

Scrutiny Board :	Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board
Report Title	Election of a Vice-Chair
Date of Meeting	17 July 2025
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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 At its meeting on 13 May 2025, Council established the membership of the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board, excluding to the role of Vice-Chair. The Board is asked to appoint a Vice-Chair for the 2025/26 municipal year from amongst its membership.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board appoint from amongst its membership a Vice-Chair for the 2025/26 municipal year.

3. Background and Context

- 3.1 A Vice-Chair supports, and acts in the absence of, the Chair of the Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board. This enables the effective operation of the Board.

4. Consultation

- 4.1 No consultation is required.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 The role of Vice-Chair does not attract any special responsibility allowance, and therefore there are no financial implications of appointing a Vice-Chair.

6. Legal and Governance Implications

- 6.1 The Local Government Act 1972 establishes the appointment of committees, including chairing arrangements, by local authorities.

- 6.2 Appointing a Vice-Chair is good practice as it can help avoid delays or difficulties in the event of the Chair being unavailable.

7. Risks

- 7.1 There are no direct risks arising from the report, however if a Vice-Chair is not appointed then it could impact the effective operation of the Board.

8. Equality and Diversity Implications (including the public sector equality duty)

- 8.1 There are no implications relating to equality and diversity.

9. Other Relevant Implications

- 9.1 There are no other relevant implications arising from this report.

10 Background Documents

- 10.1 None.

11 How does this deliver the Outcomes in the Council Plan?

- 11.1 Effective governance arrangements support the delivery of all outcomes of the Council Plan:
- Growing up in Sandwell
 - Living in Sandwell
 - Healthy in Sandwell
 - Thriving Economy in Sandwell
 - One Council One Team Approach.