

Sandwell bin strike: 125,000 households impacted during Commonwealth Games opening week



GMB members have today voted overwhelmingly to back strike action at Serco Sandwell, the provider of refuse collection services across Sandwell Borough.



95% of GMB members, working across Serco refuse services, have backed strike action after weeks of Serco top brass failing to recognise the work and contribution of local refuse workers.

Five initial strike dates have been announced for 28th July, 29th July, 4th August, 5th August and 8th August.

Justine Jones, GMB Organiser, said:

“Strike action is a last resort, but Serco top brass have forced the hand of hundreds of hard working local refuse workers.

“Our members have asked for nothing more than a fair pay rise, after keeping communities here in Sandwell clean and safe throughout the pandemic.

“Serco returned million-pound profits during Covid-19, all GMB members are asking for is a pay deal that helps them keep their heads above water through a cost-of-living crisis.

“The eyes of the world will be on our area during the Commonwealth Games, it’s a shame that Serco have put the bottom line before their own workforce and community in this way.

“This is a big distraction from the Games and we hope Serco see sense and urgently bring a pay rise to the table that reflects the hard work and dedication of our members.”

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