

Motion Title: Local Authority Health Challenge

Proposer: Councillor William Gill

Secunder: Councillor Les Trumpeter

“Council notes the significant impacts mental health have on the well-being of our residents and communities. The Council and its partners play a crucial role to play in improving the mental health of everyone in our communities, helping tackle some of the widest and most entrenched inequalities in health. It is essential that we are ambitious and operate within a clear framework.

Council welcomes the Local Authority Mental Health Challenge commitments as a way of promoting mental health awareness and maintaining good mental health for elected members, staff and our communities.

The Council acknowledges that Sandwell already has several programmes designed to maintain good mental health and the challenge builds on existing work and recommendations set out in Sandwell Better Mental Health Strategy 2023-26.

Council therefore calls on the Leader and Cabinet to –

1. Commit to the objectives of the Local Authority Mental Health Challenge
2. Appoint a Mental Health Member Champion to focus on engaging all communities across Sandwell to raise awareness, reduce the associated stigma and support officers and partners to improve prevention, engagement and treatment for Mental Health.