

Motion Title: A borough of Six Equal Towns!

Proposer: Councillor Gill

Seconder: Councillor Fisher

Council recognises that Sandwell is made up of 6 towns and whilst each town is unique and distinct, we share far more that unites us than divides and are stronger together. In turn, residents across the Borough need to be assured that all towns of our Borough are always treated equally.

Council notes that the towns of West Bromwich and Smethwick have received far more investment than all other towns in our Borough. Tipton, in particular, has received particularly less investment funding compared to the other towns as evidenced on the Council's regenerating Sandwell website.

Council recognises that all of our High Streets and Town Centres require balanced funding and attention to prosper.

Council therefore calls on the Leader and Cabinet to level up our towns and support our high streets and town centres by considering introducing a policy that ensures all Council-owned car-parks near town centres, or High Streets like Great Bridge, have free parking for a period of 3 hours to support small businesses and make it even easier for people to shop in Sandwell.