

Report to Children's Services and Education Scrutiny Board

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Subject:	Cabinet Forward Plan
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1 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Board considers the Cabinet Forward Plan, which sets out the matters programmed to be considered by the Cabinet.

2 Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 It is good practice for work programmes to remain fluid, to allow for scrutiny of new and emerging issues in a timely manner.

3 How does this deliver objectives of the Council Plan?

Growing Up in Sandwell	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.
Living in Sandwell	
Thriving Economy in Sandwell	
Healthy in Sandwell	
One Council One Team	

4 Context and Key Issues

- 4.1 Scrutiny is a member led and driven function, driven by members' commitment to improve services and thereby people's lives.
- 4.2 Scrutiny Procedure Rules allow any member to request that an item is added to a scrutiny board's work programme. Each request should be carefully assessed, using the agreed process, to ensure that resources can be prioritised and that the scrutiny activity will add value.

5 Implications

Resources:	Any resources implications arising from scrutiny activity are considered as required by the appropriate director or cabinet member/cabinet. Any specific implications for the Board's attention are detailed in the Appendix.
Legal and Governance:	The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000. The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 places a duty on the Executive to respond to Scrutiny recommendations within two months of receiving them. NHS service commissioners and providers have a duty to respond in writing to a report or recommendation where health scrutiny requests this, within 28 days of the request. This applies to requests from individual health scrutiny committees or sub-committees, from local authorities and from joint health scrutiny committees or sub-committees.
Risk:	Any risk implications arising from scrutiny activity are considered as required by the appropriate director or cabinet member/cabinet. Any specific risks for the Board's attention are detailed in the Appendix.
Equality:	Any equality implications arising from scrutiny activity are considered as required by the appropriate director or cabinet member/cabinet. Any specific equality implications for the Board's attention are detailed in the Appendix.
Health and Wellbeing:	Any health and wellbeing implications arising from scrutiny activity are considered as required by the appropriate director or cabinet member/cabinet.

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Social Value	Any social value implications arising from scrutiny activity are considered as required by the appropriate director or cabinet member/cabinet. Any specific social value implications for the Board's attention are detailed in the Appendix.
Corporate Parenting	Any corporate parenting implications arising from scrutiny activity are considered as required by the appropriate director or cabinet member/cabinet. Any specific corporate parenting implications for the Board's attention are detailed in the Appendix.
Climate Change	Any climate change implications arising from scrutiny activity are considered as required by the appropriate director or cabinet member/cabinet. Any specific climate change implications for the Board's attention are detailed in the Appendix.

6 Appendices

Appendix 1 – Cabinet Forward Plan

7. Background Papers

None.