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Sandwell Community Information & Participation Service

Digi-Saver Pilot Course Commences

The Digi-Saver pilot has now commenced at Friar Park Millennium Centre, Wednesbury.



Participants are learning
every week about how the
course benefits people
affected by the cost of
living. We will be monitoring
the full impact and savings
that participants are

making. The 6 week course has been very popular and other organisations are already requesting delivery within their communities.

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Sandwell Council Tenant Engagement & Resident Liaison Officers

To support the work of the Housing Regulatory Framework, there have been new staff appointed in separate teams to work on tenant engagement and liaison within Sandwell.

Staff from the tenant engagement team will support consultation and engagement across housing services and the resident liaison officers will primarily focus on residents in high rise tower blocks.

Staff from the engagement team include Christine Davis, Bal Dhillon and Paul Smith alongside the resident liaison officers Abdul Khan, Hannah Russon and Ethan Somiya. We are sure you will meet everyone over the forthcoming months.

Sandwell Council Tenant Engagement Strategy



SCIPS have been approached by the Council to support them to develop a new Tenant Engagement Strategy for Sandwell.

We want to deliver an approach that ensures the strategy is developed through co-design with tenants. We are proposing the development of a task and finish group to work with us to ensure the strategy reflects the priorities and values of our tenants.

The task and finish group will include one representative from the following groups

- Tenant and Residents Leaseholders Scrutiny Group
- Tenant Auditors Group
- Resident Building Safety Forum
- Tenants and Residents Associations
- SCIPS

Tenant and Resident groups were recently written to and asked to nominate persons from their groups that would be drawn at random to select a representative for the TRA's in the borough. Please ensure your expression of interest reaches us by

Wednesday 16th April 2025



THE NEXT TRA NETWORKING EVENT Reminder

Paper work for the next TRA Networking event has been circulated and will take place on Saturday 14th June 2025.



Please ensure that all booking forms are returned for people wishing to attend by **Wednesday 16**th **April 2025**.











SCIPS Website - 'members only' area



We recently shared details of our revised membership offer we worked on during 2024, and launched a new 'members only' area of our website that pulls together lots of information that you have told us you would like.

This includes; fact sheets detailing chairperson, treasurer and secretary basics, public liability, risk assessments, health & safety, safeguarding, and equality and diversity. We will continue to add content as time goes by.

Are you a Member of SCIPS? If not



To gain access to the members only area you must already be a member of SCIPS.

Members can apply for access as follows:

- 1 Visit our website www.scips.org.uk
- 2. Click on 'Members Area' at the top of the page.
- 3. Click on 'Don't have an account?' underneath the log-in section.
- 4. Complete the registration form that appears and click 'Register'
- 5. Go to your emails, open the one from us, and click the blue link to confirm you are trying to apply for access to the members area.
- 6. Wait for SCIPS to approve your request. This will only happen in work hours (you will get an email confirming we have done this).

Login and enjoy!

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