

# Budget & Corporate Scrutiny Management Board

Impact on Registration related services when the new Midland  
Metropolitan hospital opens in 2024



# When and why

- From 2024 an increase in demand for Registration related services is certain
- Health care services will move from City hospital in Birmingham to the new Midland Met Hospital in Smethwick.



# Impact

- Increase of up to 5000 registration (birth 4000 and death 1000) events for Sandwell as a Local Registration Service.
- Estimated 300- 400 more cases referred to the Black Country Coroner.
- 40% increase in the number of cases referred to the Bereavement Services team related to Public Health Act funerals.



# What have we been working on ?

- Accounting for an additional six full-time equivalent posts which will be needed across the three teams within Registration Services.
- Changes and improvements to Highfields House (Sandwell's Register Office).
  - DDA compliance facilities
  - Improved reception area and new appointment rooms.
  - Service reviews to ensure consistency and efficiency in service delivery
- Our coroners court at Jack Judge House needs updating and expanding .
  - A new purpose-built court is necessary
  - Reception areas, advocate and jury rooms are needed.



# Financial Implications

- New additional staff - £189,000 already been accounted for from 2022/2023 as part of the Council budget setting process.
- Income £55,000 to partly offset expenditure will be generated from certificate services for registration events.
- Section 46 expenditure is likely to increase by £8,000.
- Coroners facilities, £530,000 part of much wider commercial use for Jack Judge House. Being co-ordinated by our Land, Assets and Building Services team.



# Recommendations

- Board considers and comments upon the impact and approach taken.
- Identifies any recommendations it wishes to make.

