

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

| 3 July 2025  |                                    |   |   |   |
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| 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><br><br>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><br><br>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><br><br>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                          |                                  |   |   |  |
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| 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><br><br>To consider responses and updates to previous recommendations made by the Board.                       | Supports all objectives of the Council Plan | Councillor Vicki Smith/<br>Councillor Suzanne Hartwell/ John Swann                                   |
| Antisocial behaviour and low-level crime  | Holding to account               | <u>Purpose of report:</u><br><br>Focus upon drug dealing and resource deployment.   | Thriving in Sandwell                        | Ch. Supt. Kim Madill/<br>Nicola Plant  |
| Violence against Women and Girls Strategy | Policy development               | <u>Purpose of report:</u><br><br>To consider the draft Strategy.<br><br>Joint item with Children Services and Education Scrutiny Board. | Thriving in Sandwell                        | Alan Lunt/ Nicola Plant/<br>Wendy Simms/<br>Jo Sailsman/<br>Councillor Nicky Hinchliff/ Third Sector |

| 4 December 2025                                      |                    |   |                           |                                  |
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| Agenda Item  | Scrutiny Objective | Purpose of Report and data Required   | Alignment to Council Plan | Lead Officer/invitees            |
| Play Area Strategy                                   | Policy development | <u>Purpose of report:</u><br><br>To consider resource allocation and cost of maintenance against investment in new play spaces. | Thriving in Sandwell      | Ben Percival                     |
| Council and Voluntary/ Community Sector Relationship | Assurance          | <u>Purpose of report:</u><br><br>To consider value for money implications and the Voluntary Sector Strategy                     | One Council, One Team     | James McLaughlin/<br>Kate Ashley |

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| 8 January 2026                              |                                    |   |                           |   |
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| 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><br>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><br>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 |

| 5 February 2026                             |                    |  |                           |                         |
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| 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><br>To consider Heritage Assets, Sandwell Valley Masterplan (Commercial Performance) and Retail and Confectionary Stands (including associated revenues). | Thriving in Sandwell      | Ben Percival            |
| Marketing and Promotion Strategy for Events | Policy Development | <u>Purpose of report:</u><br>To review the marketing and promotion strategy for Council-ran events to improve their financial viability.   | Thriving in Sandwell      | Ben Percival/ Matt More |

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| 12 March 2026                                       |                                  |  |   |  |
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| Report of the Tenant and Leaseholder Scrutiny Group | Supports all scrutiny objectives | <u>Purpose of report:</u><br>To consider the Tenant and Leaseholder Scrutiny Group Annual Report and any other provided information. | Thriving in Sandwell                        | Phillippe Brown/<br>Christine Davis                                |
| Scrutiny Tracking and Monitoring                    | Supports all scrutiny objectives | <u>Purpose of report:</u><br>To consider responses and updates to previous recommendations made by the Board.                        | Supports all objectives of the Council Plan | Councillor Vicki Smith/<br>Councillor Suzanne Hartwell/ John Swann |
| New Neighbourhood Working Model – One year on       | Holding to account/ assurance    | <u>Purpose of report:</u><br>To consider data and feedback from stakeholders and concerned parties.                                  | One Council, One Team                       | James McLaughlin   |

### Briefing Notes

Housing Cooperative - Nigel Collumbell

Trading Standards and associated challenges (to incorporate illicit vapes, tobacco/ alcohol and underage sales) – Alan Lunt/ Nicola Plant/ Liz Nembhard

New Neighbourhood Working Model – James McLaughlin – NOV 25

Emergency Planning Strategy – Alan Lunt

### Briefing Sessions

Crime Trends - Ch. Supt. Kim Maddil/ Nicola Plant/ Wendy Simms – 20 October 2025

CCTV Deployment Strategy – Alan Lunt/ Nicola Plant

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