

# Sandwell leisure staff vote to strike over pay

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Sandwell Leisure Centre staff have voted to strike in a pay dispute.

More than 84 per cent of eligible GMB members voted in favour of industrial action.

GMB will now meet with dozens of members across all nine sites [1] to discuss possible strike dates, which could be as early as 25 April.

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

**Sarah James, GMB Organiser, said:**

“This result sends a clear message to management and the board – GMB members have had enough.

“Whilst providing a valuable lifestyle service to the people of Sandwell, staff are drowning in the cost of living crisis.

“It’s time that our members are paid a fair wage – we urge the trust to come forward with a decent offer and avoid this industrial action.”

