

Appendix B – Appointments to Committees and Fora of the Council

May 2026

Committees & Panels

Appointments and Disciplinary Committee (2026/2027)

Purpose

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

Composition

7 Councillors including at least 1 member of the Executive.

Political Proportion

Reform: 5

Labour: 2

Appointments:

Chair: Councillor Ray Nock

Deputy Chair: Councillor Gary Dale

Councillor Jack Sabharwal

Councillor Michael Cooper

Councillor Ritchie Massey

Councillor Luke Davies

Councillor Paul Moore

Audit and Risk Assurance Committee (2026/2027)

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

Reform: 6

Labour: 4

Green: 1

Appointments:

Chair: Councillor Owen Nelson

Deputy Chair: Councillor Stephen Fellows

Councillor Matt Lloyd

Councillor Crag Morris

Councillor Jeremy Handley

Councillor Connor Marshall

Councillor Mohammed Ahad

Councillor Amolak Dhariwal

Councillor Suzanne Hartwell

Councillor Rizwan Jalil

Councillor John Tipper

Independent Members:

Jay Hussain (term of office ends July 2026)

Tarminder Patter (term of office ends 2029):



Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee (2026/2027)

Purpose

To review and advise the Council on the Council's ethical framework, determine complaints about councillor conduct, and oversee the development and delivery of a member development strategy, induction programme and annual Member development programme.

Composition

11 non-executive members

Political Proportion

Reform: 7

Labour: 4

Appointments:

Chair: Councillor Karl Leech

Deputy Chair: Councillor Aaron Khuttan

Councillor Paul Tromans

Councillor Lisa Weaver

Councillor Dean Hollowood

Councillor Matt Lloyd

Councillor Brad Simms

Councillor Keith Allcock

Councillor Aqeela Choudhry

Councillor Maria Crompton

Councillor Pam Randhawa



General Purposes and Arbitration Committee (2026/2027)

Purpose

To monitor, review and make recommendations on the operation of the Council's decision-making structures not otherwise reserved to the Governance and Constitutional Review Committee.

Composition

11 non-executive members

Political Proportion

Reform: 6

Labour: 5

Appointments:

Chair: Councillor Brad Simms

Deputy Chair: Councillor Lou Yates

Councillor Paul Leavey

Councillor Rachael Mitchell

Councillor Matt Lloyd

Councillor Kenny Jinks

Councillor Tirath Dhatt

Councillor Suzanne Hartwell

Councillor Connor Horton

Councillor Farut Shaeen

Councillor Nagi Daya Singh



Governance and Constitutional Review Committee (2026/2027)

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

Reform: 7

Labour: 4

Appointments:

Chair: Councillor Ray Nock

Deputy Chair: Councillor Gary Dale

Councillor Michael Cooper

Councillor Jack Sabharwal

Councillor Tuli Zefi

Councillor Bob Jones

Councillor Dave Williams

Councillor Maria Crompton

Councillor Paul Moore

Councillor Liam Preece

Councillor Amardeep Singh



Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005 Committee (2026/2027)

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.

Composition

15 non-Executive Members

Political Proportion

Reform: 10

Labour: 4

Green: 1

Appointments:

Chair (Also Chair of Sub Committee 1): Councillor Keith Edge

Deputy Chair (Chair of Sub Committee 2): Councillor Matt Lloyd

Deputy Chair (Chair of Sub Committee 3): Councillor Paul Tromans

Councillor Jitinder Taheem

Councillor Nathan Williams

Councillor Karl Leech

Councillor Mark Johnson

Councillor Stephen Fellows

Councillor Brad Simms

Councillor Lisa Weaver

Councillor Jennifer Hemingway

Councillor Charn Singh Padda

Councillor Nagi Daya Singh

Councillor Jackie Taylor

Councillor Hilary Grandey



General Licensing Committee (2026/2027)

Purpose

To determine all local authority licensing and registration functions and ancillary matters other than those falling within the remit of the Licensing and Gambling Committee or its Sub-Committees

Composition

11 Members

Political Proportion

Reform: 6

Labour: 4

Green: 1 (The Leader of the Green Party has offered their seat on this occasion to the Independent Councillor Richard Jeffcoat)

Appointments:

Chair (Also Chair of Sub Committee 1): Councillor Keith Edge

Deputy Chair (Chair of Sub Committee 2): Councillor Matt Lloyd

Deputy Chair (Chair of Sub Committee 3): Councillor Brad Simms

Councillor Ritchie Massey

Councillor Neil Shirvington

Councillor Owen Nelson

Councillor Jennifer Hemingway

Councillor Charn Singh Padda

Councillor Nagi Daya Singh

Councillor Jackie Taylor

Councillor Richard Jeffcoat



Planning Committee (2026/2027)

Purpose

The Planning Committee is responsible for making decisions on the more sensitive planning applications received by the Council.

Composition

11 Members

Political Proportion

Reform: 6

Labour: 4

Green: 1

Appointments:

Chair: Councillor Paul Snape

Deputy Chair: Councillor Geoffrey Sutton

Councillor Amaan Husen

Councillor Tim Hordley

Councillor David Williams

Councillor Kenny Jinks

Councillor Luke Cotterill

Councillor Connor Horton

Councillor Abid Hussain

Councillor Parbinder Kaur

Councillor Hilary Grandey



Scrutiny Boards

Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Management Board

Purpose

To contribute to decision-making and policy development through scrutiny of matters relating to budget strategy, asset management, procurement, revenues and benefits, corporate governance, information management, risk management, human resources including organisational development, information and communication technology, complaints handling, and matters relating to the West Midlands Combined Authority.

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 Tim Hordley

Councillor Luke Davies

Councillor: *Richard Jeffcoat

(plus chairs and deputy chairs of scrutiny boards)

***The Leader of the Green Party has offered their seat on this account to the Independent Councillor Richard Jeffcoat**

The Budget and Corporate Scrutiny Board is currently constituted of the chairs and deputy chairs of the four other scrutiny boards and is therefore excluded from the calculation. However a separate Chair is appointed, along with two opposition representatives



Children's Services and Education Scrutiny Board

Purpose

To contribute to decision-making and policy development through scrutiny of matters relating to Education Acts, School Standards and Framework Act 1998, services for children young people and families, Sandwell Children's Trust, local safeguarding arrangements for children and young people, corporate parenting including services and support to care leavers, early years services and targeted youth support.

Composition

11 Members (+4 co-opted members)

Political Proportion

Reform: 6

Labour: 5

Appointments:

Chair: Councillor David Williams

Deputy Chair: Councillor Nick Fawcett

Councillor Neil Shirvington

Councillor Lou Yates

Councillor Aaron Khuttan

Councillor Rachael Mitchell

Councillor Tirath Dhatt

Councillor Elaine Giles

Councillor Farut Shaeen

Councillor Harpal Tiwana

Councillor Jalal Uddin

Co-opted representatives

Church of England Diocese representative x1

Roman Catholic Archdiocese representative x1

Parent Governor representatives x2



Economy, Skills, Transport and Environment Scrutiny Board

Purpose

To contribute to decision-making and policy development through scrutiny of matters relating to climate change; environment and energy; highways management; environmental services; transport and public infrastructure; environmental health functions; the visual appearance of the Borough (the streetscene); emergency planning and civil resilience; economic development; regeneration and investment and economic inclusion.

Composition

11 Members

Political Proportion

Reform: 6

Labour: 5

Appointments:

Chair: Councillor Tim Hordley

Deputy Chair: Councillor Dean Hollowood

Councillor Connor Marshall

Councillor Mark Webb

Councillor Amaan Husen

Councillor Craig Morris

Councillor Keith Allcock

Councillor Parbinder Kaur

Councillor Charn Singh Padda

Councillor Pam Randhawa

Councillor Amardeep Singh



Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board

Purpose

To contribute to decision-making and policy development through scrutiny of matters relating to services for older and vulnerable adults, adult safeguarding, services for people with disabilities and learning difficulties, mental health services, public health, the Better Care Fund and the activities of NHS trusts, integrated care systems, and the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Composition

11 Members

Political Proportion

Reform: 6

Labour: 5

Appointments:

Chair: Councillor Mark Webb

Deputy Chair: Councillor Liane Winsper

Councillor Mark Johnson
Councillor Lou Yates
Councillor Rachael Mitchell
Councillor Nathan Williams

Councillor Mohammed Ahad
Councillor Michaela Allcock
Councillor Elaine Giles
Councillor Ragih Mufihi
Councillor Jackie Taylor



Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board

Purpose

To contribute to decision-making and policy development through scrutiny of matters relating to crime and community safety, trading standards, emergency planning and civil resilience, leisure and tourism, libraries, museums and the Community History and Archive Service, planning and provision of green spaces, voluntary and community sector support, community development, strategic housing policy, social housing, private rented sector rented accommodation and homelessness.

Composition

11 Members (+1 co-opted Member)

Political Proportion

Reform: 6

Labour: 5

Appointments:

Chair: Councillor Tuli Zefi

Deputy Chair: Councillor Craig Morris

Councillor Rachael Mitchell

Councillor Lisa Weaver

Councillor Keith Edge

Councillor Aaron Khuttan

Councillor Michaela Allcock

Councillor Luke Cotterill

Councillor Ashley Lewis

Councillor Amardeep Singh

Councillor Harpal Tiwana

Representative of Tenant and Leaseholder Scrutiny Group



Member Roles

Town Chair and Deputy Chair Positions

Oldbury:-

Chair: Karl Leech

Deputy Chair: Stephen Fellows

Rowley Regis:-

Chair: Ritchie Massey

Deputy Chair: Lou Yates

Smethwick:-

Chair: Tuli Zefi

Deputy Chair: Mona Khurana

Tipton:-

Chair: Brad Simms

Deputy Chair: Matt Lloyd

Wednesbury:-

Chair: Aaron Khuttan

Deputy Chair: Amaan Husen

West Bromwich:-

Chair: Rachael Mitchell

Deputy Chair: Kenny Jinks



Other Appointments

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):

Lead portfolio holder for Adult Services (Chair): Councillor Ritchie Massey

Lead portfolio holder for Children and Families: Councillor Mona Khurana

Lead portfolio holder for Housing and Regeneration: Councillors Ken Parsons

Lead Portfolio holder for Business and Skills: Councillor Jack Sabharwal

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 (2026/2027)

(9 members)
(Cabinet)

Chair Lead portfolio holder

Members of the Cabinet x 8

