

# Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

## Progress on Motions carried at Full Council

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## **Purpose**

This document provides a clear and accessible public record of motions that have been carried at Full Council. Its purpose is to help residents, Councillors and other stakeholders understand:

- **what motions have been carried at Full Council;**
- **what each motion relates to;**
- **who is responsible for considering and overseeing each motion;**
- **what progress, if any, is being made to implement the motions; and**
- **what motions have been completed, paused or replaced.**

A motion is a formal proposal, submitted by a Councillor, which is debated at a Full Council meeting. Motions usually ask the Council, its executive or an external body to consider taking a specific action, adopt a position on an issue or request further work or investigation. Once a motion is debated and agreed by a majority of Councillors, it becomes a decision of the Council.

Motions have been grouped by Cabinet Portfolio to allow closer monitoring and guided oversight to be maintained throughout the process.

This document is updated regularly and includes progress updates where available. It is intended to improve openness, transparency, and accountability to help the public understand how the decisions taken at Full Council lead to real actions and outcomes.

Motions carried at Full Council can be viewed via the Council's report management system, modern.gov:

<https://sandwell.moderngov.co.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13274>

### Motions submitted to the Leader

Motion Title	Date Carried (Full Council)	Proposed and Seconded by	Responsible Directorate	Key Actions / Updates	Current Status
Potential Changes to Disability and Long-Term Sickness Benefits	22 July 2025	Councillor Les Trumpeter  Councillor William Gill	Leader's Office	A letter has been sent to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions outlining the terms of the motion.	In progress
No communities left behind	4 November 2025	Leader of the Council, Councillor Kerrie Carmichael  Councillor Suzanne Hartwell	Assistant Chief Executive	Discussions are ongoing.	In progress
Supporting residents on Universal Credit	9 December 2025	Councillor Justyna Kordala  Councillor Amrita Dunn	Finance and Transformation	Discussions are ongoing.	In progress

**Motions submitted to the Statutory Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources**

Motion Title	Date Carried (Full Council)	Proposed and Seconded by	Responsible Directorate	Key Actions / Updates	Current Status
Sandwell's Charity Partners Under Pressure	4 November 2025	Councillor Richard Jeffcoat  Councillor John Tipper	Assistant Chief Executive	Further discussions to take place.	In progress

### Motions submitted to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community

Motion Title	Date Carried (Full Council)	Proposed by and seconded by	Responsible Directorate	Key Actions / Updates	Current Status
Tackling Illegal Off-Road Biking	4 November 2025	Councillor Archer Williams  Councillor David Wilkes	Place	Feasibility work scheduled to be carried out. A paper will be prepared for Cabinet Members in due course.	In progress
Streamlining Working-from-Home and Street Trading Consents in Sandwell	4 November 2025	Councillor Les Trumpeter  Councillor Justyna Kordala	Place	Discussions ongoing.	In progress
Making Sandwell a Safe Borough for Women and Girls	9 December 2025	Councillor S Pall  Councillor Jag Singh	Place	Cabinet Members and Officers are in the process of developing an “allyship” charter. Discussions are also taking place on whether the charter would form part of the White Ribbon accreditation.	

### Motions submitted to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Highways

Motion Title	Date Carried (Full Council)	Proposed by and Seconded by	Responsible Directorate	Key Actions / Updates	Current Status
Tackling drug-related litter	4 November 2025	Councillor William Gill Councillor Richard Jeffcoat	Place Public Health	Discussions ongoing.	In progress

**Motions submitted to the Cabinet Member(s) for Education, Business and Skills**

Motion Title	Date Carried (Full Council)	Proposed by and Seconded by	Responsible Directorate	Key Actions / Updates	Current Status
Supporting Small Businesses in Sandwell	9 December 2025	Councillor William Gill Councillor Richard Jeffcoat	Place	The Council will support and promote “Small Business Saturday 2026” on 5 December 2026. Planning will begin in Autumn of this year.	In progress

**Motions submitted to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Infrastructure**

Motion Title	Date Carried (Full Council)	Proposed by and Seconded by	Responsible Directorate	Key Actions / Updates	Current Status

### Motions submitted to the Cabinet Member for Housing

Motion Title	Date Carried (Full Council)	Proposed by and Seconded by	Responsible Directorate	Key Actions / Updates	Current Status
HMOs in Sandwell	4 November 2025	Councillor Luke Giles Councillor Nicola Maycock	Place	The new Local Plan, which is due for adoption in 2026) will introduce HMO policies. Discussions are also taking place in relation to the need for an Article 4 Direction which may only be pursued post-adoption and subject to Secretary of State Approval.	In progress

### **Motions submitted to the Cabinet Member for Adult Services, Health and Wellbeing**

Motion Title	Date Carried (Full Council)	Proposed by and Seconded by	Responsible Directorate	Key Actions / Updates	Current Status
Saving Healthwatch Sandwell	22 July 2025	Councillor Richard Jeffcoat  Councillor John Tipper	Leader's Office	A letter setting out the terms of the motion carried at Full Council has been sent to both Healthwatch Sandwell and the Secretary of State.	In progress
Phlebotomy services in Wednesbury	9 December 2025	Councillor Nicola Maycock  Councillor Peter Hughes	Public Health	A letter, setting out the terms of the motion, is being drafted and will be sent to the Black Country ICB once completed.	

### Motions submitted to the Cabinet Member for Children and Families

Motion Title	Date Carried (Full Council)	Proposed by and Seconded by	Responsible Directorate	Key Actions / Updates	Current Status
Young Carer's Covenant	22 July 2025	Councillor William Gill Councillor Les Trumpeter	Children's Services	A potential opportunity had been identified to promote on Young Carers Awareness day. Online training and day of action to be promoted through regular comms to schools.	In progress
Reaffirming Sandwell's Commitments to Tackling Child Sexual Exploitation	4 November 2025	Councillor Amrita Dunn Councillor Natalie Westwood	Children's Services Leader's Office	Discussions on-going.	