

# **Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board**

## **Terms of Reference**

As set out in the Scrutiny Procedure Rules contained in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution to scrutinise recommendations, consider referrals under the Call for Action process, and contribute to decision making and policy development through pre-decision scrutiny processes in relation to the following matters:-

- (1) crime and community safety;
- (2) trading standards;
- (3) emergency planning and civil resilience;
- (4) leisure and tourism opportunities in the borough;
- (5) libraries, museums and the Community History and Archive Service;
- (6) the planning and provision of green spaces including parks and local nature reserves;
- (7) voluntary and community sector support;
- (8) partnership working to strengthen the third sector in Sandwell;
- (9) community development;
- (10) strategic housing policy;
- (11) social housing;
- (12) private rented sector rented accommodation;
- (13) homelessness.

In relation to the Council's scrutiny functions as set out in section 19 Police and Justice Act 2006, the Board will:

- (a) scrutinise decisions and actions of the Council and "responsible bodies" (as defined in section 5 Crime and Disorder Act 1998) relating to the performance of crime and disorder functions;

- (b) consider local crime and disorder matters referred to the Board by a councillor;
- (c) make reports and recommendations to the Council and responsible bodies.