

# Report to Cabinet

**7 June 2023**

<b>Subject:</b>	Sandwell's Young People's Corporate Plan 2023-2026
<b>Cabinet Member:</b>	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education Cllr Simon Hackett
<b>Director:</b>	Director of Children and Education Michael Jarrett
<b>Key Decision:</b>	No
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## 1. Recommendations







- 1.1 That Cabinet approve the Sandwell's Young People's Corporate Plan 2023-2026 as set out in the Appendix.

## 2 Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 The Council's refreshed Corporate Plan was adopted in 2021, it contains a high level of detail and is set out in a way that shows how each of the directorates work together to deliver key outcomes.
- 2.2 We recognised that in its adopted format it may not be easy for young people to see how the things that matter to them are prioritised and delivered. Officers spoke to both the SHAPE Forum and the Carer Leavers Forum to determine if, using the Corporate Plan as a base, they would like to set it out in a way that emphasised what matters to young people.



### 3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?

	The Best Start in Life for Children and Young People
	People Live Well and Age Well
	Strong Resilient Communities
	Quality Homes in Thriving Neighbourhoods
	A Strong and Inclusive Economy
	A Connected and Accessible Sandwell

3.1 The Young People's Corporate Plan sets out nine key themes for the young people of Sandwell. It details future service provision to achieve these key themes, and how young people will be able to hold the Council to account via performance measures and milestones. The Young People's Corporate Plan touches on all the objectives of the Corporate Plan as it engages young people's opinions on several issues ranging from mental health to housing.

### 4 Context and Key Issues

#### 4.1 Aim

Building upon the school engagement element of the Corporate Plan, the aim was to create a young people's version of the Corporate Plan that highlights the priorities of young people in Sandwell, giving them a voice to help shape Sandwell in the future. The plan has been created and is owned by the young people of Sandwell.



## 4.2 Approach

The Young People's Corporate Plan has been co-designed and co-produced by young people in Sandwell. The SHAPE Forum and the Care Leavers Forum have worked with Council Officers to determine the approach, to plan engagement activity, analyse results and to determine the outcomes.

4.3 It was important that young people owned this plan, so they could contribute openly and have creative control as to what is included in the plan. The SHAPE Forum agreed to take ownership of the Young Person's Corporate Plan.

4.4 The plan has been split into three sections: -

- Issues that concern young people in Sandwell,
- what can we as a Council do to improve this?
- performance measures/ milestones.

4.5 Performance measures were developed so going forward they will be able to be used to hold the Council to account and chart progress.

## 4.6 Engagement Developing the Corporate Plan in 2021

When developing the refreshed corporate plan in 2021 we held virtual workshops with primary and secondary schools. We engaged with seven schools (Four secondary and three primary, Q3 Tipton, Q3 Langley, Shireland Collegiate Academy, St Michael's Secondary School, Grove Vale Primary School, Christchurch Church of England School and St Phillip's Primary School)

4.7 Workbooks were posted out to all schools ahead of each session to support discussion, with different versions for primary and for secondary schools. The virtual workshops were supported by Directors and Cabinet Members. Whilst these conversations informed the Corporate Plan they also highlighted the need for the issues that matter to young people to be apparent and for young people to have a way of holding the council to account.

## Developing the Young Person's Corporate Plan



4.8 Several workshops with SHAPE and Care Leavers have been conducted to identify their priorities.



4.9 Following this, three in person workshops in Primary Schools in 2022 took place (Grove Vale, Christchurch and St Phillip's).

4.10 A workshop was also conducted by a SHAPE Forum young person in Q3 Langley and the results from the SHAPE survey (795 children and young people aged 9 – 18) also fed into the development of the plan.

#### 4.11 Findings

Following consultation and engagement activity nine key themes have been identified: -





4.12 The themes were further developed to highlight the specific issues in each of the nine themes that concern young people.

4.13 The second section under each theme looks at how the Council could help to address these issues.

4.14 Finally, a set of performance measures / milestones were developed following conversations with several teams across the Council, the Children's Trust and the SHAPE Forum, to help young people hold the Council to account and chart progress.

## 5. Alternative Options

5.1 The alternative option would be that there would be no Young Person's Corporate Plan. There would still be a Corporate Plan for the Council, which in the refresh did consult young people, however, it does not contain in depth information from consultation and co-production specifically with young people.



## 6 Implications

<b>Resources:</b>	The Young People's Corporate Plan will be delivered within existing resources.
<b>Legal and Governance:</b>	The Council has a statutory duty to set a balanced budget by 11 March each year prior to the start of the relevant financial year.
<b>Risk:</b>	Risk implications have been considered by services during the development of the Young People's Corporate Plan.
<b>Equality:</b>	Equality implications have been considered by services during the development of the Young People's Corporate Plan.
<b>Health and Wellbeing:</b>	This information is contained within the Young People's Corporate Plan, where Accessible Mental Health Support is one of the nine key themes.
<b>Social Value:</b>	The Young People's Corporate Plan sets out nine key themes for young people. Council services will use these to shape delivery to derive maximum social value.
<b>Climate Change:</b>	This information is contained within the Young People's Corporate Plan, where Climate Change is one of the nine key themes.
<b>Corporate Parenting:</b>	This plan was developed following extensive consultation with SHAPE Forum and Care Leavers. The Plan is owned by the SHAPE Forum.

## 7. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Sandwell's Young People's Corporate Plan 2023-2026

## 8. Background Papers

Corporate Plan 2021 Refresh.

