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Agenda Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board

Thursday, 12 October 2023 at 6.00 pm
At Council Chamber - Sandwell Council House, Oldbury

- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 **Declarations of Interest**

Members to declare any interests in matters to be discussed at the meeting.

3 Additional Items of Business

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

4 Green Spaces Annual Report 22/23 and Programme of Works Progress 22/23

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To consider and comment upon the Green Spaces Annual Report 22/23 and the Programme of Works Progress 22/23.

















5	Playing Pitch Strategy Action Plan and Prioritisation - Establishment of a Steering Group	29 - 34
	To consider the establishment of a steering group to support the completion, adoption and	

6 Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Action Tracker

implementation of the Playing Pitch Strategy.

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To consider and note progress on the implementation of actions and recommendations.

7 Cabinet Forward Plan and Board Work Programme

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Standing item to consider the work programme of the Board and the Cabinet Forward Plan.

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Report to Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board

12 October 2023

Subject:	Green Spaces Annual Report 22/23 and
	Programme of Works Progress 22/23
Director:	Alice Davey
	Director Borough Economy
Contact Officer:	Matthew Huggins
	Assistant Director Borough Economy

1 Recommendations

1.1 That the Board considers and comments upon the Green Spaces Annual Report 22/23 and the Programme of works progress 22/23.

2 Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 The Green Spaces Strategy 2022 25 set out an approach for Cabinet to approve and publish an annual report and an annual programme of planned works for green spaces.
- 2.2 The planned programme of works includes all funding sources, whether Council funded or externally funded.
- 2.3 The programme of works are organised by priorities (1 3), with a focus on completing priority 1 works as approved in the Green Spaces Strategy 2022 25. The recommendations for the programme of works are based on these priorities, with those most impactful on the health and safety of green space users being the focus.

















3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?



Best start in life for children and young people Play areas and outdoor sports provision is improved.



Strong resilient communities
People have access to quality green spaces

4 Context and Key Issues

- 4.1 The overall quality score for Sandwell, taken from the Green Spaces Audit in 2018, is 34/100 which is mostly consistent with the previous two Green Spaces Audits. The Green Spaces Strategy 22 25 set out a plan to focus on improving green spaces with poor or very poor status.
- 4.2 The Council have commissioned improvement plans for 202 green spaces, 189 of which are now completed. These list all works in the three priority groups, as well as aspirational improvements for the green space. Work is now taking place to review these plans in detail, and to develop a five-year programme of works based on these with options for consideration by Cabinet in Autumn 2023.
- 4.3 The Green Spaces Strategy 22 25 also committed to complete an annual report, showing the progress against the published programme of annual works and the objectives set out within the strategy. The annual report for the municipal year 22/23 is attached in appendix A.
- 4.4 The Green Spaces Annual Report 22/23 shows that 90% of planned works were completed within the municipal year. Where works have not yet been completed, this is because of contractor delays or seasonal based work requirements and will be completed in 23/24. These works are listed in Appendix A1.
- 4.5 As well as the programme of works, progress has also been made against Green Spaces Strategy Objectives. These include:
 - Opening a new Cabin Snack Shack at the Adventure Playground, Sandwell Valley.
 - Opening a new Wagon Coffee Bar at the Forge Mill Farm Play Area entrance, at Forge Mill Lake.
 - Opening a new Café at Dartmouth Park Pavilion.



















- Opening a new Café at West Smethwick Park Pavilion
- Completing works on £5.2m of National Lottery Heritage Fund and SMBC funded improvement works at West Smethwick Park, including opening a brand-new Pavilion for community use.
- Securing £85,000 of levelling up funding for Black Patch Park improvements, to take place in 23/24.
- Securing £1.37m of UKSPF funding for green space improvements at Forge Mill Farm and The Railer, linked to education and outreach.
- The appointment of an education and outreach team and a volunteer development officer, to support green space improvements.
- The launch of an education and outreach offer and classroom visits, starting with Forge Mill Farm and countryside education.
- A new Trees Strategy, with a commitment and funding to inspect and complete remedial works in red risk areas – which includes all our green spaces.
- A review of allotments provision commissioned and completed, due for Cabinet decision making process in 23/24.
- £156,000 funding secured from English Cricket Board for the improvement of 12 sites.
- Work began on the Sandwell Valley Urban Bike Track, a £630,000 project jointly funded between Sport England, Sandwell Council, and Birmingham Council.
- Completion of a pilot for the Environment Response Team with over 160 green space sites cleared to date. Hot Spot Solutions Team permanently established to continue this work.
- Consultation on Friends Groups Ways of Working and new agreements in place between groups and the Council, with quarterly meetings and additional supports.
- Built facilities review started on green spaces-built facilities, due for completion in 23/24.
- 4.6 In relation to improvements in our approach to transparency around programme of works for 23/24, including feedback from the last Scrutiny session on the Green Spaces Strategy, this year we will:
 - a. In Oct be sending out ward / town level information about programme of works for 23/24.
 - b. Establishing 'volunteer days' where communities and their representatives and other stakeholders (including staff) can work with green spaces and green services team to complete volunteer actions as identified in the programme of works.

















c. Send out a member questionnaire on the programme of works for 24/25 to seek input into this from ward members.

Implications 5

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Resources:	The resources are those available within the budgets
	set by the council, S106 for relevant sites, capital
	reserve funds for relevant sites, and other external
	funding.
Legal and	The Council has a legal obligation and under the
Governance:	Health and Safety Act (1974), along with other Acts,
	to keep assets and property owned by the Council
	safe. This includes play areas and green space
	facilities. The programme of works are prioritised
	based on their potential impact on the health and
	safety of users.
Risk:	Risks include not being able to complete the full
	programme of works because of weather, contract
	delays, or resource issues. In this case, the
	programme of works will be continued to the following
	year.
Equality:	The targeting of green spaces with the lowest quality
	scores are in some of the most deprived areas of
	Sandwell. This gives access to green space for
	Sandwell residents who need it most.
Health and	The improvement of gym equipment, biking
Wellbeing:	equipment, and other green space improvements
	significantly impacts health and wellbeing.
Social Value:	We will increase the use of local traders where
	possible for work that is contracted out for the
	programme of works.
Climate	The maintenance of our green spaces contributes to
Change:	biodiversity in the Borough and the maintenance of
	our conservation.
Corporate	Activities and events in Green Spaces will be targeted
Parenting:	to children looked after by the Council, including the
	provision of free tickets to children looked after and
	care leavers.

















6 Appendices

Appendix A - Green Spaces Annual Report 2022/23 Appendix B - Green Space Programme of Works 2022/23 progress

7. Background Papers

Green Spaces Strategy and Implementation Plan 22 - 25





















Green Spaces Annual Progress Report

2022 - 2023

Cabinet Member for Leisure and Tourism: Councillor Charn Singh Padda

Director of Borough Economy: Alice Davey

Assistant Director (Green Spaces): Matthew Huggins

Sandwell Has...





~>	25	Multi-Use Games Areas (MUGAS)
W	23	Areas (MUGAS)

12 BMX Tracks 🔌









40 allotment 1,366 plots 3

Level 1 Typology	Number	Area (Ha)	% of Total (Area)
Allotments	40	43.72	6.3
Amenity Greenspace	211	269.33	38.9
Cemeteries & Churchyards	21	80.60	3.9
Green Corridor	22	75.36	4.1
Institutional Land	90	216.67	16.6
Natural & Semi-Natural Greenspace	75	727.83	13.8
Outdoor Sports Facilities	48	334.61	8.8
Parks & Gardens	32	264.89	5.9
Provision for Children & Young People	10	5.30	1.8
Total	543	2018.31	100.0

Sandwell Green Spaces

Our Green Spaces Team develop our green spaces, including:

- Completing monthly and annual inspections of all our play equipment (over 800 pieces of equipment, across 69 sites).
- Managing our green spaces facilities, including pavilions, changing rooms, and toilets.
- Managing our football pitch bookings and working with our sports team to improve outdoor sports activity in green spaces.
- Working with partners to manage 1,366 allotment plots.
- Maintaining Green Flag Awards for 9 parks & gardens.
- Working with external partners and funders do develop our green spaces, including multi-million-pound investments.

- Working with our friend's groups and community groups who use and support our green spaces.
- Managing a new volunteer and education programme for our green spaces.
- Developing our nature reserves and supporting our climate change objectives.
- Managing our destination sites, including Sandwell Valley Country Park, and Lightwoods House and Park.
- Working with our events team to use green spaces for community and external events, including fairs.

Our Green Services Team maintain our green spaces, which includes:







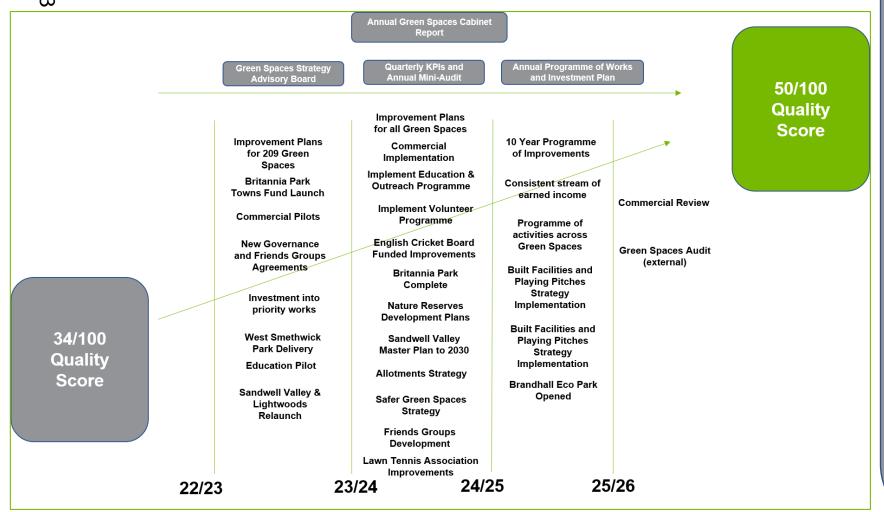






Maintaining & line marking for our pitches.

Sandwell Green Spaces Strategy: Our Approach



- Focus on priority works only for 2022/2023 to achieve zero base on current health and safety / significant community impact issues.
- Implement actions from the Green Spaces
 Strategy recommendations that can be
 achieved in the following 3 financial
 years. Prioritise those actions that allow a
 transition to a Green Spaces Strategy that
 works towards the vision set out.
 - Continue to maintain the Green Flag Awards currently held; but prioritise further improvements to neighbourhood and local level green spaces (green corridors, play areas, smaller parks, and amenity green spaces) in wards with the highest levels of deprivation.
- Learn from best practice approaches in green spaces strategy and build internal capacity to work towards this.
- Modernise ways of working: more efficient, transparent, and driven.
- Reconfigure the service to empower community and stakeholder engagement in the development, management, and maintenance of green spaces, and achieve synergy with other services to deliver on the corporate plan and 2030 ambitions.
- Lay the foundations to secure the financial future of our green spaces.

£935k Actual 22/23 **Spend**

Play Areas **Improved**

West Smethwick Park **Victoria Park Tipton** Victoria Park Smethwick **Timbertree Open Space** Sandwell Valley Adventure **Ron Davies Close** Redhouse Park **Pitfields Close Play Area Mousesweet Play Area Marl Hole Park** Lyng Play Area **Lightwoods Park** Oakwood Park Laybourne Park Play Area (NEW) **Hydes Road Play Area Hill Top Park Harry Mitchell Park Galton Village Play Area Dartmouth Park Churchfields Play Area Charlemont Open Space Bury Hill Park Brunswick Park Broadwell Park** Brindley Village Doulton Dr. **Brickhouse Play Area** Bilston Road, Norman Deeley **Balls Hall Play Area**









6 Swing **Basket** Replaced

Zip Slides . Replaced

26 **MUGA 10**year line marking

BMX/ Repairs

10 Nature Reserves **Improved**

10 Major Green **Space Projects**

33 **Allotment Plots** Back in Use

Green Spaces Programme of Works 22/23

> £3.071m direct spend on works in 22/23



2 New Multi-**Use Games** Areas in **Progress**





BRITANNIA PARK – TOWNS FUND

Work is well underway on the £2.4m investment into Britannia Park, due for completion in March 2024. The project includes new changing rooms and community engagement facilities, creation of new allotment plots, landscaping and conservation improvements, a new play area, and new outdoor sports facilities.



SMALL SIDED PLAYING PITCHES

This project will upgrade eight existing Multi Use Games Areas across the borough. This includes new surfacing, lighting and the opportunity to book the facility for groups or individuals to use for various formal and informal sporting activities. All sites will cater for football provision, and some sites will focus on Basketball or Cricket. Phase One has begun with West Smethwick Park, entirely funded (approximate cost - £280k) from Sport England and the Football Foundation. The current anticipated completion for this project is August 2023.



WEST SMETHWICK PARK - NLHF

The main construction and landscaping works were completed in 2022, with the West Smethwick Park Pavilion and Café opened in August. The NLHF and Sandwell Council funded project has improved landscape features, conservation, restoration and refurbishment of heritage features, new outdoor gym equipment and furniture, play area refurbishments, and improvements to the Son's of Rest building. The project includes a Community Engagement Officer with a programme of free engagement activities from the park and pavilion until 2024.





SANDWELL VALLEY URBAN BIKE TRACK

Work began in 2022 on the Sandwell Valley Urban Bike Track, due to open in August 2023. The new cycle trails will offer enhanced facilities for families, children and young people, as well as cyclists of all abilities. The £620,000 project is funded by Sport England, with match funding from Birmingham and Sandwell Councils.

OUR HOT SPOT SOLUTIONS GROUP

HOT SPOT SOLUTIONS GROUP

The pilot team set up to clean and refresh open spaces that were littered, fly tipped, and overgrown has improved over 160 sites so far. The team is now permanent and supported by a group of senior officers from across services to tackle open spaces with multiple issues affecting. The team now includes a community officer and additional dedicated support from environmental enforcement.

NEW CRICKET FUNDING

A £133,000 grant from the English Cricket Board will install and replace numerous Non-Turf Cricket wickets across various Green Spaces within the Borough. This project will see the supply of 13 non-turf cricket wickets and also the refurbishment of the Non-Turf cricket Net at Victoria Park in Smethwick, in place by summer 2023.

KEY PROJECTS IN 22/23

Green Spaces Strategy Objectives 22/23 Progress Summary

These are the objectives set out in the Green Spaces Strategy Implementation and Business Plan 22 – 25



Improve accessibility and use of green spaces for sport and physical activity.

Small Sided Playing Pitches Project commissioned two new MUGA improvements for 22/23.

Urban Bike Track Tender Awarded.

English Cricket Board Funding Approved (£156k)

Lawn Tennis Association funding for Tennis Courts Refurbs

Mapping of sports and physical activity and strategy for 23/24 onwards

Jubilee Park Astro Turf Project Completed

Improve stakeholder engagement in the development, management, and maintenance of green spaces.

Friends Groups Consultation and new partnership agreement and ways of working approved.

Friends Groups information on ways of working and funding signposting online.

Stakeholder Analysis for Green Spaces completed for wider stakeholder engagement

Friends Groups Training and Online Resources / Friends Groups Quarterly Meetings Increase average quality score for green spaces by 10 points, with a clear strategy to achieve 'good' by 2030.

189 Green Space Improvement Plans Completed

Grounds improvements works completed on 5 low scoring parks, and 22 amenity spaces and green corridors

New interpretation and signage in all nature reserves and parks with average scores

Target score improvements for 23/24 for priority sites with low scores

Improve accessibility and use of green spaces to target health inequalities, loneliness, disability, dementia, and mental health.

Accessibility Audit commissioned for green spaces for users with disabilities.

Volunteer Development Officer and strategy in place for launch.

West Smethwick Park Engagement Coordinator in place with Community Engagement Plan for 22/23 – 23/24

Volunteer Recruitment Campaign launched (100 volunteers recruited).

Accessibility projects to target health inequalities, loneliness, disability, dementia, and mental health for 23/24

Continue to improve the security and safety of green spaces.

Environment Response Team over 160 sites to date cleared of waste / overgrowth

New solar lights at St Martins Way Open Space

Campaigns on litter and BBQs during summer, including increased security

Hot Spot Solutions Group established to deal with hot spot sites

Safer Green Spaces Strategy

BBQs and Fire Prevention Plan for summer 2023

New anti-social behaviour and water safety signs in all parks and nature reserves

Hot Spot Solutions Group and increased enforcement to deal with hot spot sites

Increase funding for green spaces through income generation, fundraising and external grants, and efficiencies in processes, systems and ways of working.

3 New Café / Coffee Bars Opened

Hateley Cross Big Local 22/23 Spend Achieved

LUF Secured (£85k - Black Patch Park)

£1.37m UKSPF Secured for Green Spaces Improvements at Sandwell Valley / Railer

£100k additional funding from WMCA for community led green space projects

Transitioned to digital systems for venue hire (LIVE), digital project management (LIVE) and PSS Live (LIVE)

Funding scoping report completed \$106 3 Year Spend Plan

Income Generation Strategy for Green Spaces

Review of Green Spaces Built Facilities and Assets

Pilot two dog washing stations

Support to Friends Groups to raise funds for green space improvements

Improve the accessibility and use of green spaces buildings and facilities – achieving maximum utilisation of spaces.

West Smethwick Park Pavilion Open

WSP Sons of Rest Building Refurb

Online booking for facilities now LIVE

Utilisation model and targets for earned income use / community use

Complete review of all green spaces built facilities and assets

Dartmouth Park Pavilion and Red House Park Pavilion programme of works

Improve the provision of allotments and community food production.

Allotments review commissioned.

Allotments review completed and Allotments Strategy

Increase educational activity for children and young people in green spaces, conservation, wildlife management, and access to nature.

Education and national curriculum linked programme for Forge Mill Farm and Animal Welfare LIVE

School Visits pilots bookings LIVE for Q3/Q4

Partnership with Sandwell College for work experience and internships

New classroom facilities for education at Sandwell Valley and Forge Mill Farm

Education and Outreach Strategy for Green Spaces

Partnership with Groundworks and Colleges for Green Space Careers (UKSPF)

Improve the management and development of nature reserves and wildlife.

One Nature Reserve Management Plan Completed (Sot's Hole)

Programme of Works 22/23 approved for 309k of immediate improvements

Trees Strategy and plans in place for inspecting and mapping all trees in red risk areas

Trees Planting Officer recruited and planting strategy in place

Re-wilding Strategy
Wildlife Management Policy and Approach

Achieve excellent governance, oversight, and management of green spaces.

Programme of works for 22/23 published.

Green Spaces Strategy Implementation and Business Plan approved.

Performance dashboards in place with Cabinet Member. **Green Spaces Strategy Advisory Group set up**

Green Spaces Quarterly Progress Published

Green Spaces 22/23 Annual Report June 23

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Play Area Refurbs

Play Area Returbs										
Name	Town	Ward	Label	Total Cost	Commissione	Vorks In Progres	s/lid Works Progre	es Final Works	Progress	Description / Comment
Bilston Road Open Space Norm D Play Area	Tipton	Princes End		£ 38,208	Completed				100%	Refurb of Play Equipment, New Equipment & New Safety Surfacing
Brickhouse Play Area	Rowley Regis	Rowley Regis		£ 28,959	Completed				100%	Refurb of Play Equipment, New Equipment & New Safety Surfacing
Brindley Village Doulton Dr Play Area	Smethwick	Smethwick		£ 16,823	Completed				100%	Refurb of Play Equipment, New Equipment & New Safety Surfacing
Broadwell Park Play Area	Oldbury	Oldbury		£ 40,620	Completed				100%	Refurb of Play Equipment, New Equipment & New Safety Surfacing
Brunswick Park	Wednesbury	Wednesbury North		£ 10,006	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Repair to DDA Roundabout
Bury Hill Park Play Area	Rowley Regis	Tividale		£ 24,465	Completed				100%	Refurb of Play Equipment & New Safety Surfacing
Charlemont Open Space Play Area	West Bromwich	Charlemont with Grove Vale		£ 9,714	Completed			Completed	100%	Refurb of Play Equipment, New Equipment & New Safety Surfacing
Churchfields Play Area	West Bromwich	West Bromwich		£ 39,635	Completed				100%	Refurb of Play Equipment & New Safety Surfacing
Dartmouth Park Play Area	West Bromwich	West Bromwich Central		£ 46,999	Completed				100%	Refurb of Play Equipment & New Safety Surfacing
Galton Village Play Area	Smethwick	St. Pauls		£ 34,893	Completed				100%	Refurb of Play Equipment & New Safety Surfacing
Harry Mitchell Park Play Area	Smethwick	Smethwick		£ 29,889	Completed				100%	Refurb of Play Equipment & New Safety Surfacing
Hill Top Park Play Area	Oldbury	Bristnall		£ 21,242	Completed				100%	Refurb of Play Equipment, New Equipment & New Safety Surfacing
Hydes Road Play Area	Wednesbury	Wednesbury South		£ 27,121	Completed				100%	Refurb of Play Equipment, New Equipment & New Safety Surfacing
Laybourne Park Play Area (NEW PLAY AREA)	Tipton	Princes End		£ 29,835	Completed				100%	New Play Area
Oakwood Park Play Area	West Bromwich	West Bromwich Central		£ 14,423	Completed				100%	LAB Funded Refurb of Play Equipment & New Safety Surfacing
Lyng Play Area	West Bromwich	Greets Green and Lyng		£ 28,486	Completed				100%	Refurb of Play Equipment & Repair Safety Surfacing
Marl Hole Park Play Area	West Bromwich	West Bromwich		£ 67,078	Completed				100%	Refurb of Play Equipment, New Equipment & New Safety Surfacing
Mousesweet Play Area	Rowley Regis	Cradley Heath and Old Hill		£ 56,458	Completed				100%	Refurb of Play Equipment, New Equipment & New Safety Surfacing
Pitfields Close Play Area	Oldbury	Oldbury		£ 25,882	Completed				100%	Refurb of Play Equipment & New Safety Surfacing
Redhouse Park Play Area	West Bromwich	Great Barr with Yew Tree		£ 13,978	Completed				100%	Refurb of Play Equipment & New Safety Surfacing
Ron Davies Close Play Area	Smethwick	Smethwick		£ 19,172	Completed				100%	Refurb of Play Equipment & New Safety Surfacing
Sandwell Valley Adventure Play area	West Bromwich	West Bromwich Central		£ 41,225	Completed				100%	Refurb of Play Equipment & New Safety Surfacing
Timbertree Open Space & Play Area	Rowley Regis	Cradley Heath and Old Hill		£ 17,152	Completed				100%	Refurb of Play Equipment & New Safety Surfacing
Victoria Park Smk Play Area	Smethwick	Soho and Victoria		£ 25,636	Completed				100%	Refurb of Play Equipment & New Safety Surfacing
Victoria Park Tipton Play Area	Tipton	Tipton Green		£ 25,282	Completed				100%	Refurb of Play Equipment & New Safety Surfacing
West Smethwick Park Play Area	Smethwick	St. Pauls		£ 87,654	Completed				100%	Refurb of Play Equipment & New Safety Surfacing
Ratcliffe Park Play Area	West Bromwich	West Bromwich		£ 9,732	Completed				100%	Minor Refurb of Play Area
Tibbington Play Area	Tipton	Tipton Green		£ 10,950	Completed				100%	Minor Refurb of Play Area
				£ 841,517					100%	

Basket Swings

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Name	Town	Ward	Label	Total Co	st Commissione	Vorks In Progres	Mid Works Progre	s Final Works	Progress	
Brades Green Play Area	Oldbury	Oldbury		£ 2,70	7 Completed				100%	Repair to existing Basket Swing
Charlemont Open Space Play Area	West Bromwich Cha	rlemont with Grove Vale		£ 2,70	7 Completed				100%	Repair to existing Basket Swing
Kent Rd	Wednesbury	Friar Park		£ 2,70	7 Completed				100%	Repair to existing Basket Swing
Mary MacArthur Gdns	Rowley Regis Cra	adley Heath and Old Hill		£ 2,70	7 Completed				100%	Repair to existing Basket Swing
Redhouse Park Play Area	West Bromwich Gre	eat Barr with Yew Tree		£ 2,70	7 Completed				100%	Repair to existing Basket Swing
Redwood Road Play Area	West Bromwich Gre	eat Barr with Yew Tree		£ 7,03	3 Completed				100%	Repair to existing Basket Swing
				£ 20,56	18				100%	

Zip Slides

Name	Town	Ward	Label	Label Total Cost Commissione/Vorks In Progres/lid Works Progres Final Works Progress						
Tividale Park	Oldbury	Oldbury		£ 4,3	26 Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Repair to existing Zip Wire

Ratcliffe Park Play Area	West Bromwich		£	4,326				Completed	100%	Repair to existing Zip Wire
Victoria Park Tipton Play Area	Tipton	Tipton Green	£	4,326				Completed	100%	Repair to existing Zip Wire
Langley Park Play Area	Oldbury	Langley	£	4,326				Completed	100%	Repair to existing Zip Wire
Redhouse Park Play Area	West Bromwich	Great Barr with Yew Tree	£	4,326	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Repair to existing Zip Wire
Jubilee Park Play Area	Tipton	Great Bridge	£	4,326	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Repair to existing Zip Wire
Redwood Road Play Area	West Bromwich	Great Barr with Yew Tree	£	4,326	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Repair to existing Zip Wire
			£	30.282					100%	

BMX and Skate Parks

Name	Town	Ward	Label	Total Cos	t Commissione	Vorks In Progres	Aid Works Progre	s Final Works	Progress	
BMX - Norman Deeley Play Area, Muga & BMX	Wednesbury	Wednesbury North	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ -	Completed				100%	Repair / Refurb of existing skatepark - including ramps and surfacing
BMX - Barnford Hill Park - Junior & Toddler	Oldbury	Bristnall	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ 2,64	8 Completed				100%	Repair / Refurb of existing skatepark - including ramps and surfacing
BMX - Brunswick Park Play Area	Wednesbury	Wednesbury North	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ 3,82	2 Completed	In progress	Not Started	Not Started	25%	Works due to commence - 19th June 2023
BMX - Charlemont Open Space and Skate Park	West Bromwich	Charlemont with Grove Vale	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ 26,83	2 Completed				100%	Repair / Refurb of existing skatepark - including ramps and surfacing
BMX - Farley Park Playground	Tipton	Great Bridge	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ 4,65	8 Completed				100%	Repair / Refurb of existing skatepark - including ramps and surfacing
BMX - Lightwoods House and Park	Smethwick	Abbey	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ 9,35	0 Completed				100%	Repair / Refurb of existing skatepark - including ramps and surfacing
BMX - Victoria Park Tipton Toddler PA2	Tipton	Tipton Green	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ 21,51	6 Completed	Completed Completed Completed		100%	Repair / Refurb of existing skatepark - including ramps and surfacing	
				£ 68,82	6				89%	

Multi-Use Games Areas

Name	Town	Ward	Label	Total Cost	Commissione	Vorks In Progres	Aid Works Progre	s Final Works	Progress	s
MUGA - Barnford Hill Park - Junior & Toddler	Oldbury	Bristnall	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ 225	Completed				100%	Line Marking to existing Multi-Use Games Areas
MUGA - Bearmore Open Space, Play Area and MUGA	Rowley Regis	Cradley Heath and Old Hill	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ 225	Completed				100%	Line Marking to existing Multi-Use Games Areas
MUGA - Brades Green Play Area & MUGA	Oldbury	Oldbury	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ 225	Completed				100%	Line Marking to existing Multi-Use Games Areas
MUGA - Britannia Park Junior, Toddler, MUGA & Skatepark	Rowley Regis	Blackheath	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ 225	Completed				100%	Line Marking to existing Multi-Use Games Areas
MUGA - Bury Hill Park	Rowley Regis	Tividale	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ 225	Completed				100%	Line Marking to existing Multi-Use Games Areas
MUGA - Brunswick Park Play Area	Wednesbury	Wednesbury North	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ 225	Completed				100%	Line Marking to existing Multi-Use Games Areas
MUGA - Farley Park Playground	Tipton	Great Bridge	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ 225	Completed				100%	Line Marking to existing Multi-Use Games Areas
MUGA - Friar Park Open Space, Play Area & MUGA	Wednesbury	Friar Park	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ 225	Completed				100%	Line Marking to existing Multi-Use Games Areas
MUGA - New MUGA at Jubilee Park (funding through Small Sided Playing	Tipton	Great Bridge	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ 225	Completed				100%	Line Marking to existing Multi-Use Games Areas
MUGA - Galton Village Heritage Centre	Smethwick	St. Pauls	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ 225	Completed				100%	Line Marking to existing Multi-Use Games Areas
MUGA - Greets Green Open Space, Play Area & Muga	West Bromwich	Greets Green and Lyng	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ 225	Completed				100%	Line Marking to existing Multi-Use Games Areas
MUGA - Haden Hill Park MUGA & Play Area	Rowley Regis	Cradley Heath and Old Hill	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ 225	Completed				100%	Line Marking to existing Multi-Use Games Areas
MUGA - Harry Mitchell Park MUGA and Natural Play Area	Smethwick	Smethwick	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ 225	Completed				100%	Line Marking to existing Multi-Use Games Areas
MUGA - Jubilee Park Trim MUGA	Tipton	Great Bridge	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ 60,000	Completed				100%	ırb of former Astro-turf football area (project in conjunction with Sport England)
MUGA - Kenrick Park Play Area, Skate & Muga	West Bromwich	West Bromwich Central	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ 225	Completed				100%	Line Marking to existing Multi-Use Games Areas
MUGA - Lightwood Park Play Area, MUGA & Wheeled Sports	Smethwick	Abbey	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ 225	Completed				100%	Line Marking to existing Multi-Use Games Areas
MUGA - Montague Road Junior & Toddler	Smethwick	Soho and Victoria	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ 225	Completed				100%	Line Marking to existing Multi-Use Games Areas
MUGA - Norman Deeley Play Area, Muga & BMX	Wednesbury	Wednesbury North	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ 225	Completed			Completed	100%	Line Marking to existing Multi-Use Games Areas
MUGA - Oakwood Park Natural Play Area, Play Area & MUGA	West Bromwich	West Bromwich Central	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ 225	Completed				100%	Line Marking to existing Multi-Use Games Areas
MUGA - Queensway Open Space	Oldbury	Old Warley	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ 225	Completed				100%	Line Marking to existing Multi-Use Games Areas
MUGA - Red House Park Toddler & Junior Play Area	West Bromwich	Great Barr with Yew Tree	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ 225	Completed			Completed	100%	Line Marking to existing Multi-Use Games Areas
MUGA - Redwood Road Play Area	West Bromwich	Great Barr with Yew Tree	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ 225	Completed				100%	Line Marking to existing Multi-Use Games Areas
MUGA - Tividale Park Play Area, MUGA & Fitness	Oldbury	Oldbury	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ 225	Completed				100%	Line Marking to existing Multi-Use Games Areas
MUGA - Victoria Park Smethwick Junior, Toddler & Fitness	Smethwick	St. Pauls	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ 225	Completed			Completed	100%	Line Marking to existing Multi-Use Games Areas
MUGA - Victoria Park Tipton Toddler PA2	Tipton	Tipton Green	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ 225	Completed				100%	Line Marking to existing Multi-Use Games Areas
MUGA - West Smethwick Park Playzone Project	Smethwick	St. Pauls	outdoor Sports Facilitie	£ 100,000	Completed	In progress	Not Started	Not Started	25%	Work scheduled to commence in July 2023

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Play	/ Areas	Easy	Gate	Rei	pairs

Play Areas - Easy Gate Repairs										
Name	Town	Ward	Label	Total Cost	Commissione	Vorks In Progres	lid Works Progre	s Final Works	Progress	
Barnford Park Play Area	Oldbury	Bristnall		£ 1,400	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Bearmore Open Space & Play Area	Rowley Regis	Cradley Heath and Old Hill		£ 700	Completed				100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Bilston Road Open Space Norm D Play Area	Tipton	Princes End		£ 700	Completed				100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Brades Green Play Area	Oldbury	Oldbury		£ 700	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Brindley Village Play Area	Smethwick	Smethwick		£ 700	Completed				100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Britannia Park Play Area	Rowley Regis	Blackheath		£ 1,400	Completed				100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Broadwell Park Play Area	Oldbury	Oldbury		£ 700	Completed				100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Brunswick Park Play Area	Wednesbury	Wednesbury North		£ 700	Completed				100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Bury Hill Park Play Area	Rowley Regis	Tividale		£ 700	Completed				100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Carnegie Drive Play Area	Wednesbury	Wednesbury		£ 350	Completed				100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Cuin Road Play Area	Smethwick	Smethwick		£ 1,000	Completed				100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Charlemont Open Space Play Area	West Bromwich	Charlemont with Grove Vale		£ 700	Completed				100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Cradley Heath Community Centre Play Area	Rowley Regis	Rowley Regis		£ 1,000	Completed			Completed	100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Galton Village Play Area	Smethwick	St. Pauls		£ 700	Completed				100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Greets Green Open Space Play Area	West Bromwich	Greets Green and Lyng		£ 700	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Haden Hill Park Play Area	Rowley Regis	Cradley Heath and Old Hill		£ 700	Completed			Completed	100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Hartlebury Road/Harry price Hse Play Area	Oldbury	Langley		£ 1,000	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Hill Top Park Play Area	Oldbury	Bristnall		£ 1,400	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Hydes Road Play Area	Wednesbury	Wednesbury South		£ 700	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Jubilee Park Play Area	Tipton	Great Bridge		£ 700	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Kenrick Park Play Area	West Bromwich	West Bromwich Central		£ 700	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Langley Park Play Area	Oldbury	Langley		£ 700	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Lewisham Park Play Area	Smethwick	St. Pauls		£ 700	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Lightwoods Park Play Area	Smethwick	Abbey		£ 2,000	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Lyng Play Area	West Bromwich	Greets Green and Lyng		£ 700	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Marl Hole Park Play Area	West Bromwich	West Bromwich		£ 1,400	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Montague Road Play Area	Smethwick	Soho and Victoria		£ 1,000		Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Pitfields Close Play Area				£ 700	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Redhouse Park Play Area	West Bromwich	Great Barr with Yew Tree		£ 700	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Redwood Road Play Area	West Bromwich	Great Barr with Yew Tree		£ 1,050	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Ridding Mound Open Space Play Area	Rowley Regis	Rowley Regis		£ 700	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Ron Davies Close Play Area	Smethwick	Smethwick		£ 1,000	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Smethwick Hall Park Play Area	Smethwick	Smethwick		£ 350	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
St Giles Court Play Area	Oldbury	Oldbury		£ 1,000	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Timbertree Open Space & Play Area	Rowley Regis	Cradley Heath and Old Hill		£ 350	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Tividale Park Play Area	Oldbury	Oldbury		£ 700	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Unett Street Open Space Play Area	Smethwick	Soho and Victoria		£ 2,000		Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Victoria Park Tipton Play Area	Tipton	Tipton Green		£ 350		Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Victoria Park Play Area (Smethwick)	Smethwick	Soho and Victoria		£ 4,000		Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Wallace Close/Darley House Play Area	Oldbury	Oldbury		£ 4,000	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
Wednesbury Oak PF Play Area	Tipton	Princes End		£ 700		Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
West Smethwick Park Play Area	Smethwick	St. Pauls	Play Areas	£ 1,050	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
York Road Open Space Play Area	Oldbury	Langley	Play Areas	£ 700	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Refurb of existing Play Area Entrance Gates
	Oldbury	Langity	1 10,711005	£ 43,200		Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	. totals of onloning / lay rica Elitation Gales

Britannia Park Town's Fund Project

Name	Town	Ward	Label	Total Cost	Commissione	Vorks In Progres	Aid Works Progre	s Final Works	Progress	
Civils for Changing Rooms	Rowley Regis	Blackheath	Funded Projects		Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Concrete Foundations for New Building
Utilities Upgrade	Rowley Regis	Blackheath	Funded Projects	£ 60.000	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Installation of Ducting, Water & Drainage
Main Entrance Improvements	Rowley Regis	Blackheath	Funded Projects	£ 10,000	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	New Gates, Ped Footpath and 2 way vehicular access
Car Park Improvements and Street Lighting	Rowley Regis	Blackheath	Funded Projects	£ 437,000	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	New Car Park with Street Lighting
Pathway around perimeter	Rowley Regis	Blackheath	Funded Projects	£ 103,000	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	New Pathway completing route around the Park
Tree Surveys	Rowley Regis	Blackheath	Funded Projects	£ 2,100	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	, , ,
Tree works Phase 1 and 2	Rowley Regis	Blackheath	Funded Projects	£ 40,000	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Play Area	Rowley Regis	Blackheath	Funded Projects	£ 100,000	In Progress	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started	0%	Play Area works due to commence in September 2023. Ongoing project.
Design Fees	Rowley Regis	Blackheath	Funded Projects	£ 40,000	Completed	Completed	In progress	Not Started	50%	Commission over two year period - due for completion March 2024
CONTINGENCY (10%)	Rowley Regis	Blackheath	Funded Projects	£ 72,700	Completed	Completed	In progress	Not Started	50%	Commission over two year period - due for completion March 2025
				£ 914,800					80%	

Hateley Cross Big Local Project

Name	s Final Works	Progress									
Somerset Green - Installation of Basketball and Goal Posts	West Bromwich		Funded Projects	£	5,500					100%	New Basketball & Football Goal Posts
Kesteven Green - Installation of 4 x benches and 2 x bins	West Bromwich		Funded Projects	£	6,750					100%	New Furniture
Denbigh Drive - Installation of goal posts, 2 x bins, Tree Survey	West Bromwich		Funded Projects	£	4,750					100%	New Goal Posts & Bins
Westminster / Marsh Lane - Lifting & cutting back og overgrown shrubbery	West Bromwich	Hateley Heath	Funded Projects	£	10,250					100%	Green Services Clearance Work
Mill Pool - Removal of existing redundant infrastructure; installation of 4 bir	West Bromwich		Funded Projects	£	11,500					100%	Removal of old equipment
Mill Pool - Entrance improvements to Rydding Lane; Beverly Road; Footpa	West Bromwich		Funded Projects	£	33,000					100%	Improvements to Entrances, New Picnic Benches and Furniture
Mill Pool - Grounds Maintenance Uplift (Grounds Works)	West Bromwich		Funded Projects	£	7,500				Completed	100%	Green Services Clearance Work
Tree survey	West Bromwich		Funded Projects	£	1,275	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
			-	£	80,525					100%	

Green Space Improvements

Green Space Improvements											
Name	Town	Ward	Label	Т	otal Cost	Commissione	Vorks In Progres	Mid Works Progre	s Final Works	Progres	s
Red House Park - repair steps	West Bromwich	Great Barr with Yew Tree		£	8,000	Completed				100%	Refurb of existing steps in the lower part of the Park
Red House Park Pavilion - Internal Painting, replacement ceiling tiles, inter	West Bromwich	Great Barr with Yew Tree		£	10,000	Completed			In progress	85%	Works due to commence in June 2023
Corngreaves Nature Reserve - repair steps	Rowley Regis	Cradley Heath and Old Hill		£	13,787	Completed				100%	Repair of Steps following long period of closure due to dilapidation of area
Kenrick Park - footway resurfacing	West Bromwich	West Bromwich Central		£	15,000	Completed	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started	25%	Footway resurfacing due to commence in July 2023
Haden Hill Park - Footway resurfacing	Rowley Regis	Cradley Heath and Old Hill		£	15,000	Completed	Not Started			25%	Footway resurfacing due to commence in July 2023
Farley Park - footpath and step repairs	Tipton	Great Bridge		£	10,000	Completed	Not Started			25%	Footway resurfacing due to commence in July 2023
St Martins Way Open Space - Tree works, cutting back, new bins install, n	Tipton			£	25,000	Completed				100%	Green Services Clearance Work
Bearwood Road Allotments- Asbestos Roof Removal and Replacement	Smethwick			£	7,000	Completed			Completed	100%	Partially funded via Council to replace Asbestos Roof
Haden Hill Toilets Refurb / Digital Locks	Rowley Regis	Cradley Heath and Old Hill		£	10,000	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Refurb of Toilets and Now Opened Post Covid
King George V Pavilion Toilets Improvements	West Bromwich	West Bromwich Central		£	5,000	Completed	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started	25%	Minor refurb of locking system is now being commissioned
Broadwell Park - Groundworks improvements	Oldbury	Oldbury		£	5,000	Completed			Completed	100%	Green Services Clearance Work
Bury Hill Park - Groundworks improvements	Rowley Regis	Tividale		£	5,000	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	Green Services Clearance Work
Lewisham Park - Groundworks improvements	Smethwick	St. Pauls		£	5,000	Completed				100%	Green Services Clearance Work
Dartmouth Park Pavilion - various refurbishments	West Bromwich	West Bromwich Central		£	20,000	Completed	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started	25%	Work has now commenced. Due for completion in September 2023
Dartmouth Park Bandstand - refurbish timbers	West Bromwich	West Bromwich Central		£	20,000	Completed	Not Started			25%	Professional assessment of refurb project currently being undertaken
Brunswick Park - install new benches, bins, and clock	Wednesbury	Wednesbury North		£	10,000	Completed				100%	Installation of New furniture & Refurb of Clock
The Railer - entrance improvements, install of gym equipment, grounds im	Tipton			£	50,000	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	

Gospel Oak Amenity Space - grounds improvements and joint public he	ealti Tipton		Funded Projects	£ 20,000	Completed	In progress		50%	clearance undertaken via Hot Spot Team. New Bins and Benches due for installation in June 2023
Allotments Refurbishments - c.91 plots brought back into use	Boroughwide		Green Spaces	£ 20,000	Completed	In progress	Not Started	50%	30 Allotments now brought back into use.
Harry Mitchell Park - Drainage improvements and step repairs	Smethwick	Smethwick	Green Spaces	£ 17,590	Completed			100%	Refurb of existing infrastructure works
Cakemore - Footpath Extension	Oldbury		Green Spaces	£ 13,338	Completed			100%	Installation of New Footway onto the site
Sandwell Valley Urban Bike Track Phase 1	West Bromwich	West Bromwich Central	Funded Projects	£ 200,000	Completed			100%	
Laybourne Park grounds improvement	Tipton	Princes End	Green Spaces	£ -	Completed			100%	Green Services Clearance Work
Kenrick Park Bin Replacement	West Bromwich	West Bromwich Central		£ -	Completed			100%	
				£ 349,715				76%	

West Smethwick Park NLHF Project

Name	Town	Ward	Label	Total Cost	Commissione	Vorks In Progres	Mid Works Progre	s Final Works	Progress	
Interpretation and Signage	Smethwick	St. Pauls	Funded Projects	£ 30,000	Completed		ed In progress Not Started			Widescoping commission due for Completion in December 2023
Snagging works to WSP Pavilion	Smethwick	St. Pauls	Funded Projects	£ -	Completed				100%	
Digital Screens and Furniture improvements to WSP Pavilion	Smethwick	St. Pauls	Funded Projects	£ 22,038	Completed				100%	
Sons of Rest Building Refurbishments	Smethwick	St. Pauls	Funded Projects	£ 20,000	Completed				100%	
Caseys Contractor Works Snagging	Smethwick	St. Pauls	Funded Projects	£ -	Completed				85%	Awaiting final defects / repair work from Contractor
Remaining landscape works to SUDS & Junior Football Pitch	Smethwick	St. Pauls	Funded Projects	£ 10,000	Completed				100%	
Bat survey to changing rooms and toilet blocks	Smethwick	St. Pauls	Funded Projects	£ 2,000	Completed Completed In progress Not Started					
				£ 84,038					84%	

Lightwoods House NLHF Project

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Name	Town	Ward	Label	Tot	al Cost	Commissione	Vorks In Progres	/lid Works Progre	s Final Works	Progres	s
Dishwasher	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	1,536	Completed				100%	
Fitting of dishwasher (inc utilities)	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	850	Completed			Completed	100%	
Shelving for store room	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	100	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
washing machine	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	800	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Dryer	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	400	Completed			Completed	100%	
Fitting of Dryer and washing machine	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	450	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Bin enclosure	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	3,000	Completed				100%	
upgrade wifi	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	7,000	Completed			Completed	100%	
replace/repair of floor in longroom	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	8,000	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
repainting in longroom	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	750	Completed				100%	
repair/upgrade of public toilets	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	3,000	Completed			Completed	100%	
Lighting on front of house improved (safety issue)	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	3,000	In Progress	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started	0%	Electrical and Lighting work commissioned via specialist electrical engin
uplighters (coloured) on front of house repaired	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	3,000					0%	Electrical and Lighting work commissioned via specialist electrical engin
Repairs to tiled floor in reception (quarry tiles from Italy)	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	5,000					25%	Specialist supplier undertaking commission. Due for completion July 20
Repair to the clock on front of building	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	1,000	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Projector and screen (for venue hire)	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	1,500					100%	
wheelie whiteboards	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	1,500				Completed	100%	
Heating system upgrade	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	4,250	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
baiting around garden	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	1,000	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Emergency lighting in marquee (fire safety)	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	1,000				Completed	100%	
floodlights in garden (exit) (safety issue)	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	2,500	In Progress	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started	0%	Electrical and Lighting work commissioned via specialist electrical engin
reducing size of marquee (fire compliance)	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	500	Completed			Completed	100%	
Extinguishers for marquee	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	500	Completed			Completed	100%	
External electric points improved (watertight)	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	2,000	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Improve electricity supply in garden	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	8,000	In Progress	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started	0%	Electrical and Lighting work commissioned via specialist electrical engin

permanent lights in garden	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	6,000	In Progress	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started	0%	Electrical and Lighting work commissioned via specialist electrical engineer
signage for internal (lift, toilets etc)	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	600					100%	
Upgrade on disabled access lift	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	2,000					100%	
bandstand - repair to roof	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	2,000				In progress	85%	
Tables, Chairs and furniture for Weddings	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	20,000					100%	
Glasses, table wear for Weddings	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	5,000				Completed	100%	
Wedding PA system	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	1,000					100%	
Wedding sashes and decorations	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	5,000					100%	
Wedding equipment (other) - cloakroom facilities, bride room facilities, star	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	9,000				Completed	100%	
Evaluation works	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	10,000				In progress	85%	
Fountain improvements, including lighting and increased water spray	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	5,000					100%	
Improve electricity supply in garden for education and events use	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	8,000	In Progress	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started	0%	Electrical and Lighting work commissioned via specialist electrical engineer
Improve CCTV	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	5,000	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Replacement Bin by Skatepark	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	500					100%	
Aviary shelter roof	Smethwick	Abbey	Funded Projects	£	-		In progress	Not Started	Not Started	25%	
				£	139,736					81%	

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Replace/repair mesh fencing at Arnhem way adopted land Assess steps near railway bank (remove/replace) Maintain tunnel drainage (jet and scrape - contractor) Assess water safety signs (replace damaged signs) Fishing platform removal Johns Lane Pool Johns Lane pool bankside fishing areas Assess/improve disabled access - Main entrance Maintain fingerposts Meadow restoration (Blackthorn control) Meadow management projects Continue selective plantation thinning (rotational compartments) Remove old plantation fencing (per plantation block) Woodland flora planting (multiple sites via community groups) Water vegetation management Hedgerow flailing (Tractor) Strimming/mowing infrastructure Hedgerow cutting Replace bins- relocate John's lane into boundary of reserve Interpretation print and install Replace boundary fencing at Annes Close Remove damaged and redundant infrastructure (posts/bin/internal kissing gate) Gorse Farm Wood (copy) Bridge/dam at pond - replace Replace fence in pond area Pond works - de-silt / remove excess vegetation Improve main entrance aesthetics - re-establish damaged heather Heathland restoration - removal of broom and other invasive spp. Resolve drainage issue and sleeper bridge on lower path/ accessible to mowers Water safety signage repair / replace as necessary Thin cherry trees in north-west corner Remove domestic waste/ fly-tipping around edges of reserve Bracken control Boardwalk maintenance/replace Understorey assessment - planting Footpath strimming / mowing Hedgerow cutting/flail interpretation design and install Sandwell Valley - Priory Woods (copy) Repair/ remove fencing across site Security of the Ice House Repair / remove sculptures in Park Farm Wood (dragonfly, bird feeding station, etc.) Assess steps around lakes and repair as necessary Investigate flooding on footpath adjacent Ice House Pool and Ha Ha Repair boundary fence along golf course (remove?) Water safety signage repair / replace as necessary Remove fallen / hung up trees Repair viewing platforms on pools Heathland management - removal of trees Remove Heron Trail infrastructure Ivv management Repair interpretation panel at Ha Ha Improve the privet hedge around the Sand Well

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Sandwell Valley - Forge Mill Lake (copy)

Footpath works - hedgerow/vegetation/tree various locations

Improve management of Junior Ranger meadow -

Open up less managed footpaths/ desire lines

Strimming and mowing of footpaths

Maintenance of pool platforms

Priory / Sand Well maintenance

Asess work required on brick steps

Veteran tree management

Hedgerow cutting

Footpath surface	Nature Reserve			In Progress	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started	0%	Part of Sandwell Valley Masterscoping
Replacement/removal of post & rail fencing along footpaths	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Water safety sign replacement	Nature Reserve			In Progress	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started	0%	Boroughwide Interpretation Signage to be installed August 2023
Scraping/removal and treatment of blackthorn regenerating from lakeside footpath	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	In progress	85%	
Field boundary management (side arm flail)	Nature Reserve			In Progress	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started	0%	Seasonal works to commence in June / July 2023
Selective area of bankside vegetation removal	Nature Reserve							100%	
Wildflower area management (cut and collect Orchid areas)	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Footpath clearance/strimming	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Litter picking	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Remove 'Please clean it up!' signs and broken finger post	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
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Sandwell Valley - Sots Hole (copy)									
Rotten bench on entrance green (remove or replace)	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Investigate recurring hole/collapsed drain	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Assess/repair or remove pond dipping platform	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Tree works - Damaged/wind swept/ hung up	Nature Reserve			Completed	In progress	Not Started	Not Started	25%	D 1 11 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
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Steps - replace timbers with concrete kerbstones	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100% 25%	0
Eroding marshland walk footpath	Nature Reserve Nature Reserve			Completed Completed	Completed	Not Started Completed	Completed	100%	Ongoing maintenance work
Invasive species survey and treatment programme - Balsam/Knotweed	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Managing Ivy Footpath Strimming	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Small hedge cutting on green (regular enquiry)	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Tree lifting	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Litter picking	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
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Warrens Hall LNR (copy)									
Top island Pool -Footpath restoration/tree works/vegetation management/fencing at inflow	Nature Reserve	£ 2	2,000	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Top Island Pool fishing platforms	Nature Reserve	£ 2	2,000	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Top Island Pool - vegetation works, tree works	Nature Reserve	£ 4	4,000	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Hedge cutting along Dudley Road to warrens Farm (side arm flail)	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Replace fence at Counterfield Drive entrance to deter vehicle access	Nature Reserve	£ 4	4,500	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Assess steps to viewing mound (replace/restore)	Nature Reserve	£ 2	2,500	Completed	Completed		Completed	100%	
Replace wooden entrance/chicane at Banklands rd	Nature Reserve	£ 3	3,290					100%	
Tree survey/ thinning (Strip of land opposite canal)	Nature Reserve			Completed	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started	25%	Ongoing maintenance work
Overhanging trees along Springfield lane	Nature Reserve	£ 2	2,500	Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Graffiti removal from heritage engine house	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Removal of redundant gate between Dudley road/Counterfield.	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
New interpretation for historical features	Nature Reserve			In Progress	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started	0	Boroughwide Interpretation Signage to be installed August 2023
Access gate into property boundary Burmese way	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Replace damaged bench - South canal	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	In progress	85%	
Assess/review mowing regime (Dudley rd/Bank lands)	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100% 100%	
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Wildflower areas/meadow management (top footpath compartments/new footpath)	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
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Woodland plug planting/understorey planting	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Replace rotten bollards (Dudley road - Top island pool entrance)	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Repair/replace fishing platforms at Top Pool	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	In progress	Not Started	50%	
Dudley road car park clearance	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
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Warrens Hall LNR (copy)									
Zig zag path restoration - edging/stone	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Replace fencing near culvert	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Viewing platform (remove) - fence off water course	Nature Reserve						Completed	100%	
Canopy raising and routine treeworks - Evaluate carry out remaining tree works on lower reserve from last survey (2018) e-	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Wooden bridge repair/replacement leading to Saltwells NNR	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Pond dams/repair maintenance	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Tree coppicing	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Meadow assessment and management plan put in place	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
Improvement works on selected meadows	Nature Reserve			Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	

	Invasive species survey and treatment programme			Nature Reserve		Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
	Remove redundant infrastructure - ladder signs			Nature Reserve		Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
	Remove redundant infrastructure - boardwalk interpretation			Nature Reserve		Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
	Strimming footpaths/infrastructure			Nature Reserve		Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
-	Remove damaged entrance points on Forge Lane and replace with drop be	ollards		Nature Reserve		Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
J	Replace water safety signs x 3			Nature Reserve		In Progress	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started	0%	Boroughwide Interpretation Signage to be installed August 2023
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)	DASH enquiry - New Pool road			Nature Reserve		Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
	Process storm damaged trees			Nature Reserve		Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
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ب	Redundant infrastructure removal (fences,edging boards,steps)			Nature Reserve		Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
1	Report fly tip and asbestos			Nature Reserve		Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
	Restore or replace steps (western end of reserve)			Nature Reserve		Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
	Litter picking (on going routine task)			Nature Reserve		Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
	Compartment 1 - wildflower area vegetation management			Nature Reserve		Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
	Compartment 2 - wildflower area vegetation management			Nature Reserve		Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
	Hedge cutting along Codsall road			Nature Reserve		Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
	Vegetation management - entrances/footpaths			Nature Reserve		Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
	Garden/fly tip/domestic waste along housing border removal			Nature Reserve		Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
	Tree survey/canopy reduction along residents border across whole site			Nature Reserve		Completed	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started	25%	
	Understorey assessment - planting (quote for whips required)			Nature Reserve		Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
	Entrance points- install motorcycle traps or chicanes			Nature Reserve	£ 6,49	94 Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
	Codsall road fence line (120 m) (remove fallen fence)			Nature Reserve		Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
	Research and develop new signage/interpretation panels			Nature Reserve		Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
	Remove fallen tree limbs from footpaths			Nature Reserve		Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
	Create nursery of service tree saplings to plant later within the woodland			Nature Reserve		Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
	Fallen oak limb and hung up branches			Nature Reserve		Completed	Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
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	Gym - Red House Park Toddler & Junior Play Area	West Bromwich	Great Barr with Yew Tree		£ 10,00		Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
	Gym - Tipton Linear Park	Tipton	Princes End		£ 6,00		Completed	Completed	Completed	100% 100%	
	Gym - Langley Park Play Area	Oldbury	Oldbury Cradlev Heath and Old Hill		£ 5,00		Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
	Gym - Haden Hill Park MUGA & Play Area Gym - Farley Park Playground	Rowley Regis	. ,		£ 10,50 £ 12.00		Completed Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
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	Gym - Broadwell Park Junior & Toddler	Oldbury	Oldbury		£ 10,00		Completed	Completed	Completed	100%	
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Report to the Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board

12 October 2023

Subject:	Playing Pitch Strategy Action Plan and Prioritisation – Establishment of a Steering Group
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1 Recommendations

1.1 That the Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board considers the establishment of a Steering 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 also 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.









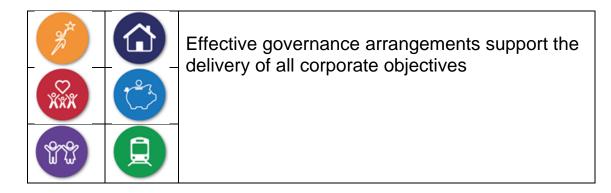








- 2.3 Member Scrutiny input into the development of the implementation of the Playing Pitch Strategy will add real value and help to secure an ambitious but pragmatic approach to meeting residents needs within available resources. Adoption and advancement of the approved strategy will also support efforts to secure external funding for pitch developments / improvements.
- 3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?



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 siteby-site basis.
- 4.3 The commissioned strategy takes a very inclusive approach, assessing facilities for a broad range of sports:
 - Athletics

Bowls

Cricket

Cycling

















- Football (including 3G pitches)
- Hockey (sand/water based AGPs)
- Rugby union (including 3G pitches)
- Tennis

- 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 Alternative Options

5.1 If the Scrutiny Board does not establish a working group, a vital opportunity to assist in the implementation of the plan will be missed.

6 Implications

Resources:	No immediate resource implications. The strategy and action plan will need to be costed and a resource plan developed.
Legal and	None
Governance:	
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	Opportunities to encourage physical activity deliver
Wellbeing:	critical health and wellbeing benefits to residents.
Social Value:	Social value will be considered as part of any
	proposed projects.





















Climate	Climate, flood and ecological impacts of any proposed	
Change:	projects will be assessed.	
Corporate	Children in care should have equal access to high	
Parenting	quality and well maintained outdoor playing provision	

7. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Playing Pitch Strategy Steering Group Scope

8. Background Papers

None.



















Playing Pitch Strategy Steering Group - Scoping Document

Title:	Sandwell Playing Pitch Strategy – Action Plan and Prioritisation	
Scrutiny Board:	Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board	
Date:	2023-24 Municipal year	

Reasons for the establishment of the Steering Group:

The Playing Pitch Strategy provides a strategic needs assessment report and strategy document to ensure that the provision of outdoor playing pitches meet the local needs of existing and future residents living in Sandwell.

The steering group will help provide a resident / member voice to the implementation of the strategy and action plan.

Intended Outcomes:

A strong Playing Pitch Strategy action plan and appropriate prioritisation is important when seeking evidence for external funding and making planning decisions.

The steering group will help agree and communicate progress and prioritization of the action plan, mindful that delivering and resourcing all actions within the strategy timeframe may not be achievable.

Officer
Group
(including
partners):

Ben Percival Robert Marlow

Links to Corporate Plan:



Best start in life for children and young people

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.



People live well and age well

Encouraging active lifestyles – both formal and informal recreational activity - is critical to improving the health and wellbeing of Sandwell residents.

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Strong resilient communities

With the advent of activities such as "back to..." and walking football, pitch sports can provide a positive impact on all ages and demographics.



A strong and inclusive economy

Making optimum use of our physical assets alongside having a planned approach to development are key to developing a strong economy.



A connected and accessible Sandwell

Outdoor activities – particularly informal recreation can help support and encourage active travel.

Links to Terms of Reference

- The planning and provision of green spaces including parks and local nature reserves;
- Leisure and tourism opportunities in the borough;
- Community development.

Scoping undertake n by:

Anthony Lloyd

Democratic Services Officer

Council Chief Officer (or partner equivalent):

Alice Davey

Director of Borough Economy

Existing data available for consideration:

Sport England Guidance Sandwell Playing Pitch Strategy



Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board

12 October 2023

Subject:	Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Action Tracker	
Director:	Law and Governance	
	Surjit Tour	
	Surjir_tour@sandwell.gov.uk	
Contact Officer:	act Officer: Alexander Goddard – Scrutiny Lead Officer	
	Alexander_Goddard@sandwell.gov.uk	

1 Recommendations

That the Board considers the items within the recommendations tracker and notes the progress on their implementation.

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?

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

4 Context and Key Issues

4.1 The attached Appendix details the responses to and progress on the implementation of recommendations made by the scrutiny function.

5 Implications

Resources:	The resource implications will be detailed in the responses to recommendations as detailed in the appendix.
Legal and Governance:	The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000. 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.

















Risk:	Any risk implications have been considered with the relevant Officer/Director/Cabinet Member/Risk Owner at the time the recommendations were referred to them by the Board. Any specific risks for the Board's attention are detailed in the Appendix.
Equality:	Any equality implications have been considered with the relevant Officer/Director/Cabinet Member/Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Team at the time the recommendations were referred to them by the Board. Any specific equality implications for the Board's attention are detailed in the Appendix.
Health and Wellbeing:	Any health and wellbeing implications have been considered with the relevant Officer/Director/Cabinet Member/Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Team at the time the recommendations were referred to them by the Board. Any specific health and wellbeing implications for the Board's attention are detailed in the Appendix.
Climate Change:	Any climate change implications have been considered with the relevant Officer/Director/Cabinet Member/Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Team at the time the recommendations were referred to them by the Board. Any specific climate change implications for the Board's attention are detailed in the Appendix.
Corporate Parenting:	Any corporate parenting implications have been considered with the relevant Officer/Director/Cabinet Member/Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Team at the time the recommendations were referred to them by the Board. Any specific corporate parenting implications for the Board's attention are detailed in the Appendix.

6 Appendices

Appendix 1 – Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Recommendations Tracker.

7 Background Papers

None.



















Tracking and Monitoring of Actions and Recommendations of Scrutiny Boards

eighbourhoods and <i>I</i>	Active Communities 22/23		
Item	Recommendation/ Action	Responsible Person	Notes
Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy	That the Cabinet Member for Housing consider basing homelessness staff at Community Hubs and provide a presence at Sandwell libraries at suitable points throughout the week	Cllr Rollins/ Gillian Douglas	Housing Officers are part of the community hub offer, these officers are able to triage and signpost as necessary any homeless presentations.
	That an update on Homelessness be brought to the Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board in 6 months' time.	Gillian Douglas	To be scheduled.
tir H	How long is the average response time after making contact with the Homelessness team and having been triaged?	Nigel Collumbell	Average number of days for triage = 9.62 Average number of days for caseworker assignment = 11.51 These are Q1 outturns
	What percentage of Homelessness service users are accommodated in Council housing?	Nigel Collumbell	*The proportion of homeless cases placed in own stock temporary accommodation is currently 48% *The proportion of homelessness cases where we have successfully discharged a duty in to council accommodation:
	Item Homelessness and Rough	Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy That the Cabinet Member for Housing consider basing homelessness staff at Community Hubs and provide a presence at Sandwell libraries at suitable points throughout the week That an update on Homelessness be brought to the Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board in 6 months' time. How long is the average response time after making contact with the Homelessness team and having been triaged? What percentage of Homelessness service users are accommodated in	Recommendation/ Action Responsible Person



Tracking and Monitoring of Actions and Recommendations of Scrutiny Boards

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Page 40				o Relief duty – average of 46% for last 12 months o Main duty – average of 91% for last 12 months
e 40	Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy on Adaptations for Disabled	That the Director of Housing explore the use of assistive smart technology to support disabled tenants.	Gillian Douglas/ Manny Sehmbi	Appearing before the Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board in March 2024
	Tenants in Council Housing	That the Director of Housing investigate the feasibility of transferring applications to other individuals in the property with the same accessibility needs	Gillian Douglas/ Manny Sehmbi	Appearing before the Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board in March 2024
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 when available.
		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 when available.
10 JAN 23	Housing Revenue Account 30 Year Business Plan	That the Directors of Housing and Regeneration and Growth investigate the feasibility of turning Council owned non- residential properties into residential units.	Gillian Douglas/ Tony McGovern	Two decommissioned extra care schemes have being re-purposed for temporary accommodation.





Report to Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board

12 October 2023

Subject:	Cabinet Forward Plan and Board Work Programme					
Director:	Law and Governance					
	Surjit Tour					
	Surjir_tour@sandwell.gov.uk					
Contact Officer:	Suky Suthi-Nagra					
	Democratic Services Manager					
	Suky_suthinagra@sandwell.gov.uk					

1 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Board notes the Cabinet Forward Plan, which sets out the matters programmed to be considered by the Cabinet.
- 1.2 That the Board notes its work programme, which sets out matters to be considered by the Board in 2023/24 and considers whether any changes are required to the programme.

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?

A A	Best start in life for children and young people	The scrutiny function supports all of the objectives of the Corporate Plan by seeking to
XXX	People live well and age well	improve services for the people of Sandwell. It does this by influencing the policies and
	Strong resilient communities	decisions made by the Council and other organisations involved in delivering public
	Quality homes in thriving neighbourhoods	services.
(**)	A strong and inclusive economy	
2	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 to request that an item is added to a scrutiny board's work programme. Each request should be carefully assessed, using the agreed process, to ensure that resources can be prioritised and that the scrutiny activity will add value.

















5 **Implications**

Resources:	Any resources implications arising from scrutiny activity are considered as required by the appropriate director or cabinet member/cabinet.
	Any specific implications for the Board's attention are detailed in the Appendix.
Legal and Governance:	The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.
	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.
	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 subcommittees, from local authorities and from joint health scrutiny committees or sub-committees.
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Social Value	Any social value implications arising from scrutiny activity are considered as required by the appropriate director or cabinet member/cabinet.
	Any specific health and wellbeing implications for the Board's attention are detailed in the Appendix.
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6 Appendices

Appendix 1 – Cabinet Forward Plan Appendix 2 – Board Work Programme

7. Background Papers

None.



















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	Decisio n Date	Pre or post decision Scrutiny to be carried out? (Board and date)	List of documents to be considered
1	Sandwell Council Housing Asset	Cabinet – Housing and		15 Novemb		
	Management	the Built				
	Strategy 2024-2029	Environment		er 2023		
	To agree the	(Cllr Rollins)				
	approach to invest					
	in HRA assets for					
	the next 5 years					
	Contact Officer:					
	Sarah Ager					
	Director – Gillian					
	Douglas, Director of					
	Housing					
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	Title/Subject	Decision Maker	Public or exempt report? If exempt – state reason for exemption	Decisio n Date	Pre or post decision Scrutiny to be carried out? (Board and date)	List of documents to be considered
2	Building Safety and Compliance Strategy Contact Officer: Phil Deery Director – Gillian Douglas, Director of Housing	Cabinet – Housing and the Built Environment (Cllr Rollins)		15 Novemb er 2023		



















	Title/Subject	Decision Maker	Public or exempt report? If exempt – state reason for exemption	Decisio n Date	Pre or post decision Scrutiny to be carried out? (Board and date)	List of documents to be considered
3	Investment Procurement Strategy Procurement Strategy for HRA related Capital and Revenue contracts. Approval required for extension of contracts. Contact Officers: Phil Deery/Chris Hall Director: Gillian Douglas – Director of Housing	Cabinet – Housing and Building Environment (Cllr Rollins)	Public	15 Novemb er2023		Report Risk Register



	Title/Subject	Decision Maker	Public or exempt report? If exempt – state reason for exemption	Decisio n Date	Pre or post decision Scrutiny to be carried out? (Board and date)	List of documents to be considered
4	Events Governance and Safety Advisory Group Terms of Reference	Cabinet - Leisure and Tourism (Cllr Padda)		15 Novemb er 2023		
	Contact Officer: Matthew Huggins Director: Alice Davey – Director of Borough Economy					



















	Title/Subject	Decision Maker	Public or exempt report? If exempt – state reason for exemption	Decisio n Date	Pre or post decision Scrutiny to be carried out? (Board and date)	List of documents to be considered
5	Animal Welfare Policy – Forge Mill Farm Contact Officer: Matthew Huggins Director: Alice Davey – Director of Borough Economy	Cabinet - Leader of the Council (Cllr Carmichael)		6 Decemb er 2023		



















	Title/Subject	Decision Maker	Public or exempt report? If exempt – state reason for exemption	Decisio n Date	Pre or post decision Scrutiny to be carried out? (Board and date)	List of documents to be considered
7	Sandwell Valley Master Plan and 10 Year Business Plan Contact Officer: Matthew Huggins Director: Alice Davey – Director of Borough Economy	Cabinet - Leisure and Tourism (Cllr Padda)		6 Decemb er 2023		
9	Fishing Policy Contact Officer: Matthew Huggins Director: Alice Davey – Director of Borough Economy	Cabinet - Leisure and Tourism (Cllr Padda)		6 Decemb er 2023		



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11	Feasibility Reports – WMCA – cultural facilities & Cultural Development Fund Contact Officer: Dawn Winter Director: Alice Davey – Director of Borough Economy	Cabinet - Leisure and Tourism (Cllr Padda)		6 Decemb er 2023		
12	Archives Centre Contact Officer: Dawn Winter Director: Alice Davey – Director of Borough Economy	Cabinet – Leisure and Tourism (Cllr Padda)		17 January 2024		



	Title/Subject	Decision Maker	Public or exempt report? If exempt – state reason for exemption	Decisio n Date	Pre or post decision Scrutiny to be carried out? (Board and date)	List of documents to be considered
13		Cabinet – Leisure and		7 February		
	Contact Officer: Dawn Winter	Tourism (Cllr Padda)		2023		
	Director: Alice Davey – Director of					
	Borough Economy					
14	Safer Green Spaces Strategy	Cabinet - Leisure and		7 February		
	Contact Officer: Matthew Huggins	Tourism (Cllr Padda)		2023		
	Director: Alice Davey – Director of					
	Borough Economy					
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	Title/Subject	Decision Maker	Public or exempt report? If exempt – state reason for exemption	Decisio n Date	Pre or post decision Scrutiny to be carried out? (Board and date)	List of documents to be considered
15	Community Hubs Contact Officer: Helen Green	Cabinet - Public Health and Communities (Cllr Khatun)		7 February 2024		
16	Boroughwide Public Spaces Protection Order Renewals / Extensions Alcohol, Dogs & Use of BBQs on public land Contact Officer: Tessa Mitchell Director: Alice Davey	Cabinet		7 February 2024	January 2024	



Scrutiny Board Work Programme 2023/24





Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities

បាStanding 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 v		Programme of works 22/23 annual review	Matt Huggins
Page 56		Playing Pitch Strategy Actions and Implementation – Establishment of a Steering Group	Democratic Services/Rob Marlow
<u></u>	9 November 2023	Sandwell Valley Masterplan Update	Matt Huggins
	7 December 2023	Tenant Satisfaction Survey Outcomes	Nigel Collumbell
		Safer Green Spaces Strategy	Matt Huggins
		SLT Fees & Charges for January 2024 implementation	Ben Percival
	11 January 2024	Heritage Strategy Journey Update	Dawn Winter
		Boroughwide Public Spaces Protection Order	Tessa Mitchell
		Allotments Review and Strategy	Matt Huggins
	February 2024 (Date TBC)	Green Spaces Strategy 2024/25 and Programme of Works 2024/25	Matt Huggins
		Housing Regulation Changes	Phil Deary

















P	14 March 2024	Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy and Adaptations for Disabled Tenants in Council Housing	Nigel Collumbell
Page 57		Fees & Charges (inc concessions) for LATC / Sandwell Aquatic Centre Update	Ben Percival
,		Safer Sandwell Partnership	Chief Supt. Maria Fox/Tessa Mitchell

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

Playing Pitch Strategy –OCT/ NOV 23 - working group to re-convene (Ben Percival)

- To incorporate all weather sports facilities (Indoor/ Astroturf). TBC.

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

SLT Fees & Charges for January 2024 implementation (Private spotlight session) – Ben Percival

Utilisation of confectionary stands in Sandwell Parks including associated revenues

















