

Appendix 1

Economy, Skills, Transport and Environment Scrutiny Tracker 24/25				
Date	Item	Recommendation/ Action	Responsible Person	Notes
8 November 2023	Sandwell Local Plan – Consultation on the Draft Sandwell Local Plan	To consider the potential use of co-operative ownership housing models and the social value that they can offer.	Andy Miller	<p>The Local Plan policy now includes the following text as part of the Self-Build, Custom Build and Co-operative Housing section:</p> <p>5. <i>Where appropriate, Sandwell Council will support the delivery of community-led housing proposals, particularly where they can help provide social / affordable housing options that meet the specific requirements of local residents.</i></p> <p>Co-operative housing is already referred to in the National Planning Policy Framework, which effectively means it is considered an appropriate form of social housing should someone want to deliver such a scheme. A specific reference in the local plan would help by giving it a further degree of prominence, which is what the new policy section aims to do.</p>

11 July 2024	Planning and Delivery of Active Travel Projects (Walking and Cycling)	To explore whether there is interest and adequate capacity for Birmingham City Council to carry out joint team working with the Council, as currently seen between Sandwell, Dudley and Wolverhampton.	Andy Miller	<p>The joint working across the Black Country is a formal arrangement whereby there is a permanent joint team, Black Country Transport, that works across all four authorities alongside the individual teams in each. This is because there is a large programme of transport/highway schemes that cross boundaries, and the team also provides specialist skills that don't exist in the individual authority teams.</p> <p>With Birmingham, the Council only have the one cross-boundary project so there's no real requirement for a standing joint team. What has been arranged instead is a joint project team, lead by Sandwell, that includes officers from Birmingham, Transport for West Midlands, Canal & River Trust and Sandwell & West Birmingham NHS Trust.</p>
21 August 2024	Sandwell Local Plan – Working Group	That a commitment to supporting care leavers to access jobs via labour market provision is considered and explored (Policy SEC5);	Andy Miller	<p>The supporting text within the Sandwell Local Plan has been amended in line with this recommendation.</p> <p>On 11 September 2024, Cabinet resolved to approve the publication of the Sandwell Local Plan, Sustainability Appraisal Reports and other material required for publication for a period of six weeks commencing on 23 September 2024.</p>

		That the impact of upcoming ward boundary changes on affordability calculations once new boundaries are finalised is considered;		The supporting text to Policy SHO5 within the Sandwell Local Plan has been amended in line with this recommendation.
		That traditional GRT routes are considered when exploring potential sites for use by GRT communities;		The supporting text for policy SHO9 within the Sandwell Local Plan has been amended in line with this recommendation.