



# Sandwell Community Information & Participation Service

**SCIPS GENERAL MEETING**  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025, 10.30am**  
**National Metalforming Centre**



We would like to invite you to our next General Meeting. We will be sharing details of all of our current work and projects, as well as hosting a special guest presentation on;

- Sandwell MBC - Tenant & Resident Engagement update

This is an excellent opportunity to find out more about the different teams that are engaging with tenants and residents across Sandwell, so please do come along, listen to the information provided, and ask any questions that you may have.

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Our General Meetings also provide the chance to meet old friends, make new ones, and catch up with everyone at SCIPS.

As always, refreshments are available from 10am, travel expenses will be reimbursed, and the meeting will start promptly at 10.30am.

We hope you are able to join us.

## Have your say - Reasonable Adjustments & more

Sandwell Council are currently revising their Reasonable Adjustments Policy as part of its regular review, and they would really value your input. The policy sets out how they support residents with disabilities to access services fairly, and your feedback will help them make sure it continues to meet the needs of everyone in Sandwell.

Sandwell MBC will be holding a workshop on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am for 2 hours at Oldbury Council House.**

If you are interested in attending, please email the Council:

Comm\_Partnerships@sandwell.gov.uk to book your place or contact Bal Dhillon on 07853174949.

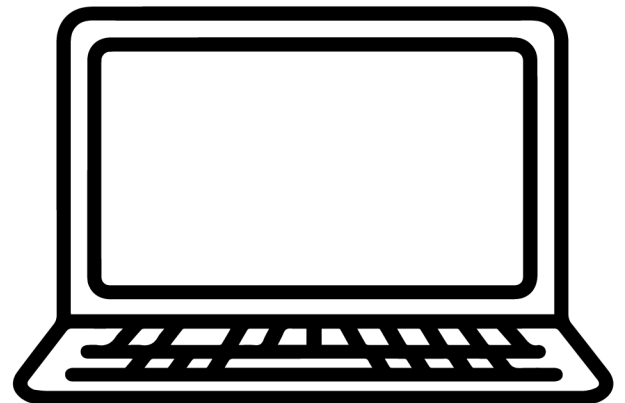
## Share your views and help shape Sandwell

Consultation lies at the heart of effective public policy development and service to the public.

One method that Sandwell Council uses to consult with residents is via it's Online 'Consultation Hub'.

This is used to engage with residents, voluntary organisations and other partners to ask what they think about their plans, proposals and policies.

To take part in consultations, surveys and conversations that interest you, and find out more about decisions the Council have made please visit;



<https://consultationhub.sandwell.gov.uk/>

# Changes to bin collections

The Council is moving to Alternate Weekly Collections and Dual-Stream Recycling.

Sandwell MBC says that these changes will;



- **Make Recycling Easier:** Separating waste properly reduces confusion and ensures more gets recycled
- **Create a Greener Sandwell:** Less waste in landfill means cleaner air and a healthier environment
- **Reduce Carbon Emissions:** Less burning of waste helps tackle climate change
- **Improve Recycling Quality:** When materials are properly sorted, they are worth more and can be turned into better products
- **Make Waste Collection More Efficient:** A smarter, more effective system means better services for residents
- **Save Money:** Reducing waste disposal costs allows the council to invest in other critical services
- **Avoid Future Penalties:** If the council doesn't improve recycling, government fines could increase costs for everyone

## SMBC Tenant Conference

This year's Tenant and Leaseholder Conference will be taking place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

Please email [tenant\\_conference@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:tenant_conference@sandwell.gov.uk) to confirm your attendance.



*Reminder!* →

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*

**JOIN US**

***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](http://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).

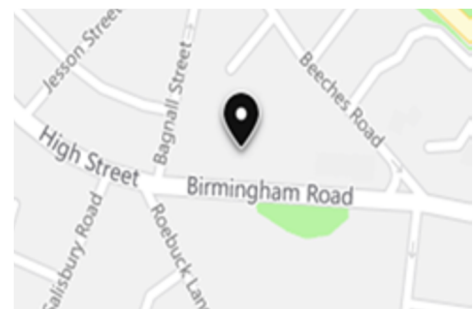
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