

Tracking and Monitoring of Actions and Recommendations of Scrutiny Boards

Scrutiny Board Date	Agenda Item Title	Action/Recommendation	Responsible Director /Body	Activity Log
Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board				
11 March 2024	Scrutiny Review of Loneliness and Isolation	<p>Resolved that the following recommendations be submitted to the Cabinet for consideration:-</p> <p>(1) That for any pilot schemes or trials aimed to reduce social isolation and loneliness consideration be given first to conducting them in Tipton and Wednesbury due to the identified need in those towns.</p> <p>(2) That information on support services, community groups and local events are publicised widely including in Sandwell's libraries, on the Council's website, on community notice boards, at pop-up stalls and via the Sandwell Herald and Health-related publications.</p> <p>(3) To explore how the Council can train and support the community run their own sessions, based on their own interests, and how to get others to participate.</p> <p>(4) That the Social Prescribing Strategy for Sandwell addresses the issues of loneliness and social isolation.</p>	Liann Brookes-Smith/ Ben Percival	The recommendations were approved by the Cabinet at its meeting on 15 January 2025.

		<p>(5) That a training module on the Council's e-learning platform be developed for frontline staff members to raise awareness of Loneliness and Social Isolation, their signs and how to direct individuals to support opportunities.</p> <p>(6) That the Assistant Director – Green Spaces, Green Services and Events explore options to introduce 'Happy to Chat' benches within the borough's green spaces and parks.</p>		
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