines which actions/recommendations no longer require monitoring.



2 Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 To facilitate the effective monitoring of progress on responses to and press with implementation of recommendations made by the Board and identify where further action is required.
- 2.2 Effective monitoring of recommendations facilitates the evaluation of the impact of the scrutiny function overall.

3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?

	Best start in life for children and young people	<p>The scrutiny function supports all of the objectives of the Corporate Plan by seeking to improve services for the people of Sandwell. It does this by influencing the policies and decisions made by the Council and other organisations involved in delivering public services.</p> <p>Effective monitoring of recommendations made supports this and allows scrutiny to evaluate its impact.</p>
	People live well and age well	
	Strong resilient communities	
	Quality homes in thriving neighbourhoods	
	A strong and inclusive economy	
	A connected and accessible Sandwell	

4 Context and Key Issues

- 4.1 The attached Appendix details the responses to actions identified and/or recommendations made by the scrutiny function and progress on the implementation of those previously approved.



5 Implications

<p>Resources:</p>	<p>Any resources implications arising from scrutiny activity are considered as required by the appropriate director or cabinet member/cabinet.</p> <p>Any specific resources implications for the Board's attention are detailed in the Appendix.</p>
<p>Legal and Governance:</p>	<p>The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.</p> <p>The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 places a duty on the Executive to respond to Scrutiny recommendations within two months of receiving them.</p> <p>NHS service commissioners and providers have a duty to respond in writing to a report or recommendation where health scrutiny requests this, within 28 days of the request. This applies to requests from individual health scrutiny committees or sub-committees, from local authorities and from joint health scrutiny committees or sub-committees.</p>
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6 Appendices

Appendix 1– Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board Action Tracker

7. Background Papers

None.



Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities 22/23

Date	Item	Recommendation/ Action	Responsible Person	Notes
23 FEB 23	Tree Strategy and Implementation Plan 2023- 2028	Checkpoint reports throughout the first 18 months of the Tree Strategy and Implementation Plan 2023-2028 are provided to the Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board	Matt Huggins	Briefing note to be circulated September 2023
		Feedback from the survey of trees, to include impact on light to habitable rooms is provided to the Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board	Matt Huggins	Briefing note to be circulated September 2023
31 AUG 23	Additional Licensing and Article 4 – Options Appraisal	That the Directors of Housing and Regeneration and Growth, in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Housing and Built Environment and Regeneration and WMCA, obtain at least 1,000 responses per town from the planned Additional Licensing consultation.	Gillian Douglas Tony McGovern	Recommendations considered by Cabinet on 13 September 2023: Recommendation rejected however, the Council will attempt to engage as many residents as possible during the consultation stage.
		That the Directors of Housing and Regeneration and Growth work collaboratively with external partners including West Midlands Police, West Midlands Fire Service, Community Support Officers to identify un-registered HMO's.	Gillian Douglas Tony McGovern	Recommendation approved.

<p>18 DEC 23</p>	<p>Sandwell Valley Master Plan and 10-Year Business Plan</p>	<p>That the Director of Borough Economy considers the expansion of the existing sailing club building, located in Sandwell Valley, into a multi-use facility to accommodate all users.</p>	<p>Alice Davey Matt Huggins</p>	
		<p>That the Director of Borough Economy considers the provision of additional seating areas throughout Sandwell Valley, especially in the proximity of play areas.</p>	<p>Alice Davey Matt Huggins</p>	

Report to Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board

17 January 2024

Subject:	Cabinet Forward Plan and Board Work Programme
Director:	James McLaughlin Assistant Chief Executive James_McLaughlin@sandwell.gov.uk
Contact Officer:	Alex Goddard Scrutiny Lead Officer Alexander_Goddard@sandwell.gov.uk

1 Recommendations







- 1.1 That the Board notes the Cabinet Forward Plan (Appendix 1), which sets out the matters programmed to be considered by the Cabinet;
- 1.2 that the Board notes its work programme (Appendix 2), which sets out matters to be considered by the Board in 2023/24;
- 1.3 that, the Board considers whether any changes or additions are required to its work programme and in doing so, has regard to the Prioritisation Tool (Appendix 3).

2 Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 A strong and effective work programme underpins the work and approach of Scrutiny.
- 2.2 It is good practice for work programmes to remain fluid, to allow for scrutiny of new and emerging issues in a timely manner.

3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?



	Best start in life for children and young people	The scrutiny function supports all of the objectives of the Corporate Plan by seeking to improve services for the people of Sandwell. It does this by influencing the policies and decisions made by the Council and other organisations involved in delivering public services.
	People live well and age well	
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	A connected and accessible Sandwell	

4 Context and Key Issues

- 4.1 Scrutiny is a member led and driven function, driven by members' commitment to improve services and thereby people's lives.
- 4.2 An annual work programming event, involving chief officers, executive members and key partners, was held in June 2023 and all boards approved their work programmes for 2023/ 24 at their first meeting of the municipal year.
- 4.3 Boards have responsibility for their own work programmes, and it is good practice to keep them under review, to allow for new and emerging issues to be scrutinised in a timely manner.
- 4.4 Scrutiny Procedure Rules allow any member of the Council to request that an item is added to a scrutiny board's work programme, subject to certain provisions.
- 4.5 Before including an item on its work programme the Board must have regard to the Prioritisation Tool attached at Appendix 3, to ensure that the scrutiny activity will add value and work programmes are manageable.



5 Implications

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- Appendix 1 – Cabinet Forward Plan
- Appendix 2 – Board Work Programme
- Appendix 3 – Prioritisation Tool

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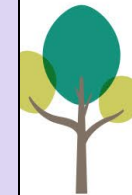
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The following items set out key decisions to be taken by the Executive:-



	Title/Subject	Decision Maker	Public or exempt report? If exempt – state reason for exemption	Decision Date	Pre or post decision Scrutiny to be carried out? (Board and date)	List of documents to be considered
6	<p>Procurement of Housing Improvement Programme contracts 2024 – 2028</p> <p>A rationalisation of contracts in Housing and Asset Management, to amalgamate spend from several contracts, into a single procurement exercise under a HIP Contract</p> <p>Contact Officer: Philip Deery</p> <p>Director: Dean Epton</p>	<p>Cabinet - Housing and Built Environment (Cllr Rollins)</p>	Public	17 January 2024		Cabinet Report

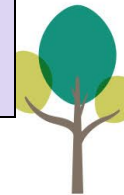


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7	<p>Smoke Control Area and associated enforcement procedure</p> <p>It is proposed that the boroughwide SCO and the associated enforcement policy should come into force on 1 July 2024</p> <p>Contact Officer: Elizabeth Stephens</p> <p>Director: Director of Public Health, Liann Brookes-Smith</p>	<p>Cabinet Public Health and Communities (Cllr Khatun)</p>	<p>Public</p>	<p>17 January 2024</p>		<p>App 1 Borough of Sandwell Smoke Control Order 2022. App 2 Draft Sandwell Smoke Control Area Enforcement Guide. App 3 Draft Sandwell Smoke Control Area Comms Plan. App 4 How to light a fire. App 5 Smoke Control Area FAQ App 6 Cost of living info/signposting. App 7 Risk register App 8 Smoke Control Area Enforcement EIA App 9 Options Appraisal – No financial penalty vs civil financial penalty notice</p>



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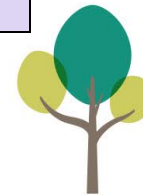
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13	<p>Village Green Status – Goldicroft Park To approve the registering of Goldicroft Park as a Village Green through self application</p> <p>Contact Officer: Matthew Huggins</p> <p>Director: Alice Davey, Director of Borough Economy</p>	<p>Cabinet - Leisure and Tourism (Cllr Padda)</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>17 January 2024</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Cabinet Report for Decision</p>



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21	Regional Speed Enforcement Director: Alice Davey – Director of Borough Economy	Cabinet - Environment & Highways (Cllr Millard)		7 February 2024		
22	Archives Centre Contact Officer: Dawn Winter Director: Alice Davey – Director of Borough Economy	Cabinet – Leisure and Tourism (Cllr Padda)		7 February 2024		



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23	<p>Boroughwide Public Spaces Protection Order Renewals / Extensions Alcohol, Dogs & Use of BBQs on public land</p> <p>Contact Officer: Tessa Mitchell</p> <p>Director: Alice Davey</p>	<p>Cabinet Public Health & Communities (Cllr Khatun)</p>		7 February 2024	January 2024	



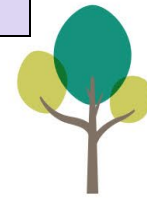
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32	Funding for Heritage – Oak House Contact Officer: Dawn Winter Director: Alice Davey – Director of Borough Economy	Cabinet – Leisure and Tourism (Cllr Padda)		13 March 2024		



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33	<p>Events Governance and Safety Advisory Group Terms of Reference</p> <p>Contact Officer: Matthew Huggins</p> <p>Director: Alice Davey – Director of Borough Economy</p>	<p>Cabinet - Leisure and Tourism (Cllr Padda)</p>		<p>13 March 2024</p>		



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34	<p>Sandwell Valley Master Plan and 10 Year Business Plan</p> <p>Contact Officer: Matthew Huggins</p> <p>Director: Alice Davey – Director of Borough Economy</p>	<p>Cabinet - Leisure and Tourism (Cllr Padda)</p>		<p>13 March 2024</p>		



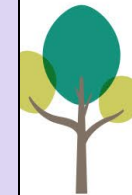
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35	<p>Fishing Policy</p> <p>Contact Officer: Matthew Huggins</p> <p>Director: Alice Davey – Director of Borough Economy</p>	<p>Cabinet - Leisure and Tourism (Cllr Padda)</p>		<p>13 March 2024</p>		



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38	<p>Bid to Arts Council England – Libraries Improvement Fund Round 3 (depending on amount)</p> <p>Contact Officer: Dawn Winter</p> <p>Director: Alice Davey – Director of Borough Economy</p>	<p>Cabinet - Leisure and Tourism (Cllr Padda)</p>		<p>June 2024</p>		



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39	Sandwell Cultural Compact Contact Officer: Dawn Winter Director: Alice Davey – Director of Borough Economy	Cabinet - Leisure and Tourism (Cllr Padda)		June 2024		
40	Cultural Development Fund Bid Contact Officer: Dawn Winter Director: Alice Davey – Director of Borough Economy	Cabinet - Leisure and Tourism (Cllr Padda)		June 2024		



	Title/Subject	Decision Maker	Public or exempt report? If exempt – state reason for exemption	Decision Date	Pre or post decision Scrutiny to be carried out? (Board and date)	List of documents to be considered
41	<p>Allotments Review and Strategy</p> <p>Contact Officer: Matthew Huggins</p> <p>Director: Alice Davey – Director of Borough Economy</p>	<p>Cabinet - Leisure and Tourism (Cllr Padda)</p>		June 2024		



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Scrutiny Board Work Programme 2023/24



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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
11 July 2023	Borough of Sanctuary	Louis Bebb/ Jennifer Collins
	Approval of 2023/24 Municipal Year Work Programme	Alex Goddard/ John Swann
31 August 2023	HMOs – Additional Licensing and Article 4 Direction	John Baker/ Alison Bishop/ Carl Mercer
12 September 2023	Neighbourhood Partnerships Team Update	Manny Sehmbi/ Marcia Sandel-Massey
	Future Provision of Leisure Services Update	Ben Percival
	Haden Hill Leisure Centre Rebuild	Ben Percival
26 September 2023	Asset Management Strategy	Sarah Ager



12 October 2023	Programme of works 22/23 annual review	Matt Huggins
	Playing Pitch Strategy Actions and Implementation – Establishment of Working Group	Democratic Services/Rob Marlow
27 November 2023 - Cancelled	Sandwell Valley Masterplan Update (Deferred to 18 December 2023)	Matt Huggins
7 December 2023 - Cancelled	Tenant Satisfaction Survey Outcomes (Deferred)	Nigel Collumbell
	Safer Green Spaces Strategy (Deferred)	Matt Huggins
	SLT Fees & Charges for January 2024 implementation (Deferred to 18 December 2023)	Ben Percival
18 December 2023	Sandwell Valley Masterplan	Matt Huggins
	SLT Fees & Charges for January 2024 Implementation	Ben Percival
17 January 2024	Heritage Strategy Journey Update	Dawn Winter
	Boroughwide Public Spaces Protection Order	Tessa Mitchell
29 January 2024	Tenant Satisfaction Survey Outcomes	Nigel Collumbell



15 February 2024	Safer Green Spaces Strategy	Matt Huggins
	Housing Regulation Changes	Phil Deary
14 March 2024	Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy and Adaptations for Disabled Tenants in Council Housing	Nigel Collumbell
	Fees & Charges (inc concessions) for LATC / Sandwell Aquatic Centre Update	Ben Percival
	Safer Sandwell Partnership	Chief Supt. Maria Fox/Tessa Mitchell
	Green Spaces Strategy 2024/25 and Programme of Works 2024/25	Matt Huggins



To be Scheduled

Reports of the Tenant and Leaseholder Scrutiny Group on:- (Nigel Collumbell/ Marianne Munro) – (Dependent upon T+LSG Work Programming – timescales TBC)

- Building Safety Review
- Responsive Repairs & Customer Satisfaction Review

Housing Hub Review (Report of the Tenant and Leaseholder Scrutiny Group) - Implementation of Recommendations Update. – Nigel Collumbell

Working Group:

- Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy on Adaptations for Disabled Tenants in Council Housing.

Article 4 and Additional Licensing consultation outcomes to be brought before the Board when available

Housing Repairs Update – Sarah Ager

Leisure Service Provision Update – 2026 – Ben Percival

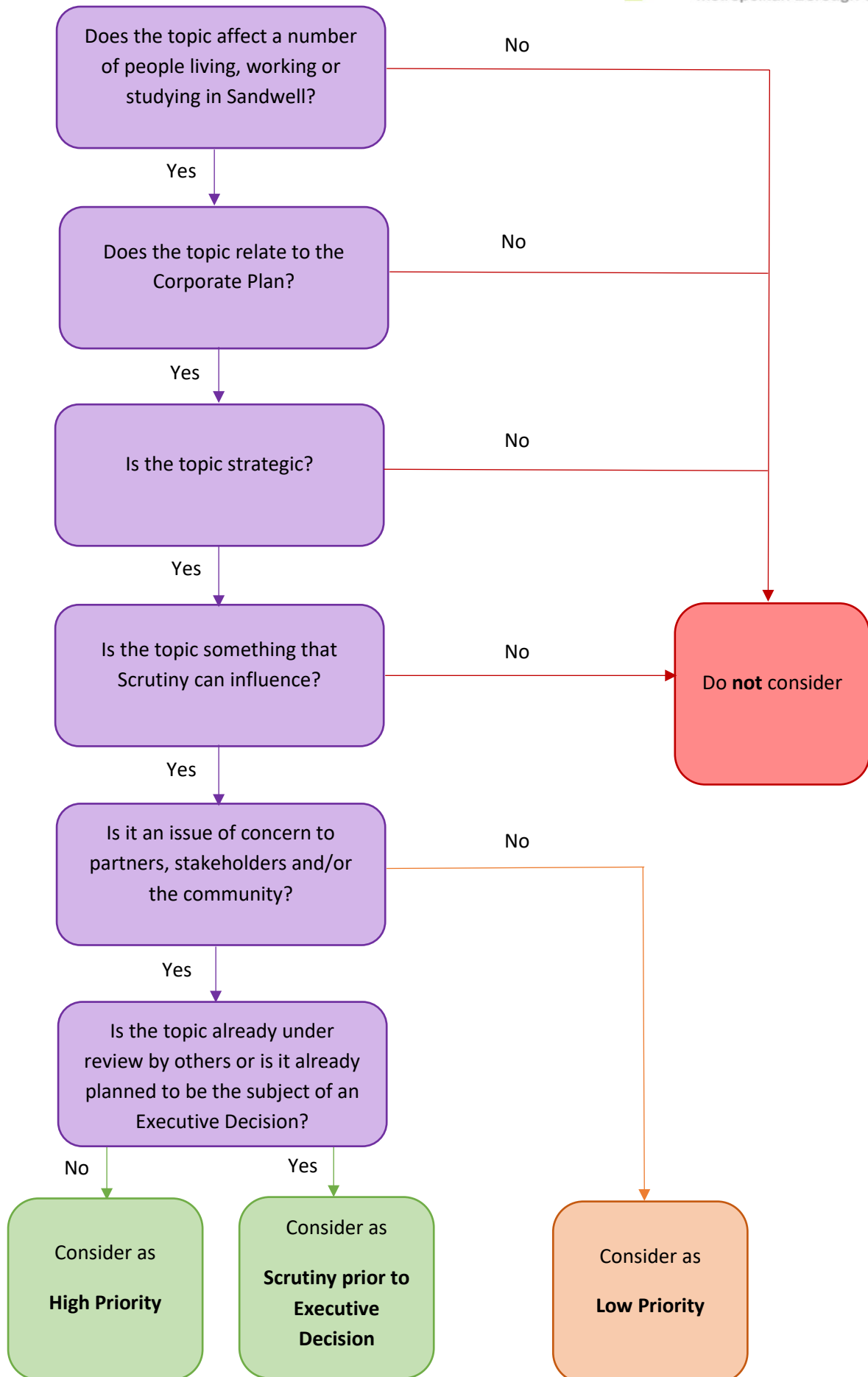
Haden Hill Project Update - TBC – Ben Percival

Rewilding Strategy – to be added to the work programme for the 2024/2025 municipal year.

Allotments Review and Strategy – to be added to the work programme for the 2024/2025 municipal year.

Utilisation of confectionary stands in Sandwell Parks including associated revenues





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