

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Appointments to Other Bodies – Nominations 2026/27

Note: In accordance with section 3.3 of the Members Allowances Scheme where a member undertakes duties which could entitle him/her to more than one SRA he/she shall receive only the higher allowance.

Organisation	Term of Office	Current Representative(s)	Nomination(s) 2026/27	Brief Description
Local Government Association - General Assembly	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	Leader of the Council Non-voting members:- Statutory Deputy Leader of the Council Director - Assistant Chief Executive	Councillor Nock Councillor Dale James McLaughlin – Assistant Chief Executive	The LGA's General Assembly is the 'parliament of Local Government'. It meets once a year, and is the only LGA decision making forum which all authorities in full membership are eligible to attend and to vote.
Local Government Information Unit - General Assembly	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	Deputy Leader of the Council or their nominee	Councillor Dale	The LGIU is an independent, not-for-profit membership organisation working to make local democracy around the world collectively stronger, through shared ideas, resources and connections for local government.
PATROL Adjudication Committee (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London)	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	x1 Cabinet Member with portfolio for highways x1 Substitute Cabinet Member	Councillor Jones Councillor Cooper	The PATROL Joint Committee represents over 300 local authorities in England (outside London) and Wales. The main function of the Joint Committee is to provide resources to support independent adjudicators and their staff, who together comprise the Traffic Penalty Tribunal.

SIGOMA (Special Interest Group of Municipal Authorities within the LGA)	Indefinite Appointment	Leader of the Council	Councillor Nock	SIGOMA is the Special Interest Group of Municipal Authorities representing 48 urban authorities in the northern, midland and south-coast regions of England. They are a channel to Government and other appropriate bodies, helping to secure sufficient, sustainable and fair funding for the member authorities
Association of Black Country Authorities	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	Leader of the Council Statutory Deputy Leader of the Council (substitute) 1 x opposition representative	Councillor Nock Councillor Dale Councillor Taylor	ABCA is the umbrella term for the four Black Country local authorities, Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton. The four authorities meet regularly to address strategic cross-boundary issues on a continuing basis.
West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	x 2 Elected Members:	Councillor D Williams Councillor Lloyd	The West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority is a Joint Authority. Governed by locally elected councillors from across 7 local authorities, its primary function focusses on community safety and risk management in relation to response, prevention and protection.
West Midlands Rail Ltd	For length of office of Member	x2 Cabinet Member (Ideally those with infrastructure, transport or regeneration portfolios)	Councillor Knock Councillor Dale	A not-for-profit company, fully owned by the regions' local authorities and chaired by the Mayor of the West Midlands. Together, it provides local democratic accountability for decision-making on the development, specification and delivery of the rail network across the economic geography of the wider West Midlands region.
West Midlands Police and Crime Panel	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	Cabinet Member with responsibility for communities x1 Substitute:	Councillor Jones Substitute: Councillor Cooper	The West Midlands Police and Crime Panel is to examine the actions, decisions, and performance of the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner and provide both support and constructive challenge to the PCC on how they are meeting the objectives of the West Midlands Police's police and crime plan.

West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership Board	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	Leader or Statutory Deputy Leader of the Council	Councillor Nock	This board oversees the implementation and monitoring of the Migration Strategy for the West Midlands. It addresses priority issues linked to asylum, dispersal and UASC plus a broader range of issues, including, for example, integration of migrants into community life, provision of access to health and education services, ensuring safety, reducing homelessness and progression into training and employment.
Pensions Committee and Investment Advisory Sub Committee	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	x1 Elected Member	Councillor Hordley	The Pensions Committee is responsible for exercising the functions required as an Administering Authority for a Local Government Pension Scheme. Members of the Pensions Committee are responsible for the Fund's activities and ensuring it is managed in the best interest of all its members, employers, and beneficiaries. It also advises on the establishing of policies in relation to investment management and monitors investment activity and the performance of the fund.
West Midlands Shareholders Airport Committee	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	Leader of the Council	Councillor Nock	The West Midlands Shareholders Airport Committee is a Joint Committee of the Seven West Midlands Districts Councils' Executives to exercise powers and rights of these Districts, as shareholders, in matters relating to Birmingham Airport Holdings Limited, as well as making appointments.
Black Country Executive Joint Committee	For length of office of Members	Leader of the Council Substitute: x1 Cabinet Member, ideally with relevant portfolio	Councillor Nock Substitute: Councillor Dale	Black Country Consortium Ltd (BCC Ltd) is a diverse, economic development, intelligence and strategy team, working with partners from public and private sectors to steer and support the delivery of the Black Country Strategy on Growth and Competitiveness.

Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust - Assembly of Governors	For length of office of Member	x1 elected member	Councillor Winsper	This is a major provider of mental health, learning disability and community healthcare services for people of all ages in the Black Country. The general duties of the Assembly are to hold non-executive directors individually and collectively to account for the performance of the Board of Directors and to represent the interests of the members of the Trust and the public.
The Joint Airport Consultative Committee	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	x1 elected member	Councillor Dale	The Airport Consultative Committee (ACC), representing the interests of local authorities, resident groups, industry bodies and Airport users, acting as a communication channel between the Airport and its many stakeholders. It has a responsibility to ensure anyone who might be affected has an opportunity to comment on and shape decisions.
CONTEST Board	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	Leader of the Council Cabinet Member with relevant portfolio	Councillor Nock Councillor Cooper	CONTEST is the UK's counter-terrorism strategy. The Board supports this strategy by working to prevent people becoming a terrorist or supporting terrorism, stop terrorist attacks happening, strengthen protection against a terrorist attack and to minimise the impact of one.

Corporate Parenting Board	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	<p>Cabinet Member with responsibility for Children's Services</p> <p>Chair and Vice-Chair of Children's Services and Education Scrutiny Board</p> <p>Leader or Deputy Leader Opposition Leader or Deputy</p> <p>Plus x6 elected members:</p>	<p>Councillor Khurana</p> <p>Councillor D Williams Councillor Fawcett</p> <p>Councillor Dale Councillor Moore</p> <p>Councillor Edge Councillor Marshall Councillor Husen Councillor Winsper Councillor Weaver Councillor Hollowood</p>	<p>This Board that meets every 10 weeks to address issues affecting children in care and care experienced young people. The board takes effective steps to review, develop, and improve services that take care of the children and young people in our care. The Board is formed by elected members, representatives from Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, Sandwell Children's Trust, Voices of Sandwell, Forum for independent adults, NHS-ICB and other partner organisations.</p>
Fostering Panel	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	x1 elected member	Councillor Mitchell	<p>This Panel meets every two weeks and contributes to the running and quality assurance of the Children's Trust's Fostering Service. It considers Mainstream Fostering approvals, Reviews and approvals of Family and Friends (Connected Persons) placements. It also considers De-registration and Termination of approvals.</p>
River Trent Regional Flood and Coastal Committee	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	x1 Cabinet Member with relevant portfolio	Councillor Jones	<p>This committee brings together members appointed by Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFAs) and independent members with relevant experience. It has oversight of how the area responds to rainfall and the resulting risks of flooding. It looks at ways of reducing the flood risk in the area, making communities more resilient and adapting to the challenges of a changing climate.</p>

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	Cabinet Member with relevant portfolio x1 elected member x2 Nominated representatives (elected members):	Councillor Sabharwal Councillor Zefi Nominated representatives: Councillor Nock Councillor Hordley	The Standing Advisory Committee for RE is in place to review the previously agreed syllabus every five years. It represents all the major faiths and educational stakeholders in Sandwell.
Town Deal Local Board West Bromwich	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	x1 Cabinet Member with relevant portfolio (ideally regeneration/infrastructure) x1 Town Lead for West Bromwich	Councillor Nock Councillor Mitchell	Comprises a wide range of key stakeholders from community, business, voluntary, public-sector and faith organisations. The Board reviews progress of the Towns Fund Programme and projects, assessing change requests and ensuring compliance. The Board sees through the town vision, take ownership of their proposed projects and provide a level of accountability.
Town Deal Local Board Rowley Regis	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	x1 Cabinet Member with relevant portfolio (ideally regeneration/infrastructure) x1 Town Lead for Rowley Regis	Councillor Nock Councillor Massey	Comprises a wide range of key stakeholders from community, business, voluntary, public-sector and faith organisations. The Board reviews progress of the Towns Fund Programme and projects, assessing change requests and ensuring compliance. The Board sees through the town vision, take ownership of their proposed projects and provide a level of accountability.
Tividale Pride in Place Neighbourhood Board	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	1x Cabinet Member 1x Ward Member	Councillor Nock Councillor Yates	
Friar Park Pride in Place Neighbourhood Board	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	1x Cabinet Member 1x Ward Member	Councillor Nock Councillor Fawcett	

Smethwick Partnership Board	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	x1 Cabinet Member with relevant portfolio x1 Town Lead	Councillor Nock Councillor Zefi	Comprises a wide range of key stakeholders from community, business, voluntary, public-sector and faith organisations, local MP. The Board reviews progress of the Towns Fund Programme and projects, assessing change requests and ensuring compliance. The Board sees through the town vision, take ownership of their proposed projects and provide a level of accountability.
Wednesbury Levelling Up Partnership Board	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	Cabinet Member with relevant portfolio Town Lead Member Deputy Town Lead Member x1 elected member (ward)	Councillor Nock Councillor Khuttan Councillor Husen Councillor Handley	Levelling up Partnerships identify practical actions to support priority places to 'level up' and to help government develop a more comprehensive understanding of places and the challenges they face. This Board builds upon regeneration and plans in place to deliver ambitious projects for the Wednesbury community with £20.4 million investment.
W2R Contract Management Board	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	Leader or Deputy Leader	Councillor Dale	This board has oversight of the operational contract responsible for 300,000 tonnes per annum Energy from Waste Plant (EfW) to convert residual waste from the Authorities of Staffordshire (lead), Warwickshire, Sandwell and Walsall, primarily into electricity.
Waste Strategic Partnership Board	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	Leader Deputy Leader Relevant portfolio holder Director responsible for waste management Authority Representative officer	Councillor Nock Councillor Dale Councillor Jones Alan Lunt Ben Percival	The Board monitors performance, including financial monitoring, of the Council's contract with Serco.

West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) Board	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	<p>Leader of the Council Statutory Deputy Leader of the Council</p> <p>x2 Substitutes (Cabinet Members)</p>	<p>Councillor Nock Councillor Dale</p> <p>Substitutes: Councillor Parsons Councillor Sabharwal</p>	<p>The board is the main decision-making body of the WMCA. Its membership includes the Mayor and the leaders of the constituent and non-constituent local authorities that comprise the combined authority. It has responsibility for setting the annual budget of the WMCA and Transport for West Midlands, as well as agreeing all major strategic and corporate plans and objectives.</p>
West Midlands Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	<p>x1 Member</p> <p>x1 Labour Member</p> <p>Substitute:</p>	<p>Councillor Zefi</p> <p>Councillor Allcock</p>	<p>‘Overview’ and ‘scrutiny’ are statutory functions of the WMCA and this Committee has oversight of the work of the Mayor and the wider WMCA decision making processes, holding decision makers to account and improving the quality of decision-making. The committee may make recommendations to the WMCA Board and other committees, call-in decisions for further scrutiny and challenge activity that is either planned, underway or implemented in respect of all functions of the WMCA (except transport).</p>
West Midlands Combined Authority Audit and Risk Assurance Committee	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	x1 elected member	Councillor Nelson	<p>The ARAC provides independent, high-level oversight of governance, financial reporting, and risk management. It ensures the WMCA maintains robust internal controls, oversees internal/external audits, and ensures financial standards are met. The committee promotes transparency, accountability, and ethical standards.</p>

West Midlands Combined Authority Investment Board	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	Cabinet Member with relevant portfolio	Councillor Nock	<p>The Investment Board makes investment decisions or recommendations to the WMCA Board relating to applications made. These are in accordance with the Investment Program that underpins devolution agreements and any other investment proposals e.g. the Collective Investment Fund, the Brownfield Land & Property Fund, the Land & Property Investment Fund, the Land Remediation Fund and any other funds that the WMCA appoints West Midlands Development Capital to fund manage on its behalf.</p> <p>It also considers all WMCA transport projects (including the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement).</p>
West Midlands Combined Authority Growth Company	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	Leader of the Council	Councillor Nock	<p>The WMGC is a strategic economic development agency and investment promotion organisation focused on attracting businesses, visitors, and investment to the region to drive sustainable, inclusive growth. Backed by the West Midlands Combined Authority, local councils, and universities, it aims to create jobs, boost the economy, and promote the region global.</p>
West Midlands Combined Authority Employment Committee	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	Leader of the Council	Councillor Nock	<p>The Employment Committee is a formal body responsible for managing HR functions for senior staff, including appointing, dismissing, and disciplining the Head of Paid Service, Monitoring Officer, and other director-level roles. It ensures compliance with the WMCA's constitution and employment policies.</p>

West Midlands Combined Authority Investment Zone Board	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	Cabinet Member with relevant portfolio	Councillor Nock	This Board has overall responsibility for developing and delivering the £160m West Midlands Investment Zone (WMIZ) programme (2024-2034), ensuring accountability to the UK Government for its implementation. The board oversees strategic investment to boost advanced manufacturing, green industries, and health-tech, driving growth through sites in Coventry/Warwick, Birmingham, and Wolverhampton.
West Midlands Employers	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	Statutory Deputy Leader of the Council	Councillor Dale	This is a not-for-profit Regional Employers' Organisation (REO) for local councils and public sector bodies in the West Midlands. Owned by 31-32 councils, WME supports members by providing HR, recruitment, coaching, and organisational development services, while also acting as a voice for the region in national pay negotiations. The secretariat for this Board is undertaken by Wolverhampton City Council.
Safer Sandwell Partnership	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	Cabinet Member with relevant portfolio x2 Chair of Licensing Committee	Councillor Jones Councillor Edge Councillor Lloyd	The Safer Sandwell Partnership brings together the council, police, fire service, health and probation services and many others to tackle crime and improve community safety.
Barlow Homes Committee of Management	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	x5 elected members	Councillor Fellows Councillor Mitchell Councillor Shirvington Councillor Simms Councillor Yates	Management Committee for the Barlow Homes For Aged Persons Trust. The Council is the sole trustee of this charity. This Committee has management of the 37 bungalows and a Community Hall held by the Trust.

Joint Consultative Panel	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	X6 elected members (including Leader and Deputy Leader)	Councillor Nock Councillor Dale Councillor Leech Councillor Parsons Councillor Sabharwal Councillor Zefi	The Panel provides a means of consultation and a forum for discussion between the Council and trades unions.
Climate Change Working Group	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	Cabinet Member with relevant portfolio Plus x8 elected members	Cabinet Member for Highways & Environment: Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor	Created in 2020, following the Council's declared Climate Change Emergency, this Working Group provides the steer for the climate change projects in the Council
George and Thomas Henry Salter Trust	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	The Mayor	Councillor M Sutton	The George and Thomas Henry Salter Trust is a charitable organisation aimed at supporting individuals and organisations that require financial support. The trust provides educational grants to young people from the local area to support them in higher education.

Leonard Andrews Poole Trust	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	Members of the General Purposes and Arbitration Committee	Members of the General Purposes and Arbitration Committee	The Leonard Andrews Poole Trust was created in 1977 following a bequest to the local authority and the sum of £10,460.25 was invested in Charities Official Investment Fund Income Shares held by CCLA Investment Management LTD. The Trustees have authorisation to approve the use of income generated by the investments for the benefit of residents of Grafton Lodge but not to utilise the capital sum.
Sandwell Children's Trust	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	Council appointed non-executive Director Assistant Director - Housing Management	Councillor Hollowood Nigel Collumbell - Assistant Director - Housing Management	Sandwell Children's Trust was established in 2018 to run Children's Social Care Services on behalf of the Council. A Councillor is appointed as a Non-Executive director to the board with a mission to drive forward the Trusts' aim to improve the lives of children and young people.
Rowley Quarry Residents Liaison Group	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	x1 elected member: Blackheath x1 elected member: Rowley x1 elected member: Tividale	Councillor D Williams Councillor Tromans Councillor Yates	This is a group that represents residents of Rowley and Blackheath and supports the local communities by engaging in projects and activities
Sandwell Twinning Association	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	The Mayor x2 elected members	Councillor M Sutton Councillor Nock Councillor Dale	This organisation fosters international relations between Sandwell and the French town of Le Blanc Mesnil
West Midlands Arts Trust	1 year expiring at Annual Meeting	x1 elected member	Councillor Cooper	The principal activity of the Trust is, having received grant aid from WMCA, it provides a building at a peppercorn rent to the Arts Council England in order to further the arts in the West Midlands

The Charles Akrell Trust	4 years expiring at Annual Meeting 2029	x3 elected members	Councillor Khurana Councillor Mitchell Councillor Nelson	This Trust supports disadvantaged members of the community. It funds the purchase of household appliances and domestic fittings for those facing financial difficulties.
Margaret Westwood Memorial Charity	4 years expiring at Annual Meeting 2027	x1 elected member	Councillor Jones	This is a grant-making trust that supports the physical, educational welfare of children and young people.

Additional Roles

Heritage Champion:

Councillor Cooper

Armed Forces Champion:

Councillor (To be determined)