

## Work Programme of the Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board 2025/26

3 July 2025				
Agenda Item	Scrutiny Objective	Purpose of Report and data Required	Alignment to Council Plan	Lead Officer/invitees
Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board Work Programme 2025-2026 Municipal Year		<u>Purpose of report:</u>  To establish the work programme for the 2025-2026 Municipal Year.	Supports all objectives of the Council Plan	John Swann
Housing Improvement and Transformation Plan	Holding to account/ watching brief	<u>Purpose of report:</u>  To receive reports by exception and key workstreams/performance indicators relating to Housing Improvement and the associated Transformation Plan.	Living in Sandwell	Alan Lunt/ Nigel Collumbell/ Sarah Ager
Council House New Builds Programme Update	Pre-decision/ Assurance	<u>Purpose of report:</u>  To consider the indicative medium term programme and resource allocation for Council House New Builds.	Living in Sandwell	Alan Martin/ Tammy Stokes/ Alan Lunt

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4 September 2025				
Agenda Item	Scrutiny Objective	Purpose of Report and data Required	Alignment to Council Plan	Lead Officer/invitees
Scrutiny Tracking and Monitoring	Supports all scrutiny objectives	<u>Purpose of report:</u>  To consider responses and updates to previous recommendations made by the Board.	Supports all objectives of the Council Plan	Councillor Vicki Smith/ Councillor Suzanne Hartwell/ John Swann
Antisocial behaviour and low-level crime	Holding to account	<u>Purpose of report:</u>  Focus upon drug dealing and resource deployment.	Thriving in Sandwell	Ch. Supt. Kim Madill/ Nicola Plant
Violence against Women and Girls Strategy	Policy development	<u>Purpose of report:</u>  To consider the draft Strategy.  Joint item with Children Services and Education Scrutiny Board.	Thriving in Sandwell	Alan Lunt/ Nicola Plant/ Wendy Simms/ Jo Sailsman/ Councillor Nicky Hinchliff/ Third Sector

4 December 2025				
Agenda Item	Scrutiny Objective	Purpose of Report and data Required	Alignment to Council Plan	Lead Officer/invitees
Council and Voluntary/ Community Sector Relationship	Assurance	<u>Purpose of report:</u>  To consider value for money implications and the Voluntary Sector Strategy	One Council, One Team	James McLaughlin/ Kate Ashley

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8 January 2026				
Agenda Item	Scrutiny Objective	Purpose of Report and data Required	Alignment to Council Plan	Lead Officer/invitees
Housing Allocations Policy	Policy Development	<u>Purpose of report:</u>  To review the housing need categorisation and the housing needs waiting list.	Living in Sandwell	Alan Lunt/ Nigel Collumbell
Housing Improvement and Transformation Plan	Holding to account/ watching brief	<u>Purpose of report:</u>  To receive reports by exception and key workstreams/performance indicators relating to Housing Improvement and the associated Transformation Plan.	Living in Sandwell	Alan Lunt/ Nigel Collumbell/ Sarah Ager
Tenant Engagement Strategy	Policy Development	<u>Purpose of report:</u>  To seek Member input and consultation on the Tenant Engagement Strategy	Living in Sandwell	Louis Bebb/ Manny Sehmbi
Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Review	Review	<u>Purpose of report:</u>  To receive the Scrutiny Review report of the Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board	Supports all objectives of the Council Plan	John Swann/ Rhys Attwell

5 February 2026				
Agenda Item	Scrutiny Objective	Purpose of Report and data Required	Alignment to Council Plan	Lead Officer/invitees
Visitor Services Review	Assurance	<u>Purpose of report:</u>  To consider Heritage Assets, Sandwell Valley Masterplan (Commercial Performance) and Retail and Confectionary Stands (including associated revenues).	Thriving in Sandwell	Ben Percival

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New Neighbourhood Working Model – One year on	Holding to account/ assurance	<u>Purpose of report:</u>  To consider data and feedback from stakeholders and concerned parties.	One Council, One Team	James McLaughlin
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12 March 2026				
Agenda Item	Scrutiny Objective	Purpose of Report and data Required	Alignment to Council Plan	Lead Officer/invitees
Report of the Tenant and Leaseholder Scrutiny Group	Supports all scrutiny objectives	<u>Purpose of report:</u>  To consider the Tenant and Leaseholder Scrutiny Group Annual Report and any other provided information.	Thriving in Sandwell	Phillippe Brown/ Christine Davis
Scrutiny Tracking and Monitoring	Supports all scrutiny objectives	<u>Purpose of report:</u>  To consider responses and updates to previous recommendations made by the Board.	Supports all objectives of the Council Plan	Councillor Vicki Smith/ Councillor Suzanne Hartwell/ John Swann
Marketing and Promotion Strategy for Events	Policy Development	<u>Purpose of report:</u>  To review the marketing and promotion strategy for Council-ran events to improve their financial viability.	Thriving in Sandwell	Ben Percival/ Matt More

Spotlight Session				
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Play Area Strategy	Policy development	<u>Purpose of report:</u>  To consider resource allocation and cost of maintenance against investment in new play spaces.	Thriving in Sandwell	Ben Percival