

# Report to Budget & Corporate Scrutiny Management Board

**6 November 2024**

<b>Subject:</b>	West Midlands Combined Authority Scrutiny and Audit Annual Report 2023-24
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## **1 Recommendations**

That the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board considers and comments upon the Scrutiny and Audit Annual Report 2023-24 presented by the West Midlands Combined Authority.

## **2 Reasons for Recommendations**

Effective Scrutiny at both Council and Combined Authority levels is an important part of democracy and transparent decision making.

Consideration of the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) by the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board provides a clear link between the two overview and scrutiny functions.

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

<b>Growing Up in Sandwell</b>	The scrutiny function supports all of the objectives of the Corporate 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.
<b>Living in Sandwell</b>	
<b>Thriving Economy in Sandwell</b>	
<b>Healthy in Sandwell</b>	
<b>One Council, One Team</b>	

### 4 Context and Key Issues

These are set out in the WMCA Scrutiny and Audit Annual Report at Appendix 1.

### 5 Implications

<b>Resources:</b>	Individual items considered by the WMCA's Overview and Scrutiny function will consider relevant implications.
<b>Legal and Governance:</b>	
<b>Risk:</b>	
<b>Equality:</b>	
<b>Health and Wellbeing:</b>	
<b>Social Value</b>	
<b>Climate Change</b>	
<b>Corporate Parenting</b>	

### 6. Appendices

Appendix 1 – WMCA Scrutiny and Audit Annual Report 2023-24.

### 7. Background Papers

None.