

Branch Officer Election Results 2018

Thanks to all who returned ballot papers for the contested positions. The results were as follows with the elected in bold:

Vice Chair –

Simon Green 134 votes: **Ian King 151 votes**

Assistant Branch Secretary (Education) –

Simon Green 76 votes: **Louise Harrison-Powis 231 votes**

Assistant Branch Secretary (Local Govt) –

Shiv Dewitt 101 votes: **Ian King 187 votes**

A full list of Branch Officers for the year is on the Branch Officer page of our website www.sandwellunison.co.uk

Jobs Promise 3

The Council has agreed to a Jobs Promise 3, which will be the fourth year that Sandwell Council has sought to re-deploy anyone at risk of redundancy. However, due to the expected level of cuts that the Council needs to make in 2019-20 the Jobs Promise will end 31 March 2019. Then we will be back to restructures and redundancies despite the Government having already met their public expenditure targets.

The Jobs Promise will apply to those TUPE transferring to Sandwell Children's Trust.

Sandwell Children's Trust TUPE agreement

Staff in Children's Services transferred to the Trust on 1 April. The terms of the transfer – the TUPE agreement – sees staff:

- Retain their local government pensions scheme
- Maintain their length of service terms and conditions
- Keep future NJC pay awards as a minimum
- Adopt the Dying to Work Charter
- Maintain trade union relations

Full details of the TUPE agreement can be found on the Sandwell UNISON website at www.sandwellunison.co.uk

UNISON continues to argue for better pay, terms and conditions to resolve the staffing crisis in this service that continues to have an over reliance of expensive agency staff.

Sandwell Leisure Trust Signs TUC Charter

Sandwell Leisure Trust on 19 March signed up to the TUC's Dying to Work Charter that promises to treat any workers unfortunate enough to be diagnosed with a terminal illness with dignity, as outlined in the Charter. See picture below.



Serco Sign Zero Tolerance Charter to violence and aggression against staff



International Workers' Memorial Day Service Friday 27 April, 10:00am

International Workers' Memorial Day is to "remember the dead: fight for the living". It is commemorated throughout the world and is officially recognised by the UK Government.

In 2018 the theme for the day is Unionised workplaces are safer workplaces and will focus on the huge difference that unions make in preventing deaths in the workplace. We will also be celebrating 40 years of union health and safety representatives.

Sandwell's first ever event (initiated by the Joint Trade Unions) will take place on Friday 27 April 10:00-10:30am outside Sandwell Council House Chamber in Oldbury.

The Council is supportive of the event and time off to attend this 30-minute commemorative service has been granted.