

Sandwell leisure strike to go ahead after talks break down



A strike across Sandwell Leisure trust will go ahead tomorrow [10 May 2022] after last ditch talks break down.

Eleventh hour negotiations between Sandwell Leisure Trust and GMB failed to produce a resolution and left members with no choice but to strike.

More than 84% of eligible GMB members voted in favour of industrial action across seven sites [1].

Bosses at the leisure centre refused to discuss a pay claim put forward by GMB, Unison and Unite members at the end of 2021.



Darren James, GMB Branch Secretary, said:

"It's extremely disappointing that the chair and management team at Sandwell Leisure Trust have failed to offer a resolution to this dispute.

"At every opportunity GMB and other unions have offered a solution to this dispute, but the employer has not responded positively and our members are left with no choice but to take action tomorrow.

"Taking industrial action is never done lightly and GMB members would rather be at work helping the residents of Sandwell lead healthy lives – but they have been pushed into a corner by their employer."

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