

Report to Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board

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Subject:	Scrutiny Annual Report 2023-2024
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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board considers and comments upon the draft Scrutiny Annual Report 2023–24;
- 1.2 That, subject to 1.1 above, the Board submits the report to Council on 22 October 2024.

2. Reasons for Recommendations

In accordance with Article 6.03 (d) of the Council's Constitution, the Board is required to report annually to the Council on its work and that of the four other scrutiny boards.

3. How does this deliver objectives of the Council Plan?

One Council One Team	The scrutiny function supports all of the objectives of the Council Plan by seeking to improve services for the people of Sandwell. It does this by influencing the policies and decisions made by the Council and other organisations involved in delivering public services, including the West Midlands Combined Authority.
Growing Up in Sandwell	
Living in Sandwell	
Healthy in Sandwell	
Thriving Economy in Sandwell	

4. Context and Key Issues

- 4.1 The attached annual report outlines work undertaken by the Council's scrutiny function in 2023 - 2024 and highlights a number of activities and outcomes that contributed towards the objectives of the Corporate Plan.
- 4.2 Scrutiny boards delivered the work programme using a variety of methodologies outlined in the report. Evidence was provided by a range of witnesses from the Council and partner organisations, and there was engagement with service users and providers.

5. Implications

Resources:	Any resource implications arising from scrutiny activity are considered as required by the appropriate Board and by the relevant director or cabinet member/cabinet when considering recommendations arising from scrutiny activity.
Legal and Governance:	Scrutiny boards discharge the functions conferred by section 12 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the subsequent legislation. The report has been produced in accordance with Article 6.03 (d) of the Council's Constitution, which states that the Board will report annually to the Council

Risk:	Any implications arising from scrutiny activity are considered as required by the appropriate Board and by the relevant director or cabinet member/cabinet when considering recommendations arising from scrutiny activity.
Equality:	
Health and Wellbeing:	
Social Value	
Climate Change:	
Corporate Parenting:	

6. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Draft Scrutiny Annual Report 2023-2024

7. Background Papers

None