

## **Appendix B – Appointments to Committees and Fora of the Council**

May 2025

# Committees & Panels

## Appointments and Disciplinary Committee (2025/2026)

### Purpose

The Appointments and Disciplinary Committee (the Panel) discharges the powers of the Council in respect of the employment of officers.

### Composition

7 Councillors including at least 1 member of the Executive.

### Political Proportion

**Labour:** 6 Members

**Conservative:** 1 Member (Plus one named substitute)

### Appointments:

**Chair:** Councillor Carmichael

**Deputy Chair:** Councillor Moore

**Councillor Hartwell**

**Councillor Khatun**

**Councillor Allcock**

**Councillor Taylor**

**Councillor William Gill (Justyna Kordala)**



## Audit and Risk Assurance Committee (2025/2026)

### Purpose

To provide independent assurance of the adequacy of the risk management framework and the internal control environment. To provide independent review of the Council's governance, risk management and control frameworks and oversee the financial reporting and annual governance processes. To oversee internal audit and external audit, helping to ensure efficient and effective assurance arrangements are in place.

### Composition

11 Members + 2 independent members

### Political Proportion

**Labour:** 10 Members

**Conservative:** 1 Member (Plus one named substitute)

### Appointments:

**Chair:** Councillor Preece

**Deputy Chair:** Councillor L Giles

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Councillor</b> | Jalil              |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Fitzgerald         |
| <b>Councillor</b> | A Singh            |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Gavan              |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Haq                |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Johnston           |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Rahman             |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Choudhry           |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Trumpeter (W Gill) |



## Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee (2025/2026)

### Purpose

To provide independent assurance of the adequacy of the risk management framework and the internal control environment. To provide independent review of the Council's governance, risk management and control frameworks and oversee the financial reporting and annual governance processes. To oversee internal audit and external audit, helping to ensure efficient and effective assurance arrangements are in place.

### Composition

11 non-executive members

### Political Proportion

**Labour:** 10 Members

**Conservative:** 1 Member (Plus one named substitute)

### Appointments:

**Chair:** Councillor Piper

**Deputy Chair:** Councillor Nagi Singh

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|-------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Councillor</b> | Muflihi                    |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Fenton                     |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Kaur                       |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Jalil                      |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Horton                     |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Tromans                    |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Hackett                    |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Chidley                    |
| <b>Councillor</b> | W Gill (Dunn – Substitute) |



## General Purposes and Arbitration Committee (2025/2026)

### Purpose

With the exception of any matter which falls within the terms of any other council committee, the General Purposes Committee is authorised to consider, make recommendations or determine matters on any Council (non-executive) function delegated to an Executive Director or Service Director which does not fall within the terms of reference of any other committee

### Composition

11 non-executive members

### Political Proportion

**Labour:** 10 Members

**Conservative:** 1 Member

### Appointments:

**Chair:** Councillor Rahman  
**Deputy Chair:** Councillor Chidley

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| <b>Councillor</b> | Dhariwal |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Crompton |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Khan     |
| <b>Councillor</b> | S Gill   |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Shaeen   |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Wilkes   |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Randhawa |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Weston   |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Tipper*  |

\*The Leader has offered an additional seat to other groups/Independent members.



## Governance and Constitution Review Committee (2025/2026)

### Purpose

To consider and review the Council's Constitution and to submit to Full Council, as and when appropriate, any proposed changes to the Constitution including proposals for the adoption of new or amended Standing Orders and electoral arrangements.

### Composition

11 Members

### Political Proportion

**Labour:** 10 Members

**Conservative:** 1 Member

### Appointments:

**Chair:** Councillor Carmichael

**Deputy Chair:** Councillor Moore

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| <b>Councillor</b> | Hemingway             |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Crompton              |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Kalebe-Nyamongo       |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Dhatt                 |
| <b>Councillor</b> | J Singh               |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Preece                |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Choudhry              |
| <b>Councillor</b> | W Gill (Conservative) |
| <b>Councillor</b> | **Jeffcoat            |

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## **Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005 Committee (2025/2026) (Formerly Licensing Committee)**

### **Purpose**

The Licensing and Gambling Committee (and its Sub-Committees) exercises the functions of the Council as Licensing Authority for the purposes and requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005, except where functions are reserved to Full Council. The Committee will establish Sub-Committees of 3 councillors to determine applications for licensing and gambling activities not delegated to officers, comprising 3 councillors only.

### **Composition**

15 non-Executive Members

### **Political Proportion**

**Labour:** 14 Members

**Conservative:** 1 Member (Plus one named substitute)

### **Appointments:**

**Chair (Also Chair of Sub Committee 1):** Councillor John Giles

**Deputy Chair (Chair of Sub Committee 2):** Councillor J Singh

**Deputy Chair (Chair of Sub Committee 3):** Councillor Hemingway

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| <b>Councillor</b> | Iqbal                        |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Nagi Singh                   |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Loan                         |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Millard                      |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Bhamra                       |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Haq                          |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Johnston                     |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Lewis                        |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Hussain                      |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Chambers                     |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Dhariwal                     |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Jeffcoat (Dunn – Substitute) |



## General Licensing Committee (2025/2026)

### Purpose

The General Licensing Committee has power to discharge all other licensing and registration functions of the Council, which do not expressly fall within the remit of another regulatory committee.

### Composition

11 Members

### Political Proportion

**Labour:** 10 Members

**Conservative:** 1 Member (Plus one named substitute)

### Appointments:

**Chair:** Councillor John Giles  
**Deputy Chair:** Councillor Hemingway

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| <b>Councillor</b> | Iqbal                        |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Nagi Singh                   |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Millard                      |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Bhamra                       |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Haq                          |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Johnston                     |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Lewis                        |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Jag Singh                    |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Jeffcoat (Dunn – Substitute) |





# Planning Committee

## Purpose

The Planning Committee is responsible for making decisions on the more sensitive planning applications received by the Council. The Committee meets approximately every 4 weeks and is made up of Councillors from all political parties.

## Composition

11 Members

## Political Proportion

**Labour:** 10 Members

**Conservative:** 1 Member (Plus one named substitute)

## Appointments:

**Chair:** Councillor Millar

**Deputy Chair:** Councillor Kaur

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| <b>Councillor</b> | Younis                       |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Cotterill                    |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Horton                       |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Loan                         |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Piper                        |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Tromans                      |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Webb                         |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Chidley                      |
| <b>Councillor</b> | Weston (W Gill – Substitute) |



# Scrutiny Boards

## Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board

### Purpose

As set out in the Scrutiny Procedure Rules contained in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution to scrutinise recommendations, consider referrals under the Call for Action process, and contribute to decision making and policy development through pre-decision scrutiny processes in relation to the following matters

### Composition

11 Members made up Chairs/Deputy Chairs of Scrutiny Boards plus 2 members of the opposition if not included already as Chair/Deputy Chair.

### Political Proportion

Non-political body.

### Appointments:

**Chair:** Councillor Fenton

**Councillor Hinchliff**  
**Councillor Ashraf**  
**Councillor Davies**  
**Councillor A Singh**  
**Councillor Elizabeth Giles**  
**Councillor Fitzgerald**  
**Councillor Lewis**  
**Councillor Dhatt**  
**Councillor W Gill**  
**Councillor Jeffcoat**



# Children's Services and Education Scrutiny Board

## Purpose

As set out in the Scrutiny Procedure Rules contained in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution to scrutinise recommendations, consider referrals under the Call for Action process, and contribute to decision making and policy development through pre-decision scrutiny processes in relation to the following matters

## Composition

11 Members (+4 co-opted members)

## Political Proportion

**Labour:** 10 Members

**Conservative:** 1 Member (Plus one named substitute)

## Appointments:

**Chair:** Hinchliff

**Deputy Chair:** Ashraf

**Councillor** Pall

**Councillor** Owen

**Councillor** Randhawa

**Councillor** S Gill

**Councillor** Choudhry

**Councillor** Chambers

**Councillor** Uppal

**Councillor** Williams

**Councillor** Kordala (Dunn – Substitute)

Church of England Diocese representative x1

Roman Catholic Archdiocese representative x1

Parent Governor representatives x2



# Economy, Skills, Transport and Environment Scrutiny Board

## Purpose

As set out in the Scrutiny Procedure Rules contained in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution to scrutinise recommendations, consider referrals under the Call for Action process, and contribute to decision making and policy development through pre-decision scrutiny processes in relation to the following matters

## Composition

11 Members

## Political Proportion

**Labour:** 10 Members

**Conservative:** 1 Member (Plus one named substitute)

## Appointments:

**Chair:** Davies

**Deputy Chair:** A Singh

**Councillor** Wilkes

**Councillor** Hackett

**Councillor** Jag Singh

**Councillor** Gavan

**Councillor** Pall

**Councillor** Hemingway

**Councillor** Mayo

**Councillor** Ashraf

**Councillor** Jeffcoat (W Gill – Substitute)



# Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board

## Purpose

As set out in the Scrutiny Procedure Rules contained in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution to scrutinise recommendations, consider referrals under the Call for Action process, and contribute to decision making and policy development through pre-decision scrutiny processes in relation to the following matters

## Composition

11 Members

## Political Proportion

**Labour:** 10 Members

**Conservative:** 1 Member

## Appointments:

**Chair:** Elizabeth Giles

**Deputy Chair:** Fitzgerald

**Councillor** Elaine Giles

**Councillor** M Allcock

**Councillor** Bhamra

**Councillor** Muflihi

**Councillor** Kalebe-Nyamongo

**Councillor** Maycock

**Councillor** Uppal

**Councillor** Trumpeter (Weston – Substitute)

**Councillor** \*\*\*Tipper

\*\*\*The Leader has offered an additional seat to other groups/Independent members.



# Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board

## Purpose

As set out in the Scrutiny Procedure Rules contained in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution to scrutinise recommendations, consider referrals under the Call for Action process, and contribute to decision making and policy development through pre-decision scrutiny processes in relation to the following matters

## Composition

11 Members (+1 co-opted Member)

## Political Proportion

**Labour:** 10 Members

**Conservative:** 1 Member

## Appointments:

**Chair:** Lewis

**Deputy Chair:** Dhatt

**Councillor** A Singh

**Councillor** John Giles

**Councillor** Crompton

**Councillor** Khan

**Councillor** Millard

**Councillor** Mayo

**Councillor** Younis

**Councillor** W Gill (Weston – Substitute)

**Councillor** \*\*\*\* Jeffcoat

\*\*\*\*The Leader has offered an additional seat to other groups/Independent members.

Representative of Tenant and Leaseholder Scrutiny Group



## Joint Consultative Panel

### Purpose

The object of the Panel shall is to provide a means of consultation and a forum for discussion between the Council and its Local Government services employees and on matters relating to the conditions of service of such employees of the Council, on other matters of common interest and concern and to assist in the consultation process. The constitution and functions of the Panel shall not be construed to prejudice the provisions or hinder the operation of any existing agreement between the Council and the Trade Unions.

### Composition

6 Members + 6 Union Representatives

### Appointments:

**Chair:** Paul Moore  
**Deputy Chair:** Kerrie Carmichael

**Councillor** Bob Piper  
**Councillor** Farut Shaeen  
**Councillor** Suzanne Hartwell  
**Councillor** Pam Randhawa



# Member Roles

## Town Chair and Deputy Chair Positions

### Oldbury:-

Chair: Councillor Caroline Owen  
Deputy Chair: Councillor Jill Tromans

### Rowley Regis:-

Chair: Councillor Julie Webb  
Deputy Chair: Councillor Mayo

### Smethwick:-

Chair: Councillor Farut Shaeen  
Deputy Chair: Councillor Ragih Muflihi

### Tipton:-

Chair: Councillor Abid Hussain  
Deputy Chair: Councillor Archer Williams

### Wednesbury:-

Chair: Councillor Luke Giles  
Deputy Chair: Councillor Nicola Maycock

### West Bromwich:-

Chair: Councillor Pam Randhawa  
Deputy Chair: Councillor M Allcock





## Champions and Other Roles

### **Thriving in Sandwell:**

Councillor: Sohail Iqbal

### **Living in Sandwell:**

Councillor: Connor Horton

### **Healthy Sandwell:**

Councillor: Luke Cotterill

### **Growing up in Sandwell:**

Councillor Chipiliro Kalebe-Nyamongo

### **Neighbourhoods (lead champion):**

Councillor: Maria Crompton

## Other Roles

### **Heritage Champion:**

Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Infrastructure

### **Armed Forces Champion:**

Councillor Allcock



# Appointments made by the Executive

## Health and Wellbeing Board

### Purpose

The Health and Wellbeing Board is a formal statutory committee of the local authority, established under Section 194 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 as a forum where political, clinical, professional and community leaders from across the health and care system come together to improve the health and wellbeing of our local population and reduce health inequalities.

### Composition

#### Elected Members (with voting rights):

Cabinet Member for Adult Services, Health and Wellbeing (Chair);  
Cabinet Member for Children and Families;  
Cabinet Member for Housing and Sustainable Development;  
Cabinet Member for Business and Skills.

#### Other Board members as agreed by Council:-

Director – Adult Social Care (with voting rights)  
Director of Children’s Services (with voting rights)  
Director of Public Health (with voting rights)  
Black Country Integrated Care Board: Two representatives (with voting rights)  
One representative of Healthwatch Sandwell (with voting rights)  
One representative of NHS England (without voting rights)  
One representative of Sandwell’s faith sector (with voting rights)  
One representative of West Midlands Police (without voting rights)  
One representative of Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust (without voting rights)  
One representative of Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (without voting rights)  
One representative of West Midlands Fire and Rescue Service (without voting rights)  
One representative of Sandwell Council of Voluntary Organisations (without voting rights)  
One representative of Sandwell Children’s Trust (without voting rights)  
One representative of SHAPE Forum (with voting rights)

### Cabinet Petitions Committee (2025/2026)

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| (9 members)<br>(Lab 9) |   |
| <b>Chair</b>           | Cabinet Member for Environment & Highways |
|                        | Members of the Cabinet x 8                |