Children's Services and Education Scrutiny Board				
22 Feb	Scrutiny	Following feedback from the	Democratic	All scrutiny chairs and vice-chairs have been
2023	Engagement	SHAPE Survey and Youth	Services	asked to consider a workshop.
	with Youth	Summit. Further consideration		
	Services	would be given to future		
	SHAPE	engagement with children and		
	Board	young people. All scrutiny chairs		
		and vice-chairs to consider		
		possible future workshops with		
		young people.		
20	SEND Post-	"that the Cabinet Member for	Cabinet Member	Report considered in November 2023.
March 2023	16 Provision	Children and Education give a	for Children,	
2023		response to the Children's Scrutiny Board on his plans to	Young People and Education	
		increase the number of inclusive		
		apprenticeships offered by the		
		Council and its contractors"		
	Impact of	That the Chair of the Thrive	Democratic	Report coming to the January 2024 meeting.
	Lockdown on	Board presents a report to the	Services	
	Children and	scrutiny Board outlining its work		
	Families	and the impact of, in relation to		
		the impact of the pandemic on		
		students' mental health and well-		
		being.		
	Impact of	That representatives of the SEND	Democratic	Report scheduled for January 2024 meeting.
	Lockdown on	Strategic Board/SEND	Services	
	Children and	Operational Board report to the		
	Families	Board on the services and		
	line in a st of	support provided to SEND	Domoorstie	Depart to be coming to the Marsh 0004
	Impact of	That the Chair of the Children's	Democratic	Report to be coming to the March 2024
	Lockdown on	Services and Education Board	Services	meeting.
		writes to the Chair of the		

Children and Families	Corporate Parenting Board to request details of their plans to address the challenges faced by children in care and care leavers and to understand how the pandemic has impacted them and what has been done to address this.		A workshop had been arranged with young people to hear challenges and successes.
Impact of Lockdown on Children and Families	that the Director of Children and Education is proactive in considering suitable locations in the Borough for specialist sixth- form free schools which are funded by central government;	Director of Children and Education	The council submitted an application for a Free School earlier this year but the application was unsuccessful. The bid window for subsequent rounds is yet to be published but will form the basis of the SEND Transformation Programme.
Impact of Lockdown on Children and Families	that the Council joins the Department for Education's 1-2-1 attendance mentoring pilot to monitor issues in schools across the Borough.	Director of Children and Education	Regular meetings in place with the DfE Attendance Advisor Training for staff to be showcased with other Councils as exemplar practice
Impact of Lockdown on Children and Families	that, the Cabinet Member for Children and Education pledges to improve and increase the Borough's educational assessment data in line with the national average by 2027, in line with the aims and objectives of Vision 2030;	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education	Sandwell is part of the Government's Priority Education Investment Area along with 23 other priority LAs. The programme submission has been approved by the Minister and the interventions with schools commences in the spring term 2024. At the end of the programme, July 2025, the partnership board expects an increase in educational attainment levels to at least national levels if not above.
Impact of Lockdown on	that the Cabinet Member for Children and Education writes to the Secretary of State for	Cabinet Member for Children,	The DCS will work with the Cabinet Member to confirm a letter to the government.

Children and Families	Education, to request that the Government actively engages with education practitioners to understand the long-term problems caused by the national pandemic and prepare appropriate resources to help children and young people recover academically, socially and psychologically. That the Director of Children and Education encourages and supports schools in the Borough to provide sports programmes and extracurricular activities to help children catch up in all areas of lost learning and experiences and to improve mental and physical health;	Young People and Education Director of Children and Education	The DfE have provided a range of guidance and interventions aimed at closing the attainment gap as a result of the pandemic. The DCS has shared all these resources across the sector and school improvement colleagues are working with schools to implement interventions as appropriate.
Impact of Lockdown on Children and Families	that the Director of Children and Education reviews the Council's partnership working with education providers and the Sandwell Children's Trust to ensure that actions, outcomes and best practice work are shared to ensure we are working cohesively together.	Director of Children and Education	The DCS sits on the Joint Executive Group for education providers across Sandwell and has senior leadership representation on all other education governance provision. Partnership working is integral to these partnerships and the Children's Trust provides reports and updates to JEG as required.
Impact of Lockdown on	That the Cabinet Member for Children and Education investigates ways to connect with	Cabinet Member for Children,	A) Created a role within Youth Service to develop leadership and mentoring

Children and Families	 young people and offer extra support, mentoring and encouragement including, but not limited to:- a) establishing a peer mentoring programme; b) encouraging social youth work, sports, drama, and outdoor activities; c) engaging with local businesses to improve the number of available apprenticeships; d) supporting a holistic youth services experience which accompanies physical and digital offer; e) supporting and championing the new Eco Bus with young people's involvement. 	Young People and Education	 opportunities for young people for next 12 months. B) Reviewed and refreshed the youth offer to provide young people with opportunities to engage in a wide range of activities through both our core offer and external funding opportunities including Holiday Activities & Food, Violence Reduction Partnership, Adventures Away from Home, West Midlands PCC funding and Safer Streets Fund. C) The Employment and Skills team continue to work with local employers to increase the numbers of apprenticeships available in the borough and are delivering a range of engagement activities such as Accelerate to encourage young people to apply D) Continue to work in partnership with a range of partners, including the voluntary, community sector, Youth Organisations in Uniform West Midlands and Council departments to promote and deliver a holistic youth offer. E) Young people have been engaged in developing the specification for 2 x new youth buses, including developing a brief for the exterior design and fit out for the interior, including equipment and activities. A wider group of young people will be given the opportunity to vote for the final exterior design.
Impact of Lockdown on	that the Cabinet Member for Children and Education writes to the Secretary of State for	Cabinet Member for Children,	Letter has been drafted and will sent in due course.

C	Children and	Education, to lobby for recurrent	Young People	
Fa	amilies	yearly funding which will allow for	and Education	
		consistent support to address		
		young people's emotional		
		wellbeing and (low level) mental		
		health as we recovery from		
		COVID and the impact that it		
		caused, whilst supporting the		
		Council's ambition to improve		
		academic performance,		
		socialisation, conversation,		
		mental health and wellbeing;		
	mpact of	That, the Director of Children and	Director of	The Lead Early Years Manager for Sandwell
	ockdown on	Education works with multi-	Children and	has taken this action forward and works with
	Children and	agency partners to support,	Education	all early years provision. The annual
Fa	amilies	engage and monitor the stability		sufficiency assessment is used to identify and
		within the early years settings;		address capacity challenges and to focus on
				funding requirements across the sector.