

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 was sent to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on 28.7.2025 outlining the terms of the motion and requesting that any reforms are implemented in a way that protects the rights, dignity and independence of disabled people.	Completed
No communities left behind	4 November 2025	Leader of the Council, Councillor Kerrie Carmichael Councillor Suzanne Hartwell	Assistant Chief Executive	Visit took place on 11.2.2026 with Cabinet, SLT and Town Leads to start the audit process arising from the motion. Link to video.	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	Where grants are to be reviewed, consideration is being given to the impact of inflation and whether uplifts would be viable subject to the available budgets from the services seeking to commission, contract with or provide grant funding to voluntary and community sector organisations. No additional funding was provided in the approved budget for 2026/27. Therefore, services will need to consider whether such uplifts are appropriate and can be accommodated within the approved budget. This will be kept under review by the Voluntary Sector Grants Board, which is chaired by the Assistant Chief Executive and reports to the Strategic Leadership Team.	Completed

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	Initial feasibility work is being undertaken into the request for a motorcross facility, in particular identifying potential sites for such a facility that would be acceptable in planning and environmental terms	In progress
Streamlining Working-from-Home and Street Trading Consents in Sandwell	4 November 2025	Councillor Les Trumpeter Councillor Justyna Kordala	Place	The current process for applying for a Street trading pitch contains clear eligibility criteria and standard operating conditions. Fees are provided. Officers will look to publish these on the website for better transparency. The council already provides a free of charge service that enables home based businesses to check whether their specific home-business would require planning permission or not.	Completed
Making Sandwell a Safe Borough for Women and Girls	9 December 2025	Councillor S Pall Councillor Jag Singh	Place	Male Allyship Charter will form part of the Sandwell's application for white ribbon accreditation, which is expected to be put forward for adoption by full Council on 24.6.2026, and will be used to support work with community stakeholders.	Completed

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	Having evaluated the available data, officers are exploring response options and ways of coordinating needle litter reporting with outreach and engagement	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	Officers in the Place Directorate have confirmed that they will be supporting and promoting and promote “Small Business Saturday” on 5 December 2026. Planning will commence in the Autumn and involve local businesses.	Completed

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

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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	Letters setting out the terms of the motion carried at Full Council were sent to the Secretary of State and to Healthwatch Sandwell on 27.8.2025. Response received from the Department of Health and Social Care on 30.12.2025 acknowledging the motion and drawing reference to recommendations arising from a review of patient safety across health and care from October 2024 to February 2025.	Completed
Phlebotomy services in Wednesbury	9 December 2025	Councillor Nicola Maycock Councillor Peter Hughes	Public Health	The Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Adult Services, Health and Wellbeing wrote jointly to the Interim Director of Public Health who wrote to the Black Country Integrated Care Board on the 4.2.2026, setting out the terms of the motion. The letter set out the Council's commitment to working with system partners and sharing local expertise and knowledge to identify suitable locations for phlebotomy services in Wednesbury.	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	Sandwell Council has become a signatory to the Young Carers Covenant. Officers in the Children and Education continue to work with schools to raise awareness, encourage participation in training that is available via Sandwell Young Carers and engaging in the annual National Day of Action.	Completed
Reaffirming Sandwell's Commitments to Tackling Child Sexual Exploitation	4 November 2025	Councillor Amrita Dunn Councillor Natalie Westwood	Children's Services Leader's Office	Cabinet Member for Children and Families will be wrote to the Sandwell Children's Safeguarding Partnership on 11.3.2026, setting out the terms of the motion and to requesting a review of communication and reporting mechanisms to increase public confidence and support for victims.	Completed