



Newsletter date: January 2026

# Sandwell Community Information & Participation Service



## Happy New Year to all our members

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and are  
looking forward to 2026

**Our first General meeting will be held on the  
27<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

We will have Christine Davis, from the Community Partnerships and Support Services Team, SMBC, in attendance and providing an update on Tenant Engagement.

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We would also like to take the opportunity to ask our membership who they would like us to invite as guest speakers for future General meetings

If you have any suggestion please tell us on the 27th January 2026 or contact Gail on 0121 544 1230.

## TRA Networking Sessions

We are hosting a TRA Networking Session on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026. If you are a member of a TRA and have received an invitation please return your form by the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026 to enable us to finalise numbers for the catering.

The session will be held at the Council House in Oldbury and Christine Davis from SMBC will be joining us.

At a previous session we considered a range of important issues that are relevant to TRA's.

This is your opportunity to network and share your experiences with other TRA's in Sandwell

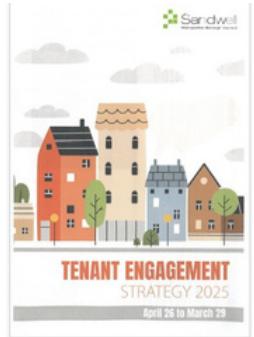


SCIPS continue to support TRA's and provide training around

- Committee skills
- Fund raising events and how to plan for these
- Raising your profile
- Applying for funding

And much more





# Tenant Engagement Strategy

The Tenant Engagement Strategy was developed and produced by a Task and Finish Group of tenants. They produced the final report that went out for wider consultation in October for 6 weeks.

A wide range of views were received and feedback was very positive on the layout, content and intention of the document.

However, a large percentage of those that responded said there was a perceived lack of communication and some scepticism about the Council's commitment to delivering the strategy's objectives.

The Strategy will go to the Safer Neighbourhood and Active Community Board on the 8<sup>th</sup> January and then to Cabinet in February and if approved it will be implemented in the new financial year. Tenants will be involved in monitoring the new strategy moving forward.



During November and December 2025 the HCBL Partnership gave out Tesco Vouchers by way of a prize draw to tenants and residents who have supported the programme over the previous 10 years as a way to help with the cost of living challenges.

Powered By Can on behalf of the project also gave out vouchers to the school champions who worked with them to deliver a range of activities.

A big thank-you from the HCBL Partnership to everyone who has supported them



# Save the date General Meetings



**Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

**Please come along to our general meetings and support us**

**The meetings are a way to keep up to date with what is happening around tenant engagement in Sandwell.**

**The meetings also give our members an opportunity to raise any concerns they may have and to share their experiences with the wider membership.**

## **Date for the AGM**

**The provisional date for the AGM is the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2026  
@ the NMC Venue Birmingham Road West Bromwich.**

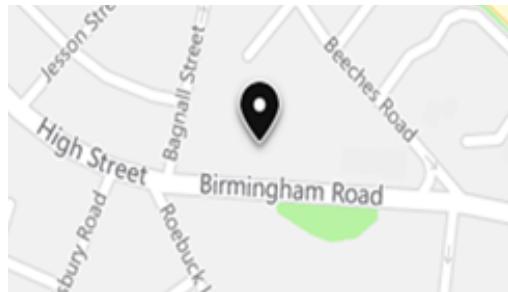
**This is our opportunity to showcase the work of the organisation and a way to thank our membership. It is your opportunity to use your vote as a shareholder and have your say. Please come along and support us on the day.**

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