

Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board

31 July 2024

Subject:	Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board Work Programme 2024-25
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1 Recommendations

that the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board:

- 1.1 considers matters for inclusion on the work programme 2024-25.
- 1.2 approves the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board work programme 2024-25.

2 Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 The Board is asked to consider its work programme for 2024-25 taking into account where scrutiny can add value, strengthen decision making to enhance services that the Council delivers and aligns to the Vision 2030 and objectives of the Corporate Plan (and Council Plan once approved).



3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?

		Effective governance arrangements support the delivery of all corporate objectives.
		
		

4 Context and Key Issues

- 4.1 A list of items identified during the year for scrutiny and pre-decision items and any suggestions received from the public have been considered during an informal work programming event.
- 4.2 To assist members in selecting topics for consideration during the year, the Sandwell Scrutiny Prioritisation Tool is attached at Appendix 1. This Tool can help determine priorities for each topic and provide members with a structured method of creating a focussed work programme.

5 Alternative Options

- 5.1 If the Scrutiny Board does not determine a work programme, the opportunity to review policies and services will not be realised meaning that improvements, savings and income generation possibilities may be missed.

6 Implications

Resources:	The Scrutiny function is directly supported by the Council’s Statutory Scrutiny Officer, Scrutiny Lead Officer and Democratic Services Officers within the Council’s Law and Governance directorate. Additional technical expertise and evidence on specific matters will be provided by officers within the various directorates of the authority.
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	The strategic resource implications of the topics selected for scrutiny will be identified and reported to members on a case by case basis.
Legal and Governance:	<p>Local Government Act 2000 states that Councils operating executive arrangements must also make provision for the appointment of overview and scrutiny committees.</p> <p>Further powers relating to overview and scrutiny are set out in the Police and Justice Act 2006, the Localism Act 2011, the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and the Health and Social Care Act 2012.</p> <p>Legal and governance implications of scrutiny work programme items will be reported to members on a case by case basis.</p>
Risk:	Any risks identified of scrutiny work programme items will be reported to members on a case by case basis.
Equality:	<p>There are no direct implications arising from this report.</p> <p>All such implications of scrutiny work programme items will be reported to members on a case by case basis.</p>
Health and Wellbeing:	
Social Value	
Climate Change:	
Corporate Parenting:	

7. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Prioritisation Tool

Appendix 2 – Draft Work Programme 2024/25

