

Select Committee on Electoral Registration and Participation

Responsibilities

In accordance with the overall aims and objectives of the Council and particularly in accordance with the principles of accountability and democracy, the Select Committee shall:-

1. Examine the present processes employed in Sandwell to secure the registration of all persons who are entitled to vote in municipal, Parliamentary and other elections and referenda and identify what actions, if any, the Council could undertake to maximise the registration of voters;
2. Examine the conduct of the electoral process in Sandwell with a view to identifying measures, if any, which the Council could take to facilitate and encourage voter turnout;
3. Examine the feasibility of such actions and measures that may be identified and submit its findings and recommendations to the Council.
4. Examine the present processes which are used to engage residents in the electoral process and to establish mechanisms by which to widen participation in the democratic process.
5. To submit its findings and recommendations to the Cabinet and Council as appropriate.

Composition

The Select Committee will be made up of five members including a Member of Parliament, who can add value to the work of the Committee.

The Committee will also invite persons to attend meetings, as necessary, where they can contribute to the work of the Committee.