

**Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities 22/23**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Recommendation/ Action</b>	<b>Responsible Person</b>	<b>Notes</b>
17 JAN 24	Implementation of 3 Boroughwide Public Space Protection Orders relating to Alcohol Consumption, Dog Fouling and BBQs/ Fires	That the Director of Borough Economy considers the feasibility of providing, fixed and fire-safe designated BBQ areas in Sandwell's green spaces and that the Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board is consulted as part of the consideration.	Ben Percival	
14 MAR 24	Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy and Adaptations for Disabled Tenants in Council Housing	That a further report on the allocation of reserves of the Adaptations budget be brought to a future meeting of the Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board.	Sarah Ager/ Manny Sehbmi	To be received by the Board in March 2025.
10 SEPT 24	Housing Repairs- Addressing the Backlog and Improving the Service	That the Executive Director - Place submits quarterly updates to the Board of the procurement and implementation of the three housing software systems.	Alan Lunt/ Sarah Ager	Housing Improvement and Transformation Updates are received by the Board on a quarterly basis
		That the Executive Director – Place submits quarterly updates containing key performance indicators to the Board in relation to Housing Repairs.	Alan Lunt/ Sarah Ager	
	Neighbourhood Working – Implementation of the New Model	That the Assistant Chief Executive ensures ward plans reflect local priorities and are aligned with the Council Plan.	James McLaughlin/ Phil Connor	This work will commence in the new year following the transition to the new Neighbourhoods Service. The Ward/Town Plans will reflect local ward priorities and will be aligned to the strategic themes of the Council Plan 2024-2027

		<p>That the Assistant Chief Executive submits updates in relation to the implementation of the New Neighbourhoods Working Model to the Board.</p>	<p>James McLaughlin/ Phil Connor</p>	<p>The new Neighbourhoods Service was launched on 5 January 2025 with new roles in accordance with the structure chart previously shared with Members in December 2024. Staff from the former Neighbourhood Engagement and Neighbourhood Partnerships Teams have moved into new roles following the conclusion of the restructure that led to the creation of the new Neighbourhoods Service. However, there are a number of vacant roles that will still need to be filled through recruitment processes that will commence by the end of January 2025</p>
		<p>That the Assistant Chief Executive undertakes a Borough- wide survey engagement exercise to ensure the ward plans reflect local priorities.</p>	<p>James McLaughlin/ Phil Connor</p>	<p>Consultation and engagement will be a key part of the process in developing ward priorities. This activity will be led by Neighbourhood Services in the new year and Ward</p>

				Members will be engaged and involved throughout.
05 DEC 24	Housing Improvement and Transformation Update	That the Executive Director – Place submits the Action Plan and Risk Register to the Board from January 2025.	Alan Lunt/ Sarah Ager	
		That the Executive Director – Place provides the figures to the Board in relation to: a) The estimated cost of remedying the repairs backlog; b) The confirmed cost of remedying the repairs backlog subsequent to procurement processes taking place; c) How this cost is to be met, including the impact on the Housing Revenue Account reserves.	Alan Lunt/ Sarah Ager	
		That the Executive Director – Place reports any delays if applicable of electrical safety inspections to the Board.	Alan Lunt/ Sarah Ager	
	Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy Update	That the Executive Director – Place establish a panel, constituted of those with lived experience of homelessness to support the Rough Sleeper Strategy.	Nigel Collumbell/ Karl Robinson	