

Appendix 3

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council: Electoral Review Timetable

These timetables outline the key dates and activities for both the Council (shown in bold) and the Commission during the review process.

Preliminary Period

Briefings	Attendees		Key Dates
	Council	LGBCE	
Preliminary Meeting	Council Leader Chief Executive	Chair Chief Executive	15 August 2023
Officer Briefing	Council Officers involved in review	Review Manager Review Officer	18 September 2023
Group Leader Briefing	Council Group Leaders	Lead Commissioner Review Manager Review Officer	26 September 2023
Full Council Briefing	All Councillors	Lead Commissioner Review Manager Review Officer	Early November 2023
Parish/Town Council & Local Groups Briefing	Not required	Review Manager Review Officer	Late May/ Early June 2024

Council Size

Activity	Involvement		Key Dates
	Council	LGBCE	
Develop council size proposal	Council Political Groups	Officers will be available to answer any technical queries on making a submission.	Now until April 2024
Submission of council size proposals	Council Political Groups	Officers will acknowledge receipt of submissions.	8 April 2024
Commission Meeting: Council Size	Not required	Commission	21 May 2024

Warding Patterns

Activity	Involvement		Key Dates
	Council	LGBCE	
Consultation on warding patterns	Council Political Groups General Public	Run consultation, collate & analyse responses.	28 May 2024 – 5 August 2024
Commission Meeting: Draft Recommendations	Not required	Commission	15 October 2024
Consultation on Draft Recommendations	Council Political Groups General Public	Publish draft recommendations. Run consultation, collate & analyse responses.	29 October 2024 – 6 January 2025
Commission Meeting: Final Recommendations	Not required	Commission	18 March 2025
Final Recommendations Published	Not required	Commission publish final recommendations report and mapping	1 April 2025

Order

Activity	Involvement		Key Dates
	Council	LGBCE	
Order laid	Not required	Commission	Spring 2025
Order made	Not required	Commission	Summer 2025
Implementation	Council	Not required	2026