

Economy, Skills, Transport and Environment Scrutiny Board

10 March 2022

Subject:	Update on Governance Review Improvement Plan
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1 Recommendations

That the Board notes progress on implementation of actions arising from the external auditor's value for money governance review, that are relevant to its terms of reference.

2 Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.3 One of the Key Lines of Enquiry in the Value for Money Governance Review was the waste service, which links to the terms of reference of this Board, as well as the recent scrutiny review of the performance and management of the waste contract. In addition, there are elements of the improvement plan that relate to regeneration, which also links to this Board's terms of reference.

3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?

	<p>Strong resilient communities The effective delivery of waste management services benefits whole communities, local neighbourhoods, families and creates a cohesive borough.</p> <p>Regeneration in Sandwell will provide a range of improvements to support community resilience.</p>
	<p>Quality homes in thriving neighbourhoods The scrutiny and effective oversight and management of the waste contract will ensure that residents live in clean neighbourhoods.</p> <p>Regeneration projects will deliver new housing and a range of improvements to support thriving neighbourhoods.</p>
	<p>A strong and inclusive economy Regeneration projects in Sandwell will provide a range of opportunities for residents to access education and training opportunities and retain/draw in businesses.</p>
	<p>A connected and accessible Sandwell Regeneration projects will deliver improvements to transport infrastructure for a connected and accessible Sandwell.</p>

4 Context and Key Issues

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- 4.2 The Board will be updated on the progress made against those elements of the Improvement Plan.

5 Implications

Resources:	There are no resource implications associated with this report.
Legal and Governance:	Scrutiny boards are responsible for managing their own work programmes and the Board has determined that this is something it wishes to monitor.

Risk:	There are no risk implications associated with this report.
Equality:	There are no equality implications associated with this report.
Health and Wellbeing:	There are no health and wellbeing implications associated with this report.
Social Value	There are no equality implications associated with this report.

6 Appendices

Appendix (Private) - Governance Review Improvement Plan 2022
– (Elements Relating to the Terms of Reference of the Economy, Skills, Transport and Environment Scrutiny Board)

7. Background Papers

Governance Review Improvement Plan